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BBC Radio Interviews VC

The BBC Radio interviewed Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU on the 'Problems of Planning and Construction of Buildings' on April 28, 2005.

Certificate Distribution

Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU distributed certificates among the participants in the BU Annual Cultural Program in BU Cafeteria on April 28, 2005. Professor Fuad H Mallik, Chairperson, ARC, Dr. Zainab F Ali, Director Student Affairs, faculty members and students attended the event.

ARC Faculty Receive Award

A Q M Abdullah, Lecturer, Department of Architecture presented two papers at the 10th International Conference of CAADRRIA (Association for Computer Aided Architectural Design Research In Asia) held in New Delhi from April 28-30, 2005. The co-authors of one of the papers include Emran Hossain, part time faculty at the department. Mr. Abdullah received the 'Young CAADRRIA Award' at the conference.

VC's Interview in ATN Bangla

ATN Bangla took an interview of Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU on April 26, 2005 for their program 'Shomoshamoik' based on current affairs.

Debate Competition

The final round of the debate competition at the Residential Semester, Savar was held on April 24, 2005 between Falcon and Pelican teams. The topic of the debate was "Technological advancement is the root cause of environmental degradation." Speaking against the motion Pelican won over Falcon. Shayera Moula, (ENH) leader of Pelican team was adjudged the Best Debater.

Seminar on Stock Exchange

BU Economics Club (BUEC) organized its first seminar on the stock exchange on April 21, 2005. Mr. Khurram Malik, former Deputy General Manager of Chittagong Stock Exchange, gave a presentation on "Investing in the Stock Market".

Law Lecture Series

Mr. Kazi Habibul Awal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Bangladesh and Head of Legislative and Drafting Wing delivered a talk on "Drafting Legislation and the Legislative Process" on April 21, 2005. The Director of the School, Dr. Shahdeen Malik along with other teaching staff and students were present. The program ended with a summing-up by the Director.

Channel I Interviews VC

Channel I interviewed Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU on April 19, 2005 on Spectra TV Show. The spectra Group started making TV programs covering subject like heritage, culture, music, drama, dance etc.

BU Day Observed

BU celebrated its 4th anniversary, the BU Day on April 17, 2005. Professor JR Choudhury, VC BU was the chief guest. In his speech Professor Choudhury said that within a short span of four years BU has earned the respect of one of the top Private Universities in the country. He said that our effort should be to be one of the top universities in the region in next three years. BU started its journey on April 15, 2001. The BU day was followed by cake cutting program ceremony. The other attraction of the program was the food festival to mark the starting of the first month (Baishak) of the new Bangla year. Students put up various home made delicious dishes in ten different stalls. The Chairs of departments, senior officials, teachers and a large number of students attended the function.

Field Visit

BU students attending the Residential Semester at Savar visited some BRAC projects at Manikganj and Dhamrai on April 16, 2005 as part of Bangladesh Studies course. They attended Village Organization (VO) Meeting and visited BRAC Chilling Center. Dr. Yusuf M Islam and course teachers accompanied the students.

BU Annual Cultural Program

BU Cultural Club has successfully held the BU Cultural Evening 2005 at the Bangladesh National Museum Auditorium on April 16, 2005. The event was attended by VC, students and their parents, teachers and staff of the university and invited guests. The program was designed in a slightly different way with a 'modern' theme with modern melodies of the sixties to the popular band beats of folk and modern tunes, gazals, recitation, English songs, folk dance and instrumental music. Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU congratulated the performers at the end for their excellent performance.

Presentation at BATC

At the invitation of Bangladesh Airlines Training Center (BATC) Mr K. Shamsuddin Mahmood, Head of Undergraduate Program of School of Law conducted two working sessions and made presentations on "Legal regime of service conditions of workers in Industrial and Commercial Establishment" and "Statutory safety requirements for employees, entitlements on leave and holidays and compensation for injury by accident" before the participants of General Management Course Program on April 16 and 19, 2005 respectively. The Principal of the Bangladesh Airlines Training Center inaugurated the Course with a short introduction to the program and emphasized the need of such courses to enhance good governance in management.

New Campus Super

Brigadier General (Retired) Shafaat Ahmed has been appointed the Campus Superintendent, BU Campus, Savar on April 15, 2005.

Football Match

The football match included in the House Cup Competition of the Residential Semester was held on April 12, 2005 between the teams of Falcon and Eagle dormitories. Showing an excellent performance, the Falcons won the match by 6-0. A.B.M Saiful Bari (MGB) from Falcon was adjudged the Best Football Player of the competition.

