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Mr. Faruq A Choudhury Visits Consolidation Semester

Mr. Faruq A Choudhury, Adviser, BRAC and a member of the BU Governing Board attended the weekly Campus Superintendent's Dinner of the BU Consolidation Semester at BRAC Centre for Development Management (BCDM), Savar as the Guest of Honor on July 31, 2003. In his after dinner speech Mr. Choudhury compared and contrasted some of the important cultural differences of South Asia and the West and also talked about the importance of certain values in the context of personal and professional lives. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Director Training Division, BRAC, Mr. M Salimullah, Campus Superintendent, BU, Mr. Syed Waliul Islam, Chief Trainer & Incharge, BCDM, Savar and Mr. Muhammad Sahool Afzal, Registrar, BU also attended the dinner.

Presentation on Earthquake

Mr. A F M Saiful Islam, Director General, Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) gave a presentation on "Awareness and Salvation in Respect of Earthquake" at BU on July 31, 2003. The presentation was organized by the Bangladesh Earthquake Society (BES) and Chaired by Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU. The teachers and students of the Department of Architecture and a large number of members of BES attended the presentation, which was followed by a discussion session.

Department of MNS Seminar

The Department of Mathematics & Natural Sciences (MNS), BU organized a seminar on "Binary Pulses and Gravitational Waves" on July 31, 2003. A paper was read out by Professor Mofiz Uddin Ahmed, Chairperson, MNS. The presentation was followed by a discussion session. Teachers and students of BU attended the program.

Seminar on Sharia

The Department of English & Humanities (ENH), BU organized a seminar at BU on July 30, 2003 where Dr. Tazeen Murshid, Associate professor, Department of International Politics, Universite Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels spoke on "The Social Construction of Sharia". Faculty members from all departments and a large number of members from the academia attended the seminar and participated in the discussion. Professor Firdous Azim, Chairman, ENH chaired the session.

Admission Test- MBA, Fall 2003

Admission Test for MBA was held on July 24, 2003. The results for the written examination were published on July 29, 2003. Interview of successful candidates will take place on August 3 & 4, 2003.

Mid Term Exam

Mid-term examinations of the Summer Semester, 2003 started from July 22 and ended on July 24, 2003. During the week, classes and other regular activities continued as per schedule.

Admission Test Results Announced

Admission Test results for the Fall Semester were announced on July 20, 2003. The interview of selected candidates took place on July 23 & 24, between 10:00am and 2:00pm on both the days.

Admission Test Fall 2003

Admission Test for the Fall Semester was held on July 18, 2003.

Dr. Elizabeth Hermann speaks at ANGAN

Elizabeth Hermann, Associate Professor, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), USA, delivered a lecture on 'Materials/Process/Systems' organized by ANGAN, Department of Architecture, BU on July 17, 2003. Dr. Hermann discussed the system of architecture and landscape architecture education at RISD. She presented a graduate student landscape architecture project carried out in Greece. Dr. Hermann also talked about her ongoing research on the effects of flood on slums or low-lying areas of Dhaka city and its probable solutions. Dr. Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson, Department of Architecture, teachers and a large number of the students of the department attended the lecture.

BUPC Photo Contest

The 3rd photo contest of BRAC University Photography Club (BUPC) on the theme MONSOON was organized. The jury took place on July 16 at 12.30pm. Eminent photographers H. S. Chandan and O. S. Tanvir judged the contest. The BUPC Advisor A. Q. M. Abdullah and BUPC Patron Dr. Fuad H. Mallick also attended the jury. In the Colour Section, the first prize was obtained by Tareq Hadi (BBA) and the second prize by Ishtiaq Reza Khan (BBA). In the Monochrome Section, both the first and second prizes went to Ishtiaq Reza Khan.

Namaz-e-Janaza

The Namaz-e-Janaza of Mr. Fayyaz Ali Junaed, arranged especially for the teachers, staff and students took place on July 16, 2003. It was held at the Ghaus- Ul- Azam Mosque, Mohakhali. Mr. Fayyaz Ali Junaid, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science & Engineering died prematurely at the age of 37 on July 13, 2003.

