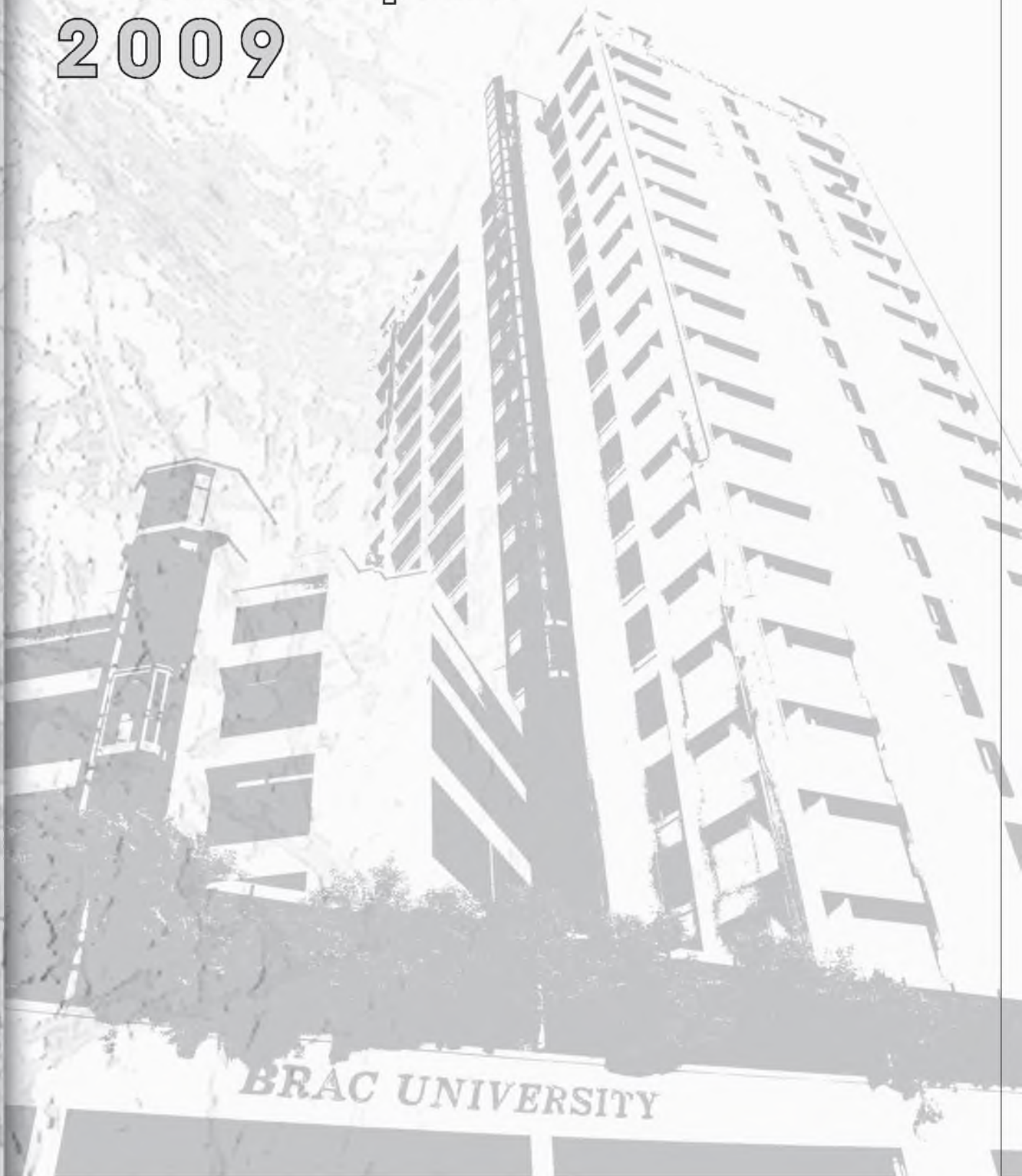


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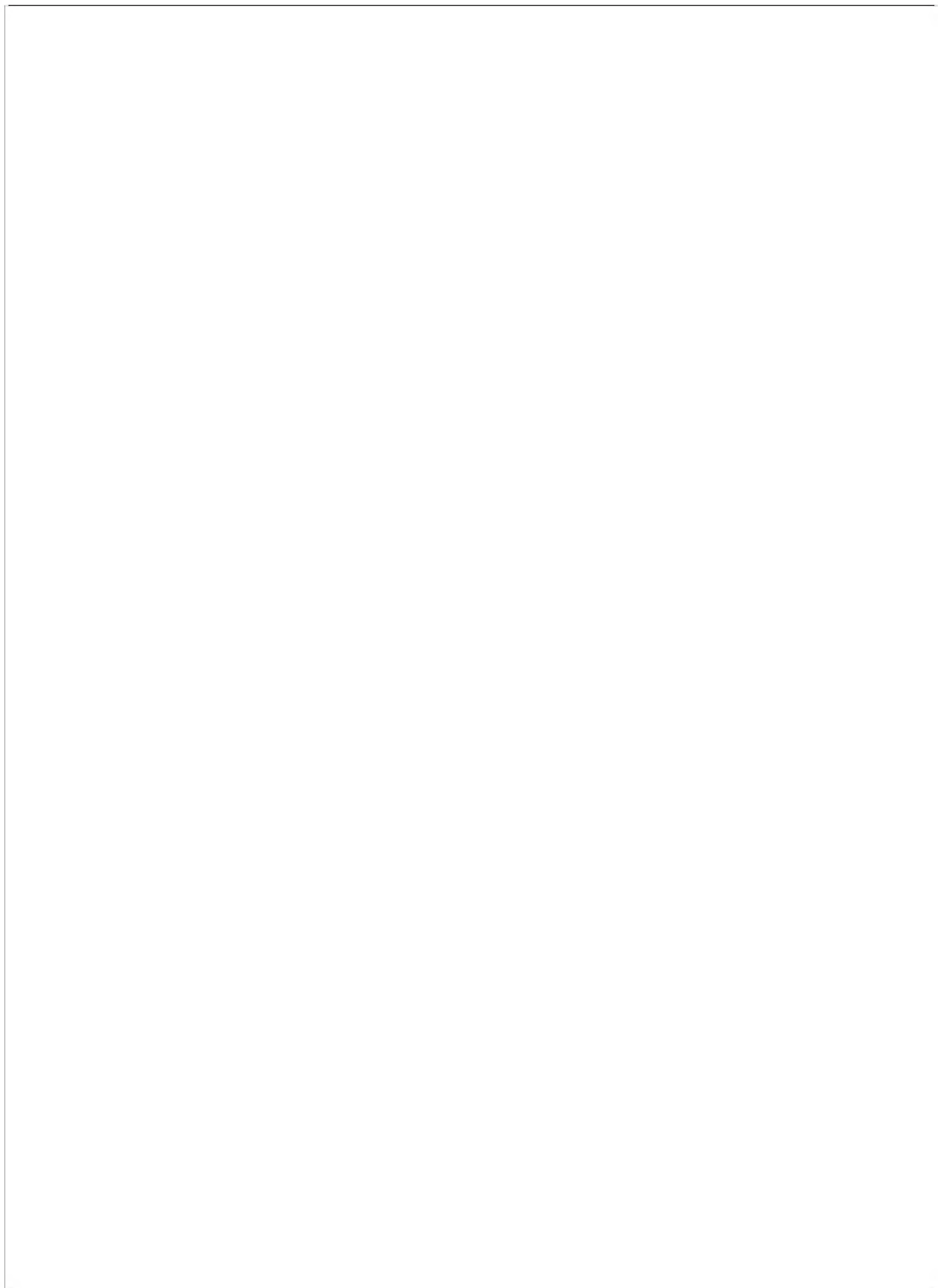
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## BRAC UNIVERSITY



### Message from the President Governing Board, BRAC University

BRAC University started its journey nine years ago with just three departments and around 80 students and an ambitious aim of creating a center of excellence in higher education that would equip its students with the tools necessary to respond to the evolving needs of their society and become architects of positive change. Towards this goal, the university strives to provide a broad based education that will produce not only educated graduates, but committed and conscious citizens able to take on the future challenges that face Bangladesh. Today, I am happy to note that

the university has come a long way towards achieving that objective.

The university continues to build on its undergraduate course offerings in the areas of science, commerce and humanities. Its schools and institutes for post-graduate study and research continue to distinguish themselves in their areas of specialization and have grown popular with students, civil servants, executives and development practitioners alike. The university also benefits from its partnerships with leading universities around the world and through the new perspectives and new ideas brought in by a growing number of international students.

I am also pleased to note that the university continues to make every effort possible to include qualified students from disadvantaged families, having provided financial aid totaling BDT 3.35 crore during the year 2009.

The career accomplishments of our graduates are testaments to the high quality of education the university provides - while many of our alumni have gone on to work in reputable organizations, others have chosen to pursue further education at leading academic institutions around the world. This is a credit to the hard work and valuable guidance provided by the university's faculty and staff members. As the university community continues to grow, I am confident that the knowledge and experience they have gained here will inspire our alumni and future graduates to provide higher measures of service to society.

As we start our tenth academic year, let us reaffirm our commitment to the broader mission of BRAC University and work together to ensure significant accomplishments towards furthering that mission. Our concerted efforts will no doubt contribute towards a stronger future for our institution and for our country.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fazle Hasan Abed".

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed KCMG





## BRAC UNIVERSITY



### Message from the Vice Chancellor

Year 2009 saw BRAC University (BRACU) making remarkable all round progress. The University had completed its eighth year since inception. Within this short span of time it had made a mark in the field of higher education and had established itself as a leading Private University in the country. The name and fame of BRACU goes far beyond the national boundary.

The University is engaged in providing quality education to young people, preparing them to be the prime mover of tomorrow's Bangladesh. Our aim is not only to create a pool of well-educated, highly skilled professionals, but true to the spirit of BRAC, our sponsor organization, our mission is to create ethically sound, morally uplifted person who would know Bangladesh well, would be proud of its history and culture, and would grow up to serve the nation. In our bid to create new knowledge, the University, through its four institutes, is engaged in a large number of research works. Besides *BRAC University Journal* which is the flagship publication of the University, we published *Bangladesh Health Watch Report 2008* from James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) and *State of Governance in Bangladesh Report 2008* from the Institute of Governance Studies (IGS). These two publications are considered as valuable reference materials in the government, academic, research and NGO sectors. The Institute of Educational Development (IED) continued to collaborate with the Government of Bangladesh to improve the school curriculum, text books and the syllabus. It trained large number of school teachers and education officials on better delivery system. BRAC Development Institute (BDI) produced some excellent research works on development issues, poverty reduction and women empowerment. The Centre for Research on Bangla Language Processing (CRBLP) made real headway in computer readability of Bangla language. Furthermore, the Centre for Languages (C/L), in addition to its core mission of improving the English language skills of our students had organized a number of short courses on foreign languages including Chinese, French, Spanish, Russian, Japanese and Arabic.

Last year we hosted a number of national and international seminars and conferences. We had our fourth convocation on 5 February in the scenic outdoor location in BRAC Centre for Development Management (BCDM) in Ghazipur, Dhaka. A total of 553 students obtained their undergraduate and post-graduate degrees in the convocation. So far, BRACU has produced nearly 1200 graduates, nearly half of them females. Besides these, many others, including number of government officials, attended various short courses.

BRACU students are doing very well in the academic and professional world. Our students won prestigious scholarships enabling them to pursue higher studies overseas. Their research works are regularly published in reputed international journals. Within the country, BRACU graduates are highly valued by the employers. As business executives, bankers, architects, teachers, engineering or legal professionals, our students continue to make their mark nationally and internationally. We are proud of their achievements. Their successes give us the spirit to strive harder in the days ahead.

We are grateful to the Governing Board and Academic Council for their advice, guidance and support. We are particularly indebted to Sir Fazle Hasan Abed KCMG, President Governing Board, for his dynamic leadership, keen interest and far-reaching vision that constantly guided us on the road to progress. We are grateful to the guardians who constantly supported us in our effort to make BRACU an institution all of us can be proud of.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ainun Nishat".

Professor Ainun Nishat  
Vice Chancellor



*Residential Semester facilities*





## GOVERNANCE

*Chancellor*

**Mr. Md. Zillur Rahman**  
Hon'ble President, People's Republic of Bangladesh

*Vice Chancellor*

**Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury**

*Pro-Vice Chancellor*

**Professor Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**

*Treasurer*

**Mr. Sukhendra K. Sarkar**

*Registrar*

**Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury**

### GOVERNING BOARD

(as on 31st December 2009)

The Governing Board is the highest policy making body of BRACU. It is responsible for ensuring that the highest level of educational and administrative standards are set and maintained at BRACU.

The Governing Board consists of the following eminent personalities of Bangladesh

*President*

**Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed**  
Founder & Chairperson, BRAC

### Members

**Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury**  
Vice Chancellor, BRAC University

**Professor Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**  
Pro-Vice Chancellor, BRAC University

**Mr. Faruq A. Choudhury**  
Former Foreign Secretary  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Professor Anisuzzaman**  
Supernumerary Professor  
Dhaka University

**Professor Ainun Nishat**  
Country Representative, IUCN

*Member Secretary*

**Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury**  
Registrar, BRAC University

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Executive Director  
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Chairman, BRAC Net

**Mr. Sukhendra K. Sarkar**  
Treasurer, BRAC University

**Dr. Mahabub Hossain**  
Executive Director, BRAC

### MEETINGS

The Governing Board had four quarterly meeting during the year 2009. The meeting of the Governing Board took place on March 23, June 04 and October 14. The Annual Governing Board Meeting was held on December 24, 2009.

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL

(as on 31st December 2009)

The Academic Council recommends the educational policies of the university and determines the curricula and courses that can help achieve high educational standards. The council is composed of the following academics and professionals:

### *Chairperson*

**Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury**

Vice Chancellor  
BRAC University

**Professor Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**

Pro-Vice Chancellor  
BRAC University

**Professor Iqbal Mahmud**

Former Vice Chancellor, BUET

**Professor Zarina Rahman Khan**

Department of Public Administration  
Dhaka University

**Professor Ainun Nishat**

Country Representative, International Union for  
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CEO, Citibank, NA

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BRAC University

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University

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Chairperson, Computer Science & Engineering  
BRAC University

**Professor Fuad H. Mallick**

Chairperson, Architecture, BRAC University

**Professor Firdous Azim**

Chairperson, English & Humanities  
BRAC University

**Dr. Anwarul Hoque**

Chairperson, Economics and Social Sciences  
BRAC University

**Professor A A Ziauddin Ahmad**

Chairperson, Mathematics and Natural Sciences  
BRAC University

**Dr. Shahdeen Malik**

Director, School of Law  
BRAC University

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Head, Undergraduate Program  
School of Law, BRAC University

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Director, Institute of Educational  
Development, BRAC University

**Professor Syed M. Hashemi**

Director, Development Studies Program  
BRAC University

**Barrister Manzoor Hasan**

Director, Institute for Governance Studies  
BRAC University

**Professor Anwar Islam**

Director  
James P. Grant School of Public Health  
BRAC University

**Dr. Sanaul Mostafa**

Director, BRAC Business School  
BRAC University

### *Member Secretary*

**Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury**

Registrar, BRAC University

### MEETINGS

BRACU Academic Council meetings were held on January 27, April 06, June 09 and October 29, 2009

## **Introduction to BRAC University**

### **Background**

From a modest beginning almost thirty-seven years ago, BRAC has today grown into one of the largest non-government development organizations in the world. It works in areas such as poverty alleviation, rural health care and non-formal education among many others to bring about socioeconomic changes for a large number of our people, mostly women and children, whose lives are dominated by extreme poverty, illiteracy, disease and malnutrition. BRAC recognizes that development strategies, information technology and effective management can play significant roles in modernizing Bangladesh and in securing meaningful jobs for the Bangladeshi workforce at home and abroad. In line with BRAC's continual support to education as a force of change and development, BRAC University (BRACU) has been established to provide high quality education to meet the demands of the modern age. BRACU is accredited by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and approved by the Ministry of Education, Government of Bangladesh.

### **Mission**

The mission of BRACU is to foster national development process through the creation of a centre of excellence in higher education that is responsive to society's needs, is able to develop creative leaders and actively contributes to learning and creation of knowledge.

### **Goal**

The goal of the university is to provide an excellent broad-based education with a focus on professional development for students, in order to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary for leading the country in its quest for development. Along with this, the university provides an environment for faculty development. Faculty will be provided with an environment in which they can further enhance their teaching expertise and contribute to the creation of new knowledge by developing and using their research skills.

### **Scope**

BRAC University will provide instruction and confer degrees in all branches of the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science and Technology. In addition, the university will offer Diploma programs on professional courses.

### **Organizational Structure**

The Governing Board is the highest policy-making body of BRACU. The committees are: Academic Council, Course Committee, Finance Committee, Selection Committee, Audit Committee, Committee on Student Affairs and Committee on University Development. The Vice Chancellor is the Principal Academic and Executive Officer of the university. He is assisted by the Pro-Vice Chancellor in all matters. The Treasurer, supported by the Accounts Office, prepares and implements the financial policies. The academic wing of the University consists of Dean and Chairpersons of the Departments, Faculty members, and Teaching Assistants. The Director of the Teaching-Learning Centre is responsible for organizing training programs and guidance to faculty members in all professional issues. The Director of Student Affairs coordinates and supports all extra-curricular activities. The University library is headed by the Librarian who is assisted by Assistant Librarians. The Registrar, along with the Assistant Registrars and Officers, is responsible for planning and implementation of the academic calendar, logistics and administration, human resource management, technological services and records.

## Ninth year of BRAC University

The ninth year of BRAC University was a year of remarkable activities for all the academic departments, schools, centers and institutes. Throughout the year the academic programs were well supported by frequent workshops, seminars, discussions and networking sessions to encourage students to acquire a passion for learning, discerning judgment and global perspective. In this year, BRAC University got approval for several undergraduate and graduate level programs from UGC. Some departments got new office spaces and laboratory allocations, which enhanced the resources and facilities for the students to peruse quality education. With increasing student participation, various clubs and forums also excelled in organizing sports, cultural and social events all year long. The cocurricular and extra-curricular activities had given the students rare opportunity to reach outside classrooms and labs, and experience life outside academia. The faculty members also took part in various events of national and international stature, making 2009 an enriching year over all.

### BRACU Central News

#### Chairperson of BRAC and President of Governing Board, BRAC University receives Knighthood



Founder and Chairperson of Building Resources Across Communities (BRAC), President of Governing Board, BRAC University (BRACU) Dr. Fazle Hasan Abed, is to be knighted by *Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II* for services in tackling poverty

and empowering the poor in Bangladesh and more globally. Abed's name was included in the Queen's New Year's Honours List released December 31, 2009. Dr. Abed is to be appointed **Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (KCMG)**. He is the first person of Bangladesh origin to be

honoured with a knighthood by the British Crown since 1947. Abed receives his knighthood for his work spanning four decades in education, health, human rights and social development and for bringing financial services to the doorstep of millions of the poor in an effort to eradicate poverty in Bangladesh and countries in Asia and Africa.

