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Law Lecture Series Program

As a part of the Lectures Series on Law and Legal Careers, his lordship Mr. Justice Mirja Hossain Haider, honorable judge of High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, delivered a lecture on "the career of a lawyer learning to be a lawyer" at the School of Law on September 30, 2004. Dr. S Malik, Director, Mr. K Shamsuddin Mahmood, Head Undergraduate Program and all students of School of Law were present.

BU Club Fair

Professor J R Choudhury VC BU inaugurated the Fall Club Fair on September 30, 2004. Fourteen clubs and forums set up stalls in the BU Cafeteria and briefed the visitors (students and faculty members) on the mission and objectives of the clubs.

BUPC News

BUPC announced that DRIK has arranged several photography workshops on the occasion of Chobimela III. Internationally renowned photographers and professionals would conduct all these workshops. Those who are interested were requested to contact Mr. Abir Abdullah at DRIK with photography portfolio before September 30, 2004.

AIESEC Parents Meet 2004

The Annual Parents Meet 2004 of AIESEC, BU was held on September 29, 2004. Professor J R Choudhury VC BU attended the event as the guest of honour. A large number of parents, members of AIESEC, and faculty members of BU attended the meeting. Dr. Q M Zaman, Adviser to AIESEC, BU chaired the session.

Visit to Aga Khan School

A BU team headed by Ms Shreyasee Sarma Pati, Assistant Registrar, visited AGA Khan School on September 29, 2004. A brief video presentation on the programs and activities of BU was organized for 80 "A" Level students and some senior teachers. Shreyasee Sarma Pati along with Ms. Shamsun Nahar, Student Affairs Officer, and Ms. Nausheen Eusuf, Lecturer, ENH, interacted with the students and responded to queries regarding BRAC, BU, BU scholarship policy, credit transfer arrangements and the residential semester. The team thanked the participants and distributed copies of the BU prospectus to the students. They also met the Principal and gave him copies of the BU prospectus.

Visit to Scholastica

A presentation about BU was organized for the "A" Level students of Scholastica on September 28, 2004. A video presentation on BU programs and activities was followed by a presentation by Professor Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson, Architecture. Students interacted with Professor Mallick, Dr. Mumit Khan, Assistant Professor, CSE, and Ms. Shenin Ziauddin, Lecturer, ENH. The students asked about BU scholarship policy, the residential semester and credit transfer prospects. The BU team thanked all the participants for their time and invited them to visit BU to see the existing facilities.

Visit to Notre Dame College

Mr. Mahfuzul Haque, Student Counselor, and 5 BU students who passed from Notre Dame College visited

the college on September 27, 2004. The BU team briefed the senior students of the college about the various academic programs and facilities of BU.

Workshop On Entrepreneurship

The fourth module of the five-module workshop on Entrepreneurship Development was conducted on September 25, 2004. The theme of the module was "How to Prepare a Winning Business Plan." Dr. Nazrul Islam, Advisor of EDF and Faculty of MGB conducted the workshop. In total, 19 students from the different departments of BU participated. Mr. Don Yansen of Hartweel Associates, Cambridge, USA, attended as Guest Speaker and explained the nature of Venture Capital and its contribution to the development of future entrepreneurs. Professor Abdur Rab, Patron of EDF, commented on the business ideas presented in the session and informed the participants that BU and Hartwell are planning to set up a venture capital under the name Tiger Leap Fund for the entrepreneurs in Bangladesh to promote entrepreneurship in the country. Mr. Ezaz Ahmed, Lecturer of MGB & Co-Adviser of EDF, and Abdullah Al-Abed, Lecturer of MGB, assisted in the facilitation of the workshop.

Dr. Zaman Appointed External Examiner

Dr. Q M Mahtab-uz-Zaman, ARC, has been appointed as an external examiner to examine Master's of Architecture thesis done under the School of Architecture, National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries of The University of Auckland, New Zealand. The offer came from the Head of School Professor Errol Haarhoff on September 24, 2004.

Visit Rajuk College

A BU team comprised of 5 former students of Rajuk Uttara Model School & College led by Mr. Mahfuzul Haque, Student Counselor, visited the College on September 20, 2004. The team met the Principal and senior students of Rajuk College and briefed them about the academic and co-curricular activities at BU.

