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Architecture Updates

Workshop on Climate Change Risk Assessment for Secondary Cities held in Satkhira



The final dissemination workshop of the research project titled "*Assessment of Climate Change Risks and Adaptation Options for Secondary Cities in Southwestern Bangladesh and Central Vietnam*" was held at Mozaffar Garden in Satkhira. On 8th September, the workshop started at 9.00 am and continued till 1.00 pm. Experts from Bangladesh, Australia and Vietnam participated in the workshop to share the findings from the piloting of the climate change risk assessment toolkit in Satkhira in Bangladesh and Hue in Vietnam. The Mayor of Satkhira Municipality **Mr. Abdul Jalil** along with a number of Councilors and members of the civil society participated in the workshop and shared their views on the research findings. This one-year research project was funded by the Asia Pacific Network (APN) for Global Change Research and was led by the RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia. The objective of this research project was to develop and test a methodology for the assessment of climate risks in the context of secondary cities of vulnerable regions in Bangladesh and Vietnam with a view to informing adaptation guidance through the promotion of links between governmental and non-governmental organizations, and facilitate local capacity building as well as regional cross-learning. In Bangladesh Satkhira municipality was selected as the case study area while in Vietnam the case study area was the city of Hue. The Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM) at BRAC University and the Institute of Water and

Flood Management (IWFM) of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) were the two Bangladeshi organizations working on this project while the two Vietnamese partner organizations were the Centre for Social Research & Development (CSR) and the Southern Institute of Sustainable Development (SISD).

Professor Ainun Nishat, Vice Chancellor of BRAC, **Professor Fuad H Mallick**, Director of the Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM) at BRAC University and **Professor Rezaur Rahman** of the Institute of Water and Flood Management (IWFM) of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) were among the experts from Bangladesh. **Professor Darryn McEvoy** and **Dr. K Iftekhar Ahmed** participated on behalf of RMIT University while the Vietnamese participants included Dr. Le Thanh Sang of the Southern Institute of Sustainable Development (SISD) and **Ms. Lam Thi Thu Suu** of the Centre for Social Research and Development (CSR).

New Certificate Program in Construction Management

This fall, the Department of Architecture at BRAC University has successfully introduced a new certificate program in Construction Management with 20 students. Aimed at empowering building professionals, it is designed to provide the specialized training and skills required to manage complex construction projects. Besides engineers and architects, some professionals working in managerial roles in construction industry have enrolled in the program's inaugural semester. The degree requires participants to go through 4 courses, totaling 12 academic credit hours in 2 semesters. The courses cover the wide range of topics needed in this field - including study of drawings, specifications, bidding, construction methods, materials, estimating, project planning, CPM scheduling, and practical applications of construction management. Besides qualified faculty members, courses are taught by working professionals with many years of practical experience.



BDI Updates

Round table discussion on "Dirgho Jibon O Bhubishhot Binirman"

The daily newspaper Prothom Alo has observed the International Day of Older Persons by organizing a round table discussion in association with the Resource Integration Center (RIC) on September 20, 2012. The discussion was held at the Prothom Alo headquarter. **Professor Syed M. Hashemi**, Director, BDI was invited to participate at the dialogue. The focus of the dialogue "Dirgho Jibon O Bhubishhot

Binirman" was to present and explore the difficulties faced by individuals aged sixties and older.

Presentation at workshop on 'Women's Pathways into Politics'

The workshop on Women's Pathways into Politics was held at Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK on September 13-14, 2012. At the workshop, **Dr. Sohela Nazneen**, Lead Researcher, BDI, presented a paper on Women Representatives in Municipal Corporations in Bangladesh.

Participation at workshop on 'Unpaid Care Work'

Lead Researchers of BDI, **Simeen Mahmud** and **Sohela Nazneen** attended the workshop on Unpaid Care Work, which was held in London from September 18-19, 2012. Organized by Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK and ActionAid, the workshop brought academics, practitioners and activists together to develop an agenda for inclusion of unpaid care work into global and national policy. BDI is currently undertaking a two year policy development project jointly with IDS and SMERU, Indonesia.

Publication of 'Politics of Securing Gender Inclusive Development' working paper

The working paper 'Politics of Securing Gender Inclusive Development' has been published as ESID working paper (no. 13). The Lead Researchers of BDI, **Simeen Mahmud** and **Sohela Nazneen** authored the paper. It can be accessed from ESID website at <http://www.effective-states.org/publications/workingpapers/workingpaper13.htm>

Course on "Financial Services for the Poor: An Introduction"



BRAC Development Institute (BDI) organized a one-week course on "Financial Services for the Poor: An Introduction" from September 16 - 22, 2012. This was the sixth edition of the course, which is targeted mostly to an international audience

with little or no knowledge of microfinance. It was grounded in the experience of Bangladesh but also provided a broad global picture of the state of microfinance, its emergence and challenges, the diversity of financial products on offer and the need to have a strong poverty focus. The course was team taught, using different pedagogical methods, and included extensive field visits to BRAC, ASA, BURO Bangladesh and SafeSave. The course was attended by 16 participants from Japan, Italy and USA.

Progress of the Social Impact of Microfinance on Gender Norms and Behavior Research:

Publications of two Research Briefs

As part of the progress of this research, two research briefs have been prepared by **Simeen Mahmud**, Lead Research, BDI and **Lopita Huq**, Research Fellow, BDI. Published by Institute of Microfinance (InM) in September 2012, the research briefs titled 'Couched in Context: Village Study as a Research Methodology and 'Region Matters: Variability in MFI Membership and Loan Use among Women in Bangladesh.'

Dissemination seminar 'The Social Impact of Microfinance on Gender Norms and Behaviour: Preliminary Findings'



On September 5, 2012, **Simeen Mahmud** and **Lopita Huq** presented the initial research findings at a dissemination seminar on 'The Social Impact of Microfinance on Gender Norms and Behaviour: Preliminary Findings' at InM. **Dr. Kazi Mesbahuddin Ahmed**, Managing Director, PKSf presided over the seminar. The seminar was attended by representatives from the donor and NGO community such as ASA, Padakhhep, policymakers, teachers, academics and young researchers. The presentation started with the analysis of five village studies focusing on the effects of the context and institutions on gender norms and behavior. The quantitative data from the household survey was then presented to show regional variation and

variation by MFI membership in gender norms and practices, attitudes and aspiration, empowerment and loan use behavior.

Seminar on 'Assessing the Performance of GQAL in Changing Gender Norms and Behavior'



In 2011, the Gender, Justice & Diversity Division had asked BDI to conduct an evaluation of its Gender Quality Action Learning (GQAL) program. On September 15, 2012 BDI organized a seminar at BRAC Centre to disseminate the findings from the evaluation study. The discussants were **Mr. Arifur Rahman**, DFID and **Sanzida Akhter**, Gender Studies Department, Dhaka University. **Sheepa Hafiza**, Director, Gender, Justice & Diversity and Advocacy Division presided over the seminar. Participants included researchers, development practitioners, activists, lawyers, teachers and trainers from various departments of BRAC, ICDDR, B, Oxfam, Caritas, Action Aid, Naripokkho, BOMSA, Democracy Watch, BNWLA, Women for Women, CEDAW Forum, PRIP Trust, Asia Foundation and Mahila Parishad. Both quantitative and qualitative findings were presented based on the indicators used by the GQAL program showing positive impact of the program. Recommendations based on the findings were then presented. After the presentation, the discussants presented their views. This was followed by a lively and constructive discussion by the seminar attendees.

A BDI research report related to the evaluation study 'Assessing the Performance of GQAL in Changing Gender Norms and Behavior' prepared by **Simeen Mahmud**, **Maheen Sultan** and **Lopita Huq** was published in September 2012.

DFID's expert group meeting on Women's Political Empowerment

Dr. Sohela Nazneen attended the meeting on Women's Political Empowerment held in London on September 11-12, 2012. The focal point of the conference was developing a future research agenda for DFID on the mentioned issue. At the

convention, **Dr. Nazneen** presented on the relationship between women's political empowerment and their participation in informal institutions and social movements. The presentation was drawn from **Dr. Nazneen's** paper prepared for Effective States and Inclusive Development (ESID), a Research Program Consortium (RPC), coordinated by the University of Manchester. BDI is also a partner of the RPC.

Training on Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation (MLARR)

A five days training on MLARR from September 17 - 21, 2012 was conducted in Ridar Hotel, Mukono, Uganda. The training was successfully carried out by an international trainer, the Academic Coordinator of BDI, **Dr. Ferdous Jahan**. Three local co-trainers also facilitated the training program. Audience was selected from different institutions involved in MLARR, including government departments, consultants, academia etc. A total of 44 participants attended the training program. The primary objectives of the program involved introducing the evolution of Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) and providing hand on training related to resettlement planning and implementation.



Master of Development Studies (MDS) Orientation of Fall Semester 2012

BDI organized an orientation program for the new MDS students of Fall Semester 2012 on September 12, 2012. The Academic coordinator of BDI, **Dr. Ferdous Jahan**, presided over the event. The faculty members of BDI - **Dr. Ferdous**

Arfina Osman, Dr. Ali Ashraf, Dr. Mahbub Alam and **Monojit Kumar Ojha** ACA were also present at the orientation.

