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## **Paper Presentation at ADB Regional Workshop**

Assistant Professor Tureen Afroz of the School of Law was invited as a "Resource Speaker" at the Regional Workshop for Strengthening the Criminal Justice System organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on May 30-31, 2006 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Bangladesh. The workshop was participated by the chief justices and senior officials of the judiciary, ministers of law, heads of law commissions, attorney generals, senior members of the prosecutorial service, heads of the police force and senior members of the BAR of Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. Tureen also presented her research paper, entitled, "Access to Law and Information: The Bangladesh Perspective" at the Regional Workshop.

## **MGB Seminar on Higher Education**

The seminar on "Higher Education and community Development" organised by MGB Department was held on May 29, 2006. President of Canadian Education and Training Services Dr Gertrude Anne MacIntyre was the key speaker at the seminar. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU and Dr Humayan Murshed were present.

## **Advising and Registration for Spring 2006**

Advising and the registration of the students for Summer-2006 took place from May 28, 2006 and continued till June 7, 2006.

## **ARC Faculty Presented Keynote Paper**

Dr. Q M Mahtab-uz-Zaman, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture presented a keynote paper on "Sustainable Open-Built Ratio' for Dhaka City" at the Public Seminar on Building Regulation for Dhaka City organised by REHAB and Institute of Architects Bangladesh, held on May 26, 2006.

## **ARC Faculty Attended Workshop**

Dr. Zainab Faruqui Ali participated in the workshop titled 'Building Administrative Capacity in the Institutions of Higher Education in Bangladesh' organized by the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, State Department USA and American Institute of Bangladesh Studies on 20-25 May 2006 at the BPATC, Savar. Eminent Professors and administrators from Pennsylvania State University and Wake Forest University, USA conducted the workshop.

## **Grade Sheet of Spring Semester**

Grade sheets of Spring Semester 2006 were hosted on the BU website on May 24, 2006.

## **BTV Interviewed VC**

BTV interviewed Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU on "Submarine Cable" on May 20, 2006. Among others, Minister and Secretary, Ministry of Post & Tele Communications were present.

## **Cultural Program in RTV**

As a part of RTV's special program on 'Singers, lyricists and composers at Private Universities of Bangladesh', RTV videotaped a Cultural program by the cultural club members of BU (BUCuC) on May 20, 2006. The songs were written, composed and sung by the members of BUCuC.

## **Orientation Program, Summer 2006**

### **Day 1**

The Orientation Program for new students was held in BRAC Centre Inn on May 21, 2006 and at BU Campus, Savar on May 22, 2006. The programs included welcome address by Ms. Nirvana Mujtaba, Student of ESS, VC's Address, Pro-VC's address on BU requirements and life in BU and discussion about 'my BU life' by Ms. Farah Sharmeen, Alumni from MGB. The Program was followed by an informal get together of new students, parents, faculty members and management executives over a cup of tea and snacks.

### **Day 2**

The Program of Day 2 was held at BU Campus, Savar. Virtual tour of the BU Campus and reflection on the first day of the orientation, presentation on how to do well in BU by Dr. Mumit Khan, Associate Professor, CSE, discussion on Academic System and Rules by Ms. Rizwana Sahnaz, Student, ESS, discussion on Advising & Registration by Mr. Eshad Ekram, Student, CSE, presentation on how to find information in BU by Mr. Masum Ahmed Sachi, Student, MGB, brief on BU scholarship Policy by Ms. Nirvana Mujtaba, Student, ESS and a brief on the co-curricular activities at BU by Ms. Sahana Bajpaie, Lecturer ENH formed part of the Day 2 Program. Later a Panel discussion was conducted with Pro-VC in the chair and with all the Departmental Chairs and Directors responding to students' queries. The program was followed by a lunch and cultural program conducted by BU students.

## **ARC Faculty Attended International Training program**

Dr. Q M Mahtab-uz-Zaman, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture attended an international training program on Shelter Design and Development at Lund University (Housing Development and Management), Sweden from April 18, 2006 to May 13, 2006. His participation was funded by SIDA and BU.

## **ARC Faculty Participated in Tagore Birth Anniversary Celebrations**

Dr. Zainab Faruqui Ali participated in the Tagore Birth Anniversary celebrations on 25 Boishakh, May 09, 2006 in India. She performed at events held at Rabindra Sadan, Salt Lake City and Nazrul Mancha in Kolkata, India.

## **Admission Test-2, Summer 2006**

Admission Test-2 for Graduate and Undergraduate programs was held on May 05, 2006. Written test results were announced on May 08, 2006. Interviews of the selected candidates were conducted on May 10, 2006. The names of candidates finally selected for the Graduate & Undergraduate programs were announced on May 14, 2006.

