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Linux Lab Set Up

A new Linux Lab with 21 workstations was installed in the Aarong House Campus on August 31, 2003. The new lab will be used for advanced CSE courses.

BU Teachers Leave for Higher Studies

Eight teachers have justify BU officially on August 31, 2003 to pursue higher studies. The teachers are: Tarem Ahmed for Ph.D. in Telecommunication Engineering, McGill University, Canada, Junaed Sattar for MS in CSE, McGill University, Canada, Rafa Absar for MS in CSE, McGill University, Canada, Mahady Hasan for MS in CSE, University of Sydney, Australia, Ashfaq Rahman for MS in CSE, Columbia University, USA, Taufiq-Us-Saleheen Parag for MS in CSE, Rutgers University, USA, Afroza Sultana for MS in CSE, University of Manitoba, Canada, M Mofijul Islam, MSc in CSE, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden and Afia Arafat for M.Phil. in English Literature, University of Hyderabad, India.

Admission Test-3, Fall 2003

Admission Test-3 for the Fall Semester 2003 was held at BU on August 30, 2003. The tests were conducted for admission to the undergraduate programs of the Departments of Architecture, Management & Business, Computer Science & Engineering, Economics and English.

Closing Dinner

The Closing Dinner of the Consolidation Semester conducted at BRAC Centre for Development Management (BCDM), Savar was held on August 26, 2003. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU attended the event as the Guest of Honor. The dinner was attended by the parents of the students attending the Consolidation Semester, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer, BU, Chairpersons of all Departments, the Registrar, Campus Superintendent, teachers involved with the Program, the Senior Staff of BRAC Training Division and BCDM, Savar and the students.

Summer, 2003 Semester Ends

The final exams for the Summer Semester 2003 began on August 25 and finished on August 27, 2003. A recess will follow this before the classes begin for Fall-2003 on September 14, 2003.

School of Public Health

Dr. Shahaduz Zaman, Ph.D, MBBS, MPH, MS has been designated as the Project Co-ordinator of the James P Grant School of Public Health, BU on August 25, 2003. Dr. Zaman will prepare the complete proposal for a Masters in Public Health Program for submission to University Grants Commission (UGC) for approval.

New Lecturers at the Architecture Department

Two new lecturers have joined the Architecture Department on August 24, 2003. They are Iftekhar Ahmed and Shams Monsoor Ghani.

AIESEC Meet

AIIESEC (Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales) Bangladesh organized the Annual Partners Meet 2003 in Sheraton Hotel on 24 August 2003. Many sponsoring partners were present at the meeting. Honourable Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Mr. Altaf Hossain Choudhury was the Chief Guest and Mr. Carl Fritz, Director American Center - US Embassy was the Special Guest. Following members of the Executive Committee of BU Local Chapter (students) were present:More text>>>>here

Campus Superintendent's Dinner

The Weekly Campus Superintendent's Dinner of the Consolidation Semester was held at BCDM, Savar on August 21, 2003. Ms. Rokiya Afzal, Adviser to the former Care Taker Government and Chairperson Daily Star was the Guest of Honor. Mr. Syed Rezaul Karim, Director, BRAC Dairy & Food Project was the Special Guest. The Dinner was attended by the students, Dr. Y M Islam, Chairperson, CSE, Mr. Muhammad Sahool Afzal, Registrar, BU and Mr. M Salimullah, Campus Superintendent, BU. Ms. Rokiya Afzal in her address highlighted the importance of commitment, hard work and good communication skills for being successful as a professional and a manager.

Professor Ahmad Shamsul Islam Joins BRAC

Professor A.S Islam joined BRAC University on 21st of August as a consultant on 21st August for launching M.Sc in Biotech in BU. Professor Ahmad Shamsul Islam obtained the following degrees: BSc (Hons) and MSc from Presidency College, Calcutta. He obtained a Ph. D. from Manchester University which awarded him "The Currie Memorial Prize" prize for his outstanding work Post Doctoral Experience: Sponsored by National Academy of Sciences, USA, his post-doctoral activity (1961-1962) was at Cornell University, Ithaca; (1962-1963) at the University of California, Davis; and at Nottingham University, UK on a UNESCO fellowship and at the University of Tokyo on a Japanese Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) fellowship. He has published nearly 100 papers in national and international journals including four in the prestigious British journal, "Nature" and one in the topmost USA science journal "Science". He has written two textbooks on genetics, "Fundamentals of Genetics" and its Bangla version, "Bongshogati bidyar Moolkatha". He received the prestigious "Ekushey Padak" for promoting education in 1985-86 (corresponding to Bengali year). The Bangladesh Academy of Science awarded him with a Gold Medal in 1987 and adjudged him the best scientist in biology for that year.

BU Photography Club Meeting

The need and demand for a darkroom was primarily discussed at the weekly meeting on August 21, 2003. Eminent photographer and darkroom print expert Mr. Shafi of DRIK Photo Lab has agreed to assist BUPC at all times. The photography exhibition at Aangina on "Old Dhaka" was also discussed together with developing a theme archive for the Photo Contest.

Exam Preparatory Recess, Summer- 2003

The Exam Preparatory Recess for Summer - 2003 students started on August 21 and ended on August 24, 2003. No formal classes were scheduled for this period.

