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# Stamford University concludes six-day Faculty Development Training

The Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Stamford University Bangladesh has successfully completed the Faculty Development Training Programme (FT-N8), a six-day initiative aimed at enhancing teaching excellence and promoting outcome-based education (OBE) among university faculty members.

Over the course of the programme, 24 expert-led sessions were held covering diverse areas such as effective pedagogy, assessment strategies, and curriculum alignment. The final session, held on November 8, 2025, featured faculty presentations on OBE-related topics, highlighting the role of educators in achieving sustainable development in teaching and learning.

Participants also took part in a peer evaluation segment, allowing them to exchange insights with colleagues and expert reviewers. Structured feedback was collected to guide improvements in future training programmes.

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony, hosted by M Azizul Haque, Director of IQAC, was attended by Prof. Dr Md Younus Mia, Acting Vice-Chancellor; Prof.



M Feroze Ahmed, Emeritus Professor; and Muhammad Abdul Matin, Registrar of Stamford University Bangladesh.

In their remarks, the speakers underscored the importance of faculty development in maintaining academic integrity and fostering global academic competitiveness. Prof. Dr Md Younus Mia emphasised continuous self-improvement for institutional growth, Prof. M Feroze Ahmed stressed academic and research excellence, while Muhammad Abdul Matin highlighted regulatory compliance and

accountability.

Certificates were awarded to all participants for successfully completing the training. The programme was coordinated by M Azizul Haque, Subrata Chowdhury, Additional Director (QA), and Dr Tamanna Zerin, Additional Director (ETL).

The annual training, organised by IQAC, remains a key requirement for newly appointed faculty members, nurturing reflective, skilled, and globally oriented educators committed to sustainable educational excellence.

# SEU Economics department hosts EcoFest 3.0

The Department of Economics at Southeast University (SEU) held EcoFest 3.0 on November 6. The event was organised to promote cultural awareness and strengthen community spirit. SEU Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr M Mofazzal Hossain, attended the event as the Chief Guest.

Dr Muhammad Shahadat Hossain Siddiquee, Professor of Economics at Dhaka University, served as the Keynote Speaker. His speech contributed significant value to the programme.

Attendees included Prof. Dr Farhana Halal Mehtab, Dean of the School of Arts & Social Sciences, other Deans, Chairpersons, faculty members, and students from the Department of Economics.



# SU Champions League concludes at Sonargaon University

The SU Champions League 2025, organised by the Sonargaon University Sports Club, was held at Turf Nation. It was a franchise-based football tournament featuring nine teams in total. Each team had a faculty member as its owner, while one female student participated as the team ambassador.

Sonargaon University is known to take such initiatives to promote sports alongside academics, with the aim of nurturing football and cricket players every year. As a result, the university currently has several players representing the national teams and different divisions in both football and cricket.

The event was graced by the presence of University Advisor Azizul Bari Shipu, Vice-Chancellor Professor Shamim Ara Hasan, Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Bulbul Ahmed, Treasurer Professor Dr Muhammad Ekramul Islam, Dean of the Faculty of Business Professor Al-Amin Molla, Director of Student Welfare Julkarnine Sultan Alam, along with department heads, faculty members, and students from various faculties.

Former national cricket team player Hannan Sarkar and Bangladesh national football team goalkeeping coach Biplob Bhattacharjee attended as special guests. The matches were conducted by the university's Sports Director, Mehrab Hossain Joshi, and members of the Sports Club.

# 19th BELTA-SMUCT-THT Teacher Development Conference 2025 held on “Teaching English in Interesting Times”

The Department of English of Shanto-Mariam University of Creative Technology (SMUCT), in collaboration with the Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association (BELTA) and Teachers Helping Teachers (THT) from Japan, successfully organised the 19th Teacher Development Conference 2025 on the theme *“Teaching English in Interesting Times”*.

The two-day conference was held in hybrid format, with an online session on Friday, November 7, followed by an in-person session on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the SMUCT campus in Uttara. The event brought together English language educators, researchers, and practitioners from across Bangladesh and abroad to explore the challenges and innovations in English language teaching in a rapidly changing world.

Prof. Dr Md Shah-E-Alam, Vice-Chancellor of SMUCT, inaugurated the conference and emphasised the importance of adapting to contemporary challenges in education. “Teachers must continue to



learn, adapt, and innovate to meet the diverse needs of their learners,” he said.

Prof. Dr Syed Azizul Huq, Dean of Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, SMUCT, highlighted the value of such collaborations in promoting reflective teaching practices.

Prof. Ahmed Bashir, President of BELTA and Professor, Department of English, University of Dhaka, expressed his deep appreciation to all participants and collaborators for making the conference a success. “BELTA has always been a platform that connects teachers, inspires innovation, and nurtures a sense of community among English educators,” he remarked.

Dr Patrick Dougherty, Team Leader of THT and Dean at Akita International University, highlighted the long-standing THT-BELTA partnership, saying it “continues to foster global dialogue and shared learning among teachers.”

Md Shahrear Talukder, Convenor of the 19th BELTA-SMUCT-THT Teacher Development Conference and Head of the Department of English at SMUCT, thanked all participants, saying, “This conference reflects our commitment to teacher growth and collaboration. As educators, we must continue to exchange ideas, integrate technology, and develop new pedagogical approaches to meet evolving classroom demands.” Educators participated actively in workshops on teaching methods, AI integration, curriculum design, and materials development. The 19th BELTA-SMUCT-THT Teacher Development Conference 2025 ended with a renewed sense of collaboration and commitment to enhancing English language education in Bangladesh and beyond.