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Department of Architecture

Chairperson attends meeting of the Aga Khan University Thinking group for Architecture and Human Settlements

Chairperson Department of Architecture, Prof. Fuad H Mallick attended the third meeting of the Aga Khan University Thinking Group for Architecture and Human Settlements held in Nairobi, Kenya and Zanzibar from 28 - 31 August. The thinking group is responsible for preparing a blueprint for a School of Architecture and Human Settlements at the Aga Khan University. Prof. Mallick also visited the School of Architecture, Nairobi University and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture conservation project in Zanzibar.

Faculty left for Cornell University as part of Fulbright visit

Under the Fulbright Scholarship, Dr. Mahtab-uz Zaman, Associate Professor of the Department of Architecture left for Cornell University, Ithaca on 28 August for 6 months.

Faculty attends Graduate Course in Oslo

Rehnuma Parveen, Lecturer of the Department of Architecture attended a graduate course on Energy Planning and Sustainable Development at ISS, University of Oslo, Norway from 25 June-03 August 2007. The course was fully funded by NORAD.

Guest Lecture

Gerald Kozicz, lecturer of TUGRAZ, Austria delivered a lecture on 01 August 2007 on 'Modern Architecture within a Cultural Heritage Site' at the Department of Architecture, BRAC University. Mr. Kozicz discussed how the heritage city of GRAZ, Austria is exploring the potential of modern Architecture within the limited scope. Students and teachers of the department attended the lecture.

As part of ARC 293: Music Appreciation course, Simona Popova, eminent musicologist & faculty, American International School delivered a lecture on Rock & Roll on 08 August 2007 at the Department of Architecture. The lecture focused on 'The History of American Music'. Teachers and students from different departments attended the lecture.

Study Trip

As part of PHI 521: Philosophy and Architecture, Department of Architecture organized a study trip to the National Assembly Building, Dhaka on 13 August 2007 for the students of the Senior IV. Main objective of the trip was to let the students understand Louis I Kahn's Philosophy. Professor, Shamsul Wares, Visiting faculty, Department of Architecture, BRAC University and lecturer Nesfun Nahar accompanied 27 students on this trip.

BRAC Business School (BBS)

The students of BRAC Business School (BRAC University) recently visited the Mahmudnagar, Narayanganj Plant of Cemex Cement Bangladesh Limited (CCBL). The management of Cemex Cement Bangladesh Limited hosted the visit and took the students on a tour of the plant. About twenty students visited the plant. Faculty members of BRAC Business School, Mr. Shamim Ehsanul Haque, Mr. Anup Chowdhury and Ms. Moutushi Tanha accompanied the students. The Plant Director Mr. Daniel and the Maintenance Manager Mr. Khondoker Nuruddin Ahmed welcomed the BBS team. Mr. Sharif Akhter, the Strategic Manager of CCBL was also present during the tour. Mr. Akhter and Mr. Daniel started the tour with a joint presentation, detailing the operation and achievements of Cemex Cement Bangladesh Limited. The students gained valuable practical exposure to operations management, inbound and outbound logistics, and cement production in general as they toured different sections of the plant and asked questions.

BIZ BEE Seminar on Brand Management

BIZ BEE arranged a seminar on Brand Management on August 2, 2007. The seminar held at UB 403 from 2

pm to 3.40 pm. Ms. Irum Iqbal, Public Relations & Communications Manager of Banglalink, conducted the program, which was about the brand positioning of one of Banglalink's recent packages. At the beginning, Ms. Iqbal introduced herself and her 2 staff. She also requested the present audience to introduce themselves. Ms. Iqbal started the discussion with the history of "Banglalink" and its mother company "Orascom"- how from the beginning of its journey Banglalink tried to establish its brand, the tools it uses and how "Banglalink" tried to take a permanent place on people's mind. She also talked about their aggressive marketing strategy and their focus on the culture of this country.

Moreover, The honorable Dean of BBS, the Head of the Department of English were also present in the seminar along with the Faculty members of BRAC Business School. The audience felt that it was really a useful learning experience for them and was a great opportunity to know how in reality, large organizations work for their Brand establishment and management.

BRAC School of Public Health (BSPH)

MPH Student Course update

Students successfully completed courses on Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases, taught by Prof Richard Cash and Steve Luby, while Dr. Kazi Mizanur Rahman was the teaching assistant for the course. This course ended on August 16. The course on "Public Health Nutrition" was also completed this month and was taught by Tahmeed Ahmed and Dr. Ziauddin Hayder, with the assistance of Saiqa Siraj.