On receiving news of his knighthood Dr. Abed said, "*I am humbled by the honour to be conferred on me. I thank my colleagues in BRAC, who are at the forefront of the struggle to eradicate poverty in Bangladesh and abroad, and I share this honour with them.*"

### Fourth Convocation of BRAC University



The fourth convocation of BRAC University was held on Thursday, 5 February, 2009 in BRAC's majestic complex at Rajendrapur, Gazipur. The complex is popularly known as BCDM (BRAC Centre for Development Management), which comprises a cluster of auditoriums, halls built around well-manicured lawns with water sprouting out of fountains from artificially built lakes. It was a proud moment, which called for celebration not only for the graduates but also their parents, the faculty and the staff of the university, who all contributed in making the University a dynamic, progressive and vibrant one.

A mood of excitement and festivity prevailed throughout the occasion. Students expressed their feelings by saying that it was a great thing to be a graduate, but at the same time, they felt that they would miss their campus where they had spent four precious years of their lives and had wonderful memories and many close friends. The experience they gained would linger in their minds for as long as they live.

Professor A F Salahuddin Ahmed, renowned academic and historian, addressed the convocation as the Chief Guest. Professor Salahuddin Ahmed in his address said, "The BRAC University, an innovative step of BRAC, the largest NGO in the world, is now known to all for its quality education, innovative programmes and a wide array of research activity".

BRAC University President and BRAC Founder Dr. Fazle Hasan Abed said, "BRAC University aims to create country's future leadership through providing quality education, a solid ethical foundation and sense of patriotism."

Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudury, VC, BRAC University said in his address, "We started our university only eight years ago. But within this short span of time the University has attained name and fame in the field of higher education in the country."

A total of 553 students, including 15 overseas students, got the certificates at the convocation. Of them, 362 received undergraduate and the rest postgraduate certificates.

### BRAC University Team Participated in the 4th 'SAUFEST' in India

The 4th South Asian Universities Youth Festival 'SAUFEST 2009' was organized in Chandigarh, India by the Punjab University that was held on 12-16 February 2009. The event was attended by a total of 29 University teams from across India, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka. BRAC University represented Bangladesh at SAUFEST 09. The 14-member BRAC University team arrived at Punjab University campus on 11 February headed by Dr Tureen Afroz, Assistant Professor, School of Law and Md. Shajjad Hossain, Lecturer, Department of Architecture. SAUFEST is a festival of cultural events, debates and discussions, sports and fun-games, and above all, a celebration of friendship and understanding among the youths of South Asia. BRACU team won two prestigious awards in SAUFEST 09. While the University won the 'Best Team of the Festival' award, Nazia Ahmed snatched the 'Best Vocalist of the Festival' award.

### Indian High Commission and Dr. Radha Chakravarty Donated Book to BRACU

The Indian High Commission donated a number of books to the English and Humanities (ENH) Department. On 7 October 2009, His Excellency Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh handed over the books to Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, VC, BRACU. Dr. Radha Chakravarty, who had been associated with the department in various capacities, also donated a number of valuable books pertaining to literature and culture.

### BRACU Ex Pro-Vice Chancellor Joined IPRCC

On 01 December 2009, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BRACU joined International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC) as their Chief Technical Advisor (CTA). IPRCC is an international centre focusing on research, training, exchange of people and information and project cooperation with developing countries. This Centre was set up jointly by the Chinese Government and UNDP and other international organisations in Beijing in 2005.

### Global Affairs Forum of BRAC University Organized "Bodle Jao, Bodle Dao"



With great enthusiasm and passion, the oath taking event "Bodle Jao, Bodle Dao" took place in BRAC University on 1 June in University Cafeteria. Prothom-alo, in collaboration with Global affairs Forum, a student-run organization of BRAC University, arranged the event. Hundreds of students and teachers attended the program with great interest. Both the students

and teachers wrote their oaths in the banner that in the end covered 17 banners. Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, VC, BRACU inaugurated the event, followed by the teachers, students and the staff. Each wrote what change they want to see and how they wanted change themselves for the better.

**BRACU Students Received Certificates at Harvard Project 2009**

Continuing its tradition of academic excellence, the HPAIR Harvard Conference seeks to create a rigorous forum for dialogue and exchange. Covering topics spanning development, globalization, public health, international relations, and cultural transformations, the Harvard Conference 2009 invited both outstanding foreign delegates and Harvard

Professors and students to engage in thoughtful plenary sessions and panels regarding critical issues affecting Asia and the world today. Drawing from a competitive pool of international applicants, Sadia Naureen Huq, Sabbir Hossain Chowdhury, Shamminaz Polen and Iftekhar Ul Karim (Rizvi), undergraduate students at BRAC Business School were selected to attend 2nd Annual Harvard Conference 2009 from 19-22 February at Harvard University, Boston, MA, USA. Marking the International Mother Language Day, BRACU students also presented a documentary on Bangladesh at the 21st February night on the Harvard premises. During the closing gala dinner at Boston Marriott Hotel (adjacent to MIT), BRACU students received certificates for their active participation. BRAC Bank Ltd. sponsored the entire tour.

## Academic Progress: 2009

BRAC University offers four year undergraduate bachelor degree in

- *Architecture*
- *Business Administration (BBA)*
- *Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)*
- *Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE)*
- *Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE)*
- *Applied Physics & Electronics (APE)*
- *Computer Science (CS)*
- *Mathematics*
- *Economics*
- *English*
- *LL.B (Hons)*
- *Physics*

Variety of Master's programs, such as

- *Master of Science in Applied Economics (MSAE)*
- *Master of Arts (MA) in English*
- *Master of Development Studies (MDS)*
- *Master of Science in Biotechnology (MS in Biotech)*
- *Master in Disaster Management (MDM)*
- *Master of Business Administration (MBA)*
- *Master in Bank Management (MBM)*
- *Master in Public Health (MPH)*
- *Master of Arts in Governance and Development (MAGD)*
- *Master in Early Childhood Development (ECD)*
- *Master of Education (MEd)*

Currently there are four academic departments, four schools, three institutes and one center operating within the framework of BRACU. These are:

1. Department of Architecture (ARC)
2. Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS)
3. Department of English and Humanities (ENH)
4. Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS)
5. BRAC Business School (BBS)

6. School of Engineering and Computer Science
7. BRAC Development Institute (BDI)
8. Institute of Educational Development (IED)
9. Institute of Governance Studies (IGS)
10. James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH)
11. School of Law (SoL)
12. The Centre for Languages (CfL)

The total number of students at BRACU as on 31 December 2009 was 4252 in undergraduate programs and 1115 in post graduate programs. BRACU also offers Certificate and Diploma programs such as CISCO.

**Following was the break down of last year's students by programs:**

### Undergraduate programs

ARC	332
BBA	1879
BSEEE	67
CSE and CS	645
ECE	629
ECO	220
ENG	237
LLB	224
PHY	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>4252</b>

### Postgraduate programs

MBA	698
M.Ed.	21
MSECD	29
MBM	13
MDS	123
MPH	59
MAGD	19
MS in Biotechnology	37
MA in English	52
MSCEEE	1
MDM	45
MSAE	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>1115</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5367</b>

## Partners in Education 2009

Over the years BRAC University has partnered with the following reputed academic institutions around the world to enhance our own educational experience by learning from others.

### Institute of Governance Studies

- Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management, Seoul, Korea
- Monash University, Australia
- Griffith University, Australia
- University of Manitoba, Canada
- Basel Institute of Governance, Basel University, Switzerland
- George Mason University, USA

### Institute of Educational Development

- George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA
- National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi
- University of Sussex, UK
- Columbia University, New York, USA
- Aga Khan Foundation, Canada
- Open Society Institute London
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Toronto, Canada

### James P. Grant School of Public Health

- Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard University, USA
- Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, USA
- George Washington University, USA
- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

- Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, USA
- Karolin Institute, Sweden
- University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- ICCDR, Bangladesh

### BRAC Business School

- Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand
- Asian Institute of Management, Manila, The Philippines
- University of South Australia

### Department of Architecture

- University of Illinois, Chicago, USA
- University of Manchester, UK

### Post Graduate Programs in Disaster Management

- Northumbria University, UK
- Katmandu University, Nepal
- Kyoto University, Japan
- Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Thailand
- Asian University Network of Environment and Disaster Management (AUEDM)

### BRAC Development Institute

- University of Manchester, UK
- Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, UK
- University of Ghana, Ghana
- American University of Cairo, Egypt
- Bahia University, Brazil

### Department of English and Humanities

- University of Western Australia, Australia



## DEPARTMENTS

### Department of Architecture

#### Conferences

- Department of Architecture co-organized the international conference **“Climate Change and Urban Poverty: Infrastructure of Development”** with BRAC Development Institute (BDI) and Brooks World Poverty Institute of Manchester University on 28 January. The conference was preceded by two-day long Rajendrapur Conversations and field visits to Narayanganj and Korail in Dhaka. Ms. Huraera Jabeen, Sr. Lecturer and Professor Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson jointly presented a paper on **“Climate Change, Urban Poverty and the Built Environment”**.



- Mr. Sajid-Bin-Doza, Lecturer II presented a paper titled **“Akhila Jami Mosque: A Religious Architecture with Indigenous Meaning”** in the **International Heritage Conference-2009**, jointly organized by Asiatic Society of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Academy of History in a day-long international conference held on 20 February.
- Ms. Huraera Jabeen, Senior Lecturer presented a paper titled **“Urban Poverty, Adaptation to Climate Change and the Built Environment”** in the **“Third International Conference on Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change”** on 23 February. The event was organized by the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and RING Alliance.

#### Workshops

- A day-long workshop **“Supporting Local Coping Strategies through Adaptation Planning”** was held on 25 August at the BRAC Centre auditorium, jointly organized by the Department of Architecture, BRACU, BRAC Development Institute (BDI) and



Planning Unit, University College London. The workshop was a part of the research work **“Adaptation to Climate Change in Cities”** a British Council funded Higher Education Link Program between the Dept. of Architecture, BRACU and the Development Planning Unit, University College London. The workshop was facilitated by Adriana Allen, Senior Lecturer & Director of the MSc in Environment and Sustainable Development program of Development Planning Unit, University College London. Prof. Ainun Nishat, Senior Advisor on Climate Change, Asia Region, IUCN made a presentation on **“Policies and Programs Addressing Climate Change in Bangladesh: Management of Urban Areas”**. Ms. Huraera Jabeen, Sr. lecturer, Dept. of Arch. presented **“Built-in-Resilience: Learning from Grass-root Coping Strategies”**, while Adriana Allen made a presentation on **“Supporting Grass-root Coping Strategies through Municipal Adaptation Planning”**.

#### Seminars/Symposiums etc.

- Prof. Zainab F. Ali attended the international seminar on **“The Aga Khan Award for Architecture”** held at the National University of Singapore on 19-21 May. She chaired a session on **“Local Contemporaneity”** at the seminar. Architects, academics and students from various countries of the region and abroad attended the event.
- Ms. Huraera Jabeen, Sr. Lecturer participated the **“Fifth World Urban Research Symposium Cities and Climate Change”** in Marseilles, France on 28-30 June, organized by the World Bank, the French ministry of

Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Town and Country Planning, and the French Agency for Development, and was welcomed by the City of Marseilles. Ms. Jabeen and Dr Cassidy Johnson of University College London presented a paper titled “Built-In Resilience: Learning from Grassroots Coping Strategies to Climate Variability” in the symposium.



- Mr. Sajid-Bin-Doza, Sr. Lecturer, Department of Architecture was selected to attend the “Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) - Advanced International Training Program” on “Shelter Design and Development” under Housing Development and Management School in Lund University, Lund, Sweden, and regional continuation in Asia. The duration of the course was from 19 August to 11 September.

#### Other Events

department. A **Design Charrette (design competition)** was held on 10 July, participated in by more than 150 architecture students from public and private universities. The design theme was “**Gateway to the World of Dreams**”. Three well-known architects Arch. Foyezullah, Arch. Marina Tabassum and Arch. Sheikh Ahshanullah Mazumder were the judges of the competition. The Winners were Shahida Sharmin BUET (1<sup>st</sup> prize), Tarek Md. Saidul Islam, BRACU (2<sup>nd</sup> prize), Md. Asif Imteaz, BRACU (3<sup>rd</sup> prize). Honorable mentions were Khandoker A. Sayeed (SUB), Nusrat J. Mim (BUET), and A. A. Muhaymin (BUET).

Later, one-day workshop “**Arch.KIDS (Architecture for kids)**” for children of 6-10 years of age aimed for fostering the young minds was held on 12 July. 28 children from the different strata of the society participated and shared their ideas, reactions and dreams of the built environment. The teachers and student of the department, with painter Abul Barak Alvi as the Chief Guest, helped tiny-tots to explore their imagination in colors and forms. There was a presentation on Birds of Bangladesh by birdwatcher Sourav Mahmud from Jahangir Nagar University.

- “**Art of the Environment**” was the topic of discussion of the Angan Discussion Session. Eminent architects Nahas Ahmed Khalil, Khan M Mustafa Khalid, historian Parween



The Department arranged “**Architecture Week**” from 9-16 July. The Weeklong exhibition showcased selected student projects of the

Hasan, scientist and landscape designer Dwijen Sarma, artist Mustafa Monwar were the main discussants.



- Upon invitation from “Shomaroha”, Kolkata, India, a cultural organization renowned for its programs on Tagore, Prof. Zainab Faruqi Ali participated in the Rabindra Jonmo Joyonti Utshob 'Kobipronam' in Kolkata on 17 May, at the Shishir Moncho of Rabindra Shadan, Kolkata.
- Three short films were shown in the department on 20 October 2009. The films were on "The Yoyogi Olympic Gymnasium" in Tokyo by Kenzo Tange, "The Villa Barbaro" by A. Palladio and the "Phaeno", Science Center by Zaha Hadid. All of them are popular architectural documentary films.
- Arch. Showkat Pasha made a presentation on "Dynamic Sun Control System"-sophisticated louver and window systems used in modern buildings, and also on the service provided by architectural support group of Hunter Douglas on 27 October 2009.
- Design Studio-IV displayed their entire semester's work in an **Open House Exhibition** on 15-16 April 2009. Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, VC, BRACU inaugurated the exhibition.
- In 2008, local people, IUCN Bangladesh and the Dept. of Arch. BRACU led by Prof. Fuad H Mallick, together built stronger houses in the coastal areas of Noakhali. In the beginning of 2009, they built and strengthened two schools. The final step was

to paint and landscape both of the schools. Students and teachers of each school with the help of BRACU teachers and students painted the walls of the schools in three days. They, along with the local students, planned the landscape of the schools and planted fruit-bearing, flowering and timber-yielding trees. Participants and representatives from the university were Khondaker Hasibul Kabir, Sayem Khan, Tahmina Rahman, Dr. Elisa T. Bertuzzo and Abdun Nime.

#### Awards

- On 5 November, Mr. Khondaker H. Kabir, Sr. Lecturer, was awarded the **Berger Young Architects' Award** for the project, "Pubail Retreat" as commendation award in the Non Residential category.
- Mr. Ehsanul Alam and Mr. Rakibul Hasan, graduates of the Department of Architecture won the 1st Prize in the 'ICE-Today Aqua Paints Interior Design Awards 2009' for their interior design of the corporate offices of the Asian Tiger Capital Partners, UTC building, Dhaka. The competition was held in association with the Institute of Architects, Bangladesh.



- In the **Student Design Charrette** held at the Department of Architecture, NSU on 19 October, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were all won by students of architecture, BRAC University. The award recipients were Nazmul Haque and Raiyan Samiul Haque (1st prize), Tamzid Farhan Mogno and Inteza Shahriar (2nd prize), Dhrubo Antor and Sonia Kamal Emmi (3rd prize-jointly won with another group from the University of Asia Pacific).



- Nazmul Haque Sarker, a student of architecture, won the 1st prize in photography competition on "Stand up, Take action, End poverty now", organized by United Nations youth and students Association of Bangladesh (UNYSAB).
- Matharoo Associates won the "AR Awards for Emerging Architecture, 2009" for the "Dilip Sanghvi Residence Door Design". Sudeshna S. Chowdhury, a BRACU Arch student had active participation and involvement in the winning design, while doing her internship in that firm.

## Celebrations

### Angan Lectures

- On 27 January, Musa Ibrahim, a student of the Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management, along with his teammates, shared experience of their expedition to Langsisa Ri in Angan Travel Sketch titled as "Towards the Everest". Musa Ibrahim, along with six others, reached Langsisa Ri peak (6310m) on 1 December, 2008. Musa considered this success a step closer to climbing the Mt. Everest. The wonderful images and lively description of the expedition greatly inspired the audience.
- On 29 January, Prof. Simon Guy, Head, Department of Architecture, Manchester University delivered an Angan lecture. His discussion topic was "Sustainable Architecture: Competing Perspectives". Earlier he and Prof. Dvauid Hulme, also of Manchester University, visited several design studios and expressed keen interest in the work of the students.
- On 2 June, Ar. Rakibul Hasan and Ar. Ehsanul Alam former students of the Architecture Department delivered an ANGAN Lecture- "BRACU Graduate Series". The two had won "Ice-Today, Aqua Paints Interior Design Awards 2009" in office category. It was the first Angan Lecture delivered by the own products of the department.
- On 23 June, Ar. Ahsan Ullah Mojumder, Asstt. Prof. Dept. of Architecture, BUET, delivered an Angan Lecture on his award-winning competition-project. He and his team won the first place in "Design for the Children, 2008" which was an international design competition challenging architects, designers around the world to develop an adaptable, sustainable, culturally responsive pediatric clinic in East Africa.
- On 9 July, Ar. Hafizul Hasan, faculty member, Dept. of Architecture delivered an Angan Lecture entitled as "Architecture and Construction Management". He focused on how architectural projects are being constructed and managed in UK at present.
- A one-hour Film on B.V. Doshi, a famous Indian architect, was screened on 13 October. The film covered the life of the architect as well as his contribution to the contemporary architecture of India.



- Arch. A Q M Abdullah a former founding faculty member of Dept. of Architecture, who was working as an architect in PERKINS+WILL, Chicago, USA, a well-known architectural firm in the world, delivered a lecture on 17 December on various projects he was then involved in. He shared his experience and the concept and design process of sustainable buildings, which was inspiring and highly educative.

