

Google interested in IT research on Bangla Language processing



Question and answer session at BRACU in progress

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Google has expressed their interest in collaborating with BRAC University in further research on Bangla Language Processing, as well as the development of more resources for Bangla such as parallel corpora and other relevant data, said a press release.

Google representative Divon Lan expressed this interest during his meeting with faculty members and research staff at the Centre for Research on Bangla Language Processing (CRBLP) at BRAC University (BRACU) Thursday.

Later in the day, Divon Lan met a full house of BRACU students eager for an opportunity to interact with a Google official. Students present were aware that this is the first time Google was visiting a university in Bangladesh. The Question and Answer session was enjoyed by the students, with a lot of interesting and often insightful questions.

In the course of his answers, Divon spoke about what Google looks for in a potential employee, what he thinks should be the priority for undergraduate students who are set to enter the job market over the next couple of years, and what might be possible future avenues for Google to expand to.

After an hour-long Q and A session students, staff and faculty members thanked Divon Lan for taking the time to speak to them. Prof Mumit Khan, chairperson of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) Department, presented the speaker with a souvenir on his visit to BRACU amidst applause from the entire audience.

BRACU happens to be the only university in Bangladesh that Google has visited so far, with the dual intent of meeting some of the faculty members from the CSE, as well as having a Question-Answer session with the students.