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Field Visit to BRAC Programs

A field trip to Mymensingh was organized by BU for the students of Bangladesh Studies on August 20, 2002. 38 students participated in the field trip, which was aimed at exposing the students to the problems of Rural Bangladesh, and how BRAC was involved in mitigating the sufferings of the people at grass roots level. Professor Nurul Islam, Chairperson, Department of Mathematics and Natural Science, Ms. Fouzia Huq, Accountant, BU and Mr Abdul Wohab, Teaching Assistant of Sociology accompanied the group.

Advising for Fall 2002

Advising of the students for Fall-2002 has begun. Advising started on August 18 and will be going on till August 21, 2002. The classes of Fall-2002 will start from September 15, 2002 for all students.

Cultural Club Program

BU Cultural Club organized their first cultural program on August 17, 2002 at 1:30 PM at BRAC Centre Inn Auditorium. About 400 students enjoyed the program. A large number of Faculty Members including Chairpersons and Administrative Staff of BU also attended the 3 hour long program. The program included Tagore, Nazrul, Patriotic & Modern songs (solo and duet), dance, poetry recitation and a short play.

Seminar at BU

Department of English organized a seminar on August 16, 2002. A talk entitled "Towards an Ecriture Feminine: The Utopian Writings of Rokeya Sakhawat Hussain and Charlotte Perkins Gilman" was delivered by Dr. Deena P Forkan, Head, The English Institute, North South University, Dhaka.

Dr. Fuad attends Workshop

Dr. Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson, Department of Architecture, BU attended a 3-day workshop on Reconstruction Needs Analysis, Planning and Implementation. The workshop was held in Bangkok from August 13 to 15, 2002 at The Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, AIT. The World Bank and the Pro Vention Consortium organized the workshop. Participants from 14 different countries attended the Workshop. The workshop discussed issues related to priorities and methodologies in disaster reconstruction towards building less vulnerable structures, to resist future hazards. The existing methodologies of reconstruction planning were discussed and reviewed and the workshop concluded with the incorporation of new ideas generated by the participants.

Professor S M Islam is in USA

Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam, Visiting Faculty, Department of English, BU is in the USA now. He will visit some of the Liberal Arts Colleges and Universities in Boston and Washington D. C. between August 12 and August 26, 2002.

ADPC Delegation Visit BU

A meeting was held between Professor Abdur Rab, Chairperson, Department of Management & Business and Mr. N. M. S. I. Arambepola, Deputy Program Manager, Asian Urban Disaster Mitigation Program of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Bangkok in the Conference Room of BU on August 12, 2002. Mr. Monzu Morshed, Coordinator, Disaster Management Project of CARE Bangladesh was also present in the

meeting. The possibility of collaboration between BRAC University and ADPC in conducting joint programs on Disaster Management was discussed.

Study Tour to BARD

48 students of SSC 108 (Bangladesh Studies) went on a study tour to Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla on August 10, 2002. Dr. Atiur Rahman, Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and Arifur Rahman, Teaching Assistant of Bangladesh Studies accompanied them. The students were given a presentation on the various programs of BARD and were also taken around a number of field activities of BARD.

Vice Chancellor in North America

Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, VC, BU is currently in the USA visiting a number of universities. He will also visit a few universities in Canada. He left Dhaka on August 5, 2002 and is expected to return on September 7, 2002.

Assistant Registrar is visiting USA

Ms. Shreyasee Sharma Pati, Assistant Registrar, BU is now on a visit to USA. She will be visiting a number of Educational Institutions during her stay in the USA. Her visit has been sponsored by The American Center. She left on August 3 and is expected to return on August 28, 2002.

Admission Test for Fall 2002

The next admission test for Fall-2002 will be held on Friday, August 30, 2002. The schedule will be:

9:00 AM - CSE & CS

3:00 PM - B.Arch, BBA, English & Economics

The last date for submitting admission form is August 28, 2002.

Workshop on BU

The 3rd workshop of BRAC University Initiative for Learning and Development (BUILD) was held at BRAC Center for Development Management (BCDM), Rajendrapur from 1 to 3 August, 2002. Mr. Cole P Dodge, former Country Director of UNICEF, Bangladesh, facilitated the workshop. All members of BUILD other than Ms. Shreyasee Sharma Pati and Ms. Farzana Choudhry attended the workshop. Professor F Azim, Chairperson, Department of English, BU and Ms. Husna M Siddiqui, Lecturer, Department of CSE joined BUILD as new members and attended the 3rd Workshop. Dr. Martin Greeley, IDS, Sussex, UK, Mr. F H Abed, Chairperson, BRAC, Mr. Faruq A Choudhury, Adviser, BRAC and Professor Muhammad Yunus, Founder & Managing Director, Grameen Bank attended the workshop as Expert Witnesses.

MIDTERM Exams

Midterm Exams of BU began on July 28, 2002 and ended on August 3, 2002.