

From the PRO's Desk

Congratulation to Mr. F H Abed!



BRAC Founder and Chairperson and President of BRAC University Governing Board, Fazle Hasan Abed, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Yale University in the United States for his pioneering work in alleviating poverty and human suffering at its 306th Commencement Ceremony on Monday. Abed was conferred his degree by Richard C. Levin, the President of the University.

Following excerpt read as his citation

"Your work has improved the lives, livelihood, and lifespan of many millions of Bangladeshis, particularly girls and women. Beginning by supplying seeds to farmers and fishing nets to fishermen, you created BRAC, one of the world's large humanitarian organizations, providing education, health services, and financial support. With singleminded determination, you have given the poor the means to achieve economic independence, always demonstrating respect for the dignity of every citizen. Your organization is now offering hope for developing nations throughout the world. For your dedication to your country, and your pioneering work in alleviating poverty and human suffering, we are proud to award you the degree of DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS."

Previous awardees include Nobel Laureates Amartya Sen, Wangari Maathai and Bishop Desmond Tutu. Recipients over the years have been models of excellence and service to our students, to our graduates, to our community and to the world", said Levin. Yale University, Established in 1701, is one of the eight Ivy League universities in the United States.

During his US trip, Mr. Abed also presented the 34th Annual H.K. Hayes Memorial Lecture, held on 31 May at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. Previous speakers at this lecture series include prominent political leaders and heads of leading international organizations.

Mr. Abed later attended the annual meeting of the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP) of the World Bank in Sweden as a member of its Executive Committee.

Department of Architecture

Faculty Delivers Lecture

Dr. Zainab Faruqui Ali delivered a lecture at the Environment and Energy Studies Program of The Architectural Association Graduate School, London of which she is an alumna, on 5 June 2007. Dr. Ali spoke about the works of Louis I. Kahn in the tropical context focusing on the environmental strategies in the design of the National Assembly Building at Dhaka.

Faculty Presents Paper

Imon Chowdhoree, Lecturer, Dept. of Architecture presented a paper authored by him and Yasmin Ara also a lecturer of the department, titled "Blessing or Blight? Impacts of Khilgaon Flyover on its Vicinity" in the 'Asia - Link Asia Urbs Conference'- Emerging South Asian Urban Design Practices and Paradigms hosted by University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. The conference was held from the 07 to 09 June 2007 at the Centre for Housing Planning & Building (CHPB) of the University.



The paper was highly appreciated by the audience and critics. Imon also attended the post conference tour at Kandy.



Angan: Special Event

On 27 June 2007 Angan organized a special event with a lecture titled "Emerging Material, Technologies, Architecture and Computers" by Professor Mike Silver, Pratt Institute, USA. Prof. Silver talked about how the use of advanced industrial technology in Architecture.

Teachers and students of the Department of Architecture of BRAC U and other universities attended the

event.

Demonstration session on Rabindra Sangeet

As part of ARC 293: Music Appreciation course, eminent singer Sadi Muhammed delivered a demonstration lecture on Rabindra Sangeet on 27 June 2007 at the Department of Architecture. He explained various phases of Rabindra Sangeet and the influences on the songs of Tagore through a lecture accompanied by also through vocal demonstration.

Study Trips

As part of their Design Studio Course, the Department of Architecture, organized a study trip to Red Brick School, Uttara and SOS Hermann Gmeiner School, Mirpur for the students of Senior III on Sunday the 24 June, 2007. Another study trip was organized for the students of the Sophomore II at the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) at Savar on the Thursday, 28 June 2007. Studio teachers accompanied the students on these half-day long tours.

