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Global Nutrition Program

A one-day session on Global Nutrition 2001 program was held on October 30, 2001 in BU. The program was sponsored by the Research and Evaluation Division of BRAC and was attended by twenty six participants from eleven different countries of South Asia and Africa.

Language Lab Inaugurated

The newly established Language Laboratory of BU was formally inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. J R Choudhury on Monday 29 October 2001. The inauguration was followed by a demonstration by Mr. A T M Sajedul Huq, Lecturer, Department of English. The Departmental Heads, Teachers and Officials of BU attended the function.

VISIT By Representative of Agha Khan University

Dr. Sadruddin Pardhan, Director for Administrative Affairs & Assoc. Professor, The Aga Khan University, Karachi visited BU on 29 October 2001. During his visit he had a meeting with Prof. J R Choudhury, VC, BU and Dr. A M R Chowdhury, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC and Member of BU Academic Council. They discussed the possibility of collaboration between the two universities.

English Language Workshop at BU

An English Language Workshop scheduled for two weeks from Sunday, 28 October to Thursday, 8 November 2001 is being conducted at BU. Ms. Nazmeen Huq, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Dhaka University and Visiting Faculty BU, and Ms. Razia Sultana Khan, Associate Professor, Department of English, North South University are jointly conducting the workshop. Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam, Coordinator, Department of English, BU is supervising the workshop. Newly appointed teachers, teaching assistants and junior Officials of BU are attending the workshop.

Interpretation of the LOGO Design of BRAC University

- The arc of circle -- suggests the wish to reach education to an international standard and milieu.
- The symbolic presentation of three books towards the bottom of the design-- suggests different stages, levels and subjects of education. An all round broad-based education has been emphasized here. The suggestive drawing of open books stresses a disciplined and dynamic development of education.
- The three colors used in the design -blue, silver and black; the size and shape of the letters that spell BRAC UNIVERSITY, and the balanced presentation of the three books and the circle suggest that BRAC University is a strong and dynamic institution of international standard dedicated to achieving the aims of education, peace, equality and discipline.

Professor Hashem Khan, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University and a renowned Artist of Bangladesh designed the LOGO.

English Debating Club

The 1st meeting of the English Debating Club for Fall Semester, 2001 was held on Thursday, October 25, 2001. Mr. Abdul Wahab Advisor of the Club conducted the meeting.

Mr. Cornelius Hacking's Visit to BU

Mr. Cornelius Hacking, Secretary (Education) of the Royal Netherlands Embassy of Dhaka visited BRAC University on October 23, 2001. During his visit he met VC, Registrar and Departmental Heads of BU. He also visited the campus and the library of BU.

Formation of Clubs

- **Cultural Club**
Cultural Club has been formed with Ms. Husna Mehnaz Siddiqi, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science as the Advisor.
- **Cricket Club**
Mr. Junaed Sattar, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science has been nominated as the Advisor to the Cricket Club.

Meeting of the Selection Committee

The 1st meeting of the Selection Committee of BU for the appointment of Professors and Associate Professors was held at the Conference Room of BU at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, October 16, 2001. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU and the Chairman of the Committee presided over the meeting.

Orientation Programme Post Graduate Diploma Students

The Orientation Program for Post-Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Information Technology was held in October 14, 2001 at 5 PM. The program took place at the BRAC University Building Hall Room # 403. The Vice Chancellor addressed the audience and introduced the new diploma students to BRAC University. This was followed by addresses of the Registrar, Chairman of Computer Science Department, PGD Course Coordinator and other faculty members of BRAC University. The PGD classes will start from October 21, 2001.

Presentation On Internet

Dr. Yousuf M. Islam, the Chairperson of Computer Science Department, conducted a presentation on the Internet and its benefits for a group of 22 Army Officers from the School of Signals of Bangladesh Army on October 17, 2001. The presentation took place in the University Building Hall Room # 104. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. After the presentation the team visited BRAC BD Mail Networks (BBN) to see the lay out of an ISP. The technical aspects of an ISP were covered in detail through a briefing session during the visit to the BBN. The visit was sponsored jointly by BRAC University and the BBN.

Fall Semester Begins!!

The Fall Semester (2001) of BRAC University has commenced from the 7th of October and all classes and exams will end on the 14th of February 2002. This semester, a total of 131 new students have been enrolled in the departments of Computer Science, Economics, English and Business Administration.

Orientation Program

The Orientation program for new students (Fall Semester) was held on Saturday, the 6th of October. The inauguration of the program took place in the BRAC Center Inn Auditorium at 9:00. The VC addressed the audience; he introduced students and guardians to BRAC University. This was followed by a speech by the Registrar, who spoke about the BU Facilities, Environment and Culture. Respective Chairmen of the Departments of Business, Computer Science, Economics and English addressed the students on the features and academic rules of each department. At 12:00 p.m., the new students were taken to the University Building and some faculty members were each assigned a group of students to take around the campus for a complete tour. After lunch, the students were taken into separate classrooms to be addressed by the faculty members of their departments. The speeches described the detailed outline and structure of the courses required to be taken by the students to complete under-graduation.