#### Faculty News

- From 3-9 May, Sr. Lecturer Khondaker Hasibul Kabir was in Vietnam for a workshop and study visit on “Preventing Typhoon Damage to Housing”. The study visit was awarded by BSHF (Building and Social Housing Foundation), UK and hosted



by DWF (Development Workshop, France) and DWV (Development Workshop, Vietnam). The study visit was awarded to 20 people around the world. Mr. Kabir shared the “process” of housing experienced in SIDR affected areas (done by local builders, BRAC and Dept of Arch., BRACU) and in Noakhali (done by local people, IUCN Bangladesh and Dept of Arch., BRACU).

- On 8-18 November, Prof. Zainab F Ali visited USA to develop an Exchange Program between the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and BRACU. Prof. Ali also delivered lectures at UIC and the Catholic University at Washington, DC. Her lecture topic included “Looking at the Works of the Western Master Architects in the East”. At UIC, Prof. Ali met student and faculty nominees tentatively selected to participate in the exchange program. She also

had several meetings with the Dean, Director and members of the faculty and administrative staffs. The MoU of this program has been signed by the authorities of both the universities. The first event of the exchange is scheduled for Summer 2009 semester when the UIC students accompanied by a UIC faculty will visit Bangladesh to participate in a joint design project with the BU Arch. students.

- Arch. Sajid-Bin-Doza, Sr. Lecturer, held his 2nd Solo Exhibition at the La Galerie of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on 4-17 December. His architectural sketches titled “Ghor: Kachhey Thakar Char Deyal, the Story of Mud and Thatch” consist of 27 sketches representing vernacular architecture which includes structures made of mud and thatch. Professor Rafiqun Nabi, eminent artist and Dean of Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University presided over the inaugural ceremony. Renowned Poet and Architect Rabiul Husain and Chief Corporate Officer of Grameen Phone Kazi Monirul Kabir were present among others.

#### New Faculties

- Mr. Sajid Bin Doza joined as Lecturer II. He did his M.Arch from BUET. His dissertation topic was “Analysis and Identification of Spatial Pattern in Rajshahi Old Town”. An exhibition was held in Alliance Francaise on his architectural sketches titled “ENTITY-Sketches of Heritage”.
- Mr. Md. Shafiqul Alam joined as Lecturer II. After graduating in Civil Engineering from BUET in 2004, he joined in Accident Research Institute (ARI) of BUET as a researcher. He did his Masters in Earth quake engineering and engineering seismology from University of Joseph Fourier, Grenoble, France and Rose School, University of Pavia, Italy. His dissertation was on the seismic loss assessment of Dhaka city by displacement based methodology.

#### New Teaching Assistants

- Ms. Tanjina Khan and Ms. Rabeya Rahman joined as Teaching Assistants. Both of them completed their B.Arch. from BRACU in 2008.

### Left for Higher Study

- Ms. Huraera Jabeen, Sr. Lecturer, left for pursuing PhD in Development Policy and Management in the School of Environment and Development, the University of Manchester, UK. She will be researching on adaptation to climate change by the urban poor through asset accumulation under joint supervision of Prof. Caroline Moser and Prof. Simon Guy. She received “BWPI PhD Studentship: Climate Change Resilience and Poverty in Urban Bangladesh” from her studies offered by the Brooks World Poverty Institute.

### Student Activities

- A research seminar “10 days in Mymensingh” was organized in April. Five senior students presented their experience and findings from the work they did in Stranded Pakistani Government Refugee Camp, Patgudam, Mymensingh. The students did a physical and socio-economic survey to help the baseline survey for the project in the area. The work was funded by UNDP under the Urban Partnership for Poverty Reduction Project (UPPR P). The program was attended by the senior staff and consultants of UNDP and UPPR P as well as the Chairperson, faculty members and students of the department.
- Seven senior students, Suhailey Farzana, Fahim Mostafa, Durdana Parvez, Ahmed Bin Parvez, Arijita Aren Chowdhury, Shekhar Adittay Sayeed, Fabiha Pinaz participated in data collection for the research work on “Adaptation to Climate Change in Cities” under the supervision of Ms. Huraera Jabeen, Sr. Lecturer of the department on Mohammadpur Beri Badh area.

- Students of the Dept. of Arch. arranged a **Cultural Program** in April. It was a refreshing and recreational evening with a difference, with songs, instrumental music, drama, recitation and dance. Faculty members and students were present in the event.
- Tazkia Tasnim, Emil T. Halder, Khalid Osman, Hiba Sharfuddin, Cyrus S. Khan and Mahmudul I. Khan, a bunch of enthusiastic freshmen students decorated the walls of the 'Day-care Centre' of AARONG head office, Tejgaon under the supervision of Md. Nafisur Rahman, lecturer of Department of Architecture.

### Study Tours

- Freshmen students visited Panamnagar area in Sonargaon on 21 March and 14 October along with their studio teachers. Panamnagar has been included as the reserved archeological sites in Bangladesh for its rich heritage value.



- Students visited Bogra on 20 March 2009 to see SOS Children's Village and Training & Resource Center (TARC), BRAC, Bogra as well as Mahasthangar Museum.
- Students and teachers went to Bhawal National Park, Gazipur and Pubail to experience natural woodland landscape on 26 June. Mr. Khondaker H. Kabir, Mr. Sajid-Bin-Doza and a guest teacher Mr. Sourav Mahmud (botanist) guided the study visit.
- Students and teachers went for a study visit to experience the design of nature to Lawachara Reserve Forest, Madhabkunda Water Fall in Sylhet.



## Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM)

### Prof. Fuad H Mallick attends Workshop and Conference in N. Delhi

Prof. Fuad H. Mallick attended the 2nd workshop of the Asian University Network of Environment and Disaster Management: Focusing on Higher Education on Disaster Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation held in New Delhi on 23 February. He presented the agenda for the educational activities of the network to representatives of the 17 universities and institutions that are its members. He also attended the ACT AHEAD - IV: International Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction: Investment for a Safer Future and was a panel member on the issues of climate change adaptation.

### Prof. Fuad H Mallick elected Vice President of the Asian University Network of Environment and Disaster Management (AUEDM)

Prof. Fuad H Mallick has been elected Vice President (Education) of AUEDM. Professor Tsuneo Katayama (IAEE President, and Professor, Tokyo Denki University) is the Honorary President and Dr. Joy Jacqueline Pereira, a Professor of the National University of Malaysia is Vice President (Research). As Vice President he is also a member of the management board of AUEDM. Prof. Mallick is also a member of the editorial board of the Asian Journal of Environment and Disaster published by Research Publishing of Singapore.

### Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM) Jointly Organized the 3rd AUEDM Workshop



Asian University Network of Environment and Disaster Management (AUEDM) is a network of fifteen universities across Asia. The third workshop of this network was held in Dhaka from 4-6 of June and was jointly organized by the Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM), BRAC University and The Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Kyoto University. The major focus of the workshop was to coordinate education and research so that it can be implemented at the field level. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University and a pioneer of disaster management in Bangladesh. Moderators of the discussions were Rajib Shaw of Kyoto University, Prof. Fuad Mallick, Director of PPDM, BRAC University and Vice President of AUEDM, and Prof. Amir Nawaz Khan of Peshawar University. The other participants were Dr. S. I. Khan from BRAC University, Ramaswamy R. Krishnamurthy from University of Madras, Krishna Pribadi from Institute of Technology Bandung, Yukiko Takeuchi from Kyoto University, Rekha Nianthi from University of Peradeniya, M. Aminur Rahman and Tahmina Rahman from BRAC University. Initially the network intends to prepare an inventory of higher education in Disaster Management identifying current status and gaps, develop curriculum guidelines for disaster education, produce text and reference materials for students and identify key research areas.

### PPDM Student Conquers the Mount Annapurna IV

It was 11:54am Nepalese time on 14 June. Two Bangladeshi mountaineers achieved a feat many compatriots dreamt of. Musa Ibrahim, a PPDM student at BRAC University and Tawhid



Hossain conquered the Mt. Annapurna IV, a Himalayan peak at the height of 24,682ft, as first Bangladeshi without supplementary oxygen after going through tremendous hardship. They were accompanied by Nepalese climber Sarin Prakash Pradhan, Sherpa Som Bahadur, Ganesh Magar and two-times Everest climber Kailash Tamang. Musa and Tawhid both are members of the North Alpine Club Bangladesh (NACB). They are looking forward to conquering the Mt. Everest by the year 2010 with two slogans 'Youth Unity against AIDS and Drugs' and 'Youth Unity for Mountain and Hill Livelihood'. NACB believe that the youth can change themselves if they wish, only if they wish.

#### **Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM) Jointly Organized a Roundtable Discussion**

On 22 June, the Network for Information, Response And Preparedness Activities on Disaster (NIRAPAD) and CARE-Bangladesh in collaboration with Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management, BRAC University organized a round table discussion on "Sustainable Disaster Risk Reduction in Bangladesh: Opportunities and Challenges for Stakeholders". Professor Fuad H Mallick, Director of the Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM) presented the



concept note of the session and moderated the discussion. Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food and Disaster Management Mr. Muhammad Sayedul Haque MP, former Food and Disaster Management Minister Mr. Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, disaster management professionals from different government and non-government agencies, representatives from NGOs and donor agencies participated in the discussion.

#### **CDMP and BRAC University sign an MoU**

On 19 August, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP) of the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management and BRAC University for knowledge and resource sharing on disaster management issues. Under this agreement the Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM) of BRAC University will receive various supports from CDMP to offer postgraduate level education in disaster management. Besides, CDMP and BRAC University will work together towards achieving the national disaster management vision through organizing training courses, developing course curricula as well as content preparation and research on disaster management. CDMP is so far the largest disaster management initiative in Bangladesh which is entering its second phase soon and is being supported by UNDP, DFID and EC. PPDM, a pioneer in the region, offers academic programs in disaster management since 2005. Mr. Ian Stanford Rector, the Chief Technical Advisor and Team Leader for CDMP and Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, the Vice Chancellor of BRAC University did the signing on behalf of their institutions.

#### **International Seminar on Water Resources and Disaster Management at Macro and Micro Levels**

Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM) of BRAC University in collaboration with Kagawa University and Nagoya University, Japan and Gram Bangla Sangstha, Bangladesh organized an international seminar on Water Resources and Disaster Management at Macro and Micro Levels. The seminar was held on 12 September, 2009 at BRAC Centre Inn. Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque MP, Honourable Minister for Food and Disaster Management, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, attended the seminar as the Chief Guest. His Excellency the Charge d' affaires of Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, Mr. Harumitsu Hida also attended the seminar as the Special Guest. The first session of the seminar comprised of two paper presentations. Dr. Umme Kulsum Navera, Associate Professor, Department of



Water Resources Engineering, BUET presented a paper titled *Effect of Natural and Climate Change Related Disaster on Coastal Zone of Bangladesh*. The second paper titled *Impact of Global Warming on Climatologic Parameters* was presented by Dr. Sabbir Mostafa Khan from the same department. This was followed by an open house discussion on the presentations. Mr. Giasuddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Executive Director, Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS) chaired this session.

The second session was chaired by Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University. Two keynote papers were presented in this session. Professor Dr. Tsunetoshi Mizoguchi from the Graduate School of Environmental Science, Nagoya University, Japan presented his paper titled *Historical Perspective of Water Environment in Central Japan*. The second paper was from Dr. S I Khan on *A Comprehensive Disaster Management Plan for Bangladesh*. Dr. Khan is a Visiting Professor in the Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management at BRAC University and also Chairman of the GRAM BANGLA Sangstha. This was followed by speech by the Chair, summarization of the papers presented in the seminar by Dr. S I Khan, speeches by the special guest and the chief guest. Finally Professor Fuad H Mallick, Director, PPDM ended the program with vote of thanks to all distinguished guests and participants.

#### **Director, Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM) in Ottawa**

Professor Fuad H Mallick, Director, Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management, briefed the officials of the Disaster Management Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Canadian government about the programs of study in Disaster Management at BRAC University in a meeting at the ministry in Ottawa on 28th September. He also gave them an overview of the state of Disaster Management in Bangladesh. The session was attended by 9 officials and Professor Mallick responded to their enquiries.

#### **Disaster Management Conference in Nepal**

Professor Fuad H Mallick, Director and Tahmina Rahman, Research Assistant of Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM) attended "Dealing with Disasters 2009 International Conference Resilience through Local Governance" held during 11- 12 November in Kathmandu, Nepal. The conference was



attended by senior policy makers, disaster management specialists, academics from university sectors and a wide range of practitioners representing from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Australia, UK, Italy, Denmark, Brazil, USA and Zimbabwe. This was organized as part of the Dealing with Disasters events held in Teesside in 2006, Northumbria in 2007 and Cardiff in 2008.

The conference was addressed in the following five themes:

- Health Security and Risk
- Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction
- Communication, Dialogue, Networks and Education
- Local Emergency Management
- Scientific and Technical Support to Local Disaster Risk Reduction.

Professor Mallick presented his paper "Dissecting Disasters: the Educational Perspective" in the Communication, Dialogue, Networks and Education theme. He expressed disasters not only as events, but also likely events and events that have happened. He analyzed the continuum and the components of disaster and normal time and how each can complement the learning process about disasters in a way that would lead to a better understanding about curriculum formation in disaster education.

Tahmina's paper was "Structural Strengthening of Settlements in the Coastal Areas of Bangladesh" in the Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction theme. She suggested that physical strengthening of coastal settlements through building/repairing of dwelling houses with local good practice, formal engineered technique, and available sustainable materials, community planning, and improvement of infrastructures can reduce damage of assets and physical environment and thus help in the climate change adaptations.

### **Certificate Awarding Ceremony for the Recipients of the Postgraduate Certificate in Disaster Management Held**

The Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM) of BRAC University organized the certificate awarding ceremony for the students of Fall 2007 and Fall 2008 who successfully completed the Certificate Program in Disaster Management. The Program was held on 2 November at BRAC Centre Inn. Altogether 14 students were awarded the certificates who are mostly officials from different government



and non-government agencies. Honorable Minister for the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management, Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque MP attended the program as the Chief Guest. His Excellency Mr. Robert McDougall, High Commissioner of Canada in Bangladesh was also present at the event as the Special Guest and Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University chaired the session. BRAC University has been working through the PPDM to create qualified disaster management professionals since the year 2005 and so far more than 50 students have completed the certificate, diploma and masters level education from here.

## **Department of English and Humanities (ENH)**

### **Seminars**

The Department of English and Humanities took a decision to arrange conferences every semester. This would help the department in its future planning, as well as provide a forum for discussion and debate. Speakers at the conference would include students of the department, speakers from other universities as well as department faculty. This would also bring about a new way of approaching teaching and learning in the department.

#### **Shakespeare Conference (July 2009)**



A Conference entitled "Contemporary Readings of Shakespeare" was organized by the ENH Department on 16 July. Rukhsana Rahim Chowdhury, of ENH organized the conference. Vice Chancellor Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury gave the chief guest's address and the keynote address was given by Professor Niaz Zaman. The paper givers included Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam, Professor Selim Sarwar of North South University and Professor Mohitul Alam of the University of Liberal Arts.

The student presenters included Sanam Ara Amin, M.A. student and Robina Rashid Bhuiyan, third year student of ENH. Students recited Shakespeare's sonnets both in English and in Bangla and did a play reading of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. The Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed gave the closing remarks.

#### **Caribbean Literature Conference (October 2009)**

A conference entitled "Colonial Contacts and the Caribbean Context" was held on the 8 October

2009 at the BRAC Centre. The conference aimed to explore new directions in the teaching of English and literature in Bangladesh.

The key-note speaker was Professor Sharmila Sen of Harvard University Press. The first panel concentrated on "Reading Caribbean Texts" and was chaired by Professor Niaz Zaman. The speakers included Dr. Shamshad Mortuza and Mashrur Hussain from Jahangirnagar University, Professor Kaiser Huq and Syed Manzoorul



Islam from DU who are also visiting faculty at Brac U and Rashida Ahmed who is a M.A. student of the ENH department.

There was a special session on Cricket, chaired by Professor Mumit Khan of the Computer Science and Engineering Department, which explored the ways in which cultural links can be studied. The final session, echoing the theme of the conference was titled, "Englishes" which highlighted an 'other' kind of English being written and produced in the world today. This session was chaired by Rukhsana Rahim Chowdhury.

#### **Being Bengali: At Home and in the World (December 2009)**

A seminar titled "Being Bengali: At home and in the World" was held at BRAC Centre on 13 December 2009. The English and Humanities Department and the Society Research Group of



the University of Western Sydney jointly organized the discussion commemorating the Victory Day and the Martyred Intellectuals Day.

The discussion looked at the new diasporic Bengalis, and how class and religious issues affect the lives of Bengalis living outside the borders of the two Bengals.

### **Guest Lectures**

Guest lectures are organized to enhance students' understanding of the course material as well as to bring in professionals and experts from outside the department.

#### **Guest Lecture in ENG 440**

On 16th February, Mr. Hussain Imam, Associate Editor, The Daily Star, gave a guest lecture for students of Eng 440: English for the Print Media about different forms of journalistic writing.

#### **Guest Lecture on Women and Islam**

On 01 April, Samia Huq, a PhD student at Brandeis University (USA), delivered a guest lecture on women and Islam for students of the MA course ENG 611: Basic Readings in Feminist Literary Criticism. The lecture was organized by the course teacher, Prof. Firdous Azim.

#### **Seminar on Latin American Literature**

On 26 May, the Department of English and Humanities hosted a seminar on Latin American Literature. The speakers were Norman Thomas di Giovanni, who gave a talk titled "Reflections on Latin American Literature" and Susan Ashe, who spoke on "Argentina: Women Writers and the Short Story." Di Giovanni is a friend and translator of Jorge Luis Borges and an expert on Argentine literature, and Susan Ashe is a writer and translator of Latin American women's literature.



#### **Guest lecture on Advertising in ENG 404**

On 22 June, Mr. Nazim Farhan Choudhury, Deputy Managing Director of AdComm Ltd., gave a guest lecture for students of ENG 404:

Copywriting. He talked about creativity and showed examples of effective advertisements. He also talked about careers in advertising.

#### **ENG: 401 Guest Speaker Session**

Mr. Mohiuddin Ahmed, Managing Director, UPL spoke to the students of ENG 401 about the importance of editing and the challenges of being a publisher on 17 November. His talk was titled "The Journey of a Book: From manuscript to bookshelf."

#### **ENG: 114 Guest Speaker Session**

Mr. Mannan Hira, a renowned theatre artist was invited to deliver a lecture on Stagecraft and Character Portrayal to the students of ENG 114: Introduction to Drama on 25 November. He spoke at length on issues regarding stage production. The actor/director gave some very useful tips to the students who are required to give a dramatic presentation at the end of the semester.

### **Students' Activities**

#### **Thesis Presentations**

The graduating students of ENH have to complete a thesis or write an internship report and present it to their supervisors and an outside examiner. They also have to make a presentation on their thesis/report and all members of BRACU are invited.