Department of Architecture Placement

Employment List

- 01 MOHAMMED EHSAN UL ALAM Vistara Architects
- 02 NAHEEN NURUDDIN Arc Architectural Consultant
- 03 BIJOYA DEBNATH DWM4 Architects
- 04 SHAMIRA ISLAM Environmates
- 05 FARAH NAZ PARVEEN Tanya Karim & NR Khan
- 06 MOHAMMAD NAFISUR RAHMAN Teaching Assistant, Dept of Architecture, BRACU Tanya Karim & NR Khan [Part time]
- 07 ISHRAQ ZAHRA KHAN Tanya Karim & NR Khan

ARC 300: Practical Training [Internship]

Summer 2007

- 01 MD. IMRUL KAYES Bashirul Haq & Associates Ltd.
- 02 KARISHMA MEHJABEEN DOHA Shatotto
- 03 RUMANA RAHMAN URME Saud & Associates.
- 04 MD. MOKSEDUR RAHMAN Vistara Architects
- 05 SAYMA WAHAB Nandan Architects
- 06 ANITA RAHMAN JA Architects
- 07 MAMUNUR RASHID CHOWDHURY Kun Lim Architect
- 08 KAFI NEWAZ KHAN Marina Tabassum Architects
- 09 TANJINA KHAN Vastu Shilpa Consultants
- 10 MD. KAISAR HOSSAIN Kun Lim Architect
- 11 SAIFA RAHMAN Vitti Stapati Brinda
- 12 MD. RUBAYET IBN ADHAM Architect Pattrick D. Rozario - Synthesis
- 13 MD RAHMATUL AZIZ SALEHIN Shatotto
- 14 FARMIN AHSAN Arc Architectural Consultant
- 15 JISAIMAN AHSAN Neo-Formation Architects
- 16 TANZIA ISLAM Tanya Karim & NR Khan
- 17 MEHNAZ AHMED Vastu Shilpa Consultants
- 18 TASNEEM FARHAN Nairit

BRACU DLC Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) Centre

Video Conference on a report of World Bank, "South Asia: Growth and Regional Integration " A Video Conference on a report of World Bank, "South Asia: Growth and Regional Integration" was held at BU on 27th June 2007 - it looked at several aspects of South Asia's growth and how regional integration can contribute to growth. The two themes are not tightly linked in a causality sense. Rather, the themes emerged as an outcome of a knowledge partnership between the World Bank and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation



(SAARC) Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), which is the apex business organization of SAARC. The SCCI is composed of the national chambers of commerce and industry in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. This partnership resulted in the first SAARC Business Conclave, held in November 2005 in New Delhi. This report was launched by the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and the External Affairs Minister of India at the Second SAARC Business Conclave in February 2007.

Ex Foreign Secretary Mr. Farooq Sobhan made valuable contribution, which was appreciated by all and Mr. S. M. Rezwan-ul-Alam Senior Communications Officer, World Bank Office, Dhaka and Ali Salman of BRAC Business School also attended the Video Conference.

BRAC University represented in Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) Asia Pacific Association in Tokyo

Ali Salman, BBA Program Coordinator, BRAC Business School and GDLN Coordinator participated in the 1st General Meeting for Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) Asia Pacific Association (AP) held from 17th to 22nd June 2007 in Tokyo, Japan. The Agenda of the meeting was as follows:



- 1) To demonstrate to partners that the GDLN AP is a successful network that develops partnerships and creates innovative programs that meet client needs.
 - 2) To reach consensus on a strategic plan for the GDLN AP that will guide partnership and program development, service standards and business outcomes for the next three years.
 - 3) Guide the development of a worldwide GDLN governance structure.
- The meeting was highly successful and BRAC University, also an affiliate of GDLN joined the GDLN AP through this general meeting.

BRAC Business School

Congratulations to Professor Mojib Uddin Ahmed, Director MBA, BRAC University for being selected for the following two papers as best research publication for the years 2003 & 2004.

1. "Level of Information Asymmetry and Market Impact of Seasoned Equity Announcement: A Comparison of Market Research Across Industry Groups".