Seminar Series:

There were a number of seminars held throughout the month of August. Andres De Francisco, Deputy Executive Director of Global Forum for Health Research presented a seminar titled "Helping correct the 10/90 Gap" on August 5th. Dr Akramul Islam, Program manager of BRAC Health Program delivered a talk on "Scaling up Malaria Program of BRAC on August 6th. The next seminar was on an "Overview of the International Women's Health Coalition" presented by Supriya Pillai, Program Officer, Asia, International Women's Health Coalition in New York. This seminar was held on 16th August. Dr Muhit, a faculty from International Center for Eye Health, National childhood Blindness, Bangladesh presented his work on 21st August. On August 22nd, David Ludden, Professor of Political Economy and Globalization at the History Department of New York University presented on "Beyond the Medical model of Public Health: Understanding Environments of Malnutrition."

Faculty News

Dr. Anwar Islam joined the school as a full-time faculty in August. He has been teaching the course on Health Systems Management since the beginning of the MPH program as a visiting Professor. He received his Masters and PhD from Canada. He worked at the Ministries of Health in Alberta and Manitoba. Afterwards, he worked with the International Development Research Center (IDRC) as a Medical Sociologist. He then joined the Aga Khan University as an Associate Professor and Head, Health Systems Division, Department of Community Health Sciences. Lately, he was with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) as the Principle Advisor of Health Systems in the Policy Branch. Throughout his career abroad, he had been involved in teaching in numerous universities in Canada and elsewhere - the University of Winnipeg (Manitoba), University of Edmonton (Alberta), and Carlton University in Ottawa (Ontario), and at the Department of Community Medicine in Kuwait University.

Robin Heffernan (Canada) also joined in August as a Research Associate. She has a B.A. in International Relations and French (Canada), and an MSc in International Health (UK). She has previously worked for the Government of Canada, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Egypt, and the NGO - Right to Play - as a Project Coordinator in Kala Refugee Camp, Zambia. Her areas of interest are HIV/AIDS, gender, and refugee health.

Presentation of Research Finding

Dr Farhana Sultana presented the findings of the research entitled "Revealing the challenges of urban TB control programme of BRAC in Bangladesh" on the 19th of August before the experts of BRAC health programme. This is a multi-country project coordinated by Leeds University, UK and the principal investigator is Dr. Shahaduz Zaman.

Institute of Educational Development (IED)

BU-IED at Third PEDP II Forum

The Primary Education Development Program (PEDP) II is the main government program for Primary Education in the country supported by a group of 11 donors. A PEDP II Forum is organized periodically to provide space and opportunity for organizations, institutions and individuals involved in primary education to share their knowledge and experiences. The Third PEDP II Forum took place at the Embassy of Japan on August 29, 2007 and as its theme, looked at Professional Development of Primary School Teachers. The Forum was widely attended by personnel from Development Partners (DPs), Directorate of Primary Education (DPE), National Academy of Primary Education (NAPE) and a number of national development organizations. Dr. Manzoor Ahmed and Ali Md. Shahiduzzaman, on behalf of BU-IED, made a presentation to share BU-IED's experiences of programs for professional development of primary school teachers. The first Forum focused on models of school effectiveness while the second Forum featured the experiences of UNICEF, UNESCO and World Food Program (WFP) in the areas of early childhood development and school feeding program.

Workshops

Workshop on Curriculum Framework for Pre-primary and Shishu Bikash Kendra

A five day workshop was organized by the Early Childhood Development Resource Centre (ECDRC) at BU-IED on developing monitoring tools, indicators and implementation strategies for Pre-primary and Shishu Bikash Kendro from 5 to 9 August 2007. This workshop was a continuation of the workshop held last month (July 9-17), on Bangladesh Shishu Academy (BSA) Program Package Review of Shishu Bikash Kendro (SBK) and Pre-Primary (PP) schools organized by the ECDRC. Participants from Bangladesh Shishu Academy, NCTB, Nayantara Communication, Islamic Foundation Bangladesh, Grameen Shikkha, UNICEF, Save the Children USA, BRAC Education Programme, Plan Bangladesh and Inner Force attended the workshop. Their work was presented at a sharing session on 7 August 2007. Along with the participants from the above-mentioned organizations, additional ECD stakeholders such as UNICEF, IER and Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) attended the sharing session. The session elicited a number of suggestions which were incorporated into a draft developed for Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