Launching ceremony of a short course on Applied Social & Marketing Communication

BDI arranged a launching ceremony for the inception of a short course - Applied Social & Marketing Communication. The event took place on September 13, 2012 at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room. **Professor Ainun Nishat**, the Vice-Chancellor of BRAC University, was present at the event. The event was chaired by **Afsan Chowdhury**, Senior Advisor (Communications) of BRAC. He is also the instructor for this course. **Professor Syed M. Hashemi**, Director, BDI attended the event and welcomed everyone on behalf of BDI.

Professionals from NGOs, media, business firms and masters students of BDI were present at the event. **Afsan Chowdhury** introduced the idea of utilizing communication tools in professional and personal lives. **Professor Ainun Nishat** emphasized the use of effective communication methods for meeting specific objectives. The Deputy Academic Coordinator of BDI, **Alamgir Kabir**, was there to present the structure of the course in details.

BIL Updates

BIL Faculty members conducted sessions at 8th TLC Workshop

Liza Reshmin and **Ashik Sarwar**, faculty members of BRAC Institute of Languages (BIL), conducted sessions at the 8th TLC workshop on "Teaching and Learning at BRAC University". **Ms. Reshmin** facilitated the session "Discussion on Course Syllabus and Developing Lesson plan" while **Mr. Ashik** had the session "Critical and Creative Thinking in Teaching: The Art of Questioning". Both sessions were well appreciated by the participants since bringing variations in lessons and questioning skills are always meant to be the most important teaching skill to bring out the best from the learners.

Certificate in TESOL Class started at BRACU

Classes of the second Certificate in TESOL programme started at BRAC Institute of Languages (BIL), BRAC University from 6 September 2012. This time the classes are held Thursday to Saturday from 3.00pm to 8.00pm. This is a 09 credit programme designed for English language professionals, with special focus on language teaching methodologies, syllabus design and computer aided language learning (CALL) during the first semester, aimed at the theoretical aspects of English language teaching-learning. The major focus of the second semester will be observation and micro teaching in classrooms. In this course 14 students enrolled, while two more students who did not finish the second semester will join for that part. ELT specialist, **Prof. Dil Afroze Quader** is the academic head of this programme. **Dr. Sayeedur Rahman** and **Ms. Neelima Akhter**, Assistant Professors of Dhaka University are the other faculty members. The programme is expected to end on 12 January 2013, and will form part of the MA in TESOL programme which will start soon after.

Faculty member of King Sejong Institute attended South Asian Conference of Promotion of Korean Studies



Shah Md. Main Uddin, Lecturer, King Sejong Institute, BRAC Institute of Languages (BIL) attended the South Asian Conference on Promotion of Korean Studies in New Delhi on September 20 and 21, 2012. The Conference was jointly organized by the Academy of Korean Studies (AKS), South Korea and the Center for Japanese, Korean & North East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru

University, India. A total of fifteen papers were presented in the Conference by different university teachers and researchers from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and South Korea. **Mr. Shah Md. Main Uddin** spoke on "Globalization and Language: Expansion of Korean Language Learning - A case study in Bangladesh" in the Conference on September 20, 2012. His discussion was followed by an interactive session.

C3ER Updates

Asian Regional Experts Meeting on Loss and Damage



United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat recognize BRAC University as an important entity in framing the global work programme to address loss and damage associated with the adverse impact of climate change. In the process, **Professor Ainun Nishat**, Vice Chancellor and **Mr. Nandan Mukherjee**, Program Manager of Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER) of BRAC University, attended the UNFCCC Asian Regional Expert Meeting

on Loss and Damage taking place in Bangkok from August 27th through 29th, 2012. Submission by the C3ER on range of approaches for managing the risk of sea level rise at the sub-national level was acknowledged by the participants as well as the Secretariat. **Professor Nishat** was invited as a panelist of the session on slow onset event and Chaired one of the breakout group discussions on "Identifying priorities for the region in addressing loss and damage".

Apart from this, the Team also attended the informal additional sessions of the Adhoc Working Group (AWG) of the Long-Term Cooperative Action (LCA), Kyoto Protocol (KP) and Durban Platform (DP) for enhanced action at UNESCAP office in Bangkok from 30 August to 5 September'2012 as a member of the delegation of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Contract Signing for Loss and Damage Phase II



On September 1st, 2012, **Professor Ainun Nishat**, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University, signed a contract between BRAC University and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) for the second phase of the Loss and Damage project. Loss and damage is being negotiated at the global level, but the effects are ultimately felt at the local level. This project aims to investigate on how loss and damage from sea level rise will impact coastal communities in

Bangladesh, looking at the impacts of global warming at the local level. The contract is valid from August 1st, 2012, to January 31st, 2013.

C3ER represents Bangladesh in the Technological Need Assessment (TNA) workshop



Nandan Mukherjee, Program Manager of the C3ER participated on the TNA experience sharing workshop from 10 - 12 September in Bangkok, Thailand. The workshop gathered National Coordinators from 36 participating countries to meet and share their experience in conducting and reporting TNAs and Technology Action Plans (TAPs), helped showcase best TNA practices, and enhanced capacity of National TNA Coordinators in project proposal development. The workshop also comprised of participation of representatives from the funding community, donor agencies and private financiers. The experience sharing workshop was being organised by the UNEP Risk Centre in collaboration with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the Regional Lead Organization, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT).

CED Updates

Organizing Pre-Departure Orientation Session for USA/Bangladesh Entrepreneur Program

CED has arranged a Pre-Departure Orientation Program for the 2nd delegation of Bangladeshi Young Entrepreneurs Exchange Program. The Bangladeshi Young Entrepreneur Exchange Program (BYE) is a U.S. Department of State supported exchange program which is being managed by the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Oklahoma, USA, and the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED), BRAC University.

This high-profile exchange program has successfully concluded the first phase of the exchange visit during the March-June 2012 in which 10 Bangladeshi young entrepreneurs had visited the US. On the exchange visit in June 2012, 8 entrepreneurs from the USA toured Bangladesh and visited various entrepreneurial projects.

For the second phase of this exchange program, 10 young Bangladeshi entrepreneurs (consisting of 5 male and 5 female) have been selected who are from diverse business and geographical backgrounds to visit U. S. for 5 weeks. A team of entrepreneurs from US will visit Bangladesh during January 2013.

ASHOKA Meet the Fellows Project

CED and Ashoka Foundation jointly implementing an interactive social

entrepreneurship opportunity mapping on Ashoka Fellows work in Bangladesh. Through this 6-weeks activity, students will understand social entrepreneurs and also help Ashoka to identify its current Fellow activities. In this regard, a workshop has been organized on 27 September, 2012 briefing of Ashoka and its concept of social entrepreneurship. This work will facilitate the BRAC Business school students to reflect themselves as an individual change maker and can apply social Entrepreneurial learning's to their own lives.

Counseling Unit

Life Let's Play: (presentation)

Three members of BRACU Counseling Unit **Shami Suhrid, Sumaiya Anwar** and **Zinnatul Borak** attended International Transactional Analysis Conference known as ITAA-SAATA Conference, 2012 in Chennai from 9th t August o 12th August, 2012. This year the theme of the Conference was "Life Let's Play" which illustrated the following concepts:

- The universe is a panoramic stage. Life is God's play: a divine sport of pure joyousness, freedom, and spontaneity.
- We as players need to take full responsibility for learning, growing, and evolving as we play our roles as educators, counselors, organizational consultants/employees, therapists, parents, children, siblings, and so on.
- So, let's be with Life♦Let's Play!

The conference included plenary keynotes, Inaugural & cultural program, symposium on Clinical, Counseling, Educational, Organizational Psychology, lots of workshops and post conference institutes.



Based on the conference learning, counseling unit arranged a presentation which was held on 25th September 2012 at Indoor Games room from 3pm to 4.30pm. Honorable Register of BRACU **Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury**, consultant of counseling unit **Ms. Farida Akhtar**, members from IED, BRAC University, head of RMO of BRAC University and faculties from different departments attended the workshop.

Counseling session for Medha Bikash Students



Like the previous one, counseling unit visited Medha Bikash group on 18th September 2012. It was one and half day session for the underprivileged students coming from rural and at the same time very successful academic background. This time twenty Seven students have participated in the session. The students received the session on psychosocial issues which was conducted by **Anjuman Ara Eva**. The content of the session was different kind of psychosocial and motivational issues, especially focusing on self confidence. The discussion could motivate and inspire them to realize the broader picture of what they are up to. It was participatory and inspiring as well. After the class, individual counseling sessions were done with the students needed that. Twenty four students participated in individual counseling session out of twenty seven. Regarding the effectiveness of this session they express their significant feedback, comments and suggestions through a counseling evaluation form based on five questions.

CSO Updates

Professional Skills Development Program (PSDP) Orientation Session Fall 2012

Orientation Session for Professional Skills Development Program (PSDP) was held on September 20, 2012 at the Indoor Auditorium of BRAC University. Out of 190 registered students, a number of 180 attended this program.



