

2003/november

## **Classes Resume after Eid Ul Fitr Recess**

Following Eid-ul Fitr holidays, all scheduled classes and regular activities resumed from Sunday, November 30, 2003.

## **Eid Holidays**

BU remained closed on November 23, 2003 on account of Shab-e-Quadar and the Eid Ul Fitr holidays began from November 24, 2003.

## **Launching of the MBA Club**

BU MBA students have formed a new club called the MBA Club. The launching ceremony took place on November 20, 2003. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU was present as the Guest of Honor. Mr. Din Muhammad Shibly Feroz, Secretary of the Club welcomed the guests. Ms. Farzana Choudhury, Lecturer, MGB and the Club Adviser spoke about the vision and the objectives of the MBA Club. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU and Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, Department of MGB and the patron of the club also spoke on the occasion. An Iftar party followed the launching ceremony.

## **Seminar on Global Challenges for the International System**

The Department of MGB organized a seminar on Global Challenges For The International System on November 18, 2003. Dr. Eberhard Rhein, Advisor to the European Policy Centre, Brussels, Belgium and former External Relations Director in the Directorate General of European Commission (EC) was the Speaker. Dr. Rhein touched upon the global issues of environment protection and economic development, and highlighted the importance of the roles and relationship of the nations in this regard. Mr. Saif Ahmed, Lecturer Department of MGB coordinated the activities of the seminar.

## **Satyajit Ray's Movie Series**

The showing of Satyajit Ray's movies by Aangan continued in November with the showing of "Gupi Gyne Bagha Byne" on Monday, November 17, 2003 at the Markuli Hall, BU Campus, TARC, Savar.

## **AIESEC Annual Parents Meet**

AIESEC [BU] Local Chapter, with the assistance of the National Committee organized the Annual Parents' Meet 2003 at BU Campus on November 13, 2003. The agenda of the meeting included the dissemination of the objective, activities and future plans of AIESEC Bangladesh/LC. An Iftar party followed the meeting. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU attended the function as the Guest of Honor. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer, BU was the Special Guest in the event.

## **CRP Movie Show**

The Centre for Rehabilitation of Paralyzed (CRP), through the Adolescent Empowerment Forum, organized a film show titled "Bihongo" in BU on November 12, 2003. The showing was enthusiastically attended by a large number of students and faculty members.

## **VC Attends IDRC Meeting**

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) had invited a small, diverse group of senior Asian policy makers and experts to seek their perspectives on future strategic roles for IDRC as an institution and their thoughts on IDRC priorities for the region. VC, BU was invited to participate in the meeting held in Hanoi from November 10-12, 2003.

## **Kite Flying Day Observed**

The Cultural Club and Heritage Forum, BU jointly organized a 'Kite Flying Day' on November 11, 2003 at the main playfield of the BU Campus at TARC, Savar. All students and many teachers, officials together with BU and TARC personnel participated in the event. Being the first event of its kind in BU the program attracted a large 'amused' audience and as well as a large number of participants.

## **Midterm Exams Held**

The Midterm Exams for the current semester, Fall 2003 were held from November 2 to November 10, 2003.

## **MGB Faculties Participate in Workshop**

Mahmudul Huq, Farzana Islam, Ezaz Ahmed, Saif Ahmed and Tahmina Khanam, faculty members of the MGB Department, participated in a daylong workshop on Case Development and Teaching held at IUBAT, Dhaka on November 8, 2003.

## **Admission Test: Spring, 2004**

The Admission Test-1 for the Spring Semester, 2004 was held at BU on November 8, 2003. The tests were conducted for admission into the undergraduate programs in the Departments of Architecture, MGB, CSE, Economics and English.

## **President Attends CGAP Annual Meeting**

Mr. F H Abed, Chairperson, BRAC and the President Governing Board, BU was in Paris, France to attend the tenth consultative group meeting of the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP) from November 06-07, 2003. The meeting provided a forum to discuss the implementation of the CGAP III strategy of scaling-up micro finance over the next five years. It also addressed key issues facing donor agencies in their support of micro finance, including a workshop on the link between financial systems for the poor and sector-wide approaches. The catchall theme of the meeting was described as "maximizing the potential of the CGAP System."

## **Institute of Education and Development (IED), BU Planning Forum Held**

The closing ceremony of the BU-IED Planning Forum, held on November 3, 2003 at the BRAC Centre for Development Management (BCDM) Rajendrapur, marked the end of a three-day discussion among global education personalities. The session was chaired by Mr. F H Abed, Chairperson BRAC and President, Governing Board, BU and Professor M. Maniruzzaman Miah, Chairman of the National Education Commission, was the chief guest. Closing session attendees were presented with the four key focus areas that conference participants would like the BU-IED to address. These include 1) policy and planning analysis and management 2) curriculum, instruction, materials, and assessment 3) teachers' education and professional development, and 4) research and development, monitoring and evaluation. Dr. Manzoor Ahmed, Director of BU-IED, and his team are now working to implement the suggestions garnered during

the planning forum. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU chaired the opening session on November 1, 2003 and also attended the concluding session on November 3, 2003. Dr. M. Osman Farruk, Minister of Education attended the opening session held in BRAC Centre Inn as the Chief Guest.

## **Video Conferencing System for BU**

A Video Conferencing System has been setup at BU at Aarong House 5th floor on November 3, 2003. The Video Conferencing System will allow BU to conduct live meetings, seminars and presentation with people located geographically apart. It will also provide the students of BU with distance learning facilities. Besides, the technology will also enable students to obtain virtual field trips and allow them to take part in community events. The project was partly funded by South Asia Foundation for Learning Initiative (SAFLI).

## **Director and Undergraduate Program Head for the School of Law, BU**

Dr. Shahdeen Malik, LL.M (Moscow), LL.M (Philadelphia), Ph.D (London) has joined as Director, School of Law, BU on November 2, 2003. Mr. K Shamsuddin Mahmood, LL.M (UK) has also joined as the Head of the Undergraduate Program, School of Law, BU on the same day.

## **Website Officer Joins BU**

Md. Arifuzzaman has joined BU as the Website Officer on November 2, 2003. Mr. Arif did his Masters in Economics from Dhaka University and attended a number of IT and web development related courses.