Workshop on Implementing Primary Education Learning Package

A day long workshop on 'Implementation of BU-IED Learning Package' for qualitative improvement of primary education (subject: Bangla and Mathematics of Grades I & II) was organized by Primary Education Team, BU-IED at TARC, Comilla on 31 July 2007. District Primary Education Officer (DPEO), Comilla, Upazila Education Officer (UEO) and Assistant Upazila Education Officers (AUEO) of Chandina, Head Teachers of piloting schools, two national consultants, TARC in-charge, regional and area manager of BEP, Comilla, learning facilitators and Primary Education Team of BU-IED participated in the workshop. The main objectives of the workshop were to explain the purposes and approaches of learning package to the concerned officials and Head Teachers and to ensure their involvement and role for successful implementation of the learning package. The participants offered suggestions and shared their ideas on implementation of the learning package. The workshop concluded with the positive note of DPEO emphasizing on collaboration between BU-IED and the government primary schools.

BU-IED International Visitors

Professor James H. Williams, Director of the International Education Programme at the George Washington University (GWU) visited BU-IED and BRAC University August 07-27, 2007, as part of GWU-BRACU partnership. James' primary purposes were to work on a collaborative research effort with Manzoor Ahmed, Director of BU-IED, to critically examine PEDP II programme at this mid-point, to consider how such a programme might better achieve its purpose of educating all eligible primary age children in Bangladesh. Interviews and discussions were held with a number of development partners and other stakeholders in primary education. His visit extended to meetings with a number of BRACU staff and faculty, including presentations at the BRACU and BU-IED and a visit to one of the academic programmes of BRACU at Savar TARC. Next activity in the partnership is a month-long visit to GWU by BRACU Pro-VC Salehuddin Ahmed and Business School Dean Iftekhar Chowdhury in October 2007.

Professor R. Govinda of National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), Delhi, India was at BU-IED from August 4 to 10, 2007. Dr. Govinda is the partner institution coordinator in India for the Consortium for Research on Educational Access, Transitions and Equity (CREATE), an international research collaboration supported by DFID, of which BU-IED is also a partner. The purpose of Govinda's visit was to compare notes on community and school studies relating to educational access and participation being undertaken by both institutions under CREATE auspices. Dr. Govinda and Dr Manzoor Ahmed of BU-IED are also engaged in preparing a South Asia review of educational access based on country analysis from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Professor Keith Lewin, Director Centre for International Education, University of Sussex and International Director of the CREATE Project, visited BU-IED from 30 July to 4 August, 2007. Prof. Lewin joined in a field visit to Khanshama Upazila in Dinajpur where field work for the Community and School Studies were underway. He discussed progress of research activities with BU-IED staff.

Computer Science and Engineering

Good News

Heartiest congratulations to Mohammad Safiul Alam, Lab Technical Officer, BRACU who has been selected to attend a workshop on Modern Distance Education & Network Communications, in China, to be held on 8th September 2007.

Congratulations! to Md. Mamunur Rashid for completing his Masters degree in Software Engineering from London Metropolitan University. He is amongst the first from Computer Science & Engineering Department, BRACU to have secured admission to PhD program at Cranfield University. Mamun partially completed his coursework for the Computer Science & Engineering program at BRACU and left for the UK thereafter to complete his undergraduate program.

Mamun will be working on color image based computer storage system. We wish him all the best.

BRACU Faculty Attends China-Ireland International Conference on Information and Communications Technologies 2007

Dr. A.K.M Abdul Malek Azad, Assistant Professor, CSE Dept recently presented his paper in the China-Ireland International Conference on Information and Communications Technologies (CIICT 2007) in Dublin from August 28, 2007 to August 29, 2007.

CIICT is an international conference focusing on topical research in the broad area of Information and Communications Technologies. The conference is jointly sponsored and organized by Chinese and Irish Universities with hosting alternating between China and Ireland. The 2007 conference jointly sponsored and organized by Dublin City University and Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, in association with Hangzhou Dianzi University and was hosted in Dublin City University, Ireland. The conference aims are to strengthen science and technology research collaboration between China and Ireland and also to provide a platform for facilitating academic and industrial research interactions with other countries. CIICT used to produce papers contributed by researchers from China, Ireland, UK, USA, Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong and New Zealand. Topics ranged across the spectrum of Information and Communications theory and technologies from Circuits and Systems and Signal Processing to Artificial Intelligence and Information Systems.



