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BRAC University hosts “Fifth Jessup Workshop” on mooting and advocacy



The School of Law at BRAC University, in partnership with Jessup Bangladesh, the International Law Students Association (ILSA), Hearth Bangladesh, and the US Department of Justice's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance, and Training (DOJ-OPDAT), proudly inaugurated a two-day Jessup workshop on mooting and advocacy titled “May It Please the Court: Unlocking the Essentials of Mooting and Advocacy” on November 1.

Hosted at BRAC University's Merul Badda campus, the workshop welcomed Law students from 35 universities across Bangladesh, providing them with essential skills training in advocacy and international-standard mooting. The Jessup workshop was a two-day intensive training programme designed for Law students interested in participating in

the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

The opening ceremony featured esteemed Chief Guest Adilur Rahman Khan, the Advisor for the Ministry of Housing and Public Works and Ministry of Industry, People's Republic of Bangladesh. Notable guests included Syed Mahfuzul Aziz, Pro Vice-Chancellor of BRAC University, Rahul Kale, Resident Legal Advisor at the US Embassy, Dhaka, and Prof. K Shamsuddin Mahmood, Dean of the School of Law at BRAC University.

Joining them were key figures from supporting organisations: Porob Naser Siddique, Director of Hearth Bangladesh, Arifa Chowdhury, National Administrator of the Jessup Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds 2025, and Nuran Choudhury, National Coordinator of ILSA Chapters.

In his address, Syed Mahfuzul Aziz

urged students to pursue their legal careers with unwavering integrity and responsibility, underscoring that success in advocacy is rooted in a strong ethical foundation. He said, “As future leaders of Bangladesh, you must resist compromising your principles. The true impact of your work depends on honesty and dedication to justice.”

Adilur Rahman Khan also spoke, reflecting on the pivotal role of young leaders in the country's development. He said, “Bangladesh stands at a critical point in its journey, and it is our youth who must lead the way to progress. Mooting and advocacy are not only skills but tools to establish the justice required to build the Bangladesh of our dreams.”

The workshop presented students with an exceptional chance to learn from veteran legal practitioners, refining their mooting techniques and deepening their understanding of advocacy and legal analysis. Through international collaboration, BRAC University remains committed to elevating legal education in Bangladesh, shaping future lawyers capable of excelling on the global stage.

The closing ceremony of the workshop was held on November 2, 2024. The event was graced by Md Asaduzzaman, Attorney General of Bangladesh, as the Chief Guest, with Eric Geelan, Political and Economic Advisor at the US Embassy in Dhaka, as the Guest of Honour.

ISD partners with SAJIDA Foundation to tackle malnutrition nationwide

To improve the nationwide malnutrition situation, International School Dhaka (ISD) has collaborated with SAJIDA Foundation to create a vertical garden and provide vegetable plants to underprivileged families. The school has created the garden within its campus to grow nutritious vegetables and donate them to families across Bangladesh.

This initiative was launched during the Service Saturday event. Afwaza Rahman Dristy, Senior Coordinator, Urban Poverty Alleviation Program, SAJIDA Foundation, provided hands-on guidance in plant care and emphasised the long-term benefits of sustainable practices. ISD students, along with staff, have planted multiple nutritional vegetables like spinach, mustard greens,



tomatoes, eggplants, and chillis in their vertical garden.

The primary mission of the initiative is to combat malnutrition and raise awareness about climate change, especially in vulnerable areas. At the initial stage, ISD students donated vegetable plants to 30 families in the Malibagh slum supported by SAJIDA Foundation's SUDIN programme. In the coming months, both ISD and SAJIDA Foundation plan to donate those nutritional plants to 100 families, and in the coming year, they will contribute to more than 250 families across Bangladesh.

Charles Gumba, Head of Science, CAS Coordinator, ISD, said, “Our students have exemplified a strong understanding of the problem with malnutrition in Bangladesh and the understanding of economic and nutritional realities of the nation.”

Farhin Ahmed Twinkle, Coordinator, Partnerships & Fundraising, SAJIDA Foundation, added, “As per icddr, around 35 percent of the population tackles food insecurity, and severe acute malnutrition affects nearly 600,000 children. It is critical for all of us to work towards strengthening the infrastructure of the nation to support human development. We feel proud to partner with ISD in such a unique and meaningful initiative.”

Two-day “Sunnah Conference Bangladesh 2024” begins at Daffodil International University

The two-day “Sunnah Conference Bangladesh 2024” began on November 3 under the joint initiative of Daffodil Islamic Center of Daffodil International University (DIU) and Kulliyatul Quranil Kareem Waddirsatil Islamiyah. Religious Advisor Dr A F M Khalid Hossain inaugurated the “Sunnah Conference Bangladesh 2024” as the Chief Guest at the International Conference Room of the university at Daffodil Smart City, Birulia, Savar, Dhaka.

Ziad Hamad, Deputy Head of Palestine Embassy to Bangladesh; Prof. Dr Nakeeb Mohammad Nasrullah, Vice Chancellor, Kushtia Islamic University; Prof. Dr Mohammad Shamsul Alam, Vice Chancellor, Islamic Arabic University; Prof. Dr Lutfur Rahman, Vice Chancellor, DIU; and Prof. Dr S M Mahabub UI Haque Mazumder, Pro Vice Chancellor of DIU were present as the Special Guests.

The conference was presided over by Dr Mohammad Manzoor Elahi, Chairman, Conference Organising Committee. The programme was also addressed by Md Safiullah, Deputy Director, Daffodil Islamic Center and Md Mostafa Amir Faisal Member, Conference Organising Committee.

In this two-day conference, various topics including the interrelationship between *Quran* and *Hadith*, various aspects of the authenticity of *sunnah*, authenticity of *sunnah* from *Quran*, analysis and review of *sunnah* as a source of *shariat* were discussed. In the conference, more than two hundred registered dedicated participants from all over the country took part in various sessions. A F M Khalid Hossain said, “There is no alternative to following the *sunnah* of Prophet Muhammad (SM). It is very important to live according to *sunnah* in our personal, social, and state life. We have to strive throughout our lives to keep the *sunnah* alive.



If the *sunnah* is alive, *bay'dat* will be destroyed. If *tawheed* can be established, *shirk* will be destroyed. Khalid Hossain also said, “In our society, in the name of *sunnah*, *shirk* is going on in the name of *tawheed*. Although the enemies of Islam are united, the Muslim world cannot yet forget its differences. Because of this, Muslim brothers and sisters are being tortured all over the world. Therefore, we have to regularly research various aspects of Islam and conduct our lives according to the *sunnah* of the Holy Prophet (SM). This wonderful event will make us forget our differences and awaken new thoughts, Inshallah,” he added.