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Dr. Mushtaque attends Seminar

Dr Mushtaque Chowdhury, Dean, James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), BU spoke at an International Conference on 'Health Systems and Equity' held at the Spectra Convention Centre, Dhaka on May 29-31, 2005.

ENH Workshop

The Department of English, BU arranged a daylong workshop on May 29, 2005 titled 'Curriculum Development and Course Design'. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the curriculum design of two new courses (Eng 201, Eng-301) to the faculty and to find out ways of how these courses can be connected with others. The morning session had Ms. Shaheena Chowdhury (Lecturer) presenting the process of developing English 201: English Composition II, and her experience of teaching this over the last two semesters. The afternoon session was conducted by Ms. Mafruha Mohua (Lecturer) in which she discussed the curriculum development as well as teaching process of English 301: Research methodology, a course that was offered for the first time to our students in Spring 2005 semester. All full-time faculty members of English department attended the workshop.

BUPC won two International Awards

BU Photography Club (BUPC) is proud to announce that, its member Ishtiaque Reza Khan of MGB won 1st prize in Architecture category and Ikthiar Mohammad also from MGB won 2nd prize in Landscape category in International Inter University Photo Exhibition 2005 (IIUPE 2005) organized by North South University Photography Club (NSUPC). The Awards were announced on May 27, 2005.

Grade Sheet of Fall Semester

The Grade sheets of Fall Semester 2004 were hosted on BU website on May 27, 2005.

Advising and Registration for Spring 2005

Advising and the registration of the students for Summer-2005 started on May 26, 2005 and finished on June 2, 2005.

Workshop on Residential Semester (RS)

An 'Organising for Residential Semester' workshop was held on May 19, 2005. Teachers attending RS in Summer 2005 attended. Problems encountered in previous semesters were discussed and fresh ideas on how to get the students to improve their English skills were generated. Professor Firdous Azim, Professor Abdur Rab, Brigadier General (Retired) Shafaat Ahmed, Campus Superintendent were also present. Dr Yousuf M Islam, Academic Coordinator of the RS Program, chaired the workshop.

Orientation Program

The Orientation Program for new students (Summer Semester, 2005) was held in BRAC Centre Inn on May 26, 2005. The program included an address by Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU, presentation on "BU Environment, Culture and Facilities" by the Registrar and the introduction to the Departments of BU by the Chairpersons of the Department. The inauguration session was followed by a get-together arranged for the new students and their parents, teachers and management staff of BU.

MoU with Johns Hopkins

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health on May 24, 2005. Johns Hopkins is pleased to support the James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), BU for a period of three years, renewable by mutual agreement. The arrangement will involve the participation of faculty from Johns Hopkins to participate in teaching at JPGSPH, share curriculum and course materials and explore the possibility of granting access to the materials from one additional course per year produced by Johns Hopkins Distance Education Division.

Workshop on Case Analysis Techniques

The faculty members of MGB department went to BCDM, Rajendrapur for a residential training program entitled 'Case Analysis Techniques' held on May 24-25, 2005. The purpose of the training was to learn about various case analysis techniques and incorporating more case studies into the classroom teaching. Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU attended the session on the first day of the program.

Research Paper Published

Three Research papers have been published in the International Conference on Information and Communication Technology in Management 2005 (ICTM) held in Multimedia University, Malaysia) on May 23-25, 2005. Mr. Md. Mahfuz Ashraf, Mr. Suntu Kumar Ghosh and Mr. Md. Thoufiqul Islam, faculty members, MGB, prepared the papers. Former Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohammad chaired one of the sessions. The research papers were titled: "Enterprise Resource Planning: Global Perspective", "Cyclic Knowledge Management System in E-Governance: A Case Study of Evaluating Polls on Referendum-Independence of Quebec Using ANN"

Admission Test-2, Summer 2005

Admission Test-2 for Graduate and Undergraduate programs was held on May 20, 2005. Written test results were announced on May 21 and 23, 2005. Interview of the selected candidates were conducted on May 23, 26 and 27, 2005. The names of candidates finally selected for the Graduate and Undergraduate programs were announced on May 24 and 27, 2005.

VC in Aktel Scholarship Program

The TMIB-Aktel scholarship program was introduced in the year 1998 to provide opportunities to the meritorious but financially insolvent students of Bangladesh to undergo Graduate studies in the renowned Multimedia University of Malaysia. The scholarship awarding ceremony was held at Dhaka Sheraton on May 15, 2005. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU and His Excellency Mr. Ashaari Bin Sani, the High Commissioner of Malaysia to Bangladesh were special guests while the Honorable Minister for Posts & Telecommunications Barrister Md. Aminul Haque was the Chief guest of the Program.

BTV Interviewed VC

BTV took an interview of Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU on May 11, 2005, for their program named 'Shomokalin Arthoniti'.