BU Seminar

Dr. Showkatul Alam, Professor and Chair, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of South Alabama, USA, conducted a seminar on "Ultra fast Pattern Recognition and Tracking" at 4:00 pm on, July 15. Dr. Alam received his BS and MS degrees in electrical engineering from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, another MS degree in computer engineering from the Wayne State University in and his Ph.D. degree in electrical engineering from the University of Dayton. His research interests include ultra fast computer architectures and algorithms, digital/optical signal and image processing, communication systems, pattern recognition, fiber optics, infrared systems, multimedia applications, and microprocessor and digital system design. The teachers and students of department of CSE and IT professionals attended the seminar from different institutions and organizations.

Women and Agriculture

The Departments of English & Humanities (ENH) and Economics & Social Sciences (ESS), BU jointly arranged a seminar at BU on "Women and Agriculture" at 4:00pm on July 13, 2003. The keynote speaker was Dr. Janet D. Momsen, Professor, Department of Human and Community Development, University of California, Davis. Chairperson of ENH Professor Firdous Azim opened the session and the concluding remark was made by Professor A M Muazzam Husain, Chairperson, ESS. A lively discussion followed Dr. Momsen's talk.

Makeup Final Exam

The makeup final exams of the previous semester, Spring Semester 2003, began on July 8 and ended on July 10, 2003.

Trends in Development of Information Technology and Opportunities for Bangladesh

Mr Azmat H. Anis, Chief Technologist, Corporate Accounts Business, Hewlett-Packard, USA, offered a seminar on "Trends in Development of Information Technology and Opportunities for Bangladesh" at 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 6, 2003. Mr. Azmat also worked at Sun Microsystems, Ford Motor Co. and SAP. He has been working with UNIX since 1983 and has over 16 years experience around RDBMS. The presentation and discussion session was attended by Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU, teachers and students of BU and a large number of IT professionals.

Scientific and Technological aspects of Globalization

A seminar, arranged by the Department of Mathematics and Natural Science (MNS), was held at BU on the Scientific Aspects of Globalization on July 7, 2003. Professor Naseem Rahman, Chair of Theoretical Chemistry, University of Trieste, Italy conducted the seminar. It was attended amid much enthusiasm from both the faculty members and the students. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU and Professor Mofiz Uddin Ahmed, Chairperson, Department of MNS were also present.

AIESEC Local Chapter Formed

AIESEC, formerly an French acronym for "Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales", is the world's largest non-profit, non-political, student run, independent student organization, having network of 30,000 members across 84 countries and 750 universities. AIESEC facilitates international exchange of thousands of students and recent graduates each year; the vision of which is to bring peace and excellence in human resources. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU had signed a contract with the AIESEC National Committee with the objective of forming the BU Local Chapter of AIESEC on July 2, 2003. The National Committee has disseminated the objectives of AIESEC to the students of BU and attracted 275 students for the membership. From these 275, the National Committee has selected 26 students who have shown competency and attitude of leadership as well as having CGPA of more than 3.00/4.00. An awareness program has already been organized to orient the students with the multitude dimensions of AIESEC. AIESEC at BU is now prepared to start their activities in line with the objective of the AIESEC Bangladesh.

Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Joins BU

Dr. Ibrahim Khalil has joined the Department of CSE as an Assistant Professor on July 1, 2003. Dr. Khalil did his MSc in Electronic & Computer Engineering from University of Pertanian, Malayasia in 1995 and Ph.D. in Computer Science from University of Berne, Switzerland in February, 2003. He has been working as a Senior Software Engineer in Ponte Communications, MV, California from April, 2001 till his return to Bangladesh in June this year. He has 18 publications in different International Journals. His book titled "Management and Automation of Quality of Service (Qos) enabled VPNs for Large Enterprises and ISPs" is due to be published from Artech House in December this year.

Dr Mumit Khan joins BU

Dr. Mumit Khan joined the department of CSE as an Assistant Professor on July 1, 2003. Dr. Khan did his

BS in Electrical & Computer Engineering in 1988. He did his MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering in 1991 and Ph.D. in Software Engineering in Computational Sciences this year. He has been a student of University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA all through. He has been a member of the Research Staff in Center for X-Ray Lithography, Wisconsin, USA from 1991 to 1995. He was a Leader, Modeling and Simulation in Center for Nano-Technology, Wisconsin, USA since 1995 and till his return on leave to Bangladesh in May this year. Dr. Khan has 41 publications in different International Journals and has Professional Memberships of IEEE, ACM, SPIE, NY Academy of Sciences.