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## Google representative's visit to BRACU



In the past week, Google made their first official visit to Bangladesh. As part of this trip, a representative from Google was at BRAC University (BRACU) on February 16. BRACU happens to be the only university in Bangladesh that Google has visited so far, with the dual intent of meeting some of the faculty members from the Computer Science and Engineering Department (CSE), as well as having a

Question-Answer session with the students.

During his meeting with faculty members and research staff at the Centre for Research on Bangla Language Processing (CRBLP), Google representative Divon Lan expressed his interest in collaborating with BRAC University in further research on Bangla Language Processing, as well as development of more resources for Bangla such as parallel corpora and other relevant data.

Later in the day, Divon Lan met a full house of BRACU students eager to interact with a Google employee. Students present were aware that it was the first time Google was visiting a university here, and the excitement was palpable. The Q and A session was enjoyed by the students, with a lot of interesting and often insightful questions coming from the students. In the course of his answers, Divon spoke about what Google looks for in a potential employee. That should be the priority for undergraduate students who are set to enter the job market in the next couple of years, he said.

After an hour-long Q and A session, students, staff and faculty members thanked Divon Lan for taking sometime to speak to them. Professor Mumit Khan, chairperson of CSE Department, presented the speaker with a souvenir for his visit to BRACU amid rapturous applause from the entire audience.