#### **Undergraduate Thesis Presentations (Fall 2008)**

As a requirement of the ENG 466: Thesis course, the graduating students (Fall 2008) of the Department of English and Humanities gave their thesis presentations on 4 January 2009. The following is a list of thesis presentations given by the graduating students:

- Sanam Ara Amin: *It's The Economy, Stupid: Contemporary Postmodern Fiction and its Capitalist roots*
- Reeham Chowdhury: *Evaluating and Designing Some Components of Fourth Grade English Textbook of BRAC Primary Schools.*
- Tahia Khair: *Instrumental Motivation appears to be more effective and more*

*powerful in facilitating Second Language Learning in comparison with Integrative Motivation*

- Lulu Marzan Salma: *Antiheroes in Modern Literature.*
- Farzana Rahman: *Trapped in Desire: Feminine desire and interracial complexities*



#### **Master's Thesis Presentation (Fall 2008)**

As a requirement of the ENG 699: MA Thesis course, two graduating students (Fall 2008) of the Department of English and Humanities gave their thesis presentations on 4 January 2009.

- Asif Iftekhar: *Colonial Representations & Post-colonial Realities*
- Saushan Rahman: *Representation of the Repressed in Indian Literature*

#### **Undergraduate Thesis Presentations (Spring 2009)**

As a requirement of the ENG 466: Thesis course, the graduating students (Spring 2009) of the Department of English and Humanities gave their thesis presentations on 2-3 May 2009. The following is a list of thesis presentations given by the graduating students:

- Naufela Nafisa Ahmed: *Sexism in Language*
- Mushira Habib: *Memoirs or the Recounting of the Growth of the Artist's Mind*
- Mahya Karim Rima: *Challenging the 'Popular' in 'Popular Culture': Tracing the Evolution of Popular Culture in Bangladesh through Popular Bangladeshi Cinema from the 1950s-2009*
- Ajjun Nahar Jhumoor: *Feedback and Error Correction in ESL Classrooms*



- Samira Nafis: Writing as discovering: Exploring creative nonfiction
- Farhana Nawshin: Problems in Teaching Speaking in Traditional ESL Classrooms
- Shehrin Nazrul: The Portrayal of Marriage and Feminine Sexuality in some Women's Writings
- Monira Siddique: Rise and evolution of Revenge Tragedy
- Sabrina Rab: Oppressed Women's Voices: An Examination of Sylvia Plath's *The Bell Jar* and Selected Poems
- Rokshana Talukder: Teacher's Role as a Motivator and Facilitator in the Department of English and Humanities of BRAC University
- Tamara Zaman: Feature Writing Experience At NEW AGE

#### Master's Thesis Presentation (Spring 2009)

As a requirement of the ENG 699: MA Thesis course, two graduating students (Spring 2009) of the Department of English and Humanities gave their thesis presentations on 2nd May 2009:

- Rabeya Nasrin Khan: Classroom Interaction in ESL Classrooms: A Comparative Study between Group work and Individual work
- Samia Zerine: Do we need Literary Texts in Language Classrooms? An Investigation on Students' Perceptions

#### Undergraduate Thesis Presentations (Summer 2009)

Three graduating students (Summer 2009) gave their thesis presentations on 30th August and 31 August 2009. The following is a list of presentations given by the students:

- Salma Sultana: Magic Realism: Mingling of fantasy and reality, tragedy and comedy in Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude* and Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children*
- Sayma Khan: Role of a teacher in the teaching process
- Nawshin Shakila: Teaching Methods and Classroom Management: An observation

#### Masters Thesis Presentation (Summer 2009)

- Caroline Schneider, a graduating MA student (Summer 2009) gave her thesis presentation on 30 August 2009. Her thesis was titled *Postmodernism, Community Building and Online Communication: Are virtual communities 'real' communities?*

#### Study Trips

Study trips are organized as part of a course to provide students with practical hands on experience.

#### ENG 114 Study Tour to Jahangirnagar University

The students of the ENG 114: Introduction to Drama went on an excursion to the Jahangirnagar University on 24 January. The purpose was to visit the Greek Theatre established there by the noted dramatist, late Professor Salim Al-Deen. This gave the students a better appreciation of the theory and design of ancient Greek theatre which is a part of their curriculum. They were then taken on tour of the English Department, the library and the department of Drama and Dramatics where the students of Jahangirnagar University presented a very lively and interactive dramatic performance



for our students. After the tour, they had lunch at the cafeteria and enjoyed the landscape of the beautiful residential campus.

#### **ENG 115 Study Trip to Ekushey Boi Mela**

On 7 February 2009, the students of Eng 115: Introduction to Prose went on a study trip to the Ekushey Boi Mela. The students were introduced to one of the largest literary and book selling events in the country as well as the spirit of the language movement. As part of the Eng 115 course, the students were given assignments on their visit.

#### **ENG 440 Study Trip to Chobi Mela**

On 19 February 2009, the students of ENG 440: English for the Print Media went on a study trip to the Chobir Haat photo exhibition titled "Kaloteep" by Shah Sazzad held near the Shahbag premises. The study trip was part of the coursework on event coverage for ENG 440: English for the print Media.

#### **ENG 439 Study Trip**

On 19 February, the students of Eng 439: Teaching Practicum went to Happy Times International School in Dhanmondi for classroom observation. The course focuses on the techniques and methods of language teaching in the classroom, so this trip allowed students to observe these methods in practice.

Students of ENG 439: Teaching Practicum went on study trips to Sunbeams International School, Engineering University School and Shahid Anwar Girls High School and College, on 5, 21, and 28 March 2009. The course Eng 439 focuses on the techniques and methods of language teaching in the classroom. The students also visited a BRAC school in Savar on 14 March 2009, to observe the teaching methodology used there. Unlike the other classrooms observed in traditional schools, the BRAC school class was much more learner-centered with emphasis on group activities and student interaction.

#### **ENG 653 Study Trips**

Students of ENG 653: Teaching Practicum went on study trips for classroom observation at Happy Times International School and CfL

(BRAC University) on 8th February and 31 March 2009, respectively. ENG 653 focuses on providing students with a practical orientation to teaching; students are expected to receive hands-on training on practical aspects of teaching, and these study trips were intended to provide students with such hands-on training. At Happy Times, the students learned about classroom management, creating interaction, teaching vocabulary and grammar, etc.

#### **ENG 115 Visit to Dhaka bookshops**

As a part of the course ENG 115: Introduction to English Prose, students visited various book shops of Dhaka on 30 May 2009. The purpose of this visit was to introduce them to the different resources available and to acquaint them with the vast realm of books. The students visited Words n Pages in Gulshan and various book shops in New Market and Aziz Super Market.

#### **Students of ENG 434 and ENG 649 go to Sonargaon for study tour**



Students of ENG 434 (Materials Design) and ENG 649 (Materials Design and Evaluation) were taken to Sonargaon Museum and Panam City as a part of the project work called "Pictorial ELT Materials" on the 7th of November, 2009. Each of the students of both the courses was equipped with a camera and took a lot of pictures. Among all the photos taken, students had to select a few good ones based on which they had to develop language teaching materials for elementary, secondary, intermediate and advanced level learners.

#### **Dramatic Presentation in ENG 114**

On 16 April 2009, the students of ENG 114: Introduction to Drama gave presentations and a

lively dramatic performance. The students presented on topics ranging from "Freewill and Predestination in Oedipus Rex" and "Use of Realism and Expressionism by Arthur Miller" to "Elements of a Morality Play in Dr. Faustus." There was a very lively oral presentation from Congreve's play *The Way of the World*. The program ended with a highly entertaining dramatic performance from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Students from various departments attended and enjoyed the session.

#### **ENH student receives award**

On 14 October Md. Abdullah-Al-Mamun received the Prime Minister's Award in recognition of getting GPA 5 in both his S.S.C. and H.S.C. examinations. He is one of the 20 students in the country to get this award for continuing education despite economic and social barriers. Along with the award, he also received a cheque of Tk. 20,000.

#### **ENH Students participate in an International Festival**

Students of ENG 114: Introduction to Drama participated in the International Ibsen Seminar and Theatre Festival held in Dhaka from 12-22



November, 2009. This was the biggest theatre festival in Asia. Renowned theatre directors and scholars from Pakistan, India, Nepal, Iran and Egypt participated in the programme. On 20 November students paid a visit to Shilpakala Academy, the venue of the festival, to watch *Punarjanmo*, an adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's play, "When We Dead Awaken".

The students were given a brief outline of the play's plot and themes on their way to the venue, so they were able to appreciate the play and had a lot of questions to ask on their way back.

### **New Appointments and Departures**

#### **Faculty Member rejoins BU**

Mr. Mohammad Mahmudul Haque has rejoined BRACU as a Lecturer in the Department of English and Humanities on 7th June, 2009. He returned from Syracuse University where he was a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) for the 2008-09 academic year.

#### **Lecturers leave for higher studies**

- Senior lecturer Ms. Sohana Manzoor left BU to pursue higher studies in the USA. Ms. Sohana Manzoor will be pursuing a PhD in English at the University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale.
- Lecturer Ms. Nausheen Eusuf will be pursuing a M.A. in English at the University of Georgia.

#### **Visiting Fulbright Scholar**

Kris Peleg has joined the ENH department for a year as a visiting Fulbright scholar on 7 August, 2009. She lives in Minnesota and teaches at Century College. She earned her Ph.D in literature from the University of Arizona with a focus on autobiography.

### **Teacher's attendance in lectures, seminars and study courses**

#### **Faculty member attends conference in Chennai**

Sohana Manzoor, Senior Lecturer, ENH, presented a paper titled "Sylvia Plath's Three Women and the Position of Women in Today's World" at a conference titled *Defining the Ethos of the New Millenium: Literature from the United States and the Indian Subcontinent*. The conference was held on 12th and 13th March 2009 at Ethiraj College in Chennai, India.

#### **Chairperson delivers lecture at IUB**

Prof. Firdous Azim, Chairperson, ENH, delivered a special lecture at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) entitled "New

Directions in Feminist Literary Criticism" on 31st March, 2009.

#### **Chairperson attends conference at Jahangirnagar University**

Prof. Firdous Azim, Chairperson, ENH, chaired the session on Gender and Genre at the conference "Locating Latin American Literature: An International Conference," held at Jahangirnagar University on 24-25 May 2009. Students and faculty members from BRAC University also attended the session.

#### **Lecturer attends workshop on Teaching Bangla to Non-Native Speakers**

Tabassum Zaman, Lecturer II, ENH, attended a two-day workshop titled "Teaching Bangla to Non-Native Speakers" held on 27-28 May 2009. She was a participant in the roundtable discussion on "The Experience of the American Classroom and Campus" where she shared her experience of teaching Bangla to non-native speakers as a Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant in the US. The workshop was organized by the Bangla Language Institute at Independent University, Bangladesh.

#### **Professor Firdous Azim delivers keynote address**

The 10th anniversary celebration of Inter Asia Cultural Studies was marked by a conference entitled 'Cultural Studies and Asia: Past, Present and Future' held at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo from July 3 to July 5 2009. Professor Firdous Azim gave the keynote address entitled 'South Asian presence in Inter Asia Cultural Studies.'

#### **Lecturer attends Shakespeare Study Course at Stratford upon Avon**

Ms. Rukhsana R. Chowdhury won a scholarship awarded by the English speaking Union to represent Bangladesh in this year's Shakespeare Study Course at the Shakespeare Birthplace Centre at Stratford upon Avon. The course encompassed lectures, discussions and workshops devised and delivered by Shakespearean experts, Royal Shakespeare Company actors and voice coaches. The classes were augmented by visits to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre to watch plays, which were under discussion in class.

#### **Lecturer joins Bangla-Urdu Sahitya Forum**

Rukhsana Rahim Chowdhury, Lecturer became a member of The Bangla-Urdu Sahitya Forum. Poet Asad Chowdhury, the President of the organization welcomed her and other new members in a meeting organized by the forum on 4 September. All the members of the forum are Bangladeshi writers and poets who actively engage in literary activities like writing and translating Bangla into Urdu and English for a wider coverage among the new generation.

#### **Discussant of Paper**

Professor Firdous Azim, Chairperson, ENH Department was the discussant of the paper "Disappearance and Displacement in Srilanka" which was delivered by Malathi De Alwis from the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. The discussion was held on 2 September, 2009 at the Senate House in Dhaka University. This is part of the special lecture series of the Woman and Gender Studies Department, DU.

#### **Paper Presentation in Conference**

On 26 September 2009, Professor Firdous Azim, Chairperson, ENH Department presented a paper at the Feminist Review Conference on "Feminist Theory and Activism in Global Perspective" held at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London.

#### **Professor Firdous Azim presents paper**

Professor Firdous Azim presented a paper on "Representing Poverty in Literature and Art" on 16 October 2009 at a seminar entitled, "Understanding and addressing Poverty" arranged in Dhaka by the Institute of Ismaili Studies, London.

#### **Dr. Kris Peleg presents paper**

Dr. Kris Peleg presented a paper titled "Literature and Technology: Children's Lit Online" at the first Fullbright Alumni Association of Bangladesh (FAAB) International Conference in Dhaka held on 21 November 2009. The theme of the daylong conference was "Development: Tradition, Transition, Transformation" and the papers ranged in subject from history to agriculture, crafts to economics. The session was chaired by Professor Firdous Azim.



### Speaker in a Seminar

A seminar titled "Empire and English Studies: Pedagogy and Activism Now" was held at East West University on 11-12 December 2009. Professor Firdous Azim was a speaker at a panel titled "Activism in Academics."

### Faculty Publications

#### Publication in BRACU Journal

Ms. Asifa Sultana, published an academic paper in the BRAC University Journal, Vol 6, No. 1, 2009. The article was titled 'Peer Correction in ESL Classrooms'.

#### Chairperson edits special issue of the Feminist Review

Prof. Firdous Azim, Chairperson, ENH, was a guest-editor for a special issue of the Feminist Review, a leading international journal in its field, entitled South Asian Feminisms: Negotiating New Terrains, published by Palgrave (London). The special issue appeared in March 2009 as Feminist Review 91.

### Other Events

#### Dr. Sharmila Sen teaches as a guest lecturer

Dr. Sharmila Sen who is the general editor for the Humanities, Harvard University Press taught ENG 367: English writing and British Colonialism from 4-13 October. She concentrated on Caribbean writing, which is her area of specialization.

#### Opening of the Media Lab

The Vice Chancellor Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury inaugurated the Media Lab on 8 November 2009. Faculty members from other departments were also present on the occasion. The purpose of having a media lab is that it would help students produce their own printed magazines, journals, short films and also record programs.



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## Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS)

### January '09 Update

#### ESS Seminar Series

Chowdhury Rashad Shabab, part-time faculty member of ESS made a presentation on "Credit Derivatives and Global Financial Crisis" on 22 January at the ESS Conference Room. Students and faculty members of the department participated in the seminar.

#### Faculty Members back after completion of higher studies:

After completion of MA in Economics from the New York University, United States, under Fulbright Scholarship, Sakiba Zeba, Lecturer, ESS returned to the department. Humaira Hossain, Lecturer, ESS has also returned to the department after completion of MA in Economics from Nottingham University, United Kingdom.

### New Faculty Members in the Department

Three faculty members joined in the Department of ESS as Lecturer.

- Takrima Sayeda, completed MA in Economics in International Development from the International University of Japan, Japan.
- Haydory Akber Ahmed, previously worked as a Senior Research Associate of Institute of Governance Studies, BRAC University. He did Masters in International Economics from University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.
- Meheri Tamanna, did MSS in Public Administration from DU.

### Seminar and Conference Participation by ESS Faculty Member

Dr. Manjur Karim, Associate Professor of the Department of ESS chaired a session in

"International Conference on Globalization and Literature" organized by East-West University and held on 02 January.

Mahbuba Nazneen Sani, Lecturer and Counselor of the Department of ESS participated in the "Third South Asian Conference on Autism", held on 16-17 January. The main theme of the workshop was 'Support through Understanding.'

#### **Faculty Participation in BRAC DEV-PRO**

Iftexharul Haque and Fahmida Saadia Rahman had taken classes in the Certificate Course on Development Professionals Program (Dev-Pro), on 31 January - 01 February, at BRAC-TARC, Gulshan, Dhaka. The training program was organized by the Training Division, BRAC and BRAC University for the mid-level managers of BRAC. Ms. Rahman gave lecture on the basic concepts of Economics and Mr. Haque gave lecture on the Economy of Bangladesh.

#### **March '09 Update**

##### **Faculty Participation in BRAC DEV-PRO**

Mr. Iftexharul Haque, took classes in the Certificate Course on Development Professionals Program (Dev-Pro), on 01-02 March, at BRAC-TARC, Gulshan, Dhaka. The training program was organized by the Training Division, BRAC and BRAC University for the mid-level managers of BRAC. Mr. Haque gave lecture on the basic concepts of Economics and on the Economy of Bangladesh.

##### **ESS Seminar Series: Sexuality in Popular Discourse**

Zubaida Nasreen, a course contact faculty member, presented a seminar on 'Sexuality in Popular Discourse' on 16 March at ESS Conference Room. Ms. Nasreen focused on Gender and Sex; Historical, Political and Social views of sexuality as well as her own view on this issue.

##### **Village Visit by the Students of Bangladesh Studies**

On 14 March a total of 125 students of Bangladesh Studies (DEV101) went to visit villages of Savar, as part of their academic activities. Department of ESS organized this

visit for the students of Bangladesh Studies.

#### **Faculty gave Lecture in Seminars**

On 19 March, Dr. Manjur Karim, Associate Professor, was the Guest of Honour in a seminar titled 'Law, Capitalism and Colonialism'. The seminar was organized by 'Empowerment through Law of Common People'. Dr. Karim gave lecture in a session of the seminar.

On 26 March, Dr. Karim was a speaker in a seminar on 'International Political Economy', organized by a student association of DU.

#### **April '09 Update**

##### **Paper Presentation by Faculty Member**

On 23 April, A K Iftexharul Haque, presented a paper titled 'Impact of Agricultural Productivity on Bangladesh Economy: A CGE Exercise' in Second South Asian Training Programme on CGE Modelling held at Kathmandu, Nepal. The seminar was organized by South Asian Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) and South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM).

On 16 April, A K Iftexharul Haque, presented a key note paper in a roundtable discussion titled 'Budget and Social Safety Net Programmes: Perspective of Marginalized' organized by Shamunnay, a non-government non-profit development organization.

##### **New Faculty Member in the Department**

Dr. Minhaj Mahmud joined as an Associate Professor. He is a faculty (on leave) of the Queen's University, Belfast, UK. Dr. Mahmud's specializes in Behavioural, Health and Environmental Economics.