The Department of English and Humanities

The Department of English and Humanities hosted a Creative Writing workshop conducted by Shamim Azad, a bilingual writer and performance poet based in London. The workshop was open to

students from all departments, and took place over three Saturdays, from July 21 to August 4, 2007. The workshop was very interactive and included activities and exercises designed to enhance creativity. The participating students thoroughly enjoyed the informal and interactive nature of the workshop.

Department of Economics and Social Sciences

Achievements

Ms. Sakiba Zeba, Lecturer, ESS has left to pursue two-years Masters in Development Economics at New York University, US on Fulbright Scholarship 2007.

After the completion of Master in Development Economics from Williams College, US under Fulbright Scholarship 2006 Mr. Abu Zafar Mohammad Shahriar, Lecturer, ESS has again left for Purdue University, US to do his PhD in Agricultural Economics. He will receive financial assistance from Purdue University.

Ms. Humayra Malik, a graduate of the Department of ESS has received full scholarship to pursue a Master Degree in Economics at Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

ESS Seminar

Ms. Nirvana Mujtaba, a student of ESS has presented her undergraduate thesis titled "Factor Affecting the Level of Awareness about Water Scarcity in Bangladesh: A Case of High Rise Building in Dhaka City" on Thursday, August 19, 2007. Her thesis was supervised by Tanzir A. Chowdhury, faculty member of ESS and externally examined by Dr. Enamul Haque, East West University.

Tanveer Reza Rouf of ESS presented a paper on the social stratification and class analysis in the formation of the negotiated 'gay' identity titled "The Middle Class Gay Identity in Dhaka, Bangladesh" at the "Gender and Sexuality" workshop organized by James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University on July 29, 2007.

Guest Lecture

Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor, BRAC University delivered a lecture on "The Role of NGOs in Bangladesh" for the course Bangladesh Studies (DEV 101) on August 2, 2007, at Markuli Hall, TARC, Savar. Faculty members of Bangladesh Studies were present during the lecture. Dr. Ahmed entertained many queries of the students about the role of NGOs operating in Bangladesh.

Participation in Debate Competition

Zoheb Ahmed, a student of the department of ESS has participated in IBA National English Debate Competition as a member of BU team held on August 10 and 11, 2007. The team reached to the quarter final of the competition. Dr. Wasiqur Rahman Khan, a faculty of ESS was a judge in the competition.

Global Development Learning Network (GDLN)

Workshop held on ISO 9000, ISO 14000 and OHSAS 18000 by Asian Productivity Organization (APO) through GDLN Center at BRAC University



First ever in Bangladesh APO, an Asia based regional organization, one of the most prospective partners to the Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC) and Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) conducted a distance seminars by Video Conference - on "Green Productivity - ISO 9000, 14001 & OHSAS 18000" from August 20th 2007 to August 23rd 2007, a total of 32 Participants, all from Government institution all over Bangladesh, who are in a process of implementing any quality system attended the Workshop together with 9 other countries in the same session. The APO has been actively conducting various types of training courses and seminars for the improvement of productivity. Since 2004, the APO and the TDLC have worked together to organize a number of Seminars by utilizing the GDLN and all of them were very much appreciated. Another 2 Seminars are lined up in the upcoming month one on Toyota Production system and another on ISO 22000, both of them will also be held in BRAC University Video Conference

Center.

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Institute of Governance Studies (IGS)

This month has been one of growth, change and reinvigoration! On the 30th of May 2007 the Centre for Governance Studies moved from Niketan, Gulshan 1 to Gulshan 2. The new address is:

40/6 North Avenue, Gulshan - 2, Dhaka 1212
(Next to Best Fried Chicken/opp DHL on the road toward Baridhara)

The Centre welcomes three new faces as part of its core team this month. Mr Niloy Ranjan Biswas & Mr Asif Shahan joined the Centre as Research Assistants. They are both alumnus of the Department of International Relations and Public Administration respectively, University of Dhaka. And both hold First class Masters degrees in their respective subjects.

And finally, Mrs Afroja Khanam joined the Centre as a Programme Assistant (academic). She holds a First Class Masters degree from the Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka. The Centre is also very pleased to announce that Ms Tahmina Rahman has signed the contract to join the Centre from July 2007 as Research Coordinator. She currently holds a senior position within the International Secretariat of Amnesty International, London. She holds a LLM from the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

The Centre also selected twenty five students for the Masters in Governance & Development programme, scheduled to start in the third week of July. The Admission tests & group interviews were held on the weekend of 1st and 2nd June, followed up with individual interviews for selected candidates on 8th June.