Journal of Financial and Economic Practices, Vol 3 No.1, 2004, P70 -78, USA

2. "Market Reaction to Seasoned Equity Issue Announcements: Combined Effect of Leverage and Growth Opportunities of the Issuer," Journal of Financial and Economic Practices, Vol. 2 No. 1, 2003, p57-68, USA

Professor Mojib has received the "Dean's Research Awards" for 2003 and 2004.

BIZ BEE Seminar on Globalization and its Impact on the 3rd World

BIZ BEE, the Business Club of BRAC Business School held a seminar last Thursday, July 7, 2007 on "Globalization and its Impact on the 3rd World Political & Economics Dimensions". Dr. Choudhury M. Shamim, Professor of Political Science, California State University, Fullerton, who is currently in Bangladesh for the 1st half of this summer, conducted the seminar in a very informal and interactive atmosphere in which many students and faculty members participated. Dr. Shamim tried to share his versatile knowledge about the key factors of globalization and was optimistic about the prospects of Bangladesh in the global arena, which he called the "Knowledge Economy". Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, the Pro-vc of BRAC University, Professor Dr. Iftekhar Ghani Choudhury, the Dean of BRAC Business School, and Professor Dr. Mojib U. Ahmed, Director of MBA Program, BRAC Business School were among the honorable guests in this seminar. The participants thanked Dr. Shamim for sharing his thoughts in this seminar that was followed by a brief Q & A session and refreshments.

BIZBEE Hosted a Voluntary Blood Donation Program

BIZBEE invited the Quantum Blood Foundation and hosted a voluntary blood donation program on the 24th of June 2007 at the indoor games room. This is the second time for Quantum to run a blood drive at BRACU. The program took place from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm supplemented by a 15-minute documentary to motivate potential donors. Participants received a donor card and would be provided free testing services for six diseases including Hepatitis, HIV, Malaria and Syphilis. In the Quantum team, there were more than 20 members performing different duties including two doctors to check the health of the donors prior to their donation. BIZ BEE arranged lunch for the Quantum team at the BU Cafeteria. The whole day blood donation program ended with collection of 107 bags of blood - more than double the number that Quantum collected the last time around.



Centre for Governance Studies

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 Assistant's. They are both alumnus of the Department of Political Science 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 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 Anti-Corruption, 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.

Teaching Learning Centre (TLC)

During June 2007, TLC hosted the following activities:

Workshop#1: Examining self-motivation and creativity on June 5, 2007

Focus : To help students examine own attitudes towards self-development and play a creativity game.

Facilitators: Dr Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Hammad Ali, Sarwar Alam and student volunteers: Imran Newaz, Golam

Musabbir, Abul Hasnat.

Participants: 180 RS students attended the workshop.

Engaging Peer Tutors at RS:

Focus : To help students tackle mathematics and other subjects.

Time slots and peer tutors were engaged to help students tackle their problems in mathematics and other subjects. The peer tutors will keep a record of the time they spend in tutoring and be awarded a certificate for their efforts.

Clubs-Forums Activities

BU Film Club

BU Film Club has come up with lots of new ideas and activities in the recent months. In June 2007, the club carried out a number of activities for the first time in its history, which added new feathers in its previous achievements.

The General Body Meeting

On 17 June 2007, BU Film Club had the first general body meeting of summer '07 semester. The main objective of this meeting was to welcome the enthusiastic freshers who joined the Film Club. The response from the new students was completely appealing. Beside a huge number of members, advisors Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson, ARC and Yasmin Ara, Lecturer, ARC were present in the meeting. The meeting started with the welcoming speech of the advisors, followed by the members of Executive Body of BUFC [Md. Nazmul Ahsan (GS), Hassan Sameer (AGS), Choudhury Md. Zahid (AGS, Communication & IT), Jobayer Anam Rana (AGS, Event Management), Raied Hasan (Editor), and others]. The freshers participated in an informal discussion later. The meeting ended with a small treat.

