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PEARSON EDEXCEL HIGH ACHIEVERS' AWARD SHINES BRIGHT IN BANGLADESH

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In a splendid affair at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Dhaka, the echoes of success resonated as Pearson hosted the 10th High Achievers' Award Ceremony. Collaborating with the British Council, this annual event highlighted the extraordinary accomplishments of 611 Bangladeshi students who excelled in their International GCSE and A level examinations for the years 2022 & 2023.

Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP, Honourable Speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

30 students secured the world's highest marks, while 74 claimed the highest mark in Bangladesh across various subjects. 410 students left an incredible mark in International GCSE, and 97 illuminated the realm of International A levels.



Dr Chaudhury underscored the government's unwavering commitment to education, advocating against early marriages, and steering Bangladesh towards becoming a knowledge-based, hunger-free, middle-income nation. The Chief Guest expressed confidence in Bangladesh's potential to lead in a changing world, acknowledging Pearson Edexcel's collaboration with the British Council in delivering world-class education.

Among the distinguished guests were luminaries such as David Albon, Director, Pearson UK; Premila Paulraj, Director, Employability & Qualifications, Pearson; Maxim Raimann, Country Exams Director, British Council Bangladesh; Abdullah Al Mamun, Regional Development Manager, Pearson Bangladesh, and Nepal; and Jannatul Ferdous Sigma, Regional Development

Manager, Pearson Bangladesh.

Albon celebrated the students and their families for their stellar results, emphasising education's pivotal role as a human right and a catalyst for national development. Raimann reiterated their commitment to empowering individuals for transformative journeys. He highlighted the support provided in building networks, exploring ideas, learning English, and securing globally recognised qualifications, as exemplified by the success of Pearson Edexcel schools' qualifications.

Bangladesh emerged as a hub for Pearson Edexcel qualifications, with a significant number of students venturing into top global universities, including BUET, Dhaka University, Oxford University, Harvard University, and the University of Toronto.

IUB Art Club's Chalanta Canvas works with underprivileged children

The IUB Art Club recently concluded its annual flagship event, "Chalanta Canvas- Tour for a Cause," a mission to promote the "healing power of art" and expand the horizons of creativity among underprivileged children in Bangladesh.

The event featured two segments. The first, the "Art Camp with Underprivileged Children," saw the club visiting a primary school in Tangail to understand the students' underprivileged status and their mental condition. The second segment involved club members exploring history and culture, drawing inspiration from ancient architectural wonders at a historical location.

The first episode of the event took place on October 22, 2022, in Panam City, Sonargaon, Narayanganj. The second episode unfolded on October 6, 2023, in Nagarpur, Tangail.

According to a survey conducted after the art camp, an impressive 85 percent of participants continued to draw and explore different subjects, demonstrating their newfound passion for art.



SUB jointly with TESOL Society of Bangladesh and IML, DU organises 2nd National Teacher Training Workshops 2023

State University of Bangladesh (SUB) jointly with TESOL Society of Bangladesh and Institute of Modern Languages (IML), Dhaka University organised the 2nd National Teacher Training Workshops 2023. The event was held on November 10, at the IML Auditorium at Dhaka University.

Prof. Md. Farhadul Islam, Chairman, National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) graced the event as the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr Md. Nizamul Karim, Director General, NAEM, Prof. Md. Shahedul Kabir Chowdhury Director, College & Admin, Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education (DSHE), and Brig. General. Md. Jamal Hossain, Registrar, SUB, were present at the event as Special Guests. Dr A.B.M. Razaul Karim Faquire, Professor and Director, IML, attended the event as the Guest of Honour. The President of TESOL Society of Bangladesh, Dr Sayeedur Rahman, Professor, Department of English Language, IML, delivered the welcome speech.

The event hosted 10 workshops aimed at exploring the essential knowledge and pedagogy of the teachers by exposing them to a range of English language teaching techniques and strategies through expert teacher trainers and educators from various renowned public and private universities as well as the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB), National Academy for



Educational Management (NAEM), and Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education (DSHE).

Also featured were presentations on English programmes by the British Council, Dhaka and American Center, U.S. Embassy Dhaka.

IHSA Conference at NSU calls for urgent action on Gaza humanitarian crisis

The 7th International Conference of the International Humanitarian Studies Association (IHSA) on "Humanitarianism in Changing Climates" recently concluded at North South University (NSU). The event, a collaboration between IHSA and the Center for Peace Studies (CPS) of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) at NSU, witnessed the participation of approximately 150 attendees, including 90 international delegates, over its three-day duration from November 5 to 7.



The conference brought together a distinguished assembly of experts, scholars, and practitioners to delve into the dynamic nexus of humanitarianism, peace, and conflict in the context of global challenges.

A key feature of the conference was a roundtable discussion focusing on the ongoing violence and humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The IHSA and CPS of SIPG, NSU, issued a joint statement during this roundtable, expressing solidarity with the affected in Palestine and Israel and condemning acts of violence against civilians. The statement emphasised the critical violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) by the Israeli state and military, particularly referencing the 1949 Geneva Convention.

The conference's statement also underscored the importance of adhering to UNSC Resolution 2417, which condemns starvation as a weapon of war and notes that blocking humanitarian aid constitutes a breach of IHL. The statement called for immediate access to aid and protection for civilians, stressing the responsibilities of Israel as an occupying power in the Palestinian Territories under IHL.

Beyond the focus on the Gaza situation, the conference explored the complex interplay between humanitarianism, climate change, and other global challenges across six key themes.