Mr Manzoor Hasan & Dr Rizwan Khair also attended the workshop National Level Workshop on the 7th Global Forum: Building trust in Government, organised by the UNDP on 17th June. Mr Manzoor Hasan also presented a paper at this workshop.

On the invitation of the Young Economists Forum at North South University (NSU), Mr Haydory Akbar Ahmed presented the keynote paper on Bangladesh Bank Autonomy: Some Thoughts at the International Conference of Young Economists 2007 on 17th June 2007.

On 18-19th June, Mr Manzoor Hasan, Mr Haydory Akbar Ahmed & Mr Sanjan Haque attended the Workshop on Media and Information Environment in Bangladesh arranged by the World Bank Institute (WBI) at Sonargaon hotel, Dhaka. Mr Manzoor Hasan presented the inaugural paper, Right to Transparent Governance in Bangladesh, of the workshop on 18th June.

The Centre is also pleased to announce that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with UNDP on the project to train approximately one thousand candidates for the Parliamentary elections scheduled to be held in December 2008 throughout the country. The Centre is also pleased to announce that it will work on Gap analysis with the Basel Institute on Governance to facilitate the full implementation of the, recently acceded to by the Government of Bangladesh, UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), with the aid of Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Technische Zusammenarbeit (gtz) & UNDP.

Continuing from the success of the Policy Notes on the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), under the project on the Institutions of Accountability, the Centre has begun its second project on the Public Service Commission (PSC). This is being headed by Dr Ferdous Jahan, academic coordinator of the Department of

Development Studies, BRAC University. The Policy Note will be disseminated during the month of August.

Mr Niloy Ranjan Biswas attended the International program on sexuality, sexual health, reproductive health, sexual rights between 26th June-2nd July in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

July 2007

On the 22nd of July 2007 the Centre for Governance Studies changed its title to the Institute of Governance Studies (IGS). The Masters in Governance & Development programme commenced on 29th July, 2007 at the Training & Resource Centre (TARC) in Savar. The Institute is in discussion with the University of Manitoba & North-South University (NSU) to develop a Certificate course on environmental governance in partnership with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The Institute is currently carrying out extensive research on a Policy Note for the 'Institutions of Accountability' on the Public Service Commission. The research is being carried out by Dr Ferdous Jahan with the help of Mr Asif Sahan & Mr Niloy Ranjan Biswas. The findings will be published through a workshop in mid-August.

August 2007

This month has been one of exciting activities and new additions! We welcome three new members to IGS. Ms Tahmina Rahman joined the Institute on the 1st of August to take up the post of Research Coordinator. Ms Rahman received her LLB from the University of Dhaka and LLM from the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), University of London. She left her post of Deputy Director at Amnesty International, London to join the institute. Mr Quazi Tarique-ul-Alam has joined the Institute as Programme Manager (admin) on 6th August 2007. Prior to joining the Institute, he was with Asset Developments. Dr M Emdadul Haq has joined the Institute as a full Professor on 8th August. He joins us after leaving a successful period as Chair of the Department of International Relations, University of Chittagong. Prior to this post he was Professor of Political Science, University of Chittagong. We are delighted to welcome them to the Institute.

The Institute held its second workshop in the Institution of Accountability series on 16-17th August. Dr Ferdous Jahan as Lead Researcher presented a background paper on the Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC) at the 'International Workshop on the Public Service Commission' held at the Radius Centre, Bay's Galleria and the Conference Room, Institute of Governance Studies. Specialists in the field, which included both national and international experts, attended the Workshop. The participants included Dr Sadaat Hussain, Chairman, PSC; Mr. S.M. Al-Hussainy, former Chairman, PSC; Ms. Patricia Santo Tomas, Chairman, Development Bank of the Philippines; and Dr Mohammad Mohabbat Khan, Professor, Department of Public Administration, University of Dhaka.

The Institute submitted a proposal on developing a National Integrated Strategy (NIS) to the Asian Development Bank. The Institute also signed a contract with SIRIUS Market Research Company for a national level survey for the State of Governance 2007 report, to be released in mid-December.

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The Institute can be contacted on its new numbers 8810306, 8810320, 8810326, Fax 8832542.

Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS) Department

Seminars Organized by the MNS Department

Dr. Aparna Islam, Assistant Professor of Biotechnology at the Department of Mathematics & Natural Sciences presented a seminar entitled "Transgenic Plants: Looking through Safety Goggles" on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 10.00 am in Room ST 603. Faculty members of MNS and other departments along with undergraduate and post-graduate students attended the seminar.