The Film Show

On 21 June 2007, the second film show of this semester was held at UB403. The film "Spider Man 3", directed by Sam Raimi was screened and got a huge response from the students, especially from the excited freshers. There were about 130 students in the room and unfortunately many of the students had to leave due to unavailability of enough seats. Overall, the film show was a complete blast.

The Documentary

BU Film Club took part in an inter-university short film/ documentary competition arranged by Dhaka University Film Society. A documentary has been made based on the life in residential semester at TARC. The film illustrated a day full of several activities at TARC and portrayed the unique life that the students of this university experience. The documentary, prepared solely by the BUFC members, has been named as "A Journey of a Lifetime". The film was screened at the German Cultural Center, along with other submissions of the competition, on 25 June 2007.

The Editorial

BU Film Club posted a small pamphlet titled "The Editorial" which came up from the desk of Raied Hasan, Editor, BUFC. This is the first publication of BUFC and can be taken as another symbol of progression. The next write-up is due to be published after the midterm focusing on the activities of the month, with many new attractions. The freshers have been asked to submit little articles, jokes, film reviews, etc. for the pamphlet.



Football Club of BRAC University

FCBU arranged their football practice sessions on 16th and 23rd June 2007. The sessions started from 3:50 PM and ended at 7:00 PM. with half an hour intermission for tea break. 20 and 22 students reported on the sessions on the mentioned dates respectively.

BU Cultural Club

A Tribute to the true Deserves: BUCuC arranged a 'Jolsha' at the indoor games room on 20th of June as an honor to the most senior two members of BRAC University cultural club, Rupam and Tahmid. How are melodies possible without Rupam and Tahmid? It was a fun filled evening with Tahmid and Rupam. Eventhough graduates of BRACU, but they remain to be the 'Stars' for years to come perhaps.



Selection of BUCUC:

BUCuC members have selected their president officially on 23rd of June. All the members of the club were present there. The advisor of the club, Imon sir, coordinated the whole meeting and selection era. And Wednesday has been selected as the weekly meeting day of BUCuC.

Computer Club- BUCC

Workshops

With the motivation that previous workshop attendees such as Golam Muhit Bappi are now fulltime employees of some organizations utilizing the lessons learnt from BUCC workshops, newer workshops were held almost every Saturday of this month. Date for the workshops were June 2, 9, 16, and 23. These included (a) Graphics Design using Adobe Photoshop by Rahat Khairullah, an entrepreneur in this field, Sumit Roy, BUCC's graphics designer and Annajiat Alim Rasel, General Secretary, BUCC. (b) Software Development using MS Visual Basic by Intekhab Sadekin, a part-time software developer and (c) Object Oriented Thinking/Programming by Maruf Muqtadir, a part-time software developer as well as an outsourcer. Being held in a computer lab, UB 307 during 10am to 4pm, these workshops are providing students with in-hand experience learnt by the professionals in their respective fields.

Prize Giving Ceremony of Gaming Contest

Prize Giving Ceremony of BUCC Gaming Contest - Unreal Tournament 2007 was held on June 7, Thursday in UB 403 during 5pm - 6pm. Winner and runners-up team consisting of 12 members in total, received their prizes from the Chairperson, Dr. Sayeed Salam. BRACU lecturers, alumni, and students were present during the ceremony. The gaming contest was aimed to encourage the students towards participating in national and international gaming contest such as World Cyber Games (www.worldcybergames.com). Read about earlier performance of BUCC members:

<http://www.bracuniversity.ac.bd/bulletin/display+template.php?file=2006/september>

BUCC HP-CSL Summer Road Show 2007

A road show on HP products in collaboration with BUCC & Computer Source Ltd (CSL) was held on June 10, Sunday. The venue was Indoor Games Room, University Building (UB). The road show consisted of instant enlarged printing of taken pictures, online IT quiz, free internet access, and prize giving ceremony. The quiz emphasized on information gathering skills, awareness about today's computers, its accessories, and participation in BUCC activities. Prizewinners consisted of BRACU CSE & ENH faculties, CRBLP members, and

obviously, BRACU students. This was another opportunity that Computer Club, BUCC brought to everyone to win lucrative prizes. Prizes were Lexmark Color Inkjet Printer, MP4 & MP3 players and seven Kingston 512 MB Pen Drives.