Library Committee Meeting

The 14th meeting of the Library Committee (LC) of the Ayesha Abed Library of BU was held on May 11, 2005. Professor Abdur Rab, Chair MGB and Chairperson of the Library Committee presided over the meeting.

Academic Council Meeting

The 16th Meeting of BU Academic Council was held on May 11, 2005 in the BU Conference Room. Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU and Chair of the Academic Council presided over the meeting.

Final Exam, Spring 2005

The classes of Spring Semester 2005 ended on May 5, 2005. The Final Exams of the Spring Semester 2005 started on May 10 and finished on May 17, 2005.

Prize Distribution at BU Campus, Savar

The prize distribution ceremony of Residential Semester of BU was held at BU Campus, TARC Savar on May 7, 2005. Education Minister Dr. M. Osman Farruk, MP was the Chief Guest and Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), Professor M. Asaduzzaman was the Special Guest on the occasion. VC BU Professor J R Choudhury presided over the function. Later, Education Minister distributed prizes and the VC gave away certificates among the students. The program was followed by a dinner.

BUILD Session

The 9th Session of BRAC University Initiative for Learning & Development (BUILD) was held in BU Library from May 7-9, 2005. All members of BUILD participated in the deliberations spread over three days. Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU was present throughout the 3-day long sessions. Mr. Cole P Dodge, Former Country Director UNICEF, Bangladesh and currently Consultant to BRAC on University Level Education facilitated the discussions.

Workshop on Building Code

The Department of Architecture, BU with sponsorship from OxfamGB and DipECHO organized a daylong workshop on Building Code with special emphasis on Earthquake Disaster-pre & post disaster management. The workshop was held on May 05, 2005 at BRAC Centre. The workshop attracted 50 participants from various agencies in Bangladesh. A total of 12 key presentations were made by selected speakers from NGO's, Government Organizations and Academics. The Minister for Food and Disaster Management Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf MP was the chief guest of the inaugural session chaired by Professor Jamilur Reza Chowdhury VC, BU and also addressed by Anil P Tambay, Country Representative OxfamGB. The workshop was coordinated by Professor Fuad H Mallick and rapporteured by Dr. Q M Zaman of the Department of Architecture, BU.

Workshop at UC Berkeley

Dr. Yousuf M Islam, Director, Research and Advisory Services, BU, participated in a workshop on 'Bridging the Divide' on May 04, 2005 in UC Berkeley, USA. After the presentation, Dr. Islam was invited by the CIDA Foundation (South Africa) and the Studyhall Educational Foundation (Delhi). He repeated the presentation at Stanford in front of Professor Larry J Leifer, Dr Ade Mabogunje and Reinhold Steinbeck. In UT Austin, he repeated the presentation in front of various people, including the Phi Theta Kappa Society. Dr Robert G. Bruce, Assistant Director of the Distance Education Center was also present.

Award Giving Ceremony of Design Charrette 2005

The awards giving ceremony for the Design Charrette 2005 held as a part of the Exhibition 2005 of the Department of Architecture, BU was held on May 03, 2005 with the same enthusiastic atmosphere as the occasion before. A total of ten awards were presented to the winners. The VC, BU, Professor J R Choudhury attended the program and gave away the prize to the first prizewinner. Dr. Toufiq M Seraj Managing Director of Sheltech pvt Ltd, who were the sponsors of the Charrette gave away the second, third and honourable mention awards. Before the prize distribution Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad, Chairperson of the jury board explained about the selection process winning entries. The Chairperson of the Department of Architecture, BU, Professor Fuad H Mallick thanked the sponsor for their patronage and the participants for making the Charrette a successful one.

Full Scholarship for PhD

Mr. Shawkat Mozumder, lecturer of the Department of Architecture, BU has been awarded a full scholarship for PhD studies at the National University of Singapore. He starts his studies in July 2005 and his research topic will be Highway Infrastructure Management. The announcement regarding the scholarship was made on May 2, 2005.

Publication

Dr. Shahaduz Zaman, Assistant Professor JPG School of Public Health, BU has just published a book titled 'Broken Limbs, Broken Lives; Ethnography of a Hospital Ward in Bangladesh' from the Het Spinhuis, Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 2005.

New Appointment

Mr. Abdul Hayee Sameni joined as the Librarian, Ayesha Abed Library, BU on May 03, 2005. Mr. Sameni was the Deputy Librarian, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) before joining BU. Ms Mirza Shamaruh joined as Lecturer in the MNS Department at BU on May 02, 2005. She completed her B.Sc Honors in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Dhaka University and obtained Masters degree in Biotechnology from University of South Wales, Australia. Ms Sharmin Akhter joined as Lecturer in MGB Department on May 02, 2005. Completing her Masters in Applied Physics and Electronics from Dhaka University, she did MBA from Suffolk University, Boston, USA. Ms Nadia Huq joined the MGB Department as Lecturer on May 15, 2005. She did her BBA and MBA from Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Dhaka University.