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## **Professor Cash Debriefs at BU**

Professor Richard Cash of Harvard University conducted a debriefing session on the "Prospects of setting up a School of Public Health" on January 31, 2002 at BRAC University (BU) Conference Room. Professor Cash has been involved with BRAC's health sector for a long time. The session was attended by Professor J. R. Choudhury, VC, BRAC University, Mr. A Muyeed Choudhury, ED, BRAC, DEDs of BRAC, Chairpersons of the Departments of Natural Science and Management & Business and Senior Teachers of BRAC University.

## **VC's Monthly Meeting- January, 2002**

The Vice Chancellor of BU chaired his monthly conference on January 28, 2002. The Chairpersons of the Academic Departments and the Registrar of BU attended the meeting. The meeting reviewed the progress of students in the current semester. Among other issues, preparations for the Spring semester-2002 and routine administrative matters were discussed.

## **Exam Preparatory Recess, FALL- 2001**

The Exam Preparatory Recess for Fall - 2001 students has started on Sunday, January 27, 2002 and will end on the 31st of the same month. No formal classes are scheduled for this week. The final exams will begin on Sunday, February 03, 2002.

## **Mid-Term Exam (SPRING - 2002)**

The new students of Spring 2002 had their mid-term examination on January 27, 2002. These students are currently enrolled for ENG 091, a non-credit foundation course offered by the English Department of BU.

## **Registrar Attends JSTOR Meeting**

Kevin M. Guthrie, President, JSTOR, invited the Registrar of BU to attend a meeting in Bangalore, India on the January 21, 2002. Vice Chancellors and representatives from more than twenty universities and institutions in South Asia attended the meeting. The Registrar attended the meeting, where a core committee was formed to suggest and work out a reasonable registration and annual charges so that maximum universities/institutions in South Asia could benefit from the JSTOR collaborative program. JSTOR is a not-for-profit organization based in United States that is building a trusted archive of the back volumes of important academic journals. More than 1200 institutions from nearly 54 countries have already registered as members of JSTOR. Detailed information about JSTOR is available at their website at <http://www.jstor.org>

## **Visit by MSU Faculty Team**

The Director of Field Experience, Dr. Grant B. Littke and Assistant Dean, Dr. Murari Suvedi of Michigan State University (MSU), USA arrived in Bangladesh on January 21, 2002 for a week-long tour. During their stay, they held meetings with the VC and Treasurer of BRAC University, Director of Research and Director of Training, BRAC. They discussed the possibility of BU and BRAC jointly conducting Study Abroad and Internship programs for MSU students. They visited the different field level programs of BRAC at Manikganj, BRAC Training and Research Center (TARC), Savar and BRAC Center for Development Management (BCDM), Rajendrapur.

## **MBA Program**

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has given its approval for BRAC University to start the MBA program. BU has plans to launch this curriculum in summer 2002.

## **Major in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)**

BU has received permission from the UGC to start offering Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) as a major. The department has changed its name from CIS to CSE. Students willing to major in Computer Science (CS) will have to fulfill the requirement of 124 credits whereas students choosing Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) will need to complete a total of 136 credit hours.

## **President, GB Inaugurated Workshop on Contemporary Asian Art**

President of the Governing Board of BU, Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed inaugurated a four-day workshop on Contemporary Asian Art at BRAC Centre for Development Management (BCDM) on January 14, 2002. The Workshop is being organized jointly by Bengal Foundation and Bangladesh Shilpa Kala Academy. Seventy-two artists from Bahrain, Bangladesh, Denmark, Egypt, India, Iran, Khirgistan, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Russia, Sri Lanka, Syria and Yemen are participating in the workshop. In his inaugural speech, Mr. Abed said, "This is a rare opportunity for those who are not able to go abroad and see such art works". He added that "interaction among artists would bring some new ideas for art and our lives".

## **Seminar on Bioinformatics**

A seminar on Bioinformatics - "The Latest Information Revolution" will be held at the BRAC University Main Building on Monday, January 21, 2002 at 4 PM. Dr. P.I. Harris, Principal Lecturer, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK will make a presentation on the subject.

## **Presentation on Design with Digital Media**

The Department of Architecture, BU is organizing a presentation on Recent Developments in Design with Digital Media. Dr. M. Saleh Uddin Badal, Professor, University of Missouri-Columbia, USA, will conduct the session.