TopBU Programmers June 2007

An intra university computer-programming contest, the fourth of this contest series, was held on June 15, Friday. There was an online registration system for the contestants. Students from both Savar campus and Mohakhali campus attended the 4-hour contest that started at 9am. Among 20 participants, Loban Amaan Rahman became champion by solving 5 out of 12 problems followed by Tanvir Kaykobad (Sumit) and Annajiat Alim Rasel each solving 3 problems. The judging panel included BRACU lecturers and alumni. There were 12 problems in total set by IMO and IOI finalists and now contestants from BUET, Mahbubul Hasan and Shahriar Rouf. The complete ranklist, problem set, test data and solutions to the problems can be found at <http://student.bu.ac.bd/~rouf/>

Won prizes in TeleMpiad 2007

The contest, TeleMpiad 2007 took place during June 18-20, Monday - Wednesday. Under the lead of Annajiat Alim Rasel, there were 31 registrants from BUCC among which we had 19 Olympiad contestants, 9 Gaming Contestants, 2 Extempore Speech Contestants and 1 essay writing contestant. BUCC members dominated the mathematics part of the telecommunication Olympiad. Both of the winner & runners-up are from BRACU. It may be noted that BUCC members also dominated the Olympiad in terms of participations. More than one third of the total participants were from BUCC. TeleMpiad measured skills in 4 different areas - Telecommunication, Circuits & Electronics, Physics and Mathematics. Unlike previous contest, this time the evaluation was done individually on each subject. Details on the last performance by BUCC members can be found here, <http://www.bracuniversity.ac.bd/bulletin/display+template.php?file=2006/july>

Internal Hosting Service for Students

BUCC started helping CSE 391: Programming for the Internet students by providing them with full support and free space for hosting their course projects (websites) internally so that they can work at ease and explore their full potential. This space will be used to host web applications that utilize Servlets, JSP, AJAX, PHP, MySQL etc.

Prize Giving Ceremony of TopBU

For the TopBU Programmers June 2007 Contest, the contest lunch took place in Topkapi followed by a prize giving ceremony in UB 403 on June 28, Thursday. BRACU lecturers, alumni working in reputed organizations, contestants and volunteers were present during the events. This contest was a warm-up for the coming Daffodil Inter University Programming Contest 2007.

Registration for DIPC 2007

4 teams consisting of 12 students applied for registration for Daffodil Inter University Programming Contest (DIPC) 2007 on June 30, Saturday. The contestants were chosen according to their performances in the last TopBU programming contest.

BUCC Helpdesk

Throughout the semester, there were numerous helpdesk available from BUCC. The largest of them all, was a helpdesk for the students of MSC 142, CSE 101, CSE 103, CSE 110, CSE 220, CSE 260, and CSE 310 that took place on June 30, Saturday. Targeting the midterm, the helpdesk started at 10 am and continued till 7 pm. Volunteers for the desk was Intekhab Sadekin, Intekhabul Hafiz, Imran Ahmed, Md. Eftakhairul Islam and Annajiat Alim Rasel. These help desks provide students with opportunities to cover-up their lackings, learn beyond lecture classes as well as to maintain continuous interest in the courses that they are enrolled in.