##### **Seminar Participation by ESS Faculty Member:**

On 21 April, Dr. Manjur Karim, Associate Professor, was a speaker in a seminar on 'How to Aid Workers in the Phenomenon of Global Financial Crisis'. The seminar was organized by Nagorik Shonghoti, a national NGO and held at Monisingh-Farhad Trust Auditorium, Dhaka. On 26 April, Dr. Karim was a speaker in a seminar on 'Special Quota for Indigenous People in Higher education of Bangladesh',

organized by Research and Development Collective, Bangladesh. He was a speaker in another seminar on '**Natural Resources of Bangladesh and Multinational Corporations**' organized by National Committee for Oil, Gas and Port Protection, held on 18 April.

#### May '09 Update

##### Reception for Four New Faculty Members

Newly joined Faculties are

- Dr. Meher Manjur joined as a visiting faculty in the Department of Economics for summer 2009. He is a faculty of School of Economics and Finance, Curtin University of Technology. He did his PhD from University of Western Australia. He specializes in International Money and Finance, Banking, Financial Markets. He is the author of a number of books and publications in referred journals.
- Dr. Zebun Nahar Ahmed, Adjunct Professor Department of Sociology, Duquesne University, US joined as a visiting faculty for summer 2009. She did PhD in Administrative and Policy Studies from University of Pittsburgh, US.
- Dr. Minhaj Mahmud, who completed his PhD in Economics from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden joined as Associate Professor. He taught at the Queen's University in Belfast, UK. He specializes in Behavioural, Health and Environmental Economics.
- Dr. Farzana Munshi, joined as Assistant Professor. After completing post graduation in Economics from DU she completed PhD in Economics from University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Previously she taught at the Queen's University, Belfast, UK.

##### Seminar Participation by ESS Faculties

On 20 May, Dr. Manjur Karim, Associate Professor, ESS was a speaker in a seminar on "Information Disclosure by World Bank". The seminar was organized by Voice- a National NGO. On 09 May, Dr. Karim gave a lecture in a

year long workshop on Karl Marx organized by 'Banglar Pathshala', a voluntary organization.

#### June '09 Update

##### Student awarded Erasmus- Mundus Scholarship

Tawhid Ullah Al- Mahmud, undergraduate student, is going to participate in a student exchange program under Erasmus-Mundus Mobility with Asia Scholarship 2009-10. Tawhid will complete two semesters at the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

##### Faculty Member awarded ADB-Japan Scholarship

Kamrul Hasan, was awarded ADB-Japan Scholarship 2009-10. Mr. Hasan has been awarded this scholarship to do a two years Master of Arts in Development Studies at University of Auckland, New Zealand.

##### Faculty Participation in International Conference

Mr. Jahangir Alam, Senior Lecturer, participated in the 17th Annual Conference organized by European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE) held on 24 - 27 June in Amsterdam, Netherlands. He presented a paper titled "**Coping costs of unsafe and unreliable drinking water: The case of slums in Dhaka, Bangladesh**". The seminar was organized by the Department of Spatial Economics of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, in cooperation with the Institute for Environmental Studies, both of the VU University Amsterdam.

##### Research Outcome

A research article titled "**Trust and Religion: Experimental Evidence from Rural Bangladesh**," co-authored by Dr. Minhaj Mahmud, Associate Professor, ESS Department was published in *Economica*, a journal of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

##### Faculty Participation in Training Workshop

Mr. Haydory Akbar Ahmed, lecturer and Mr. A. K. Iftekharul Haque, lecturer, ESS Department participated in a training workshop on the

"Competition Policy and Law" organized by CUTS-India and Unnayan Shamannay-Bangladesh with financial support from the International Finance Corporation.

#### **Faculty Participation in National Seminar and Workshop**

Dr. Manjur Karim, Associate Professor, gave a lecture on Hegelian Philosophy in a study group session on Marx's Capital organized by Banglar Pathshala on July 4, 2009. He participated as a speaker in a seminar on Ecological Debt, organized by Voice, Unnayan Onnesha, Equity and Justice Working Group, Shushashoner Jonno Procharavijan and Jubilee 2000 at National Press Club on July 27, 2009.

#### **Faculty Participation in Regional Workshop**

Mr. A. K. Iftexharul Haque, Lecturer, participated in a workshop on '**Regional Budget Analysis and Advocacy**' at Kathmandu, Nepal from 19 - 23 July. The workshop was jointly organized by The Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA) and Oxfam Novib (Netherlands). Different analytical techniques of budget analysis were discussed in the workshop.

#### **October '09 Update**

##### **Participation in Workshops and Presentation by ESS faculty**

Dr Minhaj Mahmud, Associate Professor, participated in a workshop on "**Economic Approaches to Climate Change and Poverty**" in Dhaka held on 13-14 October. The workshop was jointly organized by UNDP, UNEP, the Planning Commission of Bangladesh and

SANDEE for economic policy makers and researchers in Bangladesh. Dr Mahmud made a presentation on "**Economics of Health and Climate Change in Bangladesh.**"

To celebrate World Mental Health Day (which was on 10th October), Department of Clinical Psychology, DU and Bangladesh Clinical Psychology Association arranged a whole day programme on 25 October. Mahbuba Naznin Sani, Lecturer of ESS, attended the programme at TSC auditorium. She attended the workshop on "Family and Marital Therapy" focusing on family and marital problems, assessment and intervention process from cognitive behaviour approach, communication skills etc.

Md. Abdul Wohab, Senior Lecturer, participated in a two day long training workshop entitled "**The emergence of post-structuralism: Sex and Gender revisited**" organized by the Department of Gender Studies, DU held on 17-18 October.

Md. Abdul Wohab, Senior Lecturer and Lecturer Mahbuba Naznin Sani, Lecturer attended a daylong workshop on "Child Rights as an Academic Discourse" at the UGC auditorium held on 8 October. The workshop was organized by the Save the Children (Sweden- Denmark) in collaboration with the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC).

##### **Research Outcome**

Dr. Shahidur Rahman, Assistant Professor, published a paper entitled '**Socio-economic Vulnerability and Neo- liberalism: Lessons from Bangladesh**'. in South Asia Research, volume- 29 issue- 3, 2009 pp 234-255.

## Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS)



During 2009, the Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS) of BRACU continued with its ongoing undergraduate program in Physics (BS in Physics) and the postgraduate program in Biotechnology (MS in Biotechnology) apart from offering various courses in Physics, Mathematics, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry and Economic Geography to the students of the other disciplines of BRACU. The average number of courses offered by the Department per semester was around forty five. The Department envisages to start undergraduate programs in Applied Physics & Electronics and in Mathematics from Spring 2010 Semester. Efforts are also on for introducing undergraduate programs in Pharmacy, Biotechnology and Microbiology pretty soon. During the reported period the Department organized a number of seminar talk. The faculty members also participated in different conferences, symposia, seminars, workshops, roundtable discussions etc. held at local, regional or international levels. Some study tours were also made during this period.

The various activities of the Department and its faculty are described in the following:

### Conferences

- Ms. Moushumi Zahur participated in “**Young Scientists of Asia Conclave, A Meeting of Concerned Young Scientists**”, held in Bangalore, India on 15-17 January. The theme of the seminar was “Pressing Problems

of Humankind (Energy & Climate)”.

- Dr. Aparna Islam participated in the “**International Botanical Conference**” held at DU from 16-18 January. The theme of the Conference was “Challenge of Botanists in overcoming the changing Environment”, organized by the Bangladesh Botanical Society. Ms. Jebunessa Choudhury, an MS student of biotechnology at BRACU presented a paper entitled “**Establishment of a simple efficient *in vitro* regeneration protocol for locally grown tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Miller) cultivators of Bangladesh**” at the conference.
- Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam participated in an International Conference on “**Climate Change and Urban Poverty- Infrastructures of Development**” held at BRAC Centre on 28 January. BDI, Department of Architecture, BRACU and Brooks World Poverty Institute, University of Manchester, UK; jointly organized the Conference.
- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury participated in the **21st Annual Conference of the Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science**, held on 18-21 February at the BARI, Gazipur. Prof. Choudhury presented a plenary lecture on “**Food Security and Biotechnology: Global and National Perspectives**”.

- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury and Dr. Aparna Islam participated in the **International Conference on Plant Breeding and Seed for Food Security (ICPSEFS 2009)**, organized by the Plant Breeding and Genetics Society of Bangladesh held at BARC, Dhaka on 12 March. Prof. Choudhury chaired the scientific session of the conference on intellectual property rights and related issues.
- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury participated in the **Round Table Conference on Present Status of Biotechnology and its Possible Solution** held at DU on 15 July. Representatives from various research and development organizations, universities, print and electronic media participated in the conference. Prof. Choudhury summed up the deliberations and presented the recommendations of the conference.
- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury, Dr. Aparna Islam and Ms. Adeeba Raihan participated in the **International Conference on Gender Participation in the Development of Science**, held at the NMST Auditorium, Dhaka on 14-15 November, organized by Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS). The theme of the conference was “Women Scientists for Development”.
- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury participated in the **25th Annual Conference of the Bangladesh Society of Microbiologists**, held at the Dept. of Microbiology, DU on 21 December. The theme of the conference was “Emerging Diseases and Health”. A large number of microbiologists from different universities and research organizations participated in the conference.
- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury, Dr. Aparna Islam and Ms. Fardousi A. Begum and Ms. Jebunessa Chowdhury participated in the **International Young Scientists Congress** organized by Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) in collaboration with IAP and TWAS on 29-30 December. Participants included renowned teachers, researchers, scientists and policy maker from Malaysia, Nepal and China from different universities, research and development organizations. Ms. Jebunessa Choudhury presented “**Establishment of *in***

***vitro* Regeneration Protocol in Locally Grown Tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*)”, and Dr. Aparna Islam presented “**Preparing to Face Challenges of Climate Change through Agriculture Biotechnology**”.**

#### Workshops

- The Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) organized a national workshop on “**Prioritization of Research in Agricultural and Life Sciences**” from 13-14 March. More than 200 delegates from different universities and research organizations participated in the workshop. Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury along with Dr. Aparna Islam, Mr. Mustak Ibn Ayub, Ms. Adeeba Raihan and Ms. Jedunnessa Chowdhury participated in the workshop.
- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury participated in the **UNESCO Workshop on Bioethics** on 17-18 March organized jointly by the UNESCO, UGC and the Ministry of Planning, GoB. Prof. Darryl Macer, Regional Advisor, UNESCO, Thailand delivered the keynote paper on “Implementing the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (UDBHR) into Teaching, Research and Policy”. Prof. Choudhury chaired the scientific session on bioethics in Bangladesh.
- Dr. Aparna Islam participated in the inception workshop on “**Strengthening the Legal Framework for Biotechnology**” on 19 March. The workshop was organized jointly by BARC and FAO. The speakers discussed the present status of the legal framework in the country and recommended modifications to attain safe and sustainable use of biotechnology, especially to boost the agricultural productivity.
- INASP organized “**Author AID Research Writing Skills Workshop**” on May 17-21 in BRAC Centre Inn. Professor Dr. Barbara Gastel of Texas A & M University, USA and Prof. Dr. Naiyyum Choudhury were the facilitators.
- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury delivered two lectures on “**Basics of Biotechnology and its Potential Applications in Bangladesh**” at the **National Workshop on Medical Biotechnology**, on 13-16 June. The workshop

was organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoB and was participated by the medical professionals in the public and private sectors.

- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury participated in the **2nd UNESCO Ethics Workshop** held at the Planning Commission, Dhaka on 11-12 July, 2009.
- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury, Ms Adeeba Raihan, Mr. Rasel Chowdhury and Mr. Md. Shamsul Kaonain participated in the **International Workshop on Science Education** on 10 October at the National Museum of Science and Technology, Dhaka. About 200 participants from 12 countries including Bangladesh participated in the workshop.
- Dr. Aparna Islam attended the Concluding Workshop of “**Assistance in the Formulation of Enabling Regulatory Measures for Research and Sustainable Application of Biotechnology Project**” on 20 December at BARC, Dhaka. It was organized by BARC and Ministry of Agriculture, GoB. Delegates from National Agriculture Research System Institute (NARS), Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), universities, and NGOs participated in the workshop.

#### Meetings

- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury participated in the **Executive Committee Meeting of the IAP** held at the Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), Amsterdam on 23-25 March.
- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury, member of the IBAC from Bangladesh, participated in the first Meeting of **International Biotechnology Advisory Committee (IBAC)** of the Islamic Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization (ISESCO). The meeting was held at the ISESCO Headquarters in Rabat, Morocco from 12-14 April.
- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury participated in the **Joint Consultation Meeting of the ISESCO and UNESCO on Health Ethics** held at the ISESCO Headquarters, Rabat, Morocco from 15-16 April.

- Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury participated in the Steering Committee Meeting of the Program for Enhancement of Research Information (Phase II) of the **International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP)**, held on 11-14 May in BRAC Centre Inn. Delegates from Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe in addition to local delegates participated. Prof. Choudhury acted as Chairman of the Organizing Committee.
- Dr. Aparna Islam attended the Stakeholders Meeting to Finalize the Draft Guidelines of “**Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from GE Plants in Bangladesh**”, on 17-18 August. The meeting was jointly organized by the BARC and South Asian Biosafety Programme (SABP).
- Ms. Nadia Iftekharuddin, an MS Biotech. Student and a Research Officer at ICDDR,B participated in the **2nd HOPE Meeting of the Nobel Laureates** organized by the Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) in Tokyo, Japan on 27 September - 01 October.
- Dr. Aparna Islam attended the stakeholder consultation on the “**2010 Biodiversity Target National Assessment**” and “**Fourth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity**”. The program was organized the Department of Environment, GoB on 14 October.

#### Seminars

- Dr. M. Rafiqul Islam and M. Rokibul Islam participated in “**Eradication of Hunger in the Context of Higher Food Prices: Achieving the MDGs**” on 9 February at BRAC Center Auditorium.
- Dr. M. Rafiqul Islam was a special guest in the seminar entitled “**Higher Education in Russia**” held on 30 March at the Russian Centre of Science and Culture, Dhaka.
- Dr. M. Rafiqul Islam participated in a multi-country two-hour video-conference discussion connecting the WB Headquarters, Washington DC, USA with the South Asian countries on “**South Asia Regional Collaboration in Nanotechnology for Development**” on 21 May at BRACU video-conferencing room. Prof. T. Vitarana,

Minister for Science and Technology, Sri Lanka delivered the opening remarks. Two keynote papers were presented by Dr. Esther Chang (President, American Society for Nanomedicine and Professor of Georgetown University, USA) and Ms. Nadia Afrin (Development Gateway Foundation).

- Prof. A. A. Z. Ahmad, Chairman, NOAMI and Chairperson, MNS Dept. presided over the Seminar on “**The Change Detection Study of Sagar Island, Bay of Bengal Using Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS)**” on 19 December. The seminar dealt with the application of GIS for mapping, monitoring and measuring the various parameters of coastal area to develop a sustainable coastal management strategy plan on Sagar Island, Bay of Bengal.

#### Trainings

- Ms. Lopamudra Chakravarty is a young leader of Bangladesh Girl Guides Association (BGGGA). BGGGA organized three training programs entitled “**Life Skills Training**” in collaboration with UNFPA and the Ministry of Education, GoB on 15 and 23 July, and 12 December. Ms. Chakravarty was elected a member of the Executive Committee of BGGGA on 22 October and acted as one of the master trainers of this training program.

#### Lectures

- Mr. Al Amin Kabir, Lecturer in Physics, MNS Department presented a seminar talk entitled “**CP Violation**” on 22 January.
- Professor Salahuddin Ahmad, Ph.D., DABR Professor and Director of Physics Oklahoma University HSC Oklahoma, USA, gave a talk on “**Proton Induced Radiation Therapy**” on 4 February.
- Mr. Shamsul Kaonain, a student of the CSE Dept. gave a brief presentation on the “**Solar Eclipse**” observed at Panchgarh on 22 July. Dr. Dipen Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, University of California, Riverside, USA then informed the audience about some details of this eclipse in particular and eclipses in general.

- Mr. Mahabobe Shobahani, Lecturer in Physics gave a talk “**Magneto-resistive Properties of Thin Films and Their Applications**” on 30 July.
- Mr. Md. Jakir Hossen, Lecturer in Mathematics, MNS Department gave a talk on “**Adaptive Observations in a 4D-Var Framework Applied to the Nonlinear Burger Equation Model**” on 15 October.
- Dr. Mezbahur Rahman, Visiting Professor at the MNS department gave a talk on “**A Note on Modified Box-Cox Transformation**” on 29 October. The talk was based on a paper published in Festschrift in Honor of Distinguished Professor Mir Masoom Ali, Ball State University, Indiana, USA, 2007. This paper presented a joint work with Dr. Larry M. Pearson at the Minnesota State University, Mankato, USA.

#### Visits

- **Dr. V. S. Reddy**, Group Leader, Plant Transformation Group of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi, India visited the MNS Department on 29 July. He went through the lab facilities and discussed with senior faculty members. Dr. Reddy then met Prof. A. A. Z. Ahmad and with Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, VC, BRACU. During the meetings Dr. Reddy assured full cooperation of the ICGEB for the postgraduate students in biotechnology of BRACU.
- **A team from UGC** led by Prof. Amena Begum, member, UGC visited the MNS Department on 13 September to see the library and lab facilities for the Pharmacy program. The team was briefed on BRACU and various programs under the MNS Department by Prof. A.A.Z. Ahmad, Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury, and Dr. Aparna Islam.
- **A team from UGC** led by Prof. Amena Begum, member, UGC visited the MNS Department on 15 December to see facilities including libraries and laboratories for the proposed microbiology and biotechnology undergraduate programs. Prof. A.A.Z. Ahmad, Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury, Dr. Aparna Islam and Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury,



Registrar of BRACU were present during the visit.

- **A team from the Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh** visited BRACU on 29 December for the proposed undergraduate program in Pharmacy. The team, led by Prof. Dr. C. M. Hasan discussed the curriculum and visited laboratories, class rooms and library facilities for the undergraduate pharmacy program. Prof. A. A. Z. Ahmad, Dr. Aparna Islam and Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Registrar of BRACU conducted the team.

#### Other Events and Activities

- Dr. Aparna Islam received the **Vice Chancellor's 'Outstanding Contribution to Co-curricular Activities' Advisor Award** on 2 April. The award was given to her for her mentorship of the BRACU Cultural Club (BUCuC). BUCuC received the 'Best Club' award among the 28 clubs and forums of BRACU.
- Prof. A. A. Z. Ahmad attended the **Viva-voce Examination on the Ph.D thesis** of Md. S. Rahman, Research Fellow, at the Dept. of Applied Physics & Electronic Engineering, RU on 16 May. The Academic Council of RU appointed Prof. Ahmad as a member of the Board of Examiners for the thesis "Monitoring and Analysis of Hydro-environmental Condition in the North-Western Part of Bangladesh and Development of a Satellite Based Aridity Assessment Algorithm".
- Prof. Mezbahur Rahman (visiting faculty on sabbatical leave at the MNS department) has won the **2009 CSET (College of Science, Engineering and Technology at Minnesota State University, USA) Award** for excellence in faculty research.
- Dr M. Rafiqul Islam left for Italy on 20 Aug., 2009 with a teaching staff mobility fellowship for two months under the **European Programme Erasmus Mundus Mobility with Asia (EMMA)** program funded by the European Commission. Dr. Islam stayed for two months from 20 August 21 October carrying out post- doctoral studies at the Dept. of Statistics, University of Padova, Padova, Italy.