Professor Ainun Nishat, Vice Chancellor, BRACU attended as the chief guest of the session. In his speech he focused on how a student should take necessary preparation interviews while searching for a job in their particular field of expertise. **Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury**, Registrar, BRACU opened the session. **Ms. Asma Banu**, Senior Assistant Director of Career Services Office, BRACU delivered a presentation on the objectives of Professional Skills Development Program (PSDP). **Ms. Ismat Shereen**, Head, Relationship Management Office, also attended the seminar. At the end of the seminar **Kazi Shanoor Kabir**, CSO Executive, took part in a Q&A session with the students.

Internship Orientation Fall-2012

Internship Orientation of the semester Fall 2012 was held at the Indoor Games Room of BRAC University on 20th September, 2012. **Ms. Asma Banu**, Sr. Asst. Director, Career Services Office conveyed the entire process of internship to the potential interns. She also discussed about the rules and regulations for the students to maintain during their internship period.



Professor Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Pro-VC, BRAC University was the key speaker of the session. He spoke about the code of conduct students should follow at their internship organization. Moreover, he emphasized on the importance and purpose of internship throughout

his speech.

Seventy-seven registered students from the BRAC Business School (BBS), Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering (EEE), Department of English and Humanities (ENH) were present in the session. **Shanzida Shahab Uddin** CSO Officer conducted the question answer session at the end.

Inter University Competition "BIZ Maestro" by Unilever Bangladesh Limited

Unilever Bangladesh Limited (UBL) and BRAC University Career Services Office (CSO) jointly organized a corporate presentation on September 20, 2012 at the indoor auditorium of BRAC University. The program was launched by **Taslima Hasnat Jaigirder**, Manager, Employee Engagement & HR Projects, Human Resources, Unilever Bangladesh Limited.

In her presentation, **Ms. Jaigirder**, Manager, Employee Engagement & HR Projects, Human Resources, Unilever Bangladesh Limited, explained the background, objectives, vision and employment opportunities in Unilever Bangladesh Limited.



Around 120 students from BBS Department participated in the program. The inter university "BIZ Maestros" competition is a prestigious event, where 7 of the leading universities will compete against each other for the winning position comprised of attractive prizes.

The 2nd part of the presentation contained interactions with the participants where **Ms. Jaigirder** took part in a Q&A session with the students. She advised the participating audiences, specially the final year BBA students to form a group of five members each. Then, she handed one topic to each group and asked them to brainstorm some ideas about their assigned topics.

UNIQLO: Career Seminar



UNIQLO, a Japanese casual-clothing chain owned by the Fast Retailing Company Ltd, jointly organized a seminar on September 22nd, 2012 at the Indoor Auditorium of BRAC University.

Ms. Asma Banu, Senior Assistant Director, Career Services Office, BRACU opened the session

explaining the role of Career Services Office. **Mr. Yoichi Takanashi**, Human Resources, Recruiting and Training, introduced all the team members from UNIQLO and started his presentation by explaining the background, objectives, vision and employment opportunities at UNIQLO. Around 140 students of the final semester from different departments participated in this seminar.

Mr. Shingo Sato, Manager, briefly introduced about the hiring process globally and locally. He also explained how Fast Retailing is setting up a joint venture company to make fabric and garments for its Uniqlo casual clothing chain in Bangladesh, as part of plans to create a global supply network to support the roll-out of its stores around the world. At the end of his presentation, **Mr. Yoichi Takanashi**, Human Resources, Recruiting and Training, took part in a Q&A session with the students.

PSDP Mock Interview - Spring 2012

Career Services Office (CSO) organizes "Mock Interview Session" event every semester as a modular component of Professional Skills Development Program (PSDP) aiming to provide the prospective graduates insight on facing actual interview boards. **Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury**, Registrar, BRACU opened the session.



"Mock Interview Session" for summer 2012 students took place on 29th September. Ten renowned organizations have participated namely: BRAC Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Airtel Bangladesh Limited, Save The Children, Bank Asia, Lanka Bangla Finance Limited, Quader Chambers, Citycell, Rahimafrooz, and Mutual Trust Bank. A number of 120 students have participated in this event for interview assessment and total 18 interview boards were there.

A detailed feedback has been received on every interviewed candidate, indicating strengths and areas of development. **Ms. Asma Banu**, Senior Assistant Director of Career Services Office of BRAC University inaugurated the event. With the help of student volunteers and Career Services Office team the event rolled smoothly till the end.

'Taking a Leap into the Next Generation with Mobile Technology' Seminar

BRAC University Career Services Office (CSO) and bKash Limited jointly arranged a seminar on "Taking a Leap into the Next Generation with Mobile Technology" at the Indoor Auditorium of BRAC University on 30th September, 2012. The seminar aimed

at informing the new generation how rapidly technological advances are made and urging them to leap forward and seize the opportunity to utilize those new advances in their day-to-day lives.



Ms. Asma Banu, Senior Assistant Director, Career Services Office, BRACU opened the session with her welcome speech. The Chief Executive Officer of bKash, **Kamal Quadir**, gave an insightful and inspiring presentation and spoke about the lives of ordinary Bangladeshis and how technology has helped them to improve their daily lives and livelihood.

The seminar was spontaneously attended by more than 180 students. After the CEO's presentation, a very lively and interactive Question and Answer session was held where students asked various questions regarding bKash to the CEO and other bKash management members. BRAC University faculty members and executives from bKash were also present at the seminar.

ENH Updates

Thesis and Internship Report Presentations

BA students of ENH have presented their final theses and internship reports from 3rd to 4th September 2012 for the semester of Summer 2012 . The list of the students' names and their theses' topics are given below:

Applied Linguistics and ELT

Name Of Students	Thesis
Farha Binte Islam	Error Correction In English Composition Class: A Comparative Study of Bangla Medium And English Medium School
Niamul Kabir	Language Shift: The Diverse Factors Responsible For The Acceleration Process In Different Communities
Prama Neogi	Interdependency of Language and Social Views: A Study of women's Social Position in Bangla Speech Community
Tasnuva Hasnin	An assessment of the reading materials of class 9 & 10 <i>English for Today</i>

Baseratul Jannat Lira	Using Authentic Materials In ESL Classroom A Tertiary Level Scenario
Umme Sharmin Kabir	Bengali Medium Student's Vulnerability in Speaking English
Imona Hossain	Importance of applying Multiple Intelligence Theory in Bangladeshi schools
Rebecca Sultana	Role of Formal Instruction in SLA (Second Language Acquisition) and Its Impact on Learning Process: Teachers' and Learners' Perspective
Farzana Sharmin Liza	Evaluation of Testing English Language: Secondary Examination of Bangladesh
	Internship Reports
Sabrina Ahmed	Young Kids Young Minds: Classroom Management at the Beginner level
Marzana Rahman	Grammar Translation Method (GTM): An effective and feasible method in Bangladeshi context
Nabila Nourin	Using Phonetics to Teach Pronunciation and Spelling to Young Learners
Bithi Biswas	Teaching Grammar: An experience in an Bangla Medium School
	Literature
Sumaiya Tasneem Haque	Transcendence Revives through the Immanence: An Examination of Existential Crisis in Selected Texts of Fyodor Dostoevsky, Franz Kafka and Milan Kundera
Raisa Tamanna Khan	Twentieth Century Women's Literature: Exploration of Female-identity and Expressions of Independency, Autonomy and Self-assertion
	Media and Cultural Studies
Nusrat Farha	Religious and Political Propaganda through Facebook Images
Shegufta Behtarin	Understanding Events through Event Reports
Rakshinda Huq	Commodification of Women in Images: Exploring <i>ICE Today</i>

International Award Achieved:

Professor Firdous Azim was awarded a fellowship by her alma mater the University of Sussex on September 13th, 2012. Sussex awarded fellowships to fifty of its distinguished alumni and academics who have made a significant contribution in any field since its foundation in 1962.

On this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of Sussex, **Professor Michael Farthing**, said: "We are extremely proud to recognise the distinguished contributions in their field by this group of individuals and to bestow fellowships upon them during our 50th anniversary year."

Faculty Member Leaves for Higher Studies:

Mahruba Tasneem Mowtushi, Lecturer, ENH has achieved the King's Overseas Research Scholarship (KORS) (2012-16) for completing PhD in King's College, London. **Ms. Mowtushi** would look at the influence of the print culture of Kolkata

on Nigerian print revolution for her PhD.

Workshops Attended:

Sabreena Ahmed, Lecturer, ENH participated in the seminar titled "Innovations in Education and ELT" held from 14th -15th September 2012. The event was conducted by **Ms. Nozomi Takano**, **Dr. Cecilia Silva**, **Ms. Cherie Brown** and **Dr. Patrick Daugherty** of Teachers Helping Teachers (THT), Japan. It was organised by Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association (BELTA) and hosted by University of Liberal Arts (ULAB) University, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.



Mahmuda Akhter and **Sabreena Ahmed**, Lecturers of ENH were selected by the BBC Media in Action to participate in their week long workshop titled "Creative Workshop For Future Leaders in Media and English Language Teaching" held from 23rd -27th September 2012 in University of Liberal Arts (ULAB) University, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The workshop participants how to design interactive games for different media such as websites, mobile applications, television or radio etc.