CS Dinner

The 2nd Campus Super's (CS) Dinner of the semester was held on April 11, 2005 at Markuli Hall, BU Campus, TARC, Savar. Mr. Abdul Mueed Choudhury, Executive Director of BRAC was the Guest of Honour. Senior officials of both BRAC and BU, outgoing and incoming Campus Superintendents and some distinguished faculty members of MPH program from USA and Europe were also present. The dinner provided the students with the opportunity of interacting with senior teachers from home and abroad and also with senior executives of BRAC-BU family.

BU team in International Contest

A team of four BBA students from BU participated in the Annual Global Business Challenge Case Competition 2005 at the University of Washington Business School, Seattle, USA from April 04, 2005 to April 10, 2005. A total of 16 teams from 14 countries participated in the competition. BU team was the only team from South Asia. The team showed good performance and earned a lot of praise besides getting tremendous exposure to an excellent North American academic environment. Mr. Shawkat Kamal, Lecturer, MGB, led the team as the Faculty Advisor. The student participants of the team comprised of Ms. Shahina Perveen, Ms. Samia Shaikh Afrin, Mr. Abdullah Al Jubayer and Mr. Syed Niaz Ahmed.

Seminar on 'How to Become an Entrepreneur'

BU Entrepreneurship Development Forum (EDF) organized a seminar on "How to Become an Entrepreneur" on April 09, 2005. Mr. Animesh Kundu, Executive Director of Otobi Limited, Bangladesh conducted the seminar as a second-generation entrepreneur. In his presentation, Mr. Kundu focused on commitment and the unique artistic idea for the success of an enterprise. He viewed starting with small enterprise as a strategy for being a successful entrepreneur. Drawing on successful examples of young entrepreneurs around the world including Bangladesh, he highlighted the significance of their contribution to the development of business in SAARC countries and the other parts of the world. Over sixty students from different departments of and 6 faculty members of BU attended the seminar. Professor Abdur Rab, Chairperson of MGB was also present in the seminar. Dr. Nazrul Islam, Associate Professor, MGB and advisor, EDF and Mr. Ridhwanul Haq, advisor of EDF facilitated the seminar.

VC's Presentation at NOAMI Seminar

Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU presented the keynote paper at the seminar on 'Earthquake and tsunami: Vulnerability of Bangladesh,' organized by National Oceanographic and Maritime Institute (NOAMI) at Atomic Energy Centre auditorium in the city on April 09, 2005. The Director of NOAMI Professor A A Ziauddin Ahmad presided over the seminar. The speakers said, Dhaka is one of the 20 earthquake-prone cities of the world and will experience deaths of 3 lakh people if an earthquake rocks it at midnight at 8 Richter scale. In the event of an earthquake of such a magnitude 42 per cent of its buildings will crumble to pieces. In the event of quake measuring 9 on the Richter scale, 63 per cent of the buildings of the city will be destroyed. The seminar predicted that Shakhribazar area in the old city would suffer greater destruction than other areas of the city. Professor Monirul Haque, member of University Grant Commission (UGC), Professor Aftab Alam Khan, Dhaka University, Mir Fazlul Karim, Director, Biological Survey Department, Mehedi Ahmed Ansari, Assistant Professor BUET and Dr. ASM Maksud Karim, Assistant Professor, Dhaka University addressed the seminar.

MGB Lecture

Mr. Ferdous Ahmed, Additional General Manager, Customer Relations Division (CRD), Grameen Phone delivered a lecture on 'HR Practices in Leading Companies in Bangladesh' being invited by Anisur Rahman Faroque, Lecturer, MGB Department on April 09, 2005. Mr. Ferdous Ahmed had a diversified work experiences in Senior Positions with The Coca-Cola Company, Shell Bangladesh Exploration & Development

B.V., DHL Worldwide Express. He mainly focused on the HR practices in Grameen Phone and other companies he has worked for. He tried to show the differences between HR theory and practice. He discussed about different aspects of HRM like recruiting, interviewing and training issues in leading companies in Bangladesh. At the end of the lecture, Mr. Ferdous answered to different questions from the students. Over thirty students of the course 'MGT301: Human Resource Management' attended the lecture.

Annual Exhibition 2005 of ARC

The Department of Architecture held its Annual Exhibition of Student projects and other activities from April 07 till April 21, 2005. Student projects from all years were exhibited in the common areas. In addition, each of the 6 batches of students currently at Main Campus exhibited their own work in their respective studios, which were designed on different themes. Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU inaugurated the exhibition. Mr. F H Abed, Chairperson, BRAC and President, BU Governing Board visited the Exhibition 2005 on April 20, 2005. Mr. Abed went around the exhibition and discussed various aspects of the works with the students and the respective studio teachers. Later he met the faculty over tea and had a brief discussion with them.