BRAC School of Public Health (BSPH)

MPH Student Course update

The MPH students completed the course on Health Systems Management that had started on 13th May. The course coordinator was Anwar Islam and was assisted by Ilias Mahmud. The course finished on 7th June

2007. The course on Health Economics & Health Care Financing took place from 10th -21st June, 07. It was taught by Kent Ranson and Damian Walker and Nadia Ashraf acted as the teaching assistant. The course on Environment & Health is currently underway. It is being taught by Bilquis Amin Hoque & Joe Graziano and assisted by M.R. Shuvra. The course started on 24th June and will end by 12th July, 07

Seminar series

Davidson R. Gwatkin from the World Bank Institute presented a seminar on 'Equity in Health' on 5th June, 07. He talked about ways of measuring equity in health.

The second seminar was presented by Reza-ul-Haque, Director Rural Health Program, Gonoshathya Kendra. He presented on Health insurance on 14th June, 2007.

The last seminar for the month of June was presented on 21st June 07 by Jamil H. Chowdhury, Director - Research & Evaluation, RTM International. The topic of the seminar was 'Public Expenditure Review 2003-04 of the Health Nutrition and Population Sector Program (HNPSPP)'. This review was conducted on behalf of the Health Economics Unit of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to track its expenditure by sources of funding, function and providers of health care services. It also examined the current resource allocation system by linking the system with poverty and health needs and discussed equity and efficiency of the system as well.

Health Equity Workshop



The World Bank Institute in collaboration with the School of Public Health and ICDDR, B jointly offered a course on 'Equity in Health'. This course was tailored particularly for Bangladesh. The four-day course took place from 4th to 7th June, 07 at BRAC Centre. Mr. Ehsan-ul-Fattah, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh attended the inaugural ceremony as chief guest. Abdo Yezbeck, lead economist from World Bank Institute and

Davidson R. Gwatkin facilitated the workshop. This course aimed to share knowledge and policy experience on how health systems can mitigate the effects of poverty and improve equity in the financing and delivery of health care services. The target groups of participants were health sector managers, government officials and public health experts involved in health sector reform.

Faculty news

Nasima Salim proceeded to India to attend the Ninth Short Course in Biostatistics commencing from May 28, 2007 in CMC-Vellore, jointly sponsored by the Department of Biostatistics, India CLEN. INCLIN, Boston University, USAID and WHO jointly sponsored this four-week course.

Sabina Faiz Rashid has been invited to present at "The Transitions-health and mobility in Asia and Pacific" conference at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia from June 24 -26, 2007. She was awarded a grant by AusAid to present on 'Social exclusion of urban slum population in Bangladesh'. She has also been invited to attend the "Women in Asia conference" at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore from June 28-29, 2007.

Amit Bhandari and Nang-Mo Hom

Two graduates of MPH programme of 2007, Amit Bhandari (Nepal) and Nang-Mo Hom (Myanmar) were invited to present at the '5th European Congress of Tropical Medicine and International Health' in the gender and health at Amsterdam on 26th May under "gender and health" category. They had submitted the abstract of their Master's thesis to a panel on abortion, which was accepted.

Nang-Mo-Hom is working as an intern with BRAC and was funded by the project; "Realizing Rights: Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health in Poor and Vulnerable Populations". This is an ongoing project managed at the School of Public Health in collaboration with BRAC.

Amit Bhandari was funded by GTZ through the health sector support program. His abstract has been published in the journal of 'Tropical Medicine and International Health' Supplement Volume, May 2007, Vol. 12, Issue s1, Page 87.

It is hoped that eventually both these studies will be published as reports.

Farhana Sultana was nominated by the School of Public Health to participate in the training workshop on 'Equity in Health' from 4th June to 7th June, 07.

Abdo Yazbeck from the World Bank institute presented a seminar for the faculty of the School of Public Health on 7th June, 07. He spoke on teaching strategies and facilitation skills using participation.

AMR Chowdhury along with 6-member delegation from Bangladesh participated in the International Conference on School Fee Evaluation, Planning for Quality and Financial Sustainability. The delegates included members from Ministry of Education, Primary and Mass Education Department, Education section of UNICEF. The conference took place in Banaka, Mali from 19th -22nd June, 07.