IED Updates

Adolescent study

Six needs assessment workshops took place with the students of Scholastica schools (boys and girls) and BRAC cleaners (female and male) during this month. The objectives of those workshops were to identify their problems, challenges, liking-disliking and future goals. Under this research study four focus group discussions with SCOPE students were also held. The objectives were to identify their needs on SRHR (Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights) related issues. The team also attended a workshop with the Population Council for selecting the tools and designing is now under process. It needs to be mentioned that IED has been conducting this research in collaboration with the Population Council.



Professional Development Group

As a continuation of the professional capacity development of the government officials under the public private partnership three short courses have been conducted during this month. One was conducted on pre primary education for the for Assistant District Primary Education officer (ADPEO), Primary Teachers' Training Institute (PTI) and Upazila Resources Centre (URC) Instructors from 1st to 5th September, 2012 and the two were on 'How Head Teachers and AUEOs Can Make Schools Work' from 8th to 13th September and 22nd to 27th September, 2012 consecutively for the Head Teachers and Assistant Upazilla Education Officers. A total of 69 participants attended the short courses. Deputy Directors from different divisions were present at the certificate giving ceremony.



Thesis presentation and closing ceremony of Masters of Education (MEd) in Educational Leadership, Planning and Management

Students of the third batch of MEd in Educational Leadership, Planning and Management presented their thesis on 4th September, 2012. Participants did their masters thesis on different areas of education in Bangladesh including pre-primary education, teacher's training, girls education, works of female teachers and supervisors, madrasa education, inclusive education, educational programme at Chor and Haor areas, adolescent education, activity based learning, classroom teaching, innovation in education, virtual dropout, educational leadership and management at local level, education of tea garden workers' children, children of cobbler community, ethnic minorities and bed children.

The closing ceremony of the third batch was held on 5th September, 2012. Assistant Director, Administration, Directorate of Primary Education, Director, Institute of Educational Development, BRAC University and faculty members were present at the closing ceremony. Participants and faculty members expressed their feeling and opinion about the MEd programme. Closing ceremony came to an end with a cultural programme.



Orientation programme for the MEd fourth batch



Orientation programme for the 4th batch of MEd in Educational Leadership, Planning and Management was held on 10th September, 2012. A total 31 participants including Assistant District Primary Education Officer (ADPEO), PTI instructors, Upazilla Education Officer (UEO), Assistant Upazilla Education Officer (AUEO), Instructors Upazilla Resource Center, Assistant Instructors Upazilla Resource Center, Education professional from BRAC and IED have enrolled in this programme. Director, senior professionals and faculty

members of IED-BRAC U were present at the orientation programme.

Workshop on Qualitative Research



A workshop was organised on 'Qualitative Research, Data Collection and Analysis' from 30 September to 04 October, 2012. A total of 11 participants from IED and Dhaka Ahsania Mission, FIVDB and FULKI attended the workshop. **Dr. Mainus Sultan**, Adjunct Professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA conducted the workshop.

IGS Updates

Launching Ceremony of the First Publication of the "State of Cities" Report



The Institute of Governance Studies of BRAC University celebrates its first publication of the "State of Cities" report on 5 September, 2012 at BRAC University auditorium. This Report highlights the state of urban governance in Dhaka City in different dimensions such as history of governance, political economy of Dhaka, political governance of Dhaka, economic governance in terms of transport sector and the governance of urban service delivery.

Dr. Rizwan Khair, Director of IGS gave a welcoming address at the beginning of the ceremony. The event was chaired by **Professor Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**, Pro-Vice Chancellor, BRAC University and the five panel discussants were **Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury**, Vice Chancellor, University of Asia Pacific, **Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman**, Executive Chairman, Power and Participation Research Centre, Professor **Mohammad Mohabbat Khan**, Member, University Grants Commission, Architect **Saif Ul Haque**, Principal, **Saif Ul Haque, Sthapati** and **Dr. Ishrat Islam**, Associate Professor, Department of Urban and Rural Planning, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. Members of the media, civil societies and development sector also participated in this event.

Public Private Stakeholders Committee (PPSC)

Small group meeting-cum-FGD with Public Sector Engineers for the PPRP Policy Note

On 15 September 2012, a small group meeting-cum-FGD was held at IGS conference room under the Public Procurement Reform Project-II. The meeting was organised and conducted by the IGS researchers to learn about the systemic loopholes and the risks of irregularities in the bidding process of public sector procurement from the experts and practitioners. The meeting was attended by nine public sector engineers from various government departments. Attendees also discussed the solutions to the problems identified and whether citizen engagement/ third-party monitoring in any stage of the bidding process can reduce the burdens of systemic loopholes and lessen the risks of irregularities.

The discussion was led by **Munir Uddin Shamim**, Senior Programme Manager of IGS and simultaneously moderated by two Research Assistants; **Sultan Mohammed Zakaria** and **Nazmul Arifeen**.

Visit to Narayanganj on piloting third party monitoring of public procurement

On 11 September 2012, a five member team comprised of **Munir Uddin Shamim**, Senior Programme Manager, Kazi **Haque**, Senior Research Associate; **Farhana Razzaque**, Research Associate; **Jannatul Fardosh**, Research Assistant and **Rubayet Hamid**, Research Assistant visited LGED situated at Narayanganj. The purpose of this visit was to explore feasibility of pilot exercise on third party monitoring of public procurement. During the visit, the team met the representatives from LGED, Narayanganj and explained the purpose and possible process of pilot exercise.

Meeting at LGED headquarter

IGS research team visited LGED headquarter and had a small group meeting with the representatives of participatory small scale water resource project and primary education development project. These two projects have been selected for piloting third party monitoring of public procurement under Public Procurement Reform Project-II of the Ministry of Planning. IGS has been assigned to provide technical support to this pilot exercise.

Key Informant Interview

As part of developing policy notes on role of media in promoting citizen engagement in public procurement, 3 key informant interviews (KII) were conducted. Respondents of KII included **Yasmin Khan**, Programme Director and Khadija Bilkis, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Center for Communication Programs and **Ajoy Dasgupta** of Dainik Shamokal. KIIs were conducted by **Farhana Razzaque**, Research Associate and **Munir Uddin Shamim**, Senior Programme Manager of IGS. The KII focused on exploring inputs from the respondents on problems and prospects related to roles of media in facilitating third party engagement in public procurement.

Capacity Building for Promoting Governance Project

Third working group meeting held

Third working group meeting of the project Capacity Building for Promoting Governance, supported by NUFFIC, was held on 27 September 2012. The meeting was presided over by **Dr. Md. Mahmudul Hassan**, MDS, Public Administration Training Centre (PATC). The meeting was attended by working group members from PATC, IGS and **Dr. Martin**. MDF, South Asia. The working group has finalised the second year plan for the project in this meeting.

Workshop on Public-Private Partnership for E-Governance Capacity Building in Bangladesh

IGS Adviser, **Barrister Manzoor Hassan**, Academic Coordinator **Md. Zohurul Islam** and Senior Programme Manager **Munir Uddin Shamim** attended a daylong workshop on public-private partnership for E-Governance capacity building in Bangladesh. The workshop was organised on 13 September 2012 at the International Training Complex of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Center. The workshop was hosted by the representative of Access to Information Programme of the Prime Minister's Office of Bangladesh.

IGS partnership with Social Impact Inc. for USAID/Bangladesh DG-Programs Evaluations

The Institute of Governance Studies (IGS), BRAC University signed a sub-contract with the Social Impact Inc., USA for Bangladesh Democracy and Governance Programs' Evaluations of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). As its first task, the Social Impact Inc. carried out external performance evaluation of Promoting Governance, Accountability, Transparency and Integrity (PROGATI) project in September 2012. **Mohammad Sirajul Islam**, Research Associate of IGS worked as governance expert in this evaluation led by senior evaluation expert named **Dr. Corbin B. Lyday** and the other participants were **Dr. Owen Lippert** and one evaluation expert named **Saiful Islam**.

IGS Researcher presented papers in Bangalore and Cambridge

Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Research Associate of IGS participated in two International Conferences in September in Bangalore, India and Cambridge, United Kingdom respectively.

He gave his first presentation in Bangalore, India from 4-6 September on a paper titled, "Institutions of Accountability and Good Governance: An Evaluation of the Anti Corruption Commission in Bangladesh" on the Public Policy and Governance Conference which was held at the JN Tata auditorium in Bangalore. The conference was jointly organised by the Indian Institute of Science, Public Affairs Centre and the International Development Research Centre, IDRC.

The second conference that he participated in was on Education, Mobility and Migration: People, Ideas and Resources which was held from 8-11 September at the Churchill College of the University of Cambridge. The paper that he presented was titled, "International Labour Migration and its Effect on Education: A Case Study of the Southern Part of Bangladesh". This conference was jointly organised by the faculty of Education of the University of Cambridge, British Association for International and Comparative Education (BAICE) and Anglia Ruskin University, United Kingdom.