- Prof. Mofiz Uddin Ahmed received the **UGC Award 2007** on 5 October. The title of the award winning research paper is "On Generation of Dark Solitons by Gravitational Waves in a Strongly Magnetized Pulsar Plasma". The paper proposed an indirect way of detecting gravitational wave using the nonlinear interaction between gravitational waves and the plasma.

#### Faculty News

##### New Faculty Joining

- **Mr. M. Rokibul Islam and Mr. Khandker Md. Mahmudul Hasan** joined as Lecturers in Mathematics and Physics, respectively.
- **Dr. Rafiqul Islam** joined the MNS Department as an Assistant Professor in Statistics.
- **Dr. Mezbahur Rahman** joined the Department as a Professor in Statistics. Professor Rahman is on sabbatical leave from Minnesota State University, USA. Professor Rahman got his Ph.D in Applied Statistics from University of California, Riverside, USA in 1995. He has over forty publications in reputed international journals. He reviewed numerous articles for several journals. He is an editor for the International Journal of Statistical Science. He is a Dhaka University Alumni of 1986.

##### Faculty Re-joining the Department

- **Mr. Iftexhar M. S. Kalam** rejoined the MNS Dept. after completing his Master's degree on Population Studies from the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute (ADSRI), Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, Australia. He was a 2008 Endeavour Postgraduate Award recipient.
- **Mr. Md. Jakir Hossen** rejoined the MNS Dept. after completing his MSc. degree in Computational Science from the Department of Scientific Computing, Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA.
- **Dr Mohammad Rafiqul Islam**, Assistant Professor of the Dept. of MNS resumed his duties on 22 October after completing his research fellowship under the framework of the Erasmus Mundus Mobility with Asia (EMMA) program.

### Promotion of Faculty

- **Ms.Moushumi Zahur, Mr. Md. Anisur Rahman Molla, Mr. Mahabobe Shobahani and Mr.Md. Jakir Hossen** are promoted to the post of Lecturer II.
- **Ms.Moushumi Zahur and Mr. Iftekhar Mohammad Shafiqul Kalam** are promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer.
- **Ms.Sharmina Hussain** is promoted to the post of Assistant Professor.

### Depart for Higher Studies

- **Mr.Md. Anisur Rahman Molla**, Lecturer at the MNS Department left for his Ph.D degree at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, USA.
- **Mr.Md. Rokibul Islam**, Lecturer at the MNS Department left for a Master's program at the Memorial University, Newfoundland, Canada with fully- funding.

### Student News and Activities



- MNS Dept. organized a **study tour** to Cox's Bazar and St. Martin Island on 25-29 March. Eight faculty members and staff and sixteen students participated. The group visited the Bangladesh Meteorological Department's Radar Station, St.Martin's Island and the Beach Sand at Cox's Bazar Mineral Exploitation Centre (BSMEC) at Cox's Bazar.
- An MNS departmental team consisting of three physics major students, Mohammad Murtaza Mahmud, Nakib Haider and Kazi Shudipto Amin won the **BRACU Inter Department Quiz Competition** held on the 9 August.



- **Visit of Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd. by MS Biotech Students** A team of MS Biotech students accompanied by Dr. Aparna Islam, Mr. Iftekhar M. S. Kalam, Ms. Adeeba Raihan and Mr. Mustak Ibn Ayub had a **Study Tour to Square Pharmaceuticals Limited Lab** on Aug. 10, 2009. The study tour included an elaborate guided tour of the facilities of Square Pharmaceuticals.



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- **Jebunnesa Chowdhury**, Z. I. Seraj and **Aparna Islam**, "Establishment of a simple efficient in vitro regeneration protocol for locally grown tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Miller) cultivars of Bangladesh." in Fourth International Botanical conference 2008 held on (16-18th January, 2009) Dhaka Bangladesh.
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- M. O. Faruk, A. K. M. A. Hossain, M. L. Rahman, M. B. Hossen and M. A. Rashid, "Colossal Dielectric Constant of Polycrystalline  $\text{CaCu}_3\text{Ti}_4\text{O}_{12}$ ", Poster presented at the National Conference, on November 8 at Pre-engineering Building (1st Floor) Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET), Chittagong, Bangladesh.
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  - **Poetry Book: Facebook Kobita Online Boshey Achi** A poetry book entitled "Facebook Kobita: Online Bosey Achi", by Mustak Ibn Ayub, Teaching Assistant, MNS Dept., was published during Ekushey Book Fair, 2009. Most of the poems are post-modern type and contain personal glimpses with universal appeal. The book was published by Matrivas Prokash.



## SCHOOLS

### School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS)

#### Accreditation of ECE Program by the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB)

BRAC University ECE graduates now can apply for membership of the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) as the ECE program has been accredited by IEB Council.

#### Seminars and Conferences

#### Bangla Language Processing Software "Katha" Launched

The Center for Research on Bangla Language Processing (CRBLP) launched the first official release of the Bangla language processing software packages for Text to Speech (TTS) and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) named 'Katha' and 'BanglaOCR' on February 19. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro Vice Chancellor, BRACU was the Chief Guest at the launching ceremony. Mr. Monsur Ahmed Choudhury, MD, Jatyo Protibondhi Unnayan Foundation (JPUF) also spoke on the occasion. Prof. Mumit Khan, Chairperson, CSE, and Head, CRBLP, BRAU explained the significance of the two software development.



visually impaired and increase the possibilities of improved human-machine interaction. CRBLP is working on better integration with screen readers



CRBLP has been working on generating speech from Bangla Text. Text To Speech (TTS) system for the Bangla language can help tackle the illiteracy problem, empower the

in collaboration with the vision impaired community. Although these software exist for other languages, this was the first release for Bangla in Bangladesh and represents a substantial leap in including the visually impaired in bridging the digital divide.

#### Seminar on Nanotechnology

'Nanotechnology' is still a developing concept in the field of Engineering. A Seminar on 'Nanotechnology' was conducted by Dr. Mumit Khan, Chairperson of the CSE, BRACU, a leading figure in this field. The aim of the seminar was to clarify doubts, if any, regarding this technology and to encourage the interest of those who want to work in this field. The speaker emphasized on the bright prospects and wide applications of Nanotechnology in areas such as Nano-electro-mechanical devices (NEMS), Carbon Nanotubes in TV displays, Protein Nanotubes.



#### Presentation of Paper in International Conference on Control, Instrumentation and Mechatronic Engineering (CIM 2009)

Ms. Marzia Alam, Lecturer of the Department of EEE attended a two day long International Conference on Control, Instrumentation and Mechatronic Engineering (CIM 2009) on June 2-3 in Malacca, Malaysia. She presented her paper "Performance Improvement of DPDC SCADA on Hard Real-Time OS" at Malacca, Malaysia. The CIM 2009 was organized by University of Technology Malaysia (UTM), and was sponsored by Control System Society of IEEE Malaysian Chapter with a joint collaboration with University of Technology Malaysia (UTM). The opening of the CIM 2009 was chaired by Professor Ben M. Chen, National University of Singapore.

## 2nd National Cisco Skills Competition

Ms. Sadia Hamid Kazi, Senior Lecturer of CSE and the Legal Main Contact (LMC) of Cisco Local Academy of BRACU was invited to judge the 2nd National Cisco Skills Competition hosted by AIUB on 1 August. Besides BRACU, 47 teams comprising 141 Cisco Networking Academy graduates of CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) from 13 universities across Bangladesh including AIUB, AUST, BUET, SUST, DIU, Premier University, UIU, KUET, East West University participated in the event. Of the 3 participating teams from the SECS, BRACU, the team comprising of Rumana Rahman, Nabila Naushin and Md. Shamsul Kaonain won 7th position. Apurba Saha, Lecturer, Dept. of EEE, SECS was the coach of the winning team.



## Participation in the Meeting of the Consortium of Universities

Ms. Sadia Hamid Kazi, Senior Lecturer of CSE Department was invited to participate on behalf of BRAC University at the "Meeting of the Consortium of Universities" organised by Indira Gandhi National Open University and telecentre.org. The Meeting of Consortium of Universities was held on 17-18 August in New Delhi, India.

## Visit by IEEE Foundation President & IBM Research Director at BRACU

IEEE Foundation President Dr. Richard J. Gowen and IBM's Director at Research Dr. Kris Srikrishnan visited BRAC University on 31 August to discuss about different humanitarian activities undertaken by IEEE and IBM.



## International Conference on Gender Participation in the Development of Science

Ms. Sadia Hamid Kazi and Ms. Afroza Sultana, faculties of CSE Department of BRACU, attended the International Conference on Gender Participation in the Development of Science, held on 14-15 November. The conference was jointly organized by Bangladesh Academy of Science (BAS), Inter Academy Panel (IAP), Academy of Science for the Developing World (TWAS) and Network of Academics of Science in Islamic Countries (NASIC).

## Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM) 2009

Mr. Tarem Ahmed, Senior Lecturer, EEE Department attended IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM) in Honolulu, HI, USA during 30 November - 04 December, to present paper entitled "Online Anomaly Detection using KDE". GLOBECOM is one of the eight major conferences organised by the IEEE Communications Society.

## Young Scientists Congress 2009

Mr Annajiat Alim Rasel, Junior Lecturer of CSE Department presented his abstract paper "Designing an Integrated Database Information System for Future Bangladesh" in the Young Scientists Congress (YSC '09) held on 29-30 December. The YSC '09 was organized for the first time in Bangladesh by Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS <http://www.bas.org.bd/>) in collaboration with Inter Academy Panel on International Issues (IAP) and the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS). The theme of the conference was "Young Scientists for Development".

## FACULTY NEWS

### New Appointments

- Dr. Md Khalilur Rhaman and Dr. Al-Sakib Khan Pathan have joined the School of Engineering and Computer Science as Assistant Professors.
- Mr. Annajiat Alim Rasel, Ms. Rumana Rahman, Mr. Mehdi Zahid Sadi, Mr. Supriyo Shafkat Ahmed, Mr. Radwanul Hasan Siddique, and Ms. Fariah Mahzabeen were appointed as Junior Lecturers to the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

### Faculty Promotion

- Ms. Afroza Sultana is promoted to Lecturer II position.
- Mr. Mehdi Zahid Sadi, and Mr. Radwanul Hasan Siddique are promoted to the Lecturer position in the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

### Left for Higher Studies

- Ms. Sonia Ahsan and Ms. Rubaiya Rhaman left BRACU to pursue higher studies abroad.

## CRBLP

The Center for Research on Bangla Language Processing, (CRBLP) of BRAC University has been working on Bangla Language Processing since 2004. This center is supported in part by grants from the PAN Localization Project (PanL10n) of the International Development Research Corporation (IDRC), Canada, and the Microsoft Corporation, USA. The CRBLP research team has been working on Bangla Document Authoring, Information Retrieval (Spell Checker, Search Engine), Optical Character Recognition, Speech Processing (Speech Synthesis, Speech Recognition), Pronunciation Generator, Morphological Analysis, Parts of Speech Tagging, Computational Syntax, Grammar Checker, Text Categorization, Language Modeling and related research areas. All of their software are released under an open source license. Please visit the website for details

<http://www.bracu.ac.bd/research/crblp/index.php>

## Publications from CRBLP

- Firoj Alam, S. M. Murtoza Habib and Mumit Khan, "Text Normalization System for Bangla", Conference on Language and Technology 2009 (CLT09), NUCES, Lahore, Pakistan, January 22-24, (2009).
- Md. Abul Hasnat, Muttikinur Rahman Chowdhury and Mumit Khan, "An Open Source Tesseract Based Optical Character Recognizer for Bangla Script", Proc. 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR), pp. 671-675, 2009.
- Md. Abul Hasnat, Muttakinur Rahman Chowdhury and Mumit Khan, "Integrating Bangla script recognition support in Tesseract OCR", Proc. Conference on Language and Technology 2009 (CLT09), Lahore, Pakistan, January 22-24, 2009.
- Md. Abul Hasnat and Mumit Khan, "Rule based segmentation of lower modifiers in complex Bangla scripts", Proc. Conference on Language and Technology 2009 (CLT09), Lahore, Pakistan, January 22-24, 2009.
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## IEEE BRAC University Student Branch

IEEE BRAC University Student Branch is one of many student branches of IEEE worldwide. Since its inauguration in 2008, the student branch has shown a continuous progress in providing science and technology, students' access to activities and events relevant to their field both in the country and abroad. The aim of the student branch is to continue the contribution towards the science and engineering students of the university.

## Events

**Academic visit to Atomic Energy Centre:** On 23 February, the Student Branch visited the Atomic Energy Centre, Dhaka and witnessed the research and experiments carried out in the Centre.



**IEEE 125th Anniversary Workshop on Electronics and Communication:** On 14 June, IEEE Student Branch organized a day-long workshop on Electronics and Communication to commemorate the 125th anniversary of IEEE. Renowned personalities conducted the seminars in three sessions covering: Electronics, Communication and Industry.

**Seminar on “Semiconductor Trends for RF Wireless”:** Mr. Razak Hossain, Senior Principal Engineer at ST-Ericsson, San Diego, California gave a presentation on the topic on 9 July organized by IEEE BRAC University Student Branch.

**IEEE 125th Anniversary Student Congress '09, Singapore:** Ms. Nabila Naushin, Mr. Rasel Chowdhury and Mr. Shiblee Imtiaz Hasan represented IEEE BRAC University Student Branch in the “IEEE 125th Anniversary R10 Student Congress 2009” held in Singapore at National University of Singapore from 16-19 July. The congress brought together the active IEEE Student Members under one roof. BRAC University team received the “Most Vibrant Student Section Award” on behalf of IEEE Bangladesh section. Mr. Shiblee Imtiaz Hasan took part in the “Innovative Student Design

Competition” as the only member from Bangladesh.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

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- Tarem Ahmed, “Online Anomaly Detection using KDE”, Proceedings of IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM), Honolulu, HI, USA, 30 November 04 December.
- Firoj Alam, S. M. Murtoza Habib and Mumit Khan, “Text Normalization System for Bangla”, Proceeding of Conference on Language and Technology 2009 (CLT09), NUCES, Lahore, Pakistan, 22-24 January.
- A. A. Amin, A. A. Faruk, M. A. Alam, A. M. Azad, “Stepper Motor Performance Under Real-Time Multitasking Environment”, The TENCON 2009, Singapore, 23-26 November.
- A. M. Azad, C. M. I. Hussain and M. Alam, “Effect of Hard RTOS on DPDC SACAD System Performance”, The IET China-Ireland International Conference on Information and Communications Technologies CICT 2009, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, pp. 98-105, 19-21 August.
- C. Basak, C. M. I. Hussain and A. M. Azad, “Improving Reliability for DPDC SCADA Communication Systems” Proceedings of International Conference Electrical Energy &



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- Shahriar A. Chowdhury, S. M. R. Kabir, S. M. M. Islam, Radwanul Hasan Siddique and A.T.M. Golam Sarwar, "Performance of Solar Home Systems in Rural Bangladesh", International Conference on the Developments in Renewable Energy Technology, Dhaka, Bangladesh, December.
  - Md. Omar Faruqe, Md. Al Mehedi Hasan, Nazmus Saquib and Apurba Saha, "Face Recognition using PCA and MLP", Proceeding of International Conference on Robotics, Informatics, Intelligence Control Technologies (RIIT'09), pp. 123-126, Bangkok, Thailand.
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  - Md. Eftakhairul Islam and Annajiat Alim Rasel, "Designing an Integrated Database Information System for Future Bangladesh", Abstract paper in the proceedings of Young Scientists Congress (YSC '09), 29-30 December, page 22.
  - Khan Md. Anwarus Salam, Mumit Khan and Tetsuro Nishino, "Example Based English-Bengali Machine Translation Using WordNet", Proceeding of Triangle Symposium on Advanced ICT 2009 (TriSAI 2009), Tokyo, Japan, 28-30 October.
  - Nazmus Saquib, Mustafa Hussain, Apurba Saha and Md. Omar Faruqe, "Performance Enhancement of GSM System: QoS Analysis and Optimization", Proceeding of International Conference on Robotics, Informatics, Intelligence Control Technologies (RIIT'09), pp. 57-60, Bangkok, Thailand.
  - A. T. M. Golam Sarwar, Mahmudur Rahman Siddiqui, Radwanul Hasan Siddique and Quazi D. M. Khosru, "Effects of Interface Traps and Oxide Traps on Gate Capacitance of MOS Devices with Ultrathin (EOT ~ 1 nm) High-Stacked Gate Dielectric", IEEE TENCON, Singapore, November.
  - Mahmudur Rahman Siddiqui, A. T. M. Golam Sarwar, Radwanul Hasan Siddique and Quazi D. M. Khosru, "Effects of Non-uniformly Doped Substrate on Gate C-V Characteristics of MOS Devices with Ultrathin (~1 nm) Gate Dielectrics: A QM Study", International Semiconductor Device Research Symposium, Maryland, USA, December.

## BRAC Business School (BBS)

The mission of the business school is to contribute to the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the field of Management and Business. BRAC Business School (BBS) strives to improve management effectiveness and efficiency of business and non-business organizations through excellence in business education, training, research, publication and advisory services. Pursuant to its mission the school offers an undergraduate and a graduate program: BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration) and MBA (Master of Business Administration). Owing to the very high quality of the program, and its commitment to the businesses of Bangladesh, a rising number of applicants have been consistently attracted to the programs. Some of the finest faculty members in business education are employed at the school and their endeavors are supplemented by practitioners. The school now has a very active and large alumni who are conduits to its excellence and high quality all over the country and the world.

### Faculty Publications in the BRAC University Journal

Chowdhury, A. and Barua, S., "Rationalities of Z-Category Shares in Dhaka Stock Exchange: Are they in Financial Distress Risk?" BRAC University Journal, Vol.6, No.1, 2009

Kamal, S., "Greenfield vs Acquisitions: Determinants of Choice in Emerging Economies", BRAC University Journal, Vol.6, No.2, 2009

### Notable Activities

#### BRAC University Team visits Notre Dame College

A BRACU team with Mr. Ali Salman, Program Coordinator and lecturer, BBS, Ms Shamsun Nahar Rahman, Mr Sadat, Assistant System Administrator along with Mr. Salman Raihan, a former student visited the Notre Dame College on 18 March. Father Benjamin D'Costa, Principal, welcomed the BRACU team. Nearly 200 students attended the seminar on BRAC University.

