## Admission Test- MBA, Spring 2004

Admission Test for MBA was held on October 30, 2003. The results for the written examination will be announced on November 2, 2003. Interview of successful candidates will take place on November 4, 2003.

## **BU Library Committee Meeting**

A meeting of the Library Committee of Ayesha Abed Library, BU was held on 29 October 2003. Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, Department of Management & Business (MGB) and Chair, Library Committee presided over the meeting. Professor Mofiz Uddin Ahmed, Professor A M Muazzam Husain, Dr.Yusuf M Islam, all members of the Library Committee and Md. Nazim Uddin, Deputy Librarian attended the meeting.

# Satyajit Ray's movie at Savar Campus

ANGAN (Co-curricular Activities Forum Of Department of Architecture) organized the viewing of 'Hirok Rajar Deshe', a movie by Satyajit Ray on October 27, 2003 for the Foundation Semester students at the Markuli Hall, BU Campus, TARC, Savar. This series on Ray films started with an introduction on the famous director by Dr. F. H. Mallick, Chair, Department of Architecture.

### **MGB Seminar on e-Commerce**

The Department of Management & Business (MGB) organized a seminar entitled "Understanding E-Commerce in the Context of Bangladesh" on Wednesday, October 22, 2003. Mr. Mridul Chowdhury, Research Affiliate at Harvard University's Information Technologies Group (ITG) - a research group based at Harvard Law School's Berkman Center for Internet and Society, MA, USA made the presentation and responded to the follow up questions. The session was chaired by Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, MGB.

# **PGD in Computer Science & IT**

The first one year long Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Science and Information Technology concluded on October 22, 2003.

# **BU President Attends INAFI Meeting**

Mr. F H Abed, Founder of BRAC and President, Governing Board of BRAC University attended the first International Network of Alternative Financial Institutions (INAFI) Foundation board meeting from October 20-21, 2003 in The Hague, Netherlands. In addition to Mr. Abed, who is Chairperson, INAFI Foundation, board members representing Asia, Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe attended the meeting. The board members discussed issues such as the overall policy framework for INAFI, network expansion, coordination between international and regional secretariats, approval of the work plan and fundraising.

# Foundation Semester Resumes at Savar

The Foundation Semester activities of BU resumed at BU Campus, TARC, Savar from October 18, 2003. The Foundation Semester which started at BU Campus, TARC, Savar on September 14, 2003 had to be shifted to BU Main Campus, Dhaka for administrative reasons on October 23, 2003.

#### **Angan Presentation**

'Studios Unlimited', a presentation by architect Mahmud Riyaad was held on October 16, 2003. Mahmud Riyaad teaches at the Department of Architecture at BUET. The event took the audience to a journey through the design studios and exhibitions of the many countries. All the students and staff of the BU Department of Architecture along with students from different architecture schools of Dhaka attended the event.

# Parents Visit BU Campus, TARC, Savar

The parents of the BU students of Foundation Semester visited BU Campus, TARC, Savar on October 16, 2003. Visiting parents were given a presentation on the facilities available at BU Campus, TARC, Savar by Dr. Yousuf M Islam, Chair, Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE).

### **New Lecturer in CSE**

Mr. Aminul Huque joined as lecturer in the Department of CSE, BU on October 15, 2003. He completed his BSc in Electrical & Electronic Engineering from BUET and did his MSc in Communication & Signal Processing from Imperial College, UK.

# **BMIT Course Starts**

The 2nd Bank Management and Information Technology (BMIT) Course with 15 students started on October 15, 2003. This is a one-year PG diploma course for Banking Professionals and for those interested to make a career in Banking. The Orientation program of PG Diploma in Bank Management and IT was held on October 13, 2003. Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, MGB gave a detailed briefing on the objective of the course and also on the course contents.

# Tele Link Between BU/BRAC and TARC, Savar

The radio based tele-Link between, BRAC/BU and BU Campus, TARC, Savar was successfully established on October 14, 2003.

# **VC Inaugurates Annual Exhibition**

The Annual Exhibition of the Department of Architecture was held from 8 to 30 October 2003 at the Department. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU inaugurated the exhibition. Students' works of the last academic year were displayed on the exhibition, which included mainly their design studio works. Free hand sketching, painting, photography and sculpture studio works were also on display.

# **BU President Inaugurates Opening Session of World Craft Council**

Founder of BRAC and President Governing Board, BU Mr. F H Abed gave the opening speech on October 7, 2003 at the 26th World Craft Council Asia Pacific Regional Assembly held at BCDM, Rajendrapur. The theme of the seminar was Craft Without Barriers: Development and Market Access. Mr. Abed spoke of craft development in the context of globalization, and the initiatives taken by Aarong to overcome new market challenges. He urged the assembly to resolve in favor of a marketing drive for craft products within the Asia Pacific Region, and to petition governments within the region to allow initial duty free import of craft products. Such a move would allow Aarong and other similar enterprises to market craft products from different regional countries, initiating an era of craft without barriers.

## Chairperson, ESS at IRRI

Professor A M Muazzam Husain, Chair, Department of Economics & Social Science (ESS) participated in the Bio-fortification Challenge Program Rice Crop Meeting held at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Los Banos, the Philippines from October 6-8, 2003. He also presented the final report on IRRI-PETRRA study jointly organized by IRRI and BRAC on the 'Knowledge, Perception and Attitude of Bangladesh Civil Society on Rice Biotech Research' in the meeting.

## **Extension of Ayesha Abed Library**

A new extension of Ayesha Abed Library, BU located in the 2nd floor of the Aarong House has been opened and made functional on October 6, 2003. Discussion rooms, silent study room, and newspaper stands are available in the new floor. The new facilities also include a Cyber Lab with 20 workstations.

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