IGS Researcher presents paper at the National University of Singapore

From 27-28 September 2012, **Kazi Nur Mohammad Hossainul Haque**, Senior Research Associate of IGS presented a paper on "Determinants and Dynamics of Diaspora Engagement in Home Country Politics: A Case Study of Bangladesh" at the workshop titled, "Diaspora and Development: South Asian Diaspora Engagement in South Asia". This workshop was held at the National University of Singapore and it was organised by the Institute of South Asian Studies.

Focus Group Discussions Conducted for the implementation of the MFS II Programme



From 22-30 September, two researchers, **Faiz Ahmed Chowdhury and Rigan Chakma** conducted focus group discussions (FGD)'s and stakeholder interviews of NGO's at Shatkhira and Khulna respectively. This was part of the general evaluation of the Dutch Alliances which fund

these NGO's for the implementation of the MFS II programme.

Activities of the Director

Dr. Rizwan Khair, the Director of IGS attended the 5th South Asian Economic Summit in Islamabad, Pakistan from 11-13 September 2012 and took part in the panel on "Social Accountability as Catalyst for Inclusive Development in South Asia". He has also conducted classes at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) on Policy Analysis in Senior Staff Course for Joint Secretaries on the Governance of Bangladesh (GOB) and equivalent officers of the armed forces of BPATC.

Annual Monitoring of the Utilisation of IDRC Think Tank Fund

From 6-7 September 2012 two representatives of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), **Dr. Kaveri Gill** and **Dr. Samar Verma** visited IGS and had a meeting with all team members regarding their ♦Terms of Reference♦ of respective projects for the annual monitoring and evaluation of the utilisation of IDRC Think Tank Fund.

Affiliated Network for Social Accountability (ANSA-SAR)

Fifth South Asia Economic Summit (SAES-V) at Islamabad, Pakistan



ANSA-SAR participated in the three day summit of the Fifth South Asia Economic Summit that shed light on the major issues relating to South Asia economic outlook, impacts of global financial crisis, regional trade, energy cooperation, transport connectivity, trade normalisation and engaging youth and Diaspora for economic growth. Over 114 foreign delegates, including ministers from the SAARC

countries participated in the summit. The Chief Operating Officer of ANSA-SAR, **Naimur Rahman** chaired the event while Programme Manager of ANSA-SAR, **Nuzhat Jabin**, spoke at the conference regarding Good Governance.

Training Workshop for Community Radio Personnel

A day long Orientation training workshop for "Community Radio Personnel' on Radio Broadcasting on Budget Issue" was held on 29 September, 2012 at Auditorium Level 3, IDB Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka. The event was supported by ANSA-SAR and organised by the Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC). The overall event was moderated by Tamjid ur Rahman, CEO, Change Maker, **Nuzhat Jabin**, Programme Manager, ANSA-SAR, **Mostafizur Rahman Khan**, Project Officer, ANSA-SAR and Santu Das, Communications Officer, ANSA-SAR attended the training workshop on behalf of IGS. In total 31 Community Radio Personnel including Chief Executive Officers, Station Managers, Programme Producers, Technical Offices, Programme Presenters and Volunteers of 12 Community Radio Stations participated in the training workshop.

The curriculum of the training workshop was designed to give a clear conception on the online and offline roles and responsibilities of the Community Radio personnel in sensitizing grass root level to participate in budgeting process. The recorded radio magazine was presented before the participants as a model for developing programs and take initiatives to broadcast different local government budgeting processes, so that, the local community will be motivated to participate in different stages of the overall budgeting process.

Published Articles

The Daily Star: [Dhaka's invisible inhabitants](#) by **Ipshita Basu**, 18 September 2012
The Daily Star: [Syria: Israel's interest and a strategic double-game of the United States](#) by **Sultan Mohammed Zakaria**, 15 September 2012

MNS Updates

Meeting on the Present Status and Therapeutic Management of Acute Leukemia in Bangladesh

Dr. Mohammad Sorowar Hossain, Assistant Professor, Microbiology Program, Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences attended the Meeting on Haematological Malignancy held in Prince Plaza, Dhaka, organized by Square Hospital, Bangladesh. This meeting was aimed to gather researchers who are dealing with haematological malignancy in Bangladesh. The incidence of leukemia is rising steadily in our country. It is likely that hematological malignancies are linked with widespread environmental pollution. In the meeting, current standard treatment strategies for leukemia were discussed. Ironically, hematologists in our country do not follow any well established treatment protocol for the management of leukemia. Participants have vowed to work together to establish an effective treatment protocol for leukemia management.

Seminar on Genomic Changes in Streptococcus pneumoniae

The Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS) organized a seminar on September 20, 2012, titled "Genomic Changes in Streptococcus Pneumoniae Population in Children of Bangladesh: Implications for Treatment and Vaccine-based Prevention" by **Dr. Md. Mahbubur Rahman**, Scientist and Infectious Disease

Physician, ICDDR,B. **Dr. Rahman** obtained his MS and PhD from Free University of Brussels, Belgium. He was appointed as Head, Laboratory Service Department and Head, Clinical Microbiology, ICDDR,B in 1994 and served as Scientist and Head, Respiratory Laboratory, ICDDR,B from 1998 to 2000. **Dr. Rahman** discussed different aspects of pneumonia in different age groups and their response to pneumonia-vaccines. He also shed light on the factors involved in the effectiveness of these vaccines and discussed Bangladesh perspectives. He ended his talk with some valuable recommendations for our elderly and infant population. Faculty members and the students of the MNS Department participated in the seminar and actively took part in the discussion. **Dr. Rahman** expressed his strong desire to do research in collaboration with BRAC University.

International Workshop on Nanotechnology

An International Workshop on Nanotechnology jointly organized by University of Dhaka and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. was held on September 21-23, 2012, at the Senate Bhavan of the University of Dhaka. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh inaugurated the Workshop on 21 October at the Sonargaon Hotel. MNS faculties including **Professor Naiyyum Choudhury, Dr. Mohammad Sorowar Hossain, Mr. Mahbul Hossain Siddiquee, Mr. Fazle Rabbi, Mr. Lutfor Rahman** and **Mr. Mosaddidur Rahman** and MS biotechnology students, **Ms. Rownak Jahan** and **Samsad Razzaque** participated in the workshop. Professor Choudhury gave an invited talk on Environment, Health and Safety Aspects of Nanotechnology. In his lecture Professor Choudhury illustrated different implications of nanotechnology; especially in Bangladesh perspective. **Mr. Mahbul Hassan Siddiquee** presented a poster entitled "Nanotechnology on Human and Environment: Doom on the Horizon?", **Dr. Mohammad Sorowar Hossain** and **Mr. Fazle Rabbi** jointly presented a poster entitled on "Nanotechnology and its prospects in health sector of Bangladesh" that focused on the future prospects of the application of nanotechnology in medicine, pharmaceutical and nutraceuticals in Bangladesh. **Mr Samsad Razzaque**, an MS Biotechnology student presented a poster, titled "Potential of Microalgae for an Economical Production of Bio-energy Employing Nanotechnology" and **Sultana Rownok Jahan**, another MS Biotech student presented a poster, titled, "Nanotechnology: A New Strategy to Prevent Cardiovascular Disease." The workshop was attended by a large number of scientists from different academic and research organizations of the country. A good number of scientists from the USA, UK, Thailand, the Philippines and Sri Lanka participated in the workshop and presented the global status of nanotechnology and also status in respective countries. All the participants found it very useful to be a part of the first-ever initiative in Bangladesh.

International Training Workshop on Bioinformatics and Computational Biology in South Asian Perspective

Mr. Mahbul Hasan Siddiquee from the Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, participated in the international workshop, titled "International Training Workshop on Bioinformatics and Computational Biology in South Asian Perspective" jointly organized by the University of Science and Technology Chittagong, Chittagong University, and Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University. It was the first international workshop on bioinformatics held in Bangladesh. A number of reputed scientists in this field from Japan, India, and Bangladesh conducted

different sessions in the workshop. The instructors presented their own work and showed how they had used computational analysis and made inferences in their work. After the lecture-sessions had ended, the participants participated in a demonstration session which introduced them with the most recent tools of bioinformatics.

Research Initiative for Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention

Dr. Mohammad Sorowar Hossain, Assistant Professor and **Mr. Fazle Rabbi**, Lecturer, Microbiology Program, Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, have taken an initiative to work on cancer epidemiology and prevention in collaboration with **Dr. Habibullah Talukder**, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Cancer Epidemiology, National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital and **Dr Tanvira Afroze Sultana**, Senior Scientific Officer, Haematology, BIRDEM. Despite spending billions of dollars for cancer research, progress in cancer treatment/management is still not up to the expectation. On the other hand, cancer incidence is undoubtedly on the rise, especially in developing countries like Bangladesh. There is hardly any scientific study on aspect of cancer epidemiology in Bangladesh. Although it is said that cancer is the disease of the old people, it is now commonly seen in the younger population (such as childhood leukaemia and breast cancer) as well. Considering the fact that cancer treatment is very expensive, this disease will take much of its toll from developing countries where world's poorer people are more exposed to various risk factors and have little or no access to cancer care. According to WHO estimates, more than 40% of cancer deaths worldwide could be prevented. Therefore, prevention strategies should be prioritized for curtailing cancer risks. The battle against cancer should be dealt with concerted strategies of prevention, early detection and treatment.