Ms. Sharmina Hussain, Lecturer of Mathematics at the Department of Mathematics & Natural Sciences gave a seminar entitled "Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Study of Mass Transfer and Fluid Flow Behaviour in Spacer Filled Membrane Modules" on Thursday, August 16, 2007, at 10.00 am in Room ST 603. Faculty

members of MNS and other departments and some students attended the seminar.

Dr. Fahmeed Hyder, Associate Professor of Diagnostic Radiology and Biomedical Engineering, Yale University, USA, gave a seminar talk on "Imaging Brain Function" on Thursday, August 9, 2007, at 12.00 noon in Room ST 603. Faculty members of MNS and other departments and some students attended the seminar.

Ms. Nazlee Sharmin, Teaching Assistant of Biotechnology at the Department of Mathematics & Natural Sciences gave a seminar entitled "Bioinformatics- Computational Approach to Life" on Thursday, August 9, 2007, at 10.00 am in Room ST 603. Faculty members of MNS Department attended the seminar.

Registrar's Office

Pre-Advising, Fall 2007

On line Pre-Advising for Fall 2007 semester started on August 05, 2007.

Graduate Admission Test, Fall 2007

Graduate Admission Test for the Fall Semester 2007, was held on August 3, 2007. The names of candidates selected for the Graduate programs were announced on August 7 to August 14, 2007.

Undergraduate Admission Test-2, Fall 2007

Admission Test-2 for the Fall Semester 2007, for Undergraduate program was held on August 17, 2007. Written test results were announced on August 21, 2007. Interview of the selected candidates were conducted on August 22 2007. The names of candidates finally selected for the Undergraduate programs were announced on August 28 2007.

Final Exam, Summer 2007

The classes of Summer Semester 2007 ended on August 16, 2007. The Final Exams of the Summer Semester started on August 20 and finished on September 02, 2007.

Student Affairs Office



Certificate Giving Ceremony

Student Affairs Office organized a certificate giving ceremony on August 01, 2007 at the Indoor Games Room for 'Outstanding Contribution to Co-curricular activities' at BRAC University during the period of 2001 to 2006. The Vice-chancellor, Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury distributed the certificates among the students selected for their outstanding contribution towards forming, developing, running and participating in the co curricular activities of the university. Dean Business School, Registrar, Director Student Affairs, Assistant Director Student Affairs along with advisors of clubs and forums and students were present in the ceremony. Mohammad Nazmul Ahsan (BUFC); Annajiat Alim Rasel (BUCC); Muhammad Abdul Hakim Shaon (FCBU); Shayera Moula (BUSEF); Ishtiaque Reza Khan (BUPC); Md. Shamsul Kaonain (BUNSC & BUDC); Tanveer Reza Rouf (BUEC); Ishraq Zahra Khan (BU News Letter); Asif Iftekhhar Piash (BUDTF); Khondker Eshad Ekram (AIESCE); Mohd. Tauseef Anwar (AIESEC); Md. Naimuzzaman (BUCuC); Md. Badrul Alam (BUCuC) and Tahmid Rahman Safi (BUCuC) were the recipients of these certificates.

"Students for Students" Fund

The students of the university, with the help of the Student Affairs Office have initiated a fund named "Students for students". The students will contribute money to this fund to help students in need in terms of tuition, books, and supplies, etc. The students will collect fund by selling tickets of big events such as annual cultural function, screening of award winning movies, concerts, and in the form of donation. The Cultural Club has raised taka 8,000.00 from the sale of tickets of the annual cultural program this semester and The Art Society has raised Taka 350.00 in the form of students donation. A committee, members of which would be nominated by the Vice Chancellor, will work out the operation of this special help fund.

Workshops on Capacity Building in Universities of Bangladesh, 4-7 August 2007

American Institute of Bangladesh Studies and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State, USA arranged a series of workshops on 'Building Administrative Capacity in Bangladeshi Institutions of Higher Education' from 4th August to 7th August 2007 at different universities in Bangladesh. BRAC University Student Affairs Office arranged two workshops at Brac center seminar room. Vice-Chancellor Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury inaugurated session on 'Student Services' and 'Faculty Development' on 4th August '07. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro Vice Chancellor inaugurated the session on 'Career services and Resource Enhancement' on 7th August '07.

