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Visit by Architecture Department

A delegation of 9 students of 3rd year Architecture accompanied by Dr. Mahtab Uz Zaman, Assistant Professor of the department attended the ARCASIA Student Jamboree held in Hong Kong and Macau from November 29- December 1, 2004. ARCASIA is the forum for all Institutes of Architects of Asia. A student Jamboree of the students of architecture schools from all over Asia is held once every two years. The theme of this year's Jamboree was "Development and Heritage" and consisted of workshops and presentations on the theme. The sub themes were Tourism, Community Living and Post-colonial Space & Identity. The students participated in the various events and presented their work to other students. They also toured the architectural sites of Hong Kong and Macau. Nafisur Rahman, student of Junior I won first prize in the sketching competition held at the Jamboree. The Jamboree was organized by The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) and co-organized by The Department of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong (HKU); The Department of Architecture, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and UIA Region IV Work Programme 'Architecture for All'. BRAC University provided partial support for participation in the event. Generous support was also provided by BRAC Bank, Maritime Bags Ltd, Evince Group of Companies, Charuta Ltd, Etafil and Tamishna Group, Berger Paints, Prime Bank, Profile Ltd, Renata Bangladesh Ltd, Purbani Yarn Dyeing Ltd, Building for Future Ltd and Hatil Complex. There was also some contribution from the students.

Activity News Letter (ANL)

Second and third volumes of ANLs were published from all four dorms on November 9 and 30, 2004. These carried short write-ups on Residential Semester (RS) activities, essays, poems and humour. The ANLs were designed to promote creative writing abilities of the students.

Midterm Makeup Exams

Makeup Midterm Exams of Fall 2004 started on November 29, 2004. The Exams will end on December 5, 2004. During the week, classes and other regular activities will be held as per schedule.

Biotechnology Seminar

A seminar on "Opportunities in Biotechnology for Bangladesh Problems and Prospects" was held on November 28, 2004. The key speaker was Professor Ahmed A Azad who is currently Director of Research, Faculty of Health Sciences and Professor of Medical Biotechnology University of Cape Town, South Africa. Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU, Dr. Yousuf M Islam, Director Research BU, teachers and students of BU attended the seminar.

Professional Skills development Program

The 9-week long Professional Skills Development Program for students of all departments with 90 or more credits started on November 28, 2004. In all 46 students are attending the evening program. The objectives of the Program are to improve the communications and professional skills of the students so that they may confidently compete in the job market. Ms. Farzana Choudhry, Assistant Director, Career Placement Office is coordinating the Program.

EID Reunion

BU Eid Re-union was held at the BU Cafeteria at 4:30PM on November 27, 2004. Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU, Chairpersons of different departments, faculty members and BU Staff were present on the occasion.

Microlab and BRAC Projects Visit

A group of students, accompanied by their House Tutors and guides from BRAC Training Division went to visit various BRAC projects in Manikgonj and Ghazipur areas on November 27, 2004. The daylong trip included BRAC Non-formal Schools, Micro-credit Societies and Poultry Projects. The rest of the students participated in a role-playing exercise within BU Campus, TARC, Savar. They were assigned various duties ranging from Campus Super down to an Office Assistant. The idea was to expose them to a real life situation of physical labour and managerial responsibilities.

Workshop at British Council

Ms. Shenin Ziauddin and Ms. Bipasha Binte Haque of the Department of English and Humanities of BRAC University conducted a workshop on "Writing: Writing with Pictures" in the British Council Auditorium on November 26, 2004. The workshop focused on using pictures in the English Language classes for motivating and stimulating the learners and thereby bringing variety in the language classes. From elementary to advanced level learners, if they are exposed to different types of pictures, will be encouraged to produce creative pieces of writings. The workshop also pondered on the Grammar issues that can also be taught in the ELT classes by using pictures in context.

Departmental Briefing Session

The Departmental Briefing sessions for incoming undergraduate students were held on November 25, 2004. The newly selected students were briefed at their respective departments.

Campus Super's (CS) Dinner

The first CS Dinner of the Semester was held on November 24, 2004. Dr. Hameeda Hossain, Member BU Governing Board and Barrister Manzoor Hasan, Deputy Executive Director of BRAC were the Guests of Honour. Both guests addressed the students and urged them to make the best use of the academic and extra-curricular opportunities provided at the Residential Semester in order to achieve their academic and professional objectives and goals.

Kite Flying at Savar Campus

BU Cultural Club and BU Heritage Forum arranged a Kite Flying Day jointly on November 23, 2004 in the field at BU Campus, TARC Savar. Students at the Savar Campus gathered in the lobby of Shalla and had fun threading the kite, balancing the kite with the thread, learning the names of different parts of kite such as kamani, zippu, dantara, lej, guddi, kanni and finally, learning how to fly a kite. A few students from the main campus helped and participated in the event. The field was filled with students flying colourful kites along with the sound of music and cheerful narration.

Visit to Liberation War Museum

The students of Residential Semester (RS), accompanied by their House Tutors, visited Liberation War Museum on November 20, 2004. The Museum Guides took them to different sections of the museum. The students later participated in a quiz competition on the Liberation War.

Eid Vacation

BU was closed on account of Shab e Qadr and Eid ul Fitr from November 11 to November 19, 2004. Regular classes started from November 20, 2004.

Admission for Spring 2005

Admission Test-1 for the Spring Semester 2005, for undergraduate programs of the Departments of ARC, MGB, CSE, ESS, ENH and Law were held on November 05, 2004. The result of the written test was announced on November 09, 2004. Interview for the final selection of undergraduate students was conducted from November 20-22, 2004 while names of candidates finally selected for the undergraduate programs were announced on November 23, 2004.

MBA Admission Test

Admission Test-1 for MBA was held on November 05, 2004. Written test results were announced on November 08, 2004. Interview of the selected candidates was conducted on November 20, 2004. The names of candidates finally selected for the graduate program were announced on November 22, 2004.

New Faculty members

Mr Farrukh Ahmed, Mr Sk. Md Rokonuzzaman and Mr Avijit Datta joined as lecturer in the Computer Science & Engineering Department at BU on November 06, 2004. All of them obtained their BSc in Computer Science & Engineering from BUET.

World Rice Research Conference

Professor Muazzam Husain, Chairperson ESS participated in the World Rice Research Conference held in Tsukuba City, Japan from November 04-07 2004. He presented a paper on the "Evaluation of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) trials in Bangladesh: results from the PETRRA sub-projects".