MNS Department

Seminars

Iftexhar Mohammad Shafiqul Kalam, Lecturer of Statistics at the Department of Mathematics & Natural Sciences gave a seminar entitled "A study of some selected socioeconomic, demographic & health related factors of ageing in Bangladesh" on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

Department of Mathematics & Natural Sciences initiated a series of Postgraduate Seminars on some important topics of Biotechnology. The first seminars in this series were held on Thursday, June 21, 2007. Ms. Sadaf Saaz Siddiqi and Md. Saifur Rahman Khan, both students of M.S in Biotechnology Programme gave seminars on "Gene Therapy – Challenges and Prospects" and "Stem Cell Research – A Tool for Survival?" respectively. Faculty members of MNS and other departments and some postgraduate students participated in the seminar.

The next postgraduate seminars in biotechnology were held on Thursday, June 28, 2007. Mr. Mohammad Shahriar and K.M. Shamsul Arefin, M.S in Biotechnology students made presentation on "Vaccine Biotechnology and Healthcare" and "New Biotechnology for Treatment of Xenobiotics" respectively. The seminars were attended by the faculty members MNS and other departments and other students of M.S Biotechnology Program.

New Faculty Members in the MNS Department

Ms. Nilanjana Rahman and Ms. Hasibun Naher joined the Department of MNS as lecturers in Mathematics and Ms. Fahmida Homayra joined as a lecturer in Statistics during the current summer semester. Prof. Kh. Mezbahuddin Ahmed, Professor of Mathematics, DU, Dr. Laek Sazzad Andallah, Associate Professor of Mathematics, JU and Dr. Jesmin, Assistant Professor, Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, DU joined the Department as visiting faculty in this semester. While the first two are teaching undergraduate courses, Dr. Jesmin is teaching the course on Bioinformatics in MS Biotechnology Program.

Participation in Seminars/ Workshops

Professor Naiyyum Choudhury participated in the 23rd Annual Conference of Bangladesh Society of Microbiologists held on 22nd June 2007 at the Department of Microbiology, University of Dhaka and chaired the keynote session on Microbiological Quality Control of Food and Pharmaceuticals.

Professor Choudhury participated in the National Workshop on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) held on 23-24 June, 2007 at the IDB Bhavan and organized by the Ministry of Environment and Forest GOB. He presented a paper on "Biotechnology Policy of Bangladesh: Linkage with Modern Biotech and Biosafety".

Professor Naiyyum Choudhury also participated in the Workshop on Medical Biotechnology for Medical Teachers and Scientists held on 26-27 June, 2007 at the Conference Hall of the Dhaka Medical College and organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOB. He presented a paper on "Recent Government Initiatives in Biotechnology" in the workshop.

Professor A.A.Z Ahmad presided over a National Seminar on "Tsunami Vulnerability Assessment of the Urban Growth Centres in South-Eastern Coast of Bangladesh held at the auditorium of the Atomic Energy Centre, Dhaka on Friday, June 29, 2007 organized by National Oceanographic and Maritime Institute (NOAMI). This project has been financed by the Ministry of Science and Information & Communication Technology, GOB. Dr. C.S. Karim, Advisor in charge of the Ministries of the Agriculture, Fisheries and

Environment inaugurated the seminar. Mr. A.K. Shahidul Hasan and Mr. Abdul Matin Mondol presented the keynote paper. Researchers and scientists from different universities and R/D organizations of the country attended the seminar and participated actively in the technical session. Professor A.A.Z. Ahmad presided over a Seminar on the above-mentioned project held at Cox's Bazar on Friday, June 15, 2007. This seminar was participated by various district level officers, UNO's and officers from the Bangladesh Armed Forces.