## BIZ BEE

BRAC University Business Club BIZ BEE organized a seminar on "Success Story of a Leader" on 16 March. Mr. Annisul Huq, President, FBCCI. (Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry) was the keynote speaker. He was welcomed by Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, VC, BRACU. Mr. Annisul Huq shared his success story with students. He made us believe that dreaming is the first step to be a successful person in life.



#### BIZ BEE's Trip to Mymensingh

BIZ BEE organized a one day study trip to Mymensingh on 20 March to know first hand two of the pioneering entrepreneurial ventures in Bangladesh, Reptiles Farm Ltd. Mymensingh (A Closed Cycle Captive Breeding Crocodile Farm) and Crimson Strawberry Farm at Mymensingh Agriculture Institute.

#### BIZ BEE Trip to Chittagong Area



On 8 May, BIZ BEE started a journey to explore Chittagong with 21 members and Ms. Sunida from CFL and Mr. Anup Chowdhury from BBS. The tour was to last for 2 days. The team has traveled around beautiful places in Bandarban, which includes the water fall, Neelgiri, Neelachal,

Chimbuk, Golden Temple, etc. BIZ BEE visited the PHP Glass factory, Ship Yard and the sea port in Chittagong.

#### **Thai Airways International PCL (TG) Internship Interview**

Sunida Witayakarn conducted the interviews on 21 and 24 May of BBS candidates for the internship with Thai Airways International PCL. Three students were on the shortlist and Mr. Shajedul Hasib Shadhin majoring in HRM and MKT later joined as intern.

#### **Guest lecture on Selling & Salesmanship in MKT-422**

Mizanur Rahman, Senior Lecturer of Marketing from Lincoln Business School, University of Lincoln, UK gave a lecture on 29 July to the students of the course MKT 422, (Selling and Salesmanship). He talked about the strategic issues related to selling and discussed different models of analyzing the macro and micro environment.

#### **Formation of Working Groups in BBS**

With the aim of fostering research and increasing interaction with various organizations (both business and non-business), the BRAC Business School (BBS) formed a number of working groups. All the working groups have already had their initial meeting and some issues had been identified on which further work will be continued. The working groups are on corporate governance issues, corporate social responsibility, leadership and team building, entrepreneurship development, and stock market.

#### **Unilever held discussion session with the students of BBS**

Unilever Bangladesh Ltd. visited BRACU campus on 15 October, 2009 with their HR team and conducted an interactive session for the upcoming BBA graduates. The session was jointly organized by Career Services Office (CSO) and BRAC Business School.

#### **BBS faculty attended international conference**

Mr. Anup Chowdhury, Senior Lecturer, BBS, attended an international conference on economics, business management and marketing

(EBMM 2009) organized by Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. In the conference, he presented a paper titled "Investors' Confidence Index (IC Index) as an Investment Determinant in Dhaka Stock Exchange".

#### **Battle of Minds 2009**

The Road show and the interactive grooming session of Battle of Minds 2009 were conducted by British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BATB) at BRAC University premises on 19 October 2009. From a large number of applicants across the country, 9 distinguished BRACU students were selected for these sessions.



#### **Seminar on Stand Up Against Poverty**

BRAC University Business Club (BIZ BEE), in collaboration with UNYSAB, organized a seminar on the 20 October. This seminar was a part of a series of events organized by the club to raise awareness on poverty among the educated youths of the country. The distinguished panel of speakers included Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, former governor of Bangladesh Bank; Mr. Humayun Kabir, former ambassador to the United States; Mr. Kazi Ali Reza, officer, UNIC; and Dr. Sanaul Mostafa, Director, BRAC Business School. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Pro-VC, BRAC University, delivered the concluding speech.

#### **BRAC Business School Student recognized as BoP Enthusiast at TU Delft, The Netherlands**

Iftekhar Ul Karim, student at BRAC Business School was recognized as Bottom of the Pyramid (BoP) Enthusiast (Dutch term for enthusiastic pursuit). He successfully participated in the International Conference on Impact of Base of the

Pyramid Ventures at Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands, from 16-18 November. Mr. Iftexhar received a full travel scholarship from Royal Philips, the sponsor of this BoP meet and negotiated at the Value Creation and Sustainable Consumption workshops devising the Bottom-up approach and start-up phase tools for BoP ventures.



### BU reached final of BRANDWitz 2009

BRAC University took part in this competition with two teams, "Athena" (Sabbir Hossain Chowdhury, Tausif Islam & Nadim Abdullah) and "Zenith" (Shamminaz Polen, Monamee Afroz Ishika, Moutushe Mahreen). The whole competition was divided into 3 days from 21-23 November excluding a one day workshop on Branding and case solving on 20 November. Among the 15 teams "Zenith" made its place in the top 6 and was selected for the Final. The final took

place at Bangabandhu Conference Centre. The media partner ATN Bangla telecasted the Final round on 26 November. Unilever BD sponsored the entire event.

### Eastern Bank Ltd. Road Show at BRACU Campus

BRAC University Career Services Office (CSO) and Eastern Bank Limited (EBL) jointly organized EBL Road Show on 14 December. The Road Show took place to demonstrate various features of the "Management Trainee Officer" MTO program offered by EBL. MTO program aimed at recruiting fresh potential graduates from renowned universities of the country preferably from Business discipline. Dr. Sanaul Mostafa, Director, BBA program inaugurated the session with a short welcome speech. Md. Sirajul Islam, Head of Human Resources, EBL (along with resource persons from different departments) shared their views and information regarding MTO program during the session. Two of BRACU BBA graduates who are currently working as MTOs, were also present at the sessions.

## School of Law (SoL)

### I. Workshops and Conferences

- A 3-day Moot Court Workshop conducted by Mr. Mahmud Karim, Dr. Tureen Afroz and Dr. Saira Rahman Khan on 21-23 January 2009. 22 students attended the workshop, from which 8 were selected as potential mooters.
- In collaboration with the DRIK art gallery and Chobi Mela, the School of Law held a seminar on February 3, 2009 on Copyright Law and its Application. Mr. Rupert Grey, a famous British lawyer, was the Guest of Honour. Students and faculty members of various departments, along with a large number of artists and photographers both local and international, attended the seminar. Mahmud Karim, faculty member of the School of Law, presented a paper on basic copyright principles and their application in Bangladesh, followed by a presentation by Mr. Grey. Dr. Shahdeen Malik acted as the moderator.
- At the photographers' request, the School of Law held a follow-up discussion and *pro bono* legal consultation session on March 12, 2009.
- Attendance of Dr.'s Saira Rahman Khan and Tureen Afroz, as presenters, at the Sixth Asian Law Institute (ASLI) Conference in Hong Kong from 29 - 30 May, 2009. Their papers were two of the 250 selected from over 1500 papers. The programme was hosted by the Faculty of Law, Hong Kong University. Dr. Tureen Afroz's paper was entitled: *Imported Baby Milk Market: Regulatory Issues and Reforms in Bangladesh* while Dr. Saira Rahman Khan's paper was entitled *Migration of Bangladeshi Women: Law, Policy and Reality*.
- The BRAC University Law Club organised its first lecture on 'The Democratization of Democracy - How Modern Direct Democracy can Make Representative Democracy Truly Representative' By Dr. Bruno Kaufmann, political scientist, conflict researcher,

journalist and President of the Initiative and Referendum Institute - Europe (IRI-Europe). The lecture took place at the Video Conferencing Room, University Building 19th Floor on 03 December 2009 at 3:00 pm. The topic of direct democracy was a new one for the students of law and generated a lot of questions regarding elections, responsibilities of citizens after elections, corruption, the strength and weaknesses of the 'NO-vote', etc. Dr. Kaufmann, who is on a 5-month tour of South and Southeast Asia highlighted his lecture and his answers to the questions with experiences in Japan, China, Korea as well as his homeland of Sweden.

- Dr. Saira Rahman Khan, with assistance from the School of Law, organised a lecture programme on the International Criminal Court at the BRAC Centre Inn where the speaker was Justice Sung-Huang Song, President of the International Criminal Court. The programme was held on 06 December 2009. The lecture was titled: "The International Criminal Court: A Court of Last Resort for Humanity's Worst Crimes". In his lecture, Judge Song told the students about the need for the formation of the International Criminal Court and its activities. He praised the School of Law, BRAC University, for generating an interest in the issue of human rights and the International Criminal Court among its students. A total of 90 students attended the programme - a majority from the School of Law, while members of the BU Debating Club and the Global Forum were also present.

## II. Moot Court Competitions

- In April 2009, Mahmud Karim, Lecturer, School of Law, accompanied a team of 3 students who participated in the National Law School Moot Court Competition held in Bangalore, India, from 10 - 12 April 2009. Sanjeeb Hossain of the BU School of Law team won second place as best individual speaker.
- Dr. Tureen Afroz coached the BRAC University moot court team for the Henry Dunant National Moot Court Competition. The team became National Champions at the National rounds, hosted by Dhaka University

on 20 - 21 August and represented Bangladesh at the 5th Henry Dunant Memorial Regional Moot Court Competition, held on 16 - 17 November, where Bangladesh became runners-up.

- The School of Law, BRAC University hosted the 5th Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition. Dr. Saira Rahman Khan was the focal point for the School of Law for the organisation of the moot court competition, held on 16 - 17 November 2009, the other organiser being Ms. Rumana Binte Masud of the International Committee of the Red Cross, ICRC, Bangladesh. Dr. Khan's responsibilities were to invite Moot Court Judges from the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, relevant Ministries and from the office of the Army JAG, coordinate student volunteers and guests and book all the venues for the competition and accommodation for the teams. Coached by Dr. Tureen Afroz, the Bangladesh team, from the School of Law, BRAC University, became runners up.

## III. Publications

### A. Saira Rahman Khan

1. Khan, S R, 'Transitional Justice in Post Conflict Societies' in *Post Conflict Justice, Peace and Human Rights*. (ELCOP December 2009)
2. Khan, S R (Ed.) *Labour Rights in the Ready Made Garments Industry in Bangladesh Perspective 2008*. (Odhikar and Oxfam, Bangladesh. August 2009)

### B. Tureen Afroz

1. Afroz, T, 'Status of Consumer Redress in Bangladesh: Problems and Prospects' in *Consumer International Series on Consumer Protection in Bangladesh: Issues and Challenges* (Kuala Lumpur: CI, 2009).
2. Afroz, T, 'Legal Transplant and Bangladesh Securities Regulation: Problems and Prospects' (2009) 1(2) *Journal of Law and Development* 43.
3. Afroz, T, 'Judicial Interpretation of Polygamy: Revisiting *Jesmin Sultana v Mohammad Elias*' (2009) 1(1) *Journal of Law and Development* 62.

#### IV. Conference Papers

##### A. Saira Rahman Khan

1. *Bangladesh: Promoting OPCAT amid Change*. Regional Conference on Torture and OPCAT. 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Working Group Meeting, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. 15-17 February 2009
2. *Migration of Bangladeshi Women: Law, Policy and Reality*. 6th Asian Law Institute Conference. School of Law, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong. 29 - 30 May 2009
3. *Women Human Rights Defenders in Bangladesh*. Regional Conference of Women Human Rights Defenders. Dhaka. 8-9 August 2009.

##### B. Tureen Afroz

1. *Importance of Law & Order: Allowing the Worker 'Constructive Voice'* at the Energy Roundtable organized by the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission and the USAID at Dhaka on the 6th April 2009.

2. *Imported Baby Milk Market: Regulatory Issues and Reforms in Bangladesh at the 6th Asian Law Institute Conference: Dynamics in Change in Asia*, organized by the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 29-30 May, 2009.

#### V. Contribution to Co-curricular Activities

- Khondkar Shamsuddin Mahmood was the Advisor of the Indoor Games Club till it was decided that the department heads would no more become advisors.
- Dr. Saira Rahman Khan is the Advisor of the Law Club.
- Dr. Tureen Afroz is the Advisor and Team Coach of the Debating Club and the Moot Court Society.
- Mahmud Karim is the Advisor of the House of Volunteers.
- Taslima Yasmin is the Co-Advisor of the Debating Club.

## James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH)



James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) was established in 2005 with the aim to train future public health leaders and managers who would be dedicated to improving the health outcomes of populations in disadvantaged locales of the world. The JPGSPH has a unique community-oriented, multidisciplinary, experiential approach to learning that emphasizes critical, innovative, problem-solving strategies rooted in rigorous research and public health expertise.

The JPGSPH is the product of a strong collaboration between BRAC University, BRAC

and the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B). The School also has strong partnerships with a cluster of renowned international universities and research organizations. The School also collaborates with various public and private sector educational and research organizations in Bangladesh. These collaborations with international and national universities and institutes enhance immensely the academic and research capabilities of the School.

### JANUARY

#### Academic Programs

##### MPH Programme

The 4th batch of the MPH Program has been successfully completed. The graduating students attended the 4th Convocation on 5 February at BCDM, Rajendrapur.

#### Events

**Visit of Harvard Students to JPG SPH**  
Four students from the Harvard School of Public

Health visited the School on 5 January. While visiting the School, they held discussions with the faculty and staff to get better understanding about the various academic and research activities going on at JPGSPH.

### **Second short course on Qualitative Research Methodology, Thinking Qualitatively -2: Theory & Practice of Qualitative Research Methodology**

The 2nd short course on Qualitative Research Methodology, Thinking Qualitatively-2 was held from 18-29 January at SPH conference room. There were 22 participants from various development organizations.

### **5th Academic Study Group (ASG) Seminar**

The ASG Seminar on 20 January, focused on the importance of food as a part of health and wellbeing. The guest speaker for the seminar was Mr. Kazi Mamunur Rashid, Deputy Director of Institute of Sustainable Development at the University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh. Mr. Rashid talked about the relationship between a man's body with the earth and spirituality.

### **Faculty News**

#### **New Staff**

**Dr. Mofijul Islam** joined the School as a Research Associate on 6 January. He had completed MBBS degree from Mymensingh Medical College in 2005. He was working in Incepta Pharmaceuticals as a product executive before he enrolled in MPH program of JPGSPH in 2008.

**Taufique Joader** completed his MBBS in 2006 and Internship training in 2007. He completed his MPH in 2008 from JPGSPH and was awarded Allan Rosenfield Award for best overall performance among national students. He joined the School as a Research Associate on 6 January.

#### **Faculty Activities**

**Dr. Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dr. Hilary Standing, Shahanoor Akter Chowdhury, and Mahrukh Mohiuddin** attended the annual planning meeting of Realising Rights RPC (Research Programme Consortium) in Accra, Ghana, from 8-10 January.

**Dr. Sabina Faiz Rashid**, Associate Professor was invited to teach at the Masters of Science in International Health Department of Tropical

Hygiene and Public Health, University of Heidelberg from 18-31 January.

**Dr. Anwar Islam** attended an Asia workshop on Pay for Performance in Cebu, Philippines from 15-23 January. The workshop was based on Pay for Performance (P4P) approach i.e. providing incentives to service providers in order to improve their performance.

**Suborna Camellia and Eram Cooper** attended the 3rd national course on "Violence against Women and Role of Health Care Providers" in Mumbai, India. The course was held from 13-21 January. The objective of the course was to sensitize health service providers in identifying and handling victims of violence.

**Suborna Camellia and Shahanoor Akter** attended a workshop on "Research on Violence against Women" held during 25-28 Jan. The workshop was organized by VAW Global Network with grants from the Swedish SIDA/SAREC. The aims of the workshop were to: strengthen research collaboration among developing countries and develop a common VAW intervention research agenda that could be used for fund-raising.

### **Intermediary Workshop of EU Asia Link Project at Kerala, India**

The project partners of EU Asia Link Project met in Kerala, India for the Intermediary Workshop in January 2009. The workshop was held from 28-30 January at Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST). Beside other Public Health personalities, **Dr. Anwar Islam, Nakib Rajib Ahmed and Md Aminul Islam Khan** representing the lead institution JPGSPH, BRAC University were present in the event.

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Academic Programs**

#### **MPH Orientation Day**

Orientation Day of the fifth batch of MPH students was held on 5 January at Savar TARC. The students were introduced to faculty, staff at Savar and the MPH Programme. The Director, Professors and other faculties of the School were present on this day. There were 30 students,

including 19 medical graduates. The course had 14 students from 11 countries of Asia, Africa, Europe and North America and 16 students from Bangladesh.



### Other Courses

#### Quality Management in Health Systems

A sensitization seminar under the Quality Management in Health Systems course was held on 28 February for the mid-level manager from the public and private sectors. Dr. Anwar Islam and Sylvia Sax from the University of Heidelberg, Germany conducted the seminar.

### Events

#### MOU signed with the University of Heidelberg

JPGSPH and University of Heidelberg signed a MOU on the 23 February. The MOU is to further expand, formalize and institutionalize the growing collaboration between these two institutions in pursuit of their shared vision of strengthening public health and health systems through education, research, capacity building and advocacy.

#### Training on HIV/AIDS issues, Management and Monitoring & Evaluation under GFATM 913

The 4th batch of three week-long training on HIV/AIDS related issues as well as Monitoring and Evaluation was organized from 18 January to 5 February, by the School in collaboration with NIPSOM, Population Council, and few other donor agencies.

#### Interns join JPGSPH

Elizabeth Lee, an MPH student with the Department of Global Health at The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services in Washington, DC interned with JPGSPH for a period of four months during the spring of 2009.

**Naveen J. S. Khan**, a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles in 2007 with a BA in Anthropology, focusing on cultural studies and evolutionary psychology interned the JPGSPH in February 2009 and worked on creating literature for the upcoming Workshop on "Gender and Sexuality Rights" in March 2009 as well as SPH's Annual Report for 2008.

**Fairuz Faatin** completed her A'levels from Mastermind School in 2007. She was enrolled in Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York where she intends to major in Economics. She took a semester off and is did an internship at JPGSPH.

### Faculty Activities

**Dr. Sabina Faiz Rashid** Associate Professor and Coordinator, Centre for Gender Sexuality and HIV/AIDS and Bangladesh Health Watch, was invited to teach a module on Reproductive and Sexual Rights in Developing Countries for the Master Study Program 'Health and Society: International Gender Studies' in Virchow-Klinikum, Berlin, Germany. This is her third teaching year in this program.

**Nasima Selim**, Lecturer, JPGSPH, taught ARC 522: Research Methods course for undergraduate architecture students of BRAC University.

### MARCH

#### Academic Programs

##### Short courses

As a part of the capacity development effort, the School organized training on Quality Management in Health Systems from 1-12 March. Dr Anwar Islam (JPGSPH), Sylvia Sax (Heidelberg University) Dr Bejon Misra (India) were major resources for the course. Mr. Sheikh Altaf Ali, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest in the inaugural ceremony held on 28 February.