Lecture by Dr. Anwarul Islam

Dr. Anwarul Islam from the Manchester School of Architecture, University of Manchester and former Senior Lecturer, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK, gave a lecture on the '20th Century Modern Movement and Early Islamic Architecture' on August 18, 2003. The lecture was organized by the Department of Architecture.

Seminar on Globalization

Dr. Shaikh Abdul Hamid, Associate Professor of Finance at Southern New Hampshire University, NH, USA gave a presentation on "Globalization: Forces, Prospects and Challenges" with emphasis on the dynamics and impact on developing countries on August 18, 2003. The event was organized by the Department of Management and Business. Both the faculties and the students enthusiastically attended the seminar.

MBA Course Orientation

The Orientation Program for MBA (4th Course) students was held on August 18, 2003. Professor A. Rab, Chairperson, Department of Management & Business briefed the new students on the Mission, Objectives and Programs of the Department. Teachers, administrative staff and the MBA students attended the Program.

Dinner at BCDM, Savar

Ms. Geetiara Safia Choudhury, Chairman, ADCOMM attended the Campus Superintendent's Weekly Dinner as the Guest of Honor at BCDM, Savar on August 14, 2003. Mr. Ehsanul Haque, Managing Director, BRAC Bank attended the dinner as a Special Guest. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer, BU, Dr. M Golam Samdani Fakir, Director, Training Division, BRAC, Registrar BU, Campus Superintendent, BU and students attending the Consolidation Semester attended the dinner. Both the Guest of Honor and the Special Guest, in their after dinner speeches, stressed on Determination, Dedication, Good Communication Skills and Discipline as key to success in professional lives.

Professor Stiglitz Meets President

Nobel Laureate Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz had a meeting with Mr. F.H. Abed Chairperson BRAC and President BRAC University Governing Board on August 14, 2003. The former Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank who is at present Professor of Economics at the Columbia university, New York said that it was "very impressive" to see the ability of BRAC to address new problems. As a result, he said, programs like poverty alleviation, healthcare and education had reached millions of people at the grassroots throughout the country which should be examples for other countries. Professor Stiglitz earlier visited BRAC micro-credit, health and education programs in Sreepur area in Gazipur district. He met a group of micro credit women entrepreneurs, saw another group receiving human rights and legal education, visited a BRAC School, met parents of the students and went round a Seed Processing Centre.

GAFBU Activities

The Global Affairs Forum at BU (GAFBU) arranged a film show of the Oscar winning movie 'The Pianist' on August 14, 2003. Members of the Forum and a large number of students attended the film show.

Seminar on Nano-technology

A seminar on the "Recent Developments in Nano-technology - A Voyage through the World of Micro Machines" was held on August 12 at the seminar room in the University Building. The speaker was Dr Taher Saif. Dr. Saif is an assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. Dr Taher Saif has completed a series of videos, entitled " A voyage through the World of Micro Machines," designed to educate and excite high school students about phenomena related to micro-electromechanical systems or MEMS. With funding from the National Science Foundation, Dr.Saif and his students wrote, filmed and edited seven, videos that address such issues as

how MEMS devices are affected by gravity, electrostatic, magnetic and other forces, micro-fluidics, and micro-fabrication.

Professor A M Muazzam Husain Joins BU

Professor A M Muazzam Husain, Ph.D. joined BRAC University (BU) as the Chairperson of the Department of Economics & Social Science (ESS) on August 12. Professor Husain obtained his BA (Hons) and Masters in Economics from Dhaka University and did his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Texas A & M University, USA in 1964. He joined the Department of Cooperation & Marketing, Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in 1964 and held the appointments of Head of the Department and the Dean of the Faculty for two terms. Professor Husain worked as the program coordinator (Bangladesh) in the Human Resources Development Program, Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development, USA from July 1992 to June 1993. He was the Director, Planning & Development, BAU between July 1991 and June 1992. Forty seven of his articles, papers and book chapters have been published in different journals at home and abroad. Professor Husain was the Director, Research & Evaluation Division (RED), BRAC before joining BU.

Katthak Dance-demonstration lecture

ANGAN organized its 8th lecture on 'Katthak Dance' - a demonstration lecture by renowned artist Shibli Mohammed on August 11, 2003.

Cultural Club Workshop on Tagore Songs

The BU Cultural Club arranged a two-day workshop on Tagore songs on August 9-10, 2003. Sadi Muhammed and Papia Sarwar performed Tagore songs. The workshop was participated by 20 selected students and was open to all for listening. Several faculty members attended it as well.

Professor Pedro Visits BU

Professor Pedro Bidegaray of Earth University, Costa Rica visited BU on August 7, 2003. He had a meeting with Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU, and gave a presentation to the faculty members of BU on the mission, goals and the concept/method of teaching at Earth University. Professor Pedro later visited the Consolidation Semester of BU being held at BCDM, Savar. He exchanged views with the students freely and also attended the Campus Superintendent's Weekly Dinner. Mr. Cole P Dodge, former Country Director UNICEF in Bangladesh and Facilitator of BRAC University Initiative for Learning & Development (BUILD) also attended some programs of Consolidation Semester and the dinner.

Midterm Makeup Exams

The Midterm Makeup Exams of Summer, 2003 were held On August 6-7, 2003.

VC in ADPC

Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU has been invited to join the Advisory Committee for preparing Disaster Management Manuals for the Asia Pacific Region- an initiative of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Bangkok. Professor Choudhury attended the 1st meeting of the Committee held in Bangkok on August 4-5, 2003.