

NOTICE BOARD

BRAC University CFO appointed Treasurer

Ariful Islam, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of BRAC University, has been appointed as its Treasurer on July 10, by the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Islam joined the university in December 2020 and is currently leading finance, IT, procurement, international student and scholarship functions, and a new campus project. He is also the chairman of IPDC Finance PLC and its Risk Management Committee and a nominated director of the Ayesha Abed Foundation. Islam has held senior executive roles at British

American Tobacco (BAT) Group across Asia Pacific markets for 23 years. He has also served as an independent director and chairman of the Board Audit Committee of Toshirfa Industries Limited.

Islam attained a BSc (Honours) in Economics from Scottish Church College, Calcutta University, India, and an MBA in Finance from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Dhaka University. He has also obtained an Advanced Diploma in Management Accounting from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK).



Global Spell Bee 2025 national final concludes at North South University



The Bangladesh national segment of the Global Spell Bee 2025 came to its conclusion at North South University (NSU) on July 12. Finalists showcased their English language skills, analytical thinking, and academic excellence. Organised by EduPro Concepts BD Ltd., in association with GateKeeper and Help the Future, and hosted by North South University Debate Club, the event served as a significant platform for enhancing the linguistic skills and global awareness of students from grades 4 to 12.

As part of the internationally recognised Global Spell Bee competition, the national final was not just a contest; it was a joyful celebration of learning, resilience, and the power of words. The top-performing students from the National segment will represent Bangladesh at the international segment in Dubai this October, where participants from around 50 countries will compete for global recognition and a transformative educational opportunity.

A distinguished group of guests attended the closing ceremony. Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of NSU and Chairman of Grameen Bank, was present as the Chief Guest. In his remarks, he praised the initiative, stating, "Competitions like the Global Spell Bee help students become smarter, more confident, and better at expressing their thoughts. I am proud that NSU and the NSU Debate Club have hosted such an inspiring event, and to the brightest minds that are present here, the moment you entered and took part, you became a winner."

Joining him, Stephen Forbes, Country Director of

British Council Bangladesh, emphasised the lifelong benefits of learning, saying, "Education gives you choices. The more you learn, the more life brings you choices. We are proud to witness such brilliant performances from the students today."

Mohammad Inzamul Haque, Assistant Personal Secretary to the Education Adviser at the Ministry of Education, highlighted the broader value of such competitions, noting, "Competitions like the Global Spell Bee go beyond academics; they build confidence, discipline, and communication skills that today's students need to thrive in tomorrow's world."

The event saw intense competition across all categories. From written and oral rounds to month-long mentorship sessions, the various phases of the competition helped students grow both intellectually and personally. Participants received access to exclusive vocabulary resources, workshops, and expert guidance that improved their communication and comprehension skills.

Notably, in the senior category, there was a tie, prompting an exciting tiebreaker to determine the final winner, highlighting the incredible talent and determination among the top contenders. As a gesture of recognition and encouragement, every participant was awarded a certificate and medal, celebrating their hard work, courage, and passion for learning.

Nabiha Tahseen Nubah from Sunnydale School emerged as the champion in the senior category, while Ibnat Namira Ahmed from Summerfield International School claimed the top spot in the junior category.



Textile Hack 2025: Prototype Bazaar held at BUFT

BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) successfully hosted "Textile Hack 2025: Prototype Bazaar" on July 13, at its multipurpose hall to promote innovation and strengthen industry-academia collaboration in the textile sector. The event featured live prototype displays and pitching sessions by student teams, showcasing creative and sustainable solutions.

The event was presided over by Faruque Hassan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of BUFT, with Andre Carstens, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Bangladesh, serving as the Chief Guest. Other distinguished guests included Md Moshuiul Azam Shajal, Member of the BUFT Board of Trustees; Prof. Dr Engr Ayub Nabi Khan, Acting Vice Chancellor of BUFT; Prof. Dr Alamgir Hossain, Treasurer of BUFT; Mohammed Zahidullah, Chief Sustainability Officer of DBL; Sheikh Saifur Rahman, former General Secretary of the National Crafts Council of Bangladesh; Shohel Anwar Apu, Assistant Professor of Shanto-Mariam University; Sharmily Sarker, Head of the Department of Fashion Studies at BUFT; and BUFT faculty members, officials, and students.

In the final round, the selected teams presented their innovative ideas before the panel of judges, followed by a prototype marketplace and networking session. In this segment, "Green Wave" from Shanto-Mariam University was crowned Champion, "Fab-Board" from Rangpur Textile Engineering College became Runner-up, and BUFT's "Fab 5" team won the People's Choice Award. Through this initiative, BUFT reaffirmed its commitment to playing an active role in fostering sustainable development in Bangladesh's textile and apparel industry and nurturing young innovators.