Meeting with Dr. Mahbubur Rahman, ICDDR,B for research collaboration

Dr. Mohammad Sorowar Hossain, Assistant Professor and **Mr. Fazle Rabbi** and **Mahbubul Hasan Siddiquee**, Lecture, Microbiology Program, Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, discussed with **Dr. Mahbubur Rahman**, Scientist, ICDDR,B for a potential collaborative research project entitled "Colonisation of the nasopharynx on the occurrence of acute respiratory infections in a birth cohort of children and their mothers. " The study will be carried out in Nandipara/Trimohania/Dhakhingaon and area adjacent to Banassree, Dhaka. This is a birth-cohort study with an objective to evaluate relationship between nasopharyngeal microbial colonization and the occurrence of AOM or pneumonia in infants. The second objective is to see the impact of maternal respiratory and/or urogenital infection on birth outcome.

"New faces in campus" and " Leaving us"

New faces at BRACU

Architecture

Mr. Amir EBN Sharif, an Ex student of ARC Department of BRACU joined as a faculty member in the same department. After completing bachelor degree, he did his MSc from Politecnico di Milano in Italy.

BBS

Dr. Mohammad Tareque Aziz joined as an Assistant professor in BBS department from September 2012. He completed his BBA in Marketing jointly from IUBAT and Assumption University in Thailand. He did MBA from North South University and obtained PhD in Marketing from University Utara Malaysia.

CED

Ms. Afshana Choudhury joined as Program Manager in Centre of Entrepreneurship Development in September, 2012. She did her MBA and BSc. From Madras University, India.

ENH

Dr. Tazeen Mahnaz Murshid joined as a Professor of History in ENH department from September 2012. **Professor Murshid** completed her BA and MA from Dhaka University and obtained her D. Phil degree in Oriental Studies from University of Oxford.

MNS

A new faculty member, **Mr. Mohammad Sorowar Hossain** joined as an Assistant Professor in Microbiology program under MNS Department. He obtained his Bachelor and post graduation in Microbiology from Dhaka University. He did PhD in Molecular Biology from National University of Singapore.

TLC

Two new faces including **Mr. Sheikh Mohammad Ali** as Senior Lecturer and **Ms. Nasrin Sultana Mitu** as Lecturer, joined in the TLC Team in September, 2012.

Mr. Ali completed his B.Ed and M.Ed from Dhaka University and later did another Master in Educational Leadership from University of Canterbury in New Zealand. **Ms. Mitu** completed her B.Ed and M.Ed from Dhaka University.

Left from BRACU

Dr. Md. Moinul Islam, Assistant Professor and **Shah Md. Abid**, Lecturer both from EEE department resigned in last September. **Ms. Ronok Jahan** served as Lecturer in Pharmacy department left BRACU and joined Rajshahi University.

Pharmacy Updates

Study visit of Beximco Pharmaceutical Ltd., Tongi, Gazipur



On 26 September, 2012 thirty students of the Department of Pharmacy along with three faculty members visited the factory of Beximco Pharma Ltd., Tongi, Gazipur. The visit was arranged to give the students a practical idea about the operations of a pharmaceutical company. The team started its visit early in the morning and on reaching the factory the team was welcomed with a presentation regarding basic information of

Beximco Pharma Ltd. The students were divided into two groups. Each group was shown around the factory by a Supervisor from Beximco Pharma Ltd. Students were taken to different departments and areas of the factory. The major areas they covered were solid dosage form unit (granulation, compression, blister packaging and coating), quality control department and ware house. During the visit the students got acquainted with various types of equipment, instruments, machines and processes involved with the production, quality control and storage of pharmaceutical raw materials and finished products and raw materials. The visiting team was seen off by the factory personnel and they exchanged thanks.

RS Updates

Semester orientation program



On September 15, 2012, the orientation for the 31st batch of RS was held from 9:00am to 4:30pm at Markuli hall. The program was facilitated by honorable Pro-Vice Chancellor **Professor Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Mr. Mahfuzul Bari Chowdhury, Ms. Farrah Jabeen and Mr. Rehan Ahmed**. The session focused on the introduction of the faculty and staff members, the discussion of campus facilities and disciplines and the preparation of social capital.

Session on 'Grooming & Etiquette'



The grooming and etiquette session for semester Fall 2012 was arranged on 27th September, 2012 at Markuli Hall BRACU Savar campus. **Ms. Farrah Jabeen** along with two other BIL faculty members, **Ms. Arifa** and **Ms. Mitali** facilitated the session highlighting its importance in personal and professional life.

Happy reading orientation program held

Book reading orientation program was held on 27th September 2012 at BRACU Savar campus. "Reading is a great passion and also a great hobby" keeping this slogan in mind 'happy reading' course has been introduced two semesters earlier in collaboration with British Council. The program started with the lively introduction by the Campus Superintended and was followed by **Ms. Alija**, an official of British Council. The attraction of the program was quiz competition where 25 students were awarded.

Parents' Day observed at Savar Campus



The Parents' Day for the Fall Semester 2012 was observed on 22 September 2012 in BRAC University residential campus at Savar amid the presence of Vice-Chancellor of BRAC University **Professor Ainun Nishat**, faculty members and students' parents. Usually, parents visit residential campus to meet their children while students get the opportunity to

share their week long experiences with the parents about living in Savar campus. Actually it has become a unique gathering of teachers and the parents to exchange views about BRAC University and campus discipline.

SPH Updates

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

The MPH Module-691 on 'Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Health Programmes' was held during September 9-13, 2012. Mr. Andrew Jenkins from BRAC coordinated the module. The other faculties who taught in this module were **Prof. Malabika Sarker** from the School, **Dr. Raisul Haque** from BRAC and **Dr. Kuntal Kumar Saha**, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). **Md. Saiful Islam Sarker**, Research Associate, JPGSPH, acted as the Teaching Fellow in this module. This five-day module aims to provide the key concepts and skills needed to develop, manage, and carry out the monitoring and evaluation of public health programs.

The MPH Module-670 on 'Public Health Nutrition' was held during September 16-27, 2012. **Dr. Tahmeed Ahmed** from icddr,b coordinated the module. The other faculties who taught in this module were **Dr. Iqbal Hossain** and **Dr. Santhia Ireen** from icddr,b, **Dr. M Mohsin Ali** from UNICEF. **Dr. Fatema Binte Rasul**, Senior Research Associate, JPGSPH acted as the Teaching Fellow in this module. This two week module aims to provide the key concepts and skills needed to develop, manage, and carry out the public health nutrition programs.

INTRODUCTORY COURSE ON HEALTHCARE FINANCING

An Introductory Course on Healthcare Financing was held by the Center of Excellence for Universal Health Coverage (CoE-UHC) project of icddr,b and James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), BRAC University during September 24-26, 2012. About 25 participants took part and of them, five were from the JPGSPH, five, four from MOHFW, three from other organizations and the rest were from icddr,b. The course faculties were from icddr,b, JPGSPH and Dhaka University.

There are several other short courses in plan to be offered from the CoE-UHC and for information, please contact: nurullah@icddr.org.

BRAC HEALTHCARE INNOVATIONS PROGRAMME (BHIP)

The month of September 2012 has been a very busy and important period for the BHIP team. Notably, two successful presentations were made by the senior members of BHIP to:

- **Dr Jeanette Vega**, Managing Director for Health, The Rockefeller Foundation
- **Sir Fazle Hassan Abed**, Chairperson, BRAC which was also attended by Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director, **Faruque Ahmed**, Senior Director of BRAC International, **Dr. Kaosar Afsana**, Director of BHP, **Dr. Akramul Islam**, Associate Director BHP, **Dr. Ariful Alam**, Program Coordinator BHP, **Dr. Tapash Roy**, Program Coordinator BHP and other Senior Managers of BRAC.

A workshop on "**Universal Health Coverage - Learning through South-South Partnerships**" which was jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and Population, Government of Nepal and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) was attended by **Md. Shahadath Hossain**, Project Assistant (Product Development) and **Mohammad Elias Hossain**, IT Systems

Analyst. The workshop took place in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kathmandu, Nepal, from 10 to 12 September 2012.

The objectives of this workshop were to:

- Strengthen the case for initiating or broadening the reform process among participant countries, creating momentum for action, and fostering a sense of community among countries facing similar challenges to initiate reforms
- Develop closer cooperation between the participating countries in the long term in the form of south-south partnerships
- Provide innovative methods whereby the potential of IT systems is harnessed to design and implement inclusive health coverage
- Highlight specific needs of participant countries that might be met by other countries and/ or external assistance

Key IM Learning were:

- The Joint Learning Network (JLN) - A Model for Collaborative Learning Enabling UHC
- The Challenge of Realizing the Full Potential of IT
- Country Experience in Learning, Sharing, and Improving Through Collaboration
- The Magic of O.P.E. & O.P.M.

In addition, each team has been working on compiling information and reviews for a Project Proposal for bHIP.