BU Library Meeting

A meeting of all the Chairpersons of the Departments was held in Ayesha Abed Library, BU on September 20, 2004. The meeting discussed the various measures that need to be taken for the overall development of the BU Library. The Meeting was chaired by Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, Library Committee.

ANGAN Lecture 21

Angan, Department of Architecture organized its 21st lecture by Architect Bashirul Haq on September 19, 2004. Architect Bashirul Haq talked about his approaches towards the design process in the first part of his lecture, and then elaborately discussed four of his projects namely, Dhanshiri and Gulshan Pride apartments, Bhatshala House, Brahmanbaria and Cyclone shelters of the coastal areas in the second part. Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU gave an introductory speech and also added important information regarding the structural system and cyclone shelters of Bangladesh. The event ended with a question and answer session. Teachers and students of BU and as well as other universities and architects attended the Program. Dr Zainab F Ali, Associate Professor, ARC coordinated the event.

BU-IED Training

BU Institute of Education and Development (BU-IED) organized a training session titled "School Leadership, Management and Action Research" from September 11-20, 2004 at BRAC Centre for Development Management (BCDM), Rajendrapur. A total of 17 participants attended the program.

Governing Board President Visits Korea and Afghanistan

Mr. F H Abed, Founder and Chairperson of BRAC and President of BU Governing Board, attended the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) to celebrate the International Year of Rice from September 15-17, 2004 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. He also attended the International Rice Science Conference in Seoul on September 13-15, 2004. Earlier, Mr. Abed visited Afghanistan from September 1-6, 2004. During his visit to Afghanistan Mr. Abed had meetings with Afghanistan Minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and Minister of Health. He also met the Governor of Mazar-e-Sharif, Chancellor of Kabul University, Governor of Afghanistan Bank, and Ms. Amira Haque, Chief of UNAMA.

Fall Semester-2004 Begins

The Fall Semester 2004 began with all regular activities on September 12, 2004.

Paper Accepted In SAMF 2004 Conference

A research paper titled "A Measurement of Customer Service Quality of Banks in Dhaka City of Bangladesh", written jointly by Dr. Nazrul Islam and Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Department of MGB, has been accepted in September 2004 by the Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA) for its forthcoming SAMF 2004 Conference to be held in Lahore, Pakistan from November 28 to December 01, 2004. AMDISA was established in 1988, with the initiative of leading management development institutions in the SAARC region. AMDISA is recognized by SAARC as a professional association. It is the only association which networks management development centers across the seven nations and promotes partnership between business schools, business leaders and policy administrators to enhance the quality and effectiveness of management education in South Asia. The theme of the SAMF 2004 Conference is Developing Synergies: Facing Management Challenges Together. Lahore University of Management Science (LUMS) and AMDISA will jointly organize the conference. The announcement regarding the selection was made on September 9, 2004.

Orientation Program

The Orientation Program for new students (Fall-Semester, 2004) was held in BRAC Centre Inn on September 9, 2004. The program included an address by Professor J R Choudhury, VC, presentation on "BU Environment, Culture and Facilities" by the Registrar and the introduction to the Departments of BU by the department chairs. The inauguration session was followed by a get-together arranged for the new students, their parents, and teachers and administrative staff of BU.

Makeup Final Exams, Summer 2004

The Make-up Final Exams of Summer, 2004 were held on September 8 and 9, 2004.

BU School of Public Health starts Operation

The James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPG-SPH) of BU started its operation on September 8, 2004 with the nomination of Dr. A M R Chowdhury as its Dean and Dr. Demissie Habte as the International Director.

Dr A M R Chowdhury, PhD, studied in the University of Dhaka, London School of Economics and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Besides being a Deputy Executive Director of BRAC he has held

academic appointments as a MacArthur Fellow at Harvard University, Adjunct Faculty at the School for International Training in Vermont, USA and Visiting Professor at the Mailman School of Public Health in Columbia University, New York City, USA. As a committed researcher Dr. Mushtaque has numerous international publications to his credit in the areas of health, education, poverty alleviation, environment, and natural disasters.

