

## ULAB holds 5th inter-university student conference

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**The Department of English and Humanities at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) has organised its 5th Inter-University Student Conference and Cultural Competition.**

This year's competition themed "The Romantic and The Gothic" was held at the ULAB Permanent Campus in Mohammadpur on Apr 18-19, the organisers said in a media release on Saturday.

The event featured two segments: an academic session and a cultural competition.

ULAB won the cultural competition, while the runner-up was University of Asia Pacific.

The winner of the academic session was Shamael Mortuza from ULAB for her paper titled "The Fault in Coleridge's Stars: A Contrapuntal Reading".

The runner-up was Mairuna Farhin from BRAC University for her paper on "The Darkling: A Depiction of the Byronic Hero as an Anti-Villain".



Liaquat Ali Lucky, Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, was the chief guest at the closing ceremony.

Fifteen public and private universities participated in the academic session on Day 1.

The contestants were judged by Dr Chidananda Bhattacharya, Professor and Head of Department of English, Rabindra Bharati University; and Professor Abdus Selim, Chairperson of Department of Language-Literature, Central Women's University.

Five universities competed for the cultural competition crown. They were judged by Dr Chidananda Bhattacharya; Dr Kirsten Hackenbroch, Director, Goethe-Institut, Dhaka; and Ziaul Karim, Head of Brand & Communication, Eastern Bank Ltd.

ULAB Vice-Chancellor Professor Jahirul Haque and Special Adviser to the ULAB Board of Trustees Professor Imran Rahman were also present during the prize-giving ceremony.

Professor Shamsad Mortuza, ULAB Pro Vice-Chancellor and the Head of Department of English and Humanities, gave the vote of thanks.