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Interview with Arun Rajamani, Managing Director at Cambridge University Press and Assessment, South Asia

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C: In the context of early childhood education, what is your perspective on the potential impact of the Cambridge curriculum on the education sector in Bangladesh?

A: The Cambridge curriculum aims to cultivate confident, curious, and knowledgeable children. It seeks to reform the early education sector by providing a strong foundation for young learners. The goal is to equip children with four key skills: critical thinking, data evaluation, decision-making, and problem-solving.

C: Could you provide details about the inception of the Cambridge Early Years Program?

A: The program was launched in 2020 in India, where a considerable amount of research and development efforts were invested to create a curriculum that would effectively cater to the needs of young learners. As we proceeded with this new system, we saw its potential to adapt to other neighbouring countries in the region where similarly many curriculums were coexisting. We, therefore, felt positively about expanding it to countries like Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

C: How does the Cambridge Early Years Program cater to diverse learner needs?

A: Our learning program is very student-centric. In this system, we carefully compile student profiles through digital assessment and test students' critical thinking abilities and capabilities through a story-based assessment approach. We also use a lot of unique learning resources and learning tools since this curriculum puts a lot of focus on non-traditional

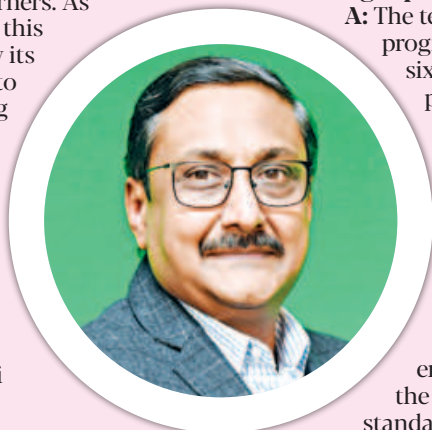
modes of assessment, teachers can identify where a student's strengths and weaknesses lie.

C: Can you elaborate on the teacher training aspect of the program?

A: The teacher's training program is a three to six-month training period where they focus on early childhood care, children's motor skills and critical thinking development. This is all followed by an assessment for the teachers to ensure they meet the curriculum's standards.

C: Could you share an anecdote on the positive outcomes of the Cambridge Early Years in other regions it is operating in?

A: The reports that we have indicated a significant positive impact. Children in the program demonstrated better adaptability to the school system which was particularly noteworthy during the early days of the pandemic when many children hadn't attended school for an extended period.



British Council introduces first-ever GREAT Talks in Bangladesh focusing on climate change

The British Council curated the first-ever GREAT Talk sessions in Bangladesh to discuss and explore discourse aimed at tackling the pressing challenges of climate change. The GREAT Talks sessions on climate change were part of a series that started in India on August 24 and closed in Bangladesh on August 31.

GREAT Talk is a lecture series that celebrates UK professionals from diverse areas, including technology, arts, film, scientists, science communicators, environment, design and creative industries, sports, space, and politics. It is a part of the GREAT Campaign, the UK government's initiative to promote the UK internationally as a GREAT place to visit, study and do business.

In Bangladesh, the GREAT Talk sessions were held at the North South University and the British Council's auditorium in Dhaka.

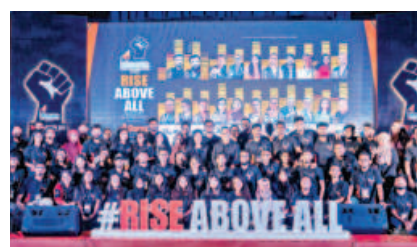


"Rise Above All" sets new heights of inspiration and empowerment at its seventh edition

The most awaited public speaking event, "Rise Above All" marked yet another successful chapter in its seventh edition. Organised by Don Sumdany Facilitation and Consultancy, the highly anticipated event took place on August 25 at KIB Complex, Krishibid Institution in Dhaka with a participation of over 3,000 people.

Berger presents Rise Above All 2023 powered by Daraz, one of the largest and most influential platforms for fostering career development and skill enhancement among students, young professionals, emerging entrepreneurs, and showcasing the extraordinary potential. This year's event featured a remarkable lineup of distinguished guest speakers, entrepreneurs, and visionaries who shared their insights and experiences, inspiring the audience to overcome challenges and seize opportunities.

Among the esteemed guest speakers were, Adil Hussain Noble, Chief Enterprise Business Officer of



Robi Axiata Limited; Rubana Haque, Vice Chancellor of Asian University for Women; Shehzad Munim, MD & CEO of British American Tobacco; Ayman Sadiq, Founder & CEO of Ten Minute School; Ali Reza Iftekhar, MD & CEO of Eastern Bank Limited; Rupali Chowdhury, MD of Berger Paints Bangladesh; Syed Iqbal Mahmud Hossain, Sales Director of Nestlé Bangladesh Limited; Sabrina Shaheed, Principal of Sir John Wilson School; Zara Mahbub, CEO of Dun & Bradstreet Data & Analytics Pvt Ltd; Nazifa Tushi, a film actress; and Rakin Absar, an online content creator.

AWS Startup Day Bangladesh 2023 to be held on October 5 for the first time in Bangladesh

Amazon Web Services Startup Day Bangladesh 2023 is being organised for the first time in Bangladesh on October 5. The day-long program will teach hands-on how to transform a startup design into a billion-dollar company using the Amazon Web Services (AWS) platform.

This is an immersive all-day event aimed at Students, Startups and Entrepreneurs in Bangladesh who aspire to build the next billion-dollar company. It's a journey into innovation and collaboration, designed to shape the next generation of pioneering



companies. Through immersive workshops, attendees will gain practical knowledge on harnessing the AWS platform's potential for cloud-native applications, software as a service, analytics, and machine learning. This event offers the chance to connect with industry experts, foster valuable connections, and equip individuals with the tools to propel their startup to remarkable success.

All these were informed in a "Meet the Press" program organised in auditorium 71 of Daffodil Tower. Mohammad Mahdi-Uz Zaman, Leader of Amazon Web Services, Solution Architecture, Startups, Dr Mohammad Nuruzzaman, CEO, Daffodil Family, Md. Anwar Habib Kazal, Senior Assistant Director (PR) of Daffodil International University, and Md. Jahir Uddin, Managing Director, Bangladesh Venture Capital Ltd. Spoke in the program to journalists and media representatives in detail about the event.