## **Final Exam, Spring 2006**

The classes of Spring Semester 2006 ended on May 04, 2006. Final Exams of the Spring Semester 2006 started on May 9 and finished on May 17, 2006.

## **Academic Council**

The 21st Meeting of Academic Council was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at the Conference Room of

University Building. Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU, chaired the Meeting.

## **Update on Ayesha Abed Library**

### **Training on Use of digital resources for BU faculty/staff members**

A training program was conducted by the library for the young faculty members and the officials of BU on May 06, 2006 at BU. Senior Information Officer/ Librarian of ICDDR,B was invited as the Trainer. Eleven participants, including faculty members, researchers and officials attended the program, were briefed on how to search journal articles in HINARI, and other e-resources.

### **Library Orientation Program for Summer Semester 2006**

A Library orientation program was arranged on May 21, 2006 for the new students of Summer Semester 2006 to inform them about library facilities, resources, etc. In addition to direct communication, a printed bookmark was distributed to them. The bookmark contains necessary information about the library.

### **Updating the library Website**

The library website has been updated to make it more informative, descriptive and user friendly. A young Computer Engineering graduate Zahurul Md. Tamim from BU working as Jr. Librarian-IT at Ayesha Abed Library redesigned the new Library website and arranged a number of demonstrations to get feedback from the University authorities. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU, Dr. Sayed Salam, Chairperson, CSE, Dr. Mumit Khan, Associate Professor, CSE, Ms. Jean C. Sack, Consultant, Ayesha Abed Library (AAL), BU, Mr. Md. Abdul Hayee Sameni, Librarian, BU, and other library staff observed the demonstrations held on May 24, 2006.

## **Update of School of Public Health**

### **Course Update**

The students successfully completed the course on "Biostatistics". Dr. M. Shahidullah, visiting Fulbright Scholar at the School from University of Illinois, USA taught the course. Eben Kenah of ICDDR,B and doctoral fellow at Harvard University and Dr. Mizanur Rashid Shuvra, local faculty member, served as Teaching Assistants. Dr. Abbas Bhuiya, ICDDR, B, was the course coordinator.

### **International Director attends Neonatal Workshop**

Dr. Demissie Habte, International Director, participated in a workshop on " Neonatal Infectious Diseases in Developing Countries" during May 02-03, 2006, in San Francisco, USA. Participants were paediatric researchers, societies and other organizations committed to child health.

### **MPH Coordinator attended RPC Meeting**

Dr. Shahaduz Zaman, Coordinator, MPH program attended the inception meeting of a Research Programme Consortium (RPC) on Communicable Diseases during May 15-22, 2006, at Leeds University, U.K. This is a multiple country project involving government and non-government organizations from Nepal, Pakistan, China, Ghana, Uganda, and the United Kingdom. The School of Public Health, BRAC University, will work as one of the Partners in this Research Consortium.

## **Residential Semester (RS) Update**

### **Debate Competition**

Final debate competition took place on May 1, 2006, in which Maloncho became champion and Nikunjo became runner up.

### **Athletics Competition**

RS sports competitions ended with athletics competition on May 2, 2006. Both male and female students participated in the four items of athletics-100 metre, 400 metre race, 100 x 4 relay race and short put.

### **Concluding Dinner**

Concluding Dinner of the RS Spring `06 was held on May 3, 2006. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC BU was the Guest of Honour and distributed VC certificates to 29 students, for their achievements in different fields, at the program. In addition, prizes for the various inter-dorm competitions were distributed. Maloncho bagged the House Cup for becoming overall Champion. RS Spring Semester 2006 concluded at BU Campus, Savar on May 4, 2006.

## **Career Services Office Programs**

BU Career Services Office has organized a presentation session on 'Developing as a Journalist' by Mr. Zafar Sobhan, columnist of 'The Daily Star' on May 02, 2006 between 9:00AM and 11:00 AM at BRAC Center Inn.

An internship orientation session was held on May 18, 2006 at 5:00PM. This session was for informing the intern students about the procedures of internship. 32 students were present in the session.

## **New Appointments**

Professor Taslima Monsoor joined BU as the Head, LL.B. (Evening) Program on May 15, 2006

Mr. Zahidul Alam Khandaker joined as an Assistant Professor in MGB Department. He Graduated in Computer Engineering from Middle East Technical University and did MS from University of Maryland, USA.

Mr. Imran Mustafiz joined as a Lecturer-II. After completing graduation from Arizona State University, USA he did MBA from North South University.

Mr. Shamim Ehsanul Haque, MBA from Monash University, Australia, joined as Lecturer. He did BBA from North South University.

Ms. Syeda Rownak Afza joined as a Lecturer in the MGB department. She did BBA and MBA from Dhaka University.