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BRAC University showcases new campus synergy of knowledge creation and environmental sustainability

BRAC University unveiled its new campus through a “Meet and Greet with Media” event. The event took place on February 29 at the university’s new green campus located in Merul Badda which features environmental sustainability. The occasion highlighted BRAC University’s commitment to academic excellence, cultural enrichment, and environmental conservation. Various aspects of BRAC University’s dedication to environmental sustainability were showcased during the event. The university also shared its aspiration to lead in providing a comprehensive educational experience by engaging in environmentally friendly initiatives, showcasing local performances, and fostering discussions on pertinent issues.

At the event, Tamara Hasan Abed, Chairperson, Board of Trustees (BoT), BRAC University, along with other members of the BoT, Prof. Syed Mahfuzul Aziz, Acting Vice-Chancellor, deans of schools, department chairpersons, and journalists from various media outlets were present.

Covering seven acres of land in Merul Badda, this expansive BRAC University campus is the first environmentally-friendly and sustainable advanced city campus in Bangladesh. Inspired by



the ecosystem of the Sundarbans, the campus has been constructed to offer a blend of nature and architecture. The design, construction, and environmental aspects of this building involve experts from various countries, including Singapore, China, and Germany, contributing to its various unique features.

The building utilises modern technologies such as cross-ventilation and hybrid thermal management systems, allowing light and air to enter from all sides. The use of aerodynamic fins ensures the optimal flow of air within the building. The greenery, resembling a green carpet on the building’s facade, provides oxygen, and the hybrid cooling system brings fresh air into the

classrooms. As a result, even if students sit for long hours in class, fatigue will be minimised. These features contribute to reduced dependency on air conditioning, leading to the building’s 40 percent energy self-sufficiency.

Numerous rain chains have been installed to allow rainwater to reach trees and vegetation within the building and use the excess to replenish water bodies on the ground floor. The building also houses an advanced sewage treatment plant for waste management.

On the roof, there are solar panels generating 1.5 megawatts of electricity, providing 25 percent of the energy required for the building. The majority of the space in this modern and aesthetic building has been kept open for the

students. In these open spaces, they can engage in mutual interactions and participate in various extracurricular activities. The campus is designed with universal accessibility so that students with special needs can easily access the campus and move around all areas comfortably.

Tamara Hasan Abed said, “Sir Fazle’s vision was to establish a university where learning and pedagogy would flourish while coexisting with nature. The new campus is designed to combine nature and modern architecture to inspire future generations to think differently about life. While urbanisation is an inevitable consequence of development, we must discover innovative solutions to safeguard nature. This new campus will serve as a benchmark for students and professionals in urban planning and environmental conservation.”

Prof. Syed Mahfuzul Aziz said, “We want to establish this new campus of BRAC University as a hub for knowledge and science. Our aspiration is to make this university a flagship institution in Bangladesh through ethical research and the provision of high-quality education. We are working towards that goal.”

Daffodil International University Founder & Chairman Dr Md Sabur Khan receives NDF BD life time achievement award

Daffodil International University founder and chairman of Daffodil Family Dr Md Sabur Khan received the NDF BD Life Time Achievement Award 2024. He was conferred with this honour at the inaugural function of NDF BD’s 16th National Debate Carnival 2024 at Bangladesh Shishu Academy on March 1 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the country’s ICT and education sector and special contribution to entrepreneurship development.

Chairman of Bangladesh Public Service Commission and prominent cultural personality Md Sohrab Hossain formally handed over this Award to Dr Md Sabur Khan as the chief guest where Brigadier General Md Rezaul Islam, PSC, Ph.D and distinguished media personality Hasan

Ahmed Chowdhury Kiran, Honorary Chairman of Debate for Democracy and Executive Director of ATN Bangla News Department were present as the guests of honour on the occasion.

AKM Shoaib, chairman of NDF BD, former president of Dhaka University Debate Society (DUDS), recipient of honorary “Bulu” Award from Dhaka University, national television debate champion, and CEO of a multinational company presided over the event. Secretary general of NDF BD Ashiqur Rahman Akash and convener of Carnival Tahsin Riaz were also present. Director General of NDF BD and Rector (Schooling) Ln. M Alamgir was also present at the programme.



IUBAT organises 1st Sustainability Olympiad-2024

Department of Environmental Science and IUBAT Institute of SDG Studies organised the 1st Sustainability Olympiad-2024 on February 27. This is the first sustainability olympiad programme organised in any educational institution in Bangladesh.

Around 100 students participated from different colleges. 30 college principals also attended the event. Students appeared in double-round competitions to discuss and solve environmental challenges like waste management, environmental pollution, climate change, and sustainability practices. Participants highlighted various environmental problems in Bangladesh. Among them, many were outstanding in terms of their opinions for sustainable solutions.

The top ten winners were chosen through a quiz competition and instant idea presentation round. The olympiad concluded with a prize giving ceremony. The top ten winners were awarded about BDT 30,000 and certificates. Additionally the champion, first runner-up, and second runner-up were awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals. Dr Susan Vize, Country Head, UNESCO, Bangladesh, was the chief guest in this ceremony where M A Hossain, Managing Director, JR Recycling Solutions Ltd., was the special guest and Abul Alim from Windy Group was the guest of honour. As a guest speaker Prof. Peggy Barlett, Emeritus Professor, Emory University, USA, sent a video message. IUBAT Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Abdur Rab presided over the ceremony. The other speakers were Prof. Selina Nargis, Treasurer, IUBAT; Prof. Ataur Rahman, Chair, Department of Environmental Science; Dr Ferdous Ahmed, and Dr Rehan Dastagir. The quiz competition and instant presentation was facilitated by Dr Md Shafiqul Islam with the support of Dr Sayma Akhter, Dr Mariyam Sultana Marry, and Dr Rimana Islam Papry from the Department of Environmental Science, IUBAT.