The Core team members compiled a background brief on bHIP and BRAC Health Programme covering:

- Current Health Scenario
- Finance
- Insurance
- Health Records

The bHIP members have also been attending short courses on:

- "Public Health Oncology for Presentation and Review" course which took place from 9th to 13th of September 2012. It was attended by **Hossain Ishrath Adib**, Program Head, **Dr. Fatema Binte Rasul**, Senior Research Associate, **Rahima Akter**, Research Assistant and **Md. Tanbirul Islam**, Senior Sector Specialist.
- "An Introductory Course on Healthcare Financing" course which took place from 24th to 26th of September 2012 was attended by **Shahadath Hossain**, Project Assistant (Product Development), **Sanchita Chakrovorty**, Research Associate, **S.M. Hasibul Karim**, Research Associate, and **Nuzhat Chowdhury**, Senior Research Associate.
- All core team members have been attending STATA classes that will continue till December 2012.

On the other hand, the Finance team has been working on data collection regarding

disease prevalence, household expenditure on healthcare, and morbidity and mortality profile to figure out the expected cost of providing healthcare services.

Moreover, they have been going through insurance company financial reports to understand relevant information for developing a financial model for bHIP and incorporating their findings in the draft model.

The research team has been working on the data analysis of Rangpur field (Badargonj, Rangpur Sadar). They are expecting to present all results from Rangpur field by mid October. Beside this, team has visited Dokkhinkhan of Uttara to collect background information on the demographic structure and local providers of that area. Now capacity data entry of Mymensingh field has been started.

Furthermore, all team members have been involved in process mapping activities; initially the work was divided into was divided into groups, each with 2 components to work;

- Group 1: **Shahadath Hossain**, and **Nuzhat Chowdhury** (Provider Empanelment and Enrollment)
- Group 2: **Dipanwita Das**, and **Shaila Nazneen** (Quality Control and Continuing Membership)
- Group 3: **Mohammad Elias Hossain**, **Sharmin Ahmed**, and **Leonora Adhikari** (Service Provisioning and Claim Settlement)

The process mapping activities were initiated, and presented to the Unit heads for their feedback before being compiled. The team will sit with **Pial Islam**, Managing Partner, pi Strategy Consulting, on October 8,2012 to discuss the end result.

COMMUNITY-BASED MIDWIFERY EDUCATION PROGRAM



A five-week long Faculty Development Training has been organized by the JPGSPH with technical assistance from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) from 3 September, 2012 to 17 October, 2012 for 32

faculty members from the Implementing Partner Organizations who will be preparing a new generation of educated midwives through the 3-year Diploma in Midwifery program under the Community-based Midwifery Education Program. The participants of the Faculty Development Training, representing diverse backgrounds, include medical doctors, nurses, paramedics, birth attendants and medical trainers. Facilitators include visiting faculty from LSTM as well as national experts on maternal and neonatal health.

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) is facilitating the training along with some National Facilitators. There are total 31 participants from the 6 IPOs. Technical team members of JPGSPH also participated in this faculty development training.

The Inaugural Ceremony of the Faculty Development Training was held on the premises of the JPGSPH from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, September 4, 2012. The ceremony commenced with a welcome address from **Dr Timothy Grant Evans**, Dean, JPGSPH. The event was attended by distinguished Guest Speakers representing both the state and non-state sectors. **Dr S. A. J. Md. Musa**, Director, Primary Health Care & Line Director, Maternal, Neonatal, Adolescent and Child Health, Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), spoke of the systemic approach required to fulfill the commitment made by the **Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina** to train 3,000 midwives by 2015 and to retain health workers in rural areas. Ms Shuriya Begum, Registrar of Bangladesh Nursing Council (BNC), the accrediting body for the midwives, expressed her support. **Professor Dr Kohinoor Begum**, President, Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB), encouraged the faculty participants to engage in the training and translate their knowledge to educate the midwives. **Ms Alana Albee**, Senior Adviser/Team Leader, Health, Education, Water and Sanitation, DFID, referring to the important role played by midwives in the lives of mothers, spoke of the commitment of the DFID to ensure services to women and help new lives. **Dr Abbas Bhuiya**, Interim Executive Director, icddr,b, welcomed the effort to reduce the maternal mortality of Bangladesh, which at 194 per 100,00 live births, is the highest in South Asia. Lady **Syeda Sarwat Abed**, Director, BRAC Institute of Languages (BIL), BRAC University, expressed the support of the BIL to the program through developing the English modules for the midwifery curriculum. **Dr Kaosar Afsana**, Director, BRAC Health Programme, describing the importance of midwives in providing physical, emotional and spiritual support to mothers during pregnancy and childbirth, said that it was a historical event as the dream of **Sir Fazle Hasan Abed**, Founder and Chairperson of BRAC, to establish a school of midwifery has started to take shape. **Dr Barbara Madaj**, Post-Doc Researcher, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, congratulating on the effort, expressed the support of the LSTM in improving the quality of Emergency and Obstetric Care (EOC) in Bangladesh. **Ms Ismat Bhuiya**, Director Programs, JPGSPH, concluded the ceremony by thanking the distinguished guest speakers, participants, the partners, the DFID and the midwifery team for their support.

The Inaugural Ceremony of the Faculty Development Training received media coverage from newspapers such as The Independent, New Age, The Daily Sun, Samakal and Bonik Barta.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION - SITUATION ANALYSIS

Data analysis phase of this mixed method study is going on in full swing. At this stage, decisions were made for revised in-depth-interviews with the national level policy makers for further clarifications of the institutional level analysis.

FOOD SECURITY NUTRITIONAL SURVEILLANCE PROJECT (FSNSP)

Data collection for Phase I of Round 9 started from 26 September 2012. 72 Data

Collection Officers will be working under the supervision of 7 Senior Monitoring Officers till 17 October, 2012. Quality checks will be done by 13 FSNSP Quality Control Officers in addition to Post Enumeration Checks by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

A two-week long "Basic Training" was organized for 7 newly recruited Data Collection Officers at the JPGSPH from 10 to 20 September, 2012. The training was coordinated by Training Officer **Ms. Rina Akhter** and facilitated by the Training Officer and the Quality Control Officers. The training curriculum included theoretical, practical for anthropometric measurements and field visit.

Refresher training for Round 9 Phase I data collection was held at Dhaka Ahsania Mission auditorium from 22-24 September, 2012. The training was attended by all the Data Collection Officers and Quality Control Officers and facilitated by Training Officer, Senior Monitoring Officers, Field Manager and Project Coordinator.

A stakeholder workshop on "Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia (LANSA)" was jointly organized by FSNSP and Research & Evaluation Division of BRAC. The workshop was held on 8 September, 2012 at the conference hall of JPGSPH was chaired by **Dr. Timothy Grant Evans**, Dean JPGSPH and attended by stakeholders from the government, NGOs and development partners. **Dr. M A Sattar Mandal**, Member, Agriculture, Water Resources & Rural Institutions Division, Planning Commission, was present as a special guest. **Dr. Mahabub Hossain**, Executive Director, BRAC, presented on "Linkage of Nutrition with Economy and Agricultural Growth" while FSNSP Project Manager, **Dr. Akram Hussain** presented on "Regional Variation in Food Security and Nutrition- Findings from Bangladesh".

Project Coordinator **Dr. Enamul Hasib** and Project Manager **Dr. Akram Hussain** participated in a two-day workshop to finalize the HMIS indicators for NIS (Nutrition Information Service) organized by NNS (National Nutrition Services) in association with UNICEF.

The Project Manager, **Dr. Akram Hussain**, participated in the monthly Nutrition Working Group meeting held at Eminence office on 3rd September.

Mr. Feroz Ahmed, Analysis & Reporting Officer worked as a member of the "Integrated Phase Classification" technical working group of the Food Planning Monitoring Unit (FPMU) of Ministry of Food & Disaster Management to prepare a guideline to classify different phases of food insecurity in different agro-ecological zones of Bangladesh.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Dr. Kawkab Mahmud's abstract, based on a literature review and titled 'Evaluating impact of socio-demographic changes on increasing prevalence and risk factors of type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Impaired Glucose Tolerance among rural Bangladeshi' has been accepted for oral presentation at the 44th Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) Conference 2012 to be held in Sri Lanka, Colombo.

TLC Updates

8th TLC workshop on 'Teaching & Learning at BRACU' held during Sept 10-13 at BRACU Savar campus.