Chairpersons, Deans, Directors, Registrar, faculty members and staff of BRACU and other invited universities participated in the sessions. The speakers from various universities of USA present at the workshops were Dr. Tara Fulton, the Dean of Library and Information Sources and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at Lock Haven University; Dr. Syedur Rahman, Director of International Programs at College of Education, Penn State University; Dr. Jack Rayman, Senior Director of Career Services and Affiliate Professor of Counseling Psychology at Penn State University; Mr. Jim Wager former University Registrar and Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management at Penn State University, and Prof. Charles Kennedy, professor of political science at Wake Forest University.

BRAC University Computer Club - BUCC

BUCC General Secretary awarded

On 1st of August 2007, Computer Club general secretary, Annajiat Alim Rasel along with other pioneers from other clubs, forums and societies were awarded a certification of appreciation by honorable vice-chancellor, Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury for 'Outstanding Contribution' to Co-curricular activities at BRAC University.

Inter-University Programming Contest

Computer Club, BUCC invited, top 20 teams from Daffodil Inter University Programming Contest 2007 to an Inter-University Invitational Programming Contest at BRAC University on Friday, 10th August, 2007. The best problem setters have set the problems for this contest, including Shahriar Monzoor, Abdullah Al-Mahmud (Satej) and Manzurur Rahman Khan (Sidky). The contest was very competitive event and provided students with yet another chance to prove their strengths. This contest was a warm-up before the regionals at Dhaka. 26 teams from about top 15 universities consisting of 76 students participated in the contest.

Among the contestants, 6 teams consisting of 16 students participated from BRAC University. There were 1 team from college students as Bangladesh IOI Team, 5 teams from BUET, 2 teams from DU, JU and SUST, 1 team from CUET, DIU, EWU, IIUC, Microland, MIST, NSU, and SEU participated at the event. About 25 volunteers, who are mostly freshers along with 4 BRACU faculties, Dr. Mumit Khan, Mushfiqur Rouf, Abu Muhammad Hammad Ali, Sarwar Alam and few others from BUET including Dr. M. Kaykobad, were present during the event. This contest involving about 150 people took place in 5 computer labs, UB 304, UB 305, UB 307, AH 601, and AH 603. Fahim Muhammad Hasan Turjo and M.

Abdur Rahman Adnan provided support to the judges. Annajiat Alim Rasel, Khandaker Wasim Reza Tonmoy and Eftakhairul Islam helped with taking pictures besides volunteering throughout the event. Other volunteers were K.M. Tasbeer Ahsan, Navid Bin Sukuawut, Taumia Tasnuba Pramiti, Sadia Tasneem Sharna, Antara Debnath Antu, Khandker Raska Urzoshi, Fahd Bin Haider, Rajib Chakrabartty, Ashiqur Jubaer, Hamim-Al-Ahsan, Shahida Sultana Ritu, Shawzia Dewan, Sumit Roy, Dhanad Islam, Nilot Pal, Muttakinur Rahman Chowdhury Souro, Ishfaul Hoque, Meherun Faruque Pinky and many others. This 5 hour long contest started 9 am. Refreshments were served during the contest. The event ended with lunch at 2:30, result announcement at 3pm and closing at 4pm. A real-time rank list was displayed throughout the event using projector screen at the cafeteria to other visitors.

Contest Pictures: <http://picasaweb.google.com/annajiat/BUPC2007>

Further Details: <http://faculty.bu.ac.bd/~rouf/>



Help desk

Besides numerous help desks throughout the semester, a long session of help desk was held on 18th August 2007, Saturday in UB 307. This helpdesk was especially for CSE 110 students. There were overwhelming responses from over 30 students, which is more than one third of the students enrolled in that course in Summer 2007. They came to clear-up their last minute problems with an intention of securing good grades in final exam. The help desk began at 10am and continued till 5:30pm. Annajiat Alim Rasel, Md. Intekhabul Hafiz, Khandaker Wasim Reza Tonmoy and Eftakhairul Islam volunteered during the Help desk. Volunteers were proud of their hard work throughout the semester as they saw an overall improvement of average result of the students of CSE 110 after knowing students' grades.

BUCC Provides Informational Services

In a similar response to blockade that took place in November and December 2006, BUCC volunteers helped out hundreds of students by extending their helping hands during the curfew problems between 22th and 26th of August 2007. This voluntary service of forwarding university notices received from Dr. Sayeed Salam, Website, Registrar's office, Student affairs and other students such as Annajiat Alim Rasel, Md. Nazmul Ahsan, Maruf Muqtadir took place via online groups, phone calls and via SMS. It proved to be very helpful for many for whom Internet service was unavailable or was interrupted and when the same happened for phones or when students who left for their villages.

