

## BRAC University on higher study abroad

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UNESCO Club, BRAC University(UCBU), Dhaka hosted an event on November 30 titled Session on Education at UK and Workshop on IELTS at BRAC University (BU) auditorium. The event was co-organized by British Council , and Office of Student Affairs, BU and Department of Strategy and International Programs (DSIP), BU were the co-organizer of the event. Director of DSIP Mr Khan Ahmed was guest of honor for this event. Mr Justin Wood, the University

representative of Coventry University, UK described the glamour of this event. Also, four delegates from British Council (BC) led by Miss Shagufta were also present on that event.

The event started at 11 am and ended at 1:20 pm. Vice-President (VP) of the club, Nishat Tarannum hosted the event. She started by thanking everyone for joining the session and then proceeded to a video that showed interest of BU's students for studying abroad.

Mr Khan Ahmed Murshid said, "Studying abroad is a time's demand now. Our country is producing more and more potential talents and they are not only serving our country but the whole world at different high sectors. BU students are very well prepared and deserve to be at the peak of success. He then said that IELTS is an important part of getting admission at universities of different nations. Scoring a good score is all about hard work and there's no shortcut to this. After that, he thanked UCBU for organizing an event of such standard and praised the effort of this club. He also praised BC and thanked them for being at the university premise. Later President Upal Aditya Oikya gave away Gracious Support Award to Mr Khan Ahmed Murshid.

Then Mr Wood was invited to come on stage and talk about abroad study. Mr Wood came up with a PowerPoint presentation which delivered a lot of useful information about Coventry University as well as some other universities of UK. His speech covered information regarding cost, accommodation and financial facilities, requirements and probable problems that anyone can face to study abroad.

During this speech, volunteers of the event distributed a bag full of pen, pad, IELTS handout, and some other little gifts from BC. Each guest handed over these complements. Mr Wood stated, "Engineering and Law are the key subjects for focusing at UK and a huge field of

opportunity is open for these subjects." There was a short question-answering session afterwards and he said that he would be available for any consultation for the rest of the time, till the event ends.

Miss Shagufta, the leader of the BC team to talk on two topics: studying abroad and IELTS. The guest asked for permission from the audience whether she could speak in Bangla or not, stating in a sarcastic tone that her English skill might be a little weak. Her speech focused on the importance of IELTS and how to study abroad. Being a BC representative for quite a long time, she shared her experience of many cases where students deserve but for the lack of scope cannot go for an abroad study. During the session, she kept communicating with the audience by taking feedback and answering some instant questions.

After Miss Shagufta finished, host then called another female delegate of British Council. She explained the four parts of IELTS - 1.Reading, 2.Writing, 3.Listening and 4.Speaking. This was more entertaining session than the previous one as the speaker of this session kept audience busy with some exercises given on the PowerPoint file she was presenting. The delegate explained all the 4 parts briefly and after explanation of each part, a little practice session was took place. After her speech, the delegate asked host to conclude this event. The host then called upon Miss Shagufta to conclude the session and by thanking UCBU.

There was a short photo session with all the participants of the event and the organizers while students received a refreshment pack and a letter of participation.

In short, this was a great event from the club's point of view. People appreciated the event and such effort from this club and stated that having such events more and more would be helpful for all. This event would not have been possible without the help of Office of Co-Curricular Activities, Office of Student Affairs, DSIP and BC.

The whole-hearted participation from club members made it easy for the organizers to hold a high standard on completing the event. This was the third indoor and overall the fourth major event of this club for current semester.

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