

NOTICE BOARD

Canadian University of Bangladesh acknowledges HSC toppers with Merit Awards

Canadian University of Bangladesh honoured successful HSC and equivalent exam students of 2023 with a commendation. Dr Chowdhury Nafeez Sarafat, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the university, was the Chief Guest at the event held on December 17. Distinguished guests, including college principals and successful HSC students of 2023, were invited at the event. The students were awarded the Dr Chowdhury Nafeez Sarafat Merit Award.

The event was led by A.S.M. Arifuzzaman, the Head of the Business Council, and Walid Bin Kader, who served as the assistant in marketing and counselling. Esteemed individuals such as Prof. Gias U. Ahsan, along with the Board of Trustees' Chairman, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Ziaul Haque Mamun, Senior Advisor Prof. Dr Ridwanul Haque, Treasurer A. S. M. Sirajul Haque, Registrar A. S. M. G. Faruq, Deans, Department Heads, faculty members, students, and staff members attended the event.



Dr Chowdhury Nafeez Sarafat encouraged the students stating that their aspirations and hard work could make the impossible possible, highlighting their potential as a guiding light for the country's future.

Furthermore, the Managing Director of Abdul Monem Group, Mainuddin Monem, and Director Dr Farhana Monem were Special Guests at the

event. Mainuddin Monem emphasised the role of talented students in advancing the nation and echoed the need for their selfless contributions, akin to the selfless leadership of Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He acknowledged the Canadian University of Bangladesh's continuous support in providing a platform for such endeavours.

Seven Bangladeshis receive British Council's IELTS Prize 2023

The names of the winners of the British Council's IELTS Prize for 2023 have recently been announced. The annual competition supports IELTS test-takers with up to GBP 5,000 towards university tuition fees in English-speaking universities around the world, helping young ambitious people turn their academic dreams into reality.



This year's competition was open to IELTS test-takers living in China, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

A total of seven winners from Bangladesh have been selected following a competitive application process. The winners are: Mysha Maliha (First); Ashik Bhuiyan (Second); Anamika Puja (Second); Ahsan Sakib (Third); M.A. Shadab Siddiqui (Third); Probaha Biswas (Third), and Alveer Hasan (Third).

Tom Miscioscia, Director (Bangladesh) at British Council said, "I would like to congratulate this year's winners of the British Council's IELTS Prize. Apart from facilitating students' academic pursuits in world-class educational institutions, the IELTS Prize grants them the freedom to travel to new countries, immerse themselves in new cultures, and become part of a global IELTS community."

Risky routes, shattered dreams: NSU national seminar exposes plight of Bangladeshi migrants to Europe

On December 17, a national seminar on 'Dreams across the Sea: Unpacking the Realities of Irregular Bangladeshi Migration to Europe' brought to light the dire circumstances facing Bangladeshi migrants en route to Europe. The seminar was organised on International Migration Day and held at North South University (NSU).

Organised by the Center for Migration Studies (CMS) of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), NSU, Dr Selim Reza, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Sociology, NSU, delivered the keynote. The seminar painted a poignant picture of the factors pushing many young Bangladeshis towards irregular migration.

During the seminar, a book titled *The Displaced Rohingyas: A Tale of a Vulnerable*



Community, edited by Dr Sk Tawfique M Haque, Dr Bulbul Siddiqi, and Dr Mahmudur Rahman Bhuiyan was also unveiled. The book delves into the socio-cultural and humanitarian challenges faced by the Rohingya community, highlights the social insecurity among Rohingya adolescent girls, gender-based violence in the refugee camps, and the varying representations of the crisis in Chinese and Indian newspapers.

It also examines Bangladesh's policy towards the Rohingya crisis.

Dr Ahmed Munir Saleheen, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, was the Chief Guest. Dr Bernd Spanier, Deputy Head of Mission, Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh, spoke as Guest of Honour. The seminar was chaired by NSU VC Prof. Atiqul Islam.

Poetry contest at ISD to uphold patriotism

International School Dhaka (ISD), which offers International Baccalaureate curricula to its local and foreign students, organised a Bangla poetry writing competition to mark the country's 53rd Victory Day.

Nazifah Tasnim Tabassum came out as the winner in the "Middle School" section for her poem "Jonmobhumi (Motherland)" while Wafa Jahan Shakira won at the "High School" level for her poem "Bhalobasar Bangladesh (Of Love

for Bangladesh)".

They were awarded at the Victory Day assembly organised by the school's Bangla Department.

Students from the second grade joined the celebration by reciting the poem "Shadhinotar Shukh (Happiness of Freedom)". Grade seven students performed a musical drama titled "Hridoy Amar Bangladesh (Bangladesh is in my heart)" illustrating the history of Bangladesh's 1971 liberation war.



"Through this assembly, we try to instill in our students a deep sense of pride and responsibility towards the legacy of our nation," said Bangla Department Head, Ishrat Jahan.

ISD Director Steve Calland-Scoble said, "It's a great opportunity for our kids to share their culture and values with everyone in the school."

The school's Primary Principal David Longworth and Secondary Principal Chris Boyle also spoke.