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## **ESS Seminar**

Department of ESS, BU organized a seminar on "Happiness and Quality of Life" on October 19, 2006. Ms. Raisa Afsana, Graduate student, ESS was the presenter. Faculties from ESS Department, students were present.

## **Midterm Exams, Fall 2006**

Midterm Exams of Fall 2006 started on October 15, 2006 and finished on October 19, 2006. During the week, classes and other regular activities were also held as per schedule.

## **BU Congratulates Professor Muhammad Yunus, Winner of Nobel Peace Prize, 2006**

Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU and Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, called on Professor Muhammad Yunus in his office at Grameen Bank Headquarters, Mirpur, Dhaka, on October 16, 2006 and congratulated him on behalf of BRAC University for receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, 2006.

## **Public Reception to Professor Yunus**

A team led by Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU attended the Public Reception accorded to Professor Muhammad Yunus in the Bangladesh-China Friendship Convention Centre on October 16, 2006. The team included Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, Chairpersons of the Departments, a few teachers and students from different schools and departments.

## **CSE Seminar**

Department of CSE, BU, organized a seminar on "Computational Sciences and Engineering: A New Paradigm in Scientific Research and Education" on October 16, 2006. Mr. Abul K. M. Fahimuddin, Technical University Braunschweig, Germany, was the keynote speaker. Faculty members and students from CSE Department attended the event.

## **BU-IED Update**

### **BU-IED joined worldwide "Stand Up Against Poverty" event**

At 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 16, 2006, fifty-two members of the BU-IED staff gathered at the conference room and pledged that "each one, personally and professionally, will do everything possible to support the achievement of MDG (Millennium Development Goals)." Dr. Manzoor Ahmed, Director of BU-IED, spoke briefly about the overarching poverty reduction aim and the two education related components of MDG. This was an expression of solidarity with the worldwide campaign being led by the Global Campaign Against Poverty (GCAP), a coalition of NGOs across the world and the PFM -Public Forum for Millennium Development Goals (MDG), which is the Bangladesh counterpart of GCAP. Millions of people all over the world stood for five minutes on 16th October to express symbolic solidarity with the fight against poverty and achievement of MDG.

### **Dr. Manzoor Ahmed spoke at BIDS seminar**

Dr. Manzoor Ahmed, Director, BU-IED was one of the three featured speakers on October 05, 2006 at the seminar of the Bangladesh Development Researchers Forum seminar series on "Bangladesh in the Next Five Years". The Research Forum works under the sponsorship of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). Dr Ahmed's topic was Improving Quality and Governance in Education. Dr. M. Shahabuddin,

Director General of BIDS chaired the seminar. Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, founder of Viswa Shaitya Kendro, was the special guest.

## **School of Public Health (SPH) Update**

### **Course Update**

The MPH students successfully completed the course "Reproductive Health " during the period October 8-19, 2006. The course was taught Dr. Marge Koblinsky, ICDDR,B and Dr. Sabina Rashid, Assistant Professor, BRAC SPH. Dr. Farhana Sultana, Research Associate, BRAC SPH, was the teaching assistant for the course.

### **University of Alberta collaborates with James P. Grant School of Public Health**

James P. Grant School of Public Health is now a cooperating site of the International Institute of Qualitative Methodology, University of Alberta, Canada.

### **Seminar Series**

Naseem Rashid, MBBS, FCPS, FRCOG, MPH, was guest speaker for the Seminar held at the School on October 18, 2006. His presentation was titled "Afghanistan Experience, Maternal and Child Health." Dr. Rashid worked in Afghanistan on a Maternal and Child Health Project of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and currently is Consultant and Chair, Department of OB/GYN at United Hospital, Gulshan.

## **ARC Programs**

### **Faculty attended leadership program in USA**

Dr. Zainab Faruqui Ali participated in a program on "Building Administrative Capacity in Bangladeshi Institutions of Higher Education" organized by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State, USA and the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies. The month long intensive program was conducted by the College of Education at Pennsylvania State University where participants from ten Bangladeshi universities attended visits, meetings, discussions and presentations with deans, administrators, and presidents of various public, private, faith-based and HBCU universities in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio and Washington DC. The program ended with meetings with the representatives of Bangladesh Desk and administrators of the State Department. Representatives of both USA and Bangladeshi universities will be working on future collaboration on various aspects of higher education.

### **Faculty delivered lecture at the University of Illinois, Chicago**

On October 26, 2006, a lecture on 'Kahn in the Tropics' was delivered by Dr. Zainab Faruqui Ali at the School of Architecture at University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Zainab talked about the works of Kahn, focussing on the National Assembly Building at Dhaka from the bioclimatic point of view to show the various elements and strategies used successfully by the architect in dealing with the climatic problems of the context. Undergraduate students, faculty and architects attended the lecture.

### **Angan Studio Lecture:41**

Angan Studio Lecture: 41 on "Handmade School in Bangladesh" by Austrian Architect Anna Heringer on a school designed for the Proshika an NGO was held on October 18, 2006. It was an informal lecture for the students, on "the School" done for the NGO Proshika, in Dinajpur. Through a lively slide show, Anna shared her experiences gathered while working with indigenous material like mud and bamboo with local masons. Teachers and students of the department of architecture attended the event.

## **Club/Forum Activities**

### **FCBU Meeting**

Football Club of BRAC University (FCBU) organized a meeting on October 10 2006. It was the first formal meeting with their newly appointed advisor Mr.Suntu Kumar Ghosh, Lecturer, BRAC Business School. The club's office bearers and general members attended the meeting and discussed about the upcoming Intra University Football Tournament-Spring-2007 and other FCBU issues. The meeting was followed by an Iftar

Party.

**BU Film Club (BUFC)**

BUFC screened the film "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" at BU Campus, Savar On October 29, 2006. The show received enormous response from the resident students.

**BRAC University Drama and Theatre Forum (BUDTF)**

BUDTF organized a 4-day workshop covering various aspects of drama and theatre on from October 29, 2006. The workshop was conducted by Mr. S M Mohsin, Director Shilpa Kala Academy and was attended by twenty members of BUDTF.

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