Professor A.A.Z. Ahmad presided over the Closing and Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the 14th National Workshop on Astronomy at the Alliance Francaise on June 30, 2007. The workshop organized jointly by the Bangladesh Astronomical Association and Alliance Francaise, Dhaka was held from April 21, 2007 to June 30, 2007 and was attended by over 50 participants from different academic backgrounds and levels. The workshop comprised lectures by distinguished scientists on different aspects of astronomy, cosmology and space science and also observational activities.

Career Services Office

SUMMER 2007 Internship Placement

- 1 Ch Md Azad Al Zubery BRAC
- 2 Farjana Alam Paxar
- 3 Imran Farook Prime Bank
- 4 Eva Veronica Costa Standard Chartered
- 5 Abul Kasem M Tanvirul Huda BRAC Bank
- 6 Sadia Tanjina TNT Express
- 7 Claudia Biswas Prime Bank
- 8 Wasif Bin Zafar BRAC Bank
- 9 Sayedur Rahman Dhaka Bank
- 10 Washu Bin Mohsin TNT EXpress
- 11 Faisal Ahmed Bitopi Ad
- 12 Tahmid Rahman Safi GrameenPhone
- 13 Rafael Mahbub GrameenPhone
- 14 Dulchi Fatema BAT
- 15 Chinmoy Chaki BRAC Bank
- 16 Saif M M Islam BATB
- 17 Md Mostafizur Rahman BRAC Bank
- 18 Md Mohiuddin Sarker HSBC
- 19 Fabiha Ashekeen Ahmed Standard Chartered
- 20 Rakshinda Sayeed Grey
- 21 Mourtoza Syed Ali Green Delta
- 22 Razwan Siddiquei Trust Bank
- 23 Md Saiful Islam khan BRAC
- 24 M Ehsanul Hoq Premier Bank
- 25 Indrajeet Bhattacharya STS Group
- 26 S M Nasim Uddin Eastern Bank
- 27 Khondokar Fahmid Rahman A positive Ad frim
- 28 Mufar Reha Rahman Standard Chartered
- 29 Arifah Nowreen Mobil
- 30 Ipshita Habib ONE bank
- 31 Sadia Afrin Monami Siemens
- 32 Marufa Samina EXIM Bank
- 33 Md Hafizur Rahman BRAC Bank
- 34 Istiak Hasan BRAC Bank
- 35 Argina Wahab HSBC
- 36 Basimah Saifullah Emirates
- 37 Sadia Kamal Motorola
- 38 Abul Farah Nazmuddin Ahmed HSBC
- 39 A U M Golam Raihan Holcim
- 40 Md Ali Sagor BRAC Bank

- 41 Debjani deb Nath Mutual Trust bank
- 42 Md Abul Hossain Robin STS Group
- 43 A K M Feroz Kabir Islami Bank
- 44 Razib Uddin Ahmed BRAC Bank
- 45 Pallab Debnath BRAC Bank
- 47 Md. Sajjadul Karim DHL
- 48 Towfic Mahbub City Bank
- 49 Asif Arafat Islam Banglalink
- 50 Md Rofiqul Islam Khan BRAC Bank
- 51 Tahmina Begum Mercantile Bank
- 52 Md Sanwar Hossain Rifa Plastics & Melamine
- 53 Md Selim Reza Bashundhara Gp
- 54 A S M Mamunur Rashid Bhuiyan BRAC Bank
- 55 Tareak Md Rashed ul Habib Uttura Bank
- 56 Shaikh Shakil Uddin EBL
- 57 Md Shariful Islam Prime Bank
- 58 Mahmudul Hassan Navana
- 59 Raisul Karim Partex
- 60 Mohammad Shahriar Rahman Beximco
- 61 Md Badrul Alam Buying house
- 62 Md Rabiul Bari Islam Grameen Phone
- 63 Iftakhar Morshed BOC
- 64 Kazi Ekramul Kabir Sanofi Aventis
- 65 Md. Nahid Hasan APL Logistics
- 66 Md. Shahed Pervez BRAC Bank