As a part of the Exhibition 2005, an Angan event was organized with a presentation by architect Shamsul Wares on April 3, 2005 at the BRAC Centre Inn auditorium. Another event of the exhibition was a one-day Design Charrette (competition) open to all architecture students of the country on April 15, 2005. A total of 118 students of architecture from BUET, Khulna University, University of Asia Pacific, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, State University, North South University, Stamford University and BU participated in this lively one-day event. Sheltech (Pvt) Ltd. sponsored this event. The exhibition and its events were supported by Tarique Hasan and Associates Ltd., Development Design Consultants Ltd., Architekton (Pvt.) Ltd., Saif Powertec Ltd. and Evince Paper Converting and Packaging Industries.

MGB Students Visit DEPZ

The students of Small Business Management course visited Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ) at Savar on April 06, 2005. The tour was to assess companies situated inside EPZ in terms of attaining excess benefits over others situated outside EPZ. Students visited a company named Superior Footwear, which is a 100% export-oriented safety shoe manufacturer. The General Manager Mr. Siddhartha Guha took the students through the production process and responded to questions on production facilities. The Managing Director Mr. Mamonur Rahman shared his experience in running the business, particularly on general management and several benefits as provided by the DEPZ authority. Mr. Shahnewaz Shishir, the Course Teacher, led the team.

Kite Flying Day at Savar Campus

BU Cultural Club and BU Heritage Forum jointly organized a 'Kite Flying Day' at BU Campus, Savar on April 05, 2005. The students had great fun threading the kites and then flying them in the play field. This was a record kite-flying day since the 'Chaitra' breeze helped all the kites fly very high in the sky. The Campus Super, Secretary Cultural Club, staff at TARC, teachers and house tutors also actively took part in the event.

ENH Seminar

The Department of ENH organised a talk on "Multi-Culturalism in American Literature" on April 04, 2005. The key speaker was Michelle Jones, Deputy Director, The American Center, Dhaka. Dr. Firdous Azim, Chair, ENH, faculty members and students of ENH were present.

BU Team Visited Aga Khan School

BU team comprised of Dr. Yusuf M. Islam, Director, Research and Advisory services, Ms Bushra T. Chowdhury, Lecturer CSE, Mr Moudud Sabbir, Assistant System administrator, Ms Shamsun Nahar Rahman, Student Affairs Officer visited The Aga Khan School on April 4, 2005. Mr. Shayak, a senior teacher of the Aga Khan School, introduced BU team to the students. Dr. Yusuf briefed the students on how BU could offer an alternative to going abroad for higher studies. A video presentation followed by a question answer session was attended by a larger number of senior students as well as some senior teachers. Later the team met with the principal Mr. George Kays and handed him some BU prospectus. BU brochures were distributed among the students.

Drama Workshop at BU Campus

The Drama and Theatre Forum of BU organised a daylong workshop on acting techniques on April 02, 2005. The Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) conducted this workshop. A staging of the play "The Lesson" by Eugene Ionesco preceded the workshop. Kamal Uddin Nilu, Rokeya Rafique Baby and their team performed. Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU, Professor Abdur Rab, Chair MGB, Professor Firdous Azim Chair ENH, a large number of teachers and students enjoyed the show. Members of the Drama and Theatre Forum attended the workshop, concentrating on acting techniques.

Seminar by BU Drama and Theatre Forum

BU Drama and Theatre Forum organized a talk by Burt Caesar British-Caribbean Actor on 7th April 2005. Burt Caesar talked about his experiences in drama, concentrating specially on performing Shakespeare's plays. This was a very lively session, lasting for more than 3 hours, widely attended by members of the Drama and Theatre Forum, as well as by interested observers from outside BU.

Microlab Exercise

Micro lab exercise of the Residential Semester was held on April 02, 2005. Students played the role of different professionals at BU Campus, Savar in a festive mood. The previous evening BRAC officials briefed the students on the exercise and distributed the responsibilities among students through a lottery. At the end of the day, students attended a reflection session where they narrated their experience.

Quiz Competition

A quiz competition was held at Markuli Hall, BU Campus, Savar between the teams of all four dorms on April 2, 2005. In the highly competitive show, Eagle team won the championship while Falcon team became the Runner up. Air Commodore (Retired) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, the outgoing Campus Superintendent conducted the competition.

VC Re-appointed

Hon'ble President of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh and the Chancellor of BRAC University has reappointed Professor J R Choudhury as the Vice Chancellor for the second term. Earlier the Governing Body of BRAC (founder of BU) had recommended the appointment of Professor J R Choudhury as VC BU in its Board Meeting. The appointment has been made effective from April 1, 2005.