Dr. Demissie Habte, MD is a World Bank employee in Washington. He has studied in Ethiopia, The American University in Beirut, Cornell Medical Center, New York and Stanford University in USA. Prior to joining the World Bank, Dr. Habte had served ICDDR, B in Dhaka as the Director. He has also held the position of a Dean in the faculty of Medicine and a Chairman in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health of the Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. He is a fellow of the London school of Hygiene and has the credit of over fifty papers in peer-reviewed journals on health issues.

Admission Test-2 MBA, Fall 2004

Admission Test for MBA was held on September 3, 2004. Written test results were announced on September 05, 2004. Interview of the selected candidates were conducted on September 7, 2004.

Admission Test-2, Fall 2004

Admission Tests-2 for the Fall Semester 2004, for admission to the undergraduate programs of the Departments of ARC, MGB, CSE, ESS, ENH and Law, were held on September 3, 2004. The names of admitted candidates were announced on September 7, 2004.

Faculty from Department of Architecture performs at 'Edinburgh Festival 2004'

Mr. Shams Mansoor Ghani, lecturer, Department of Architecture and also composer and keyboard player of Warfaze was invited to Edinburgh Mela 2004, Scotland to perform and represent Bangladesh. He played for the band "Anaries" with fusion singer Mehreen. The team presented several folk tunes of our country on September 4 and 5, 2004 in front of an audience of diverse cultural backgrounds.

Admission Committee Meeting Held

A meeting of the Admission Committee was held at on September 4, 2004. The Meeting was chaired by Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, Admission Committee.

VC Presents Paper on ICT Policy

Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU was invited to present a paper in the "International Seminar on ICT Policy Reform and Rural Communications Infrastructure" organized jointly by European Bank for Research and Development, International Development Research Center(Canada), Japan International Cooperation Agency and Keio University and co-sponsored by City of Yokosuka, Yokosuka Research park and Kanagawa Science Park. The weeklong seminar was held at Shonan Fujisawa Campus in Keio University near Tokyo between August 27 and September 3, 2004.

New Faculty Members at BU

Following faculty members joined BU during the month of September 2004:

Department of MGB

Mr. Mahfuz Ashraf completed his MSc in Information Systems Management from London South Bank University, UK and his BBA with a major in Marketing from the University of Dhaka. He has two years of teaching experience in Bangladesh and abroad. Mr. Ashraf has several publications.

Mr. Abdullah Al-Abed completed his MBA in Finance from Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada. He wrote his master's thesis on the behavior of Canadian income trust units during the ex-dividend period. Mr. Abed completed his BBA in Finance from North South University, Dhaka.

Mr. Suntu Kumar Ghosh completed his MBA and BBA with a major in marketing from the University of Dhaka. Currently he is pursuing his CMA at ICMA, Dhaka. Mr. Ghosh worked as a lecturer in Department of Business Administration at the University of Development Alternative (UODA) before joining BRAC University.

Mr. Shahnawaz Ahmed Shishir completed his BBA in Business Management and MBA with a major in finance from Delhi University. Mr. Ahmed was working as a Business Development Officer at the South Asia Enterprise Development Facility, Dhaka before joining BRAC University.

Mr. Mohammad Saif Noman Khan completed his BA and MA in English from the University of Dhaka. He also completed his MBA with a major in finance from The Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka. Before joining BRAC University, Mr. Khan taught in Dhaka University.

Ms. Aklema Choudhury Lema completed her BBA securing first position and MBA from the Department of Accounting and Information System, University of Dhaka. Her areas of interest are accounting, finance and economics.

Department of Architecture

Mr. Md. Hafizul Hasan has rejoined after his one-year study leave. Mr. Hasan completed his MSc in Urban Environment Management (UEM) from the School of Environment, Resources & Development, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok. Mr. Hasan was granted ADB Scholarship in 2003. His thesis was on "Problems and Prospects of Bioclimatic Urban Development Strategies for Dhaka City".

Ms. Huraera Jabeen completed her MSc in Building and Urban Design in Development from Development Planning Unit, University College London, UK in September 2004. Her research work was on "Planning Approach on Local Area: Dhanmondi, Dhaka." She studied on a British Chevening Scholarship.

Ms. Rehnuma Parveen obtained her B. Arch degree from Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET) in 2004 and is currently pursuing her graduate studies at BUET.