The workshop was designed for the new instructors of BRACU who are involved in teaching and learning at BRAC University. A number of experienced faculty members also joined them to share their teaching experiences and expertise in BRACU. The total numbers of the participants' were 15. The facilitators were **Prof. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Prof. Fuad H. Mallick, Prof. H.M. Hashemi, Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Mr. Mahfuzul Bari Chowdhury, Mr. Abdur Rahman, Ms. Rosy Sharif, Mr. Monojit Kumar Ojha, Prof. Shaheen Islam, Ms. Anisa Haq, Ms. Liza Reshmin, Mr. Ashik Sarwar, Ms. Hasina Afroz and Ms. Samina Anzum Chowdhury**. The workshop was held at Savar campus and the participants were taken there by Sept.9 for the Social Gathering Evening. The workshop started with creating the Social Capitals: the Honor Code for the workshop. There were sessions on Synergy between BRAC and BRACU, BRACU Professional Guidelines (code of conducts for teachers and students of BRACU), BRACU Account and HR Policy, How to start the First Session, Why students behave the way they do, and Managing students' disruptive behavior. The sessions on Critical & Creative Thinking in Teaching and The Art of Questioning were another two important sessions which made the participants think more creatively. The sessions on Facilitation Skills: Direct and Indirect Instructional Strategies and Micro-teaching (by the participants) helped the participants' understand about the difference between the Teacher-centered and Learners'-centered classroom teaching and the impact of these teaching styles, tools and techniques. Students Grading: The Teacher as an Evaluator of students' performance led the participants re-think for fair grading their students. Finally the sessions on Personal Development: Habits of High Performing Teachers and Exploring Personal Blind Areas: Johari Window were new-eye opening for the instructors. The meditation and yoga session based on the Seventh habit: Sharpen the Saws was really an insightful learning for the participants. A Cultural Evening, organized and participated by the participants on day 3 and a show by

BRAC Popular Theater on day 2 added extra values to the workshop. The workshop was wrapped up through Cob-web method, where each one had the chance to share personal reflection about the whole workshop and wishing for the peer colleagues. The four day workshop was closed by giving certificates to the participants.

The students' Orientation program of BRACU Residential Semester, Fall 2012



TLC gave support to BRACU RS in designing and facilitating the orientation program, Fall 2012 on Sept. 15. **Prof. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**, Pro-VC, BRACU started the program with a DREAM, an opening song and welcomed all the 403 students to RS. The students were introduced according to their departments, dormitories and religions. The session was continued through a dialogue method with **Md. Mahfuzul Bari Chowdhury**, CS, Savar campus and **Ms Farrah Jabeen**, Sr. Lecturer, BIL. They described briefly the background, objectives and activities of residential semester. Later all the course teachers from HUM, Dev and Language courses, all the house tutors, counselor, admin, medical, library, and computer lab support team introduced themselves to the students. However, after a short health break, the students were sent into fourteen separate sections along with their section teachers to develop their social capitals, the ground rules they would practice for the whole semester and would promote others. After lunch break, the group leaders from all those fourteen sections presented their social capitals for others' approvals. Beside **Prof Samdani**, the faculty members-**Mr. Sheikh Mohammad Ali**, **Ms. Samina Anzum**, **Ms. Sabrina Syed** and **Ms. Nasreen Sultana** from TLC gave support in the whole program.

The session on Personal Development: Habits of Highly Successful Students:

TLC gave support to the integrated session on Personal Development: Habits of Highly Successful Students on Sept.22nd 2012. The session was designed for the residential semester students of BRACU and a part of the Hum course: Ethics and culture. 'Personal development is a hard work. It takes time, consistency and pertinence.' The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, written by Stephen R. Covey (1989) embody many of the fundamental principals of human effectiveness. This session focused on the learning those principals through practical ideas to

make the important changes in the students lives, both big and small so that they can get their lives on track and start living up to the potential (**Dr. F. G. Samdani**). The beginning part of the session was facilitated by **Prof. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**, Pro-VC, BRACU. He started the session with an opening song - *aguner porosho - moni* and was continuing through a power point presentation and lecture on seven habits. There was a small role play on how Habit forms and a slideshow was shown on the story of Tortoise and Hare. After his presentation, the students were divided into fourteen sections and were sent with the respective faculty member into different class rooms. There were group discussions and question-answer session on seven habits. Colloquial method was applied for this discussion part. The session was wrapped up by taking reflections and feedbacks from the students.

A session on Self Discovering through Johari Window on Sept 29th at BRACU residential semester

This was a new two hours session integrated with HUM course: Ethics and Culture, designed for the 403 students of RS, Fall semester 2012. The objectives of the session was to identify own areas of personal weakness and explore own potentials through Johari window tools. Moreover, the tools help the students to learn how to give and receive constructive feedbacks. TLC gave support in designing the session, developing materials, providing relevant readings and supported in facilitation. Before the session TLC also organized a ToT session on Johari window on Sept 9 at BRACU Mohakhali campus for the faculty members of HUM course, Dev course and faculty of TLC. The ToT session was facilitated by **Prof. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**, Director, TLC and Pro-VC. The session was started with a Lalon-geeti song and having reflections on it. The discussions continued on Circle of concern and Circle of influence and finally on the four spans of Johari window. A number of individual and group activities were applied on Self-Disclosure Indicator , Evaluation Grid, Circle of Concern and Circle of Influence, and Self-Discovering Instrument: List of 56 Adjectives. Beside **Prof. Samdani** from TLC, **Sheikh Mohammad Ali, Samina Anzum, Sabrina Syed** and **Nasreen Sultana** participated in the ToT session on Sept.9 and facilitated separate sessions on Sept 29th at RS, Savar campus.

New joining at TLC: Three faculty members have joined at TLC recently



Mr. Sheikh Mohammad Ali joined TLC, BRAC University as a Senior Lecturer on September 2nd 2012. He did his second M.Ed from University of Canterbury, New Zealand in 2011. Before joining at TLC he was serving as a teachers' trainer at Rangpur TTC for more than seven years.



Sabrina Syed has joined TLC as Lecturer-II on August 1st, 2012. She did her M.Ed with a major on Educational Psychology and Guidance and B.Ed (honors) both from Institute of Education & Research (IER), Dhaka University.



Nasreen Sultana Mitu has joined TLC as Lecturer-I on September 2nd, 2012. She did her M.Ed with a major on Science Mathematics and Technology Education (SMTE) and B.Ed.(Honors) both from Institute of Education and Research (IER), Dhaka University.

Student Affairs Updates

BRAC University hosts Fall Festival



BRAC University was adorned with colours to celebrate 'MELA', the club fair on September 27, 2012. BRAC University Heritage Forum (BUHF) organised the club fair and brought all the 40 clubs and forums in harmony for students to have the opportunity to get associated with extended learning of their interest. The freshmen could only get the true essence of the 'MELA' after our respected Vice Chancellor, Professor Ainun Nishat, inaugurated the Club Fair.

The posters with colourful flywheel, for the festival made days for the event, and kept everybody anxious for the big day. When the day arrived, everyone could feel the celebratory vibe around BRAC University with appealing decorations all over, reverberating music, thudding drum beats, clinging of bangles and the aroma of flowers worn by the girls.

Students and volunteers at the BUHF Club Fair 2012. COURTESY: BUHF

Club Fair is organised each semester by the clubs and forums and this semester BRAC University Heritage Forum organised the fair stretching the spirit of harmony throughout BRAC University. All the 40 clubs and forums were waiting with open arms to welcome new members by sharing their experience, activities and future plans with the freshmen. Students got acquainted with the activities of various clubs and forums. So, that they have the opportunity to get involved in their activity of interest (debate, drama, travel, sports, photography, etc). While working in groups

with people, students enrich themselves with worthy experiences, connections and also develop the qualities of leadership and socialisation. That is, they get indulged in the extended learning opportunities in the university. After recruitment of new members in all clubs and forums, the BU Cultural Club and, Drama and Theater Forum entertained the crowd with their musical performance.

This festival brought seniors, juniors and faculty members together creating an atmosphere of union, making new comers feel at home in the university. This club fair was different from other club fairs due to the 'MELA' touch; the addition of Mehedi Utsab and face-painting for the first time in club fair amplified the difference and increased the festive mood. Students were delighted to have noodles, nestea and Alooos sponsored by Nestle and Bombay Sweets. After the daylong celebration from 10 am to 7 pm, the Heritage Family expressed, their content with hosting such an eventful day.

East West University Debate Spree 2012

BRAC University Debating Club participated at the East West University Debate Spree 2012 with one team and three adjudicators. The tournament was held from September 14-15, and 22, 2012. The tournament featured 6 preliminary rounds before the semifinal. The chief adjudicator was an alumnus from Colgate University, USA.

Two debaters from BRAC University, Aaqib F Hossain and Ratib M Ali, were jointly the second best debater of the tournament. Arghya D B Aryan of BRAC University was the Assistant Chief Adjudicator of the tournament, and he, along with BRAC University's Shannon S Moreino, judged the Grand Final at the tournament. Fahim Mostafa was the other BRAC University adjudicator, who was also eligible to judge the final.

2nd BDC Pro-Am Debate Tournament 2012, hosted by Independent University Bangladesh

Pro-Am is a tournament that pairs up one professionally experienced debater (Pro) with an amateur debater (Am), regardless of university. This exercise allows experienced debaters to impart their valuable wisdom to the future generation of debating. This year, BRAC University's very own Aaqib F Hossain and Ratib M Ali were considered professional debaters at the tournament, with Shannon S Moreino qualifying as an eligible amateur from BRAC University.

It was an all-BRAC University affair at the final: the team with Shannon S Moreino was the Champion of the tournament; the team with Ratib M Ali was the Runner Up of the tournament. In addition, Ratib M Ali also became the second best debater at the tournament.