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## European University of Bangladesh Wins ULAB Fair Play Cup 2015

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ULAB began the Fair Play Cup cricket tournament with the objective to establish good relations among the private universities and to create an environment where teams can compete with fairness and entertainment. Being the only private university with a tournament-standard playground, ULAB has successfully hosted the event since 2006.

This year 16 universities participated in the tournament. These are: BRAC University, North South University (NSU), East West University (EWU), Northern University Bangladesh (NUB),

United International University (UIU), State University of Bangladesh (SUB), Manarat International University, Independent University Bangladesh (IUB), University of Asia Pacific (UAP), South East University (SEU), Eastern University, Green University of Bangladesh, Premier University of Chittagong, University of Information Technology and Sciences (UITS), European University of Bangladesh (EUB) and the hosts, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB).

The tournament kicked off on January 22 with ULAB playing SUB. A total of 32 matches were held in T20 format in the entirety of the tournament, with the final taking place between EUB and SUB on February 11, 2015. SUB won the toss and elected to bat first, putting 150 runs on the scoreboard with 5 wickets in hand. EUB responded with 154 with 5 wickets remaining, winning the tournament. The winners received BDT 40000, while the runners-up were awarded with BDT 25000. Former national team player and commentator Atahar Ali Khan was present as the chief guest and spoke about his experiences of playing the sport during his university life at the presentation ceremony.

Kazi Inam Ahmed, Director, Bangladesh Cricket Board and member of the ULAB Board of Trustees; Professor Imran Rahman, ULAB Vice Chancellor; and Juditha Ohlmacher, Member of the ULAB Board of Trustees and Adviser, Communications and Student Affairs of ULAB, were present and handed out the awards.

Nahid Newaz Nayan of EUB won the Player of the Match award. He thanked both the teams for giving their best in the finals. ULAB's Anjum Ahmed Jassy was awarded the Player of the Tournament award. "I'm really happy to have won this. It would have been better if my team had won, but still, it's been an amazing tournament," he said.

Other award winners were: Izal Ahmed of ULAB for the Best Fielder of the Tournament, Ashraful Zahid of EUB for Best Batsman and Nur E Alam Jannet of SUB for Best Bowler. ULAB won the Fair Play Award. Jamuna TV was the media partner, The Independent was the print media partner, Radio Shadhin was the radio partner, while BCB was the technical partner, among other sponsors.

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