BUCC advisor went for Higher Studies

On 26th of August 2007, Computer club, BUCC advisor Mushfiqur Rouf went to Canada with scholarships for completing his higher studies. He was one of the top ACM contestants of his time and was invited to a Google sponsored round trip to Google HQ, Mountain View, California due to his being one of the top 40 world finalist of ACM ICPC World Final. He has been working for the welfare of BRACU and BUCC since 2003. Senior BUCC members went to see-off him on the day of his flight. His dedication still allows him to answer our advice seeking emails till today. BUCC will remember him for his about 5 year's long salient contribution to BUCC. Upcoming advisor will soon be selected as the next semester starts.

Cultural Club Celebrated Friendship Day

Written with a pen
Sealed with a kiss
If you are my friend
Please answer this:
Are we friends or are we not?
You told me once but I forgot,
So tell me now and tell me true,
So I can say, I am here for you.
Of all the friends I've ever met,
You're the one I won't forget,
And if I die before you do,
I'll go to heaven
And promise to wait for you.

With this very spirit the members of the BRAC UNIVERSITY CULTURAL CLUB (BUCUC) celebrated "FRIENDSHIP DAY" on the 5th of August. We had celebrated this occasion in a very festive mood, by exchanging friendship bands and cutting cake.

The team spirit of the members is very strong and everyday is a friendship day for us, but on the 5th of August, we were simply given an opportunity of expressing the friendship bond that we all share.

ART Society

Art Society for the month of August 2007, were engaged in two events back to back. The first was held on the 5th of Aug'07. It was an "Art Competition" followed by a "Concert". In the competition the students were asked to listen to the music that was played aloud and to draw according to what they were inspired by the music. There were guest judges who announced the five winners at the end of the competition shortly after that the concert began were the well-reputed band Nemesis performed. Scare Crow and other students of BRACU followed them with performances.

On the 7th August, Art Society collaborated with the Film Club to screen the movie 'Deshantori' directed by

Mridul Chowdhury from Phiriya Ano Bangladesh. The movie is a documentary showing the perspective of today's youth on migrating out of Bangladesh. The audience were captivated and at the end had their own opinions which they shared with the director is general discussion after the show.

BU Film Club

On August 07, 2007 BUFC screened the documentary 'Deshantori' in collaboration with ART Society at UB 403. The show received enormous response from the faculties and students.

Career Services Office

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Fall 2007

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- 4 Jenat Alam Swarna South East Bank Ltd.
- 5 Farah Yasmeen Horizon International Institute of Training
- 6 S M Ahtashamul Hoque Singapore Airlines
- 7 Farzana Ashraf Renaissance Consultants
- 8 S M Khaled bin Halim Standard Chartered Bank
- 9 Tahmina Begum Mercantile Bank Ltd
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- 11 Sabrina Zerin AB Bank
- 12 Md. Abul Hasan Citibank NA
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- 35 H.M. Masum Bhuiyan TNT express
- 36 Md Ashiqur Rahman TNT express
- 37 Rubaiyet Aamrin BRAC

Students who have secured a job while pursuing their internship:

1. Ishitha Afreen Haque at Banglalink
2. Mr. Shairul Kalam at Uniconsult Int. Ltd.
3. Kazi Amrin at the Texas group
4. Md. Tanjir Alam at ZOJE Sewing Machine Co. Ltd
5. Akmal Siddique at Aktel

6. Abdullah Al- Mamun at Eastern Bank Ltd.

Heartiest Congratulations to:

1. Beenisha E Ali (BBS)
2. Tasif Hasan Khan (BBS)
3. Salman Afsar (BBS)
4. Ch Md Azad Al Zubery (BBS)
5. Obedur Rashid Bin Sarkar Kaderi (ESS)
6. Md. Tahmid Reza (BBS)
7. Sharif Md. Makhdumul Alam Arnab (BBS)

They have all been recruited as Management Trainee Officers at BRAC Bank Ltd.

Another congratulations to Shah Md. Azlan for being selected as the Management Associate at the Citibank NA.

One of the BBS Alumni, Rubena Mahjabeen has been accepted into University of Nottingham with two hundred pounds worth of bursary. She will be pursuing her Masters in Corporate Social Responsibilities. Best of luck to Rubena !

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