### Events

#### Workshop on Sexuality, Health and the Media

The Center for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS at JPGSPH organized a workshop on Sexuality, Health and the Media on 13-14 March. The



workshop was funded by Realising Rights Research Programme Consortium (DFID funded) and International Women's Health Coalition, New York. Among the participants were correspondents from various newspapers and media houses who are also "Salma Sobhan Fellows" or members of the "Health and Environmental Journalists' Network of Bangladesh" (HEJNB). A number of participants were also from the leading advertising agencies in the country. In the dinner reception at the end of the workshop Eminent media personalities and rights activists like Hamida Hossain, Shireen Huq, Sara Hossain, Tareq Masud, Catherine Masud, and Luva Nahid Chowdhury were present

#### **Presentation on "Learning From the Daily Food Routine of Ultra Poor Bangladesh Women Heads of Households"**

JPGSPH, and the Department of Community Health Sciences Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary jointly organized a dissemination framework presentation on the topic of "Learning from the Daily Food Routine of Ultra poor Bangladeshi Women Heads of Household". This presentation, held on 17 March, was conducted by Dr Lynn McIntyre, Professor and CIHR Chair in Gender and Health, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

#### **Visit of Sephis Coordinator**

On 22 March, 2009 SEPHIS Coordinator Dr. Marina de Regt and the Sexuality Research Methodology Workshop participants from Brazil, Mexico & Zimbabwe visited the School.

### **RESEARCHES INITIATIVES**

#### **Center for Health Systems Studies**

##### **Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC)**

The CPHC study team members had several meetings to finalize the questionnaires. For quantitative component two sets of questionnaire have been developed, one for the in patient and out patient clients of the Upazila Health Complex services and the other for the health service providers at the Upazila Health Complex services. The team has also developed a checklist for non users of the Upazila Health Complex. An initial training of the data collectors was done. The team

is aiming to start the actual data collection by last week of the month.

#### **Center for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/Aids**

##### **People Living with HIV Stigma Index**

The draft report of "People living with HIV Stigma Index" study in Bangladesh has been prepared to hand over to UNAIDS, Bangladesh.

##### **Sub Study: Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices**

##### **Round Table Discussion with Representatives from Pharmaceutical Companies:**

A round table discussion was organized by Bangladesh Health Watch on 11 March. The meeting was organized as part of the BHW 2008 Sub-Study on "Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices". The agenda of the meeting was to discuss the measures to strengthen the norms and legal practices in pharmaceutical marketing. A number of C.E.O's and Marketing Directors of various national and multination pharmaceutical companies attended the meeting.

##### **Academic Study Group**

##### **Seminar on "end of Life Care and Good Death In Ghana and the Netherlands: Ironic Contrasts" by Professor Sjaak Van Der Geest**

A seminar entitled "End of life care and good death in Ghana and the Netherlands: Ironic Contrasts" by Sjaak van der Geest, Professor Emeritus, Medical Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands was held at the School conference room on Monday, 16 March 2009 at 3:30 pm. During the session he raised questions about established cultural values and practices around end-of-life care in his own country The Netherlands (where euthanasia was legalized some years ago) and Ghana where he has been doing research among older people and their care-givers. The participants discussed the issue of end-of-life care in Bangladesh.

##### **Film Show: "A Jihad for Love"**

The Academic Study Group arranged a film screening of 'A Jihad for Love' (2007) on Sunday, 22 March 2009 at JPGSPH conference room at 1:00 PM. Directed by Parvez Sharma, and produced by Parvez Sharma and Sandi

DuBowski, the film is the world's first documentary film on the coexistence of Islam and homosexuality. The film premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in September 2007, and has since been screened to great acclaim at several film festivals around the world.

After the screening of the film there was a lively discussion with Dr. Dina M. Siddiqi on the film. Dr. Siddiqi is a Visiting Scholar at the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality at New York University and the principle investigator for the ongoing study at the School on Sexuality and Rights and adjunct faculty member at the Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS at the School.

#### Meeting with Dr. Shohini Ghosh

On 12 March, faculty and Staff of the School had an interactive discussion session with Ms. Shohini Ghosh, the Zakir Hussain Professor and Chair at A J K Mass Communication Research Centre of New Delhi. She is the co-founder of Mediastorm Collective, India's first all women documentary production collective which received the Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Work among Women Media Professionals in 1992. Her first independent documentary "Tales of the Night Fairies" (2002) won the Best Film award at Jeevika 2003 - the National Livelihood Documentary Competition and went to festivals around the world.

#### Faculty News

##### Nasima Selim

Nasima Selim participated in a SEPHIS/Ford Foundation funded "Research Methodology Training in Sexuality Research" on 14-21 March. History of sexuality studies, Sexuality & identity politics, Methodological aspects, Theoretical approaches, Methods of data collection, and Sexuality studies in Bangladesh were discussed in the workshop.

##### Ilias Mahmud

An article by Ilias Mahmud on "Vocational Reintegration of People with Spinal Cord Lesion in Bangladesh" has been included in a book published from India. The book title is *Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities*; edited by Bhanushali Kishorekumar and published by Icfai University Press.

## APRIL

### Academic Programs

#### Mph Program

##### Courses

**The MPH Programme has courses for one year.**

The course "Epidemiology" (MPH 522) began on March 29 and was successfully completed on April 16, 2009. Dr. Shams El Arifeen, Steve Luby, and Kazi Mizanur Rahman (ICDDR,B) taught the course. Dr. Enamul Hasib and Dr. Mizanur Rashid Shuvra were the teaching assistants for the course.

The course "Biostatistics" (MPH 521(1)) started on April 26. The faculties for the course are M.A. Hafez and Tanvir Hasan.



#### Seminar Series

##### Health and Development Seminar on "An Integrated Model of Health Care Delivery"

Beth Trudell presented her lecture to the MPH students at Savar campus on 13 April as a guest speaker of Health and Development Seminar Series. She spoke about "An Integrated Model of Health Care Delivery" from her experience at Kaiser Permanente.

#### Events

##### Roundtable on "Save Lives, Make Hospitals Safe in Emergencies"

On the occasion of the World Health Day, JPGSPH, BRAC University and the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) jointly organized a Roundtable Discussion on 12 April. The theme of The World Health Day 2009 was "Save Lives, Make Hospitals Safe in Emergencies" which emphasizes the importance of resilient and accountable health facilities that are capable to withstand disasters and are prepared to serve both the people directly affected and others in surrounding communities.

### Centres and Research Initiatives

#### Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/Aids A Unaid Collaboration Centre

JPGSPH under the guidance of National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT) organized a dissemination seminar on the "Improvement of Reproductive Health". The seminar was held on 26 April. It was attended by various government, local NGOs, and international NGO officers.

#### GFATM project -913

##### Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting:

A meeting of Technical Advisory Group (TAG) that has been established under GFATM project-913 was held on April 2. Distinguished participants from National AIDS/STD Program (NASP), Save the Children, USA, NIPSOM, Population Council, UNAIDS, GTZ, CARE Bangladesh, PIACT, BWHC, BSMMU, AAS and CAPP attended the meeting.

#### Academic Study Groups

ASG seminar for this month was held on 28 April. The guest speaker was Muhammad Mahbulul Islam Bhuiyan, ICDDR, B on "Web Browsing for Scientific Purpose". The seminar was supervised by Dr. Nasima Selim and organized by Eram Cooper and Owasim Akram.

#### Faculty News

##### Faculty Activities

**Dr. Anwar Islam**, Prof. & Director of the School, attended a conference in Hong Kong organized by World Bank Institute on April 17-18 2009. The two-day conference involving renowned public health institutions of South & South-East Asia was widely participated. It was decided in the conference to form a Health Systems Network named "Asia Health Systems Knowledge Network". James P. Grant School of Public Health has become the founding member of the network and has agreed to host a meeting of the network in 2010.

**Dr. Sabina Faiz Rashid**, Associate Professor was invited to attend a meeting on "Global Public Health Education" at George Washington University, in Washington DC on April 4-9.

**Dr. Nasima Selim** presented her paper, "Love in

the Time of Globalization: Narrating/Examining a Transnational Queer Experience" at the "Queer Thoughts Conference", Jadavpur University, India on 10-11 April.

**Dr. Hilary Standing** was in Manila, Philippines from 14-16 May having been invited to a WHO WPRO regional consultation on primary health care and health systems strengthening.

**Dr. Farah Mahjabeen Ahmed**, Coordinator, Continuing Education Programme attended a course on Facilitation Skills for Development from 21 April to 1 May, at the Asia-Pacific Development Communication Centre, Dhurakij Pundit University, Thailand.

**Mr. Shafiun Nahin Shimul**, Lecturer at the School and in charge of a research project related to TB, attended a day long workshop on 27 April, held at NTP (National Tuberculosis Programme) conference room on "Development of Strategic Plan: TB Related Stigma in Bangladesh" organized by Nuffield Centre for International Health and Development, University of Leeds, UK and NTP, Bangladesh.

### MAY

#### Academic Programs

##### Mph Program

##### Courses

The course "Quantitative Research Methods" (MPH 520) took place on 17 - 28 May. The course was taught by Kazi Mizanur Rahman (ICDDR, B), and assisted by Dr. Enamul Hasib.

The course "Biostatistics" (MPH 521(2)) is scheduled for 31 May - 4 June. M.A. Hafez and Tanvir Hasan will be teaching this course.

##### Field Visit

During the two-week course on "Quantitative Research Methods" of the MPH Program, students participated in field studies. In the first week the students learned research methodology and in the following week the students carried out group surveys in Kaliakoir village.

#### Health and Development Seminar Series

David Bergman, a Senior Executive of Bangladesh Worker Safety Programme

Centre for Corporate Accountability, was invited

to give a talk during the Health and Development Seminar Series. Mr. Bergman presented a slideshow titled "Occupational Safety and Health in Bangladesh: Challenges for the Future".

### Short Courses

The School of Public Health offered a seven-week course on Executive Certificate in Public Health Management (ECPHM): An Innovative Capacity Development Program for Health Professionals in the Public Sector under the Continuing Education Programme, funded by AusAid. The course was scheduled for 3 May 18 June. An inaugural session was held on May 2 at BRAC Centre with the **Dr Syed Modasser Ali, Adviser on Health to the Honourable Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh** as the Chief Guest. The course was attended by UNHFPO, Department Civil Surgeon and MO, and government officials working at Upazilla level.

### Events

#### Seminar on Swine Flu: Global & Local Perspectives

A seminar titled "Swine Flu: Global & Local Perspectives" was jointly organized by JPGSPH and ICDDR,B on 21 May at Sasakawa Auditorium, ICDDR,B. The seminar highlighted the areas of concerns, preparations, and effective strategies to combat any possible outbreak of swine flu in Bangladesh.

Dr. Steve Luby, Head of Programs on Infectious Disease & Vaccine Sciences Division from ICDDR, B and JPGSPH faculty member, spoke of the global perspectives on swine flu. Dr. Be-Nazir Ahmed, Associate Professor & Principal Scientific Officer, Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control & Research (IEDCR), and Dr. Selina Khatun, National Consultant (Training & Risk Communication), WHO Bangladesh spoke on the occasion.



#### JPGSPH meets the Honourable Vice President of Uganda

Dr. Gilbert Balibaseka Bukonya, the Honorable Vice President of Uganda visited the MPH students at TARC Savar on 9 May. Dr. Anwar Islam, Director JPGSPH, Dr. Bukonya and others were present.

### Research Initiatives

#### Workshop on Gender, Sexuality and Rights

The Center for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS at JPGSPH organized a 4-day workshop on "Gender, Sexuality and Rights" on 9 - 12 May at BRAC Centre in Dhaka. This workshop was funded by Realising Rights (DFID funded) and International Women's Health Coalition, New York.

Among the participants were academics and researchers from public and private universities from around Bangladesh, NGO professionals working in sexual and reproductive health and rights, students, rights activists, and representatives from groups belonging to non-normative sexualities.



#### GFATM project-913

A Partner's Coordination Committee (PCC) meeting was organized by GFATM on HIV/AIDS prevention project. The event took place on 5 May at JPGSPH conference room. The meeting focused on the next project planning that includes strengths, weaknesses, and actions for improvement of the project.

#### Academic Study Groups

ASG seminar for this month was held on 31 May in the JPGSPH conference room. The guest speaker was Sadia Chowdhury, Senior Research Officer ICDDR, B, who is currently studying Medical Anthropology in Amsterdam University, Netherlands.

### Student Activities

#### **TATA Institute Interns Presented a Slideshow of their Internship Experience at BRAC and in Bangladesh**

Dr. Tapash Ghosh and Dr. Hemang Shah, interns from TATA Institute of Sciences (India), presented their internship experience in the form of a short slideshow. The presentation encapsulated their time spent, visiting and assessing government facilities and BRAC health centres in Mymensingh and other regions of Bangladesh. Overall, based on their experiences, Dr. Ghosh and Dr. Shah concluded that BRAC has been implementing the perfect model of using women as 'change agents' and providing 'accessible, relevant, and adaptable' health services.

### Faculty News

#### **Faculty Activities**

**Dr. Sabina Faiz Rashid** took over the MPH Programme as its new Coordinator as the existing MPH Coordinator took a three-year leave of absence and left for New Castle University, UK.

**Dr. Sabina Faiz Rashid** and **Ms. Shahanoor Akter Chowdhury** attended Cross RPC meeting on "Strengthening the Research to Policy and Practice Interface: Exploring Strategies Used by Research Organizations Working on Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV & AIDS". The meeting was held at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, UK during 18-19 May.

**Nasima Selim, Shafiun Nahin Shimul** and **Taufique Joarder** began teaching the Research Method course, ARC 522, for the Dept. of Architecture, summer semester, 2009.

#### **New Faculty**

**Tisa Muhaddes** has joined JPGSPH under the Realizing Rights Project as the Communications officer. She has a BA in Communications Arts from Marymount Manhattan College, New York. Her prior work experiences encompass publishing, entertainment, media, and teaching areas.

**Priyanka Silmi** joined JPGSPH as part-time Research Support Staff in April 2009. She is currently studying at North South University in Marketing and International Business. Her responsibilities involve communications and research.

### Intern Joined JPGSPH

**Mandy Slutsker**, a Global Health Service Fellow, joined JPGSPH as an intern for three months from George Washington University School of Public Health, USA. She assisted the department in various projects and assignments. Prior to coming to Dhaka, Mandy spent three years at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, USA.

### Faculty Publications

#### **JUNE**

#### **Academic Programs**

##### **MPH Program**

##### **Courses**

The course **Health Economic & Health Care Financing** (MPH 531) took place on 7 - 18 June. The faculty members teaching the course were Prea Gulati, Mehnaz Mahmud, S.N. Shimul; and Mandy Slutsker served as the Teaching Assistant. The students went for a field trip to Kaliakoir village in Savar to collect some information from the community focusing on the principles they learned from their economics course

The course **Environment & Health** (MPH 541) was conducted from 21 June - 9 July. The faculty members teaching the course were Bilquis Amin Hoque and Hasan Mahmud with Ariful Bari serving as Teaching Assistant.

##### **Academic Study Groups**

On 9 June, as part of the Academic Study Group seminars, Dr. Nasima Selim organized a screening of a documentary titled "Mother Courageous: Maternal Deaths & Discontents in Uttar Pradesh". The screening was followed by a lively discussion on the current state of maternal mortality in Bangladesh, controversies around the exact ratio measurements, and what could be the possible determinants.

##### **Centres and Research Initiatives**

##### **Health and Development Seminar Series**

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##### **10 June:**

Dr. Joseph J Valadez, currently Professor of International Health at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine UK, gave a presentation on "Using LQAS for Decentralized Monitoring of Health Systems" for the MPH student at Savar on 10 June.

### **Pre-Launch Meeting to discuss Food Security and Nutrition Surveillance Project (FSNSP)**

JPGSPH organized a pre-launch meeting to discuss the upcoming Food Security and Nutritional Surveillance Project (FSNSP) on 4 June. JPGSPH with technical assistance from HKI is implementing the Food Security and Nutritional Surveillance Project (FSNSP) with financial support from The European Union. The FSNSP will organize quarterly nationwide surveillance on food security, nutrition and health status of children and women in Bangladesh and promote the use of this information for policy and program development and advocacy at the national and sub-national levels.

### **Student Activities**

#### **MPH Students Participate at the Budget Analysis Workshop organized by Jagoree**

On 27 June, three MPH students, Abu Mohd. Naser, Lameck Odallo, and Sharmin Sharif participated in a Budget Analysis Workshop, jointly organized by Jagoree (a non-partisan platform to engage the youth in policy analysis and political advocacy) and the Business Club of University of Liberal Arts. The objective of the workshop was for young students to deliberate on the proposed National Budget 2009-10. The team from the School presented their analysis of the budget allocated for the health sector. Mahrukh Mohiuddin, Lecturer/Senior Research Associate at the School, is a co-founder of Jagoree and one of the organizers of the workshop.

### **Faculty News**

#### **Faculty Activities**

#### **GFATM TAG Meeting on HIV/AIDS Prevention Project**

A Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting of HIV/AIDS prevention project, GFATM- 913 was held on 29 June at JPGSPH conference room. An update on progress of project activities and contents of stigma and discrimination training manual were shared in the meeting. Presided over by Dr. Anwar Islam, the meeting was attended by all partners including Prof. Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam, former Vice Chancellor, BSMMU.

#### **Teaching abroad/outside department:**

**Nasima Selim** took lectures in the "Research Method" course for undergraduate Architecture

students at BRAC University as a visiting faculty member.

#### **Course on Climate Change and Health attended by JPGSPH Faculty Member**

**Dr. Enamul Hasib**, a Research Associate at JPGSPH completed a short course named 'Climate Change and Health: Impact and Adaptation Policy' at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. The two-week course was offered by the Department of Tropical Hygiene and Public Health which started on 8 June.

#### **New Staff:**

Mr. K .M Zahiduzzaman joined in the JPGSPH as Programme Associate for GF-913 project on 01 June.

### **JULY**

#### **Academic Programs**

#### **MPH Program**

#### **Courses**

The course Health Systems Management (MPH 530) is scheduled for the period 12 July - 06 August. As part of the course the MPH students went on field visits. They interviewed people who received services from health care providers (formal and informal) within last month. The students visited health care facilities at Gonoswastha Hospital, Dhamrai Upazilla Health Complex, CRP, CWCH, Ad-Din Hospital.

#### **Academic Study Groups**

#### **ASG on Development Communication**

In July, as part of the (ASG seminars, a presentation was held in JPGSPH conference room on 7 July on skills and strategies of development communication given by Ms. Shazia Ahmed who works in Department for International Development (DFID) Communication. Ms. Ahmed provided a comprehensive overview of the different challenges, expectations, and models of developing effective communication strategy.

#### **ASG on Climate Change and Perspectives**

The third and final ASG seminar was held on 22 July by Dr. Enamul Hasib, Research Associate at JPGSPH, in the School's Conference room. Dr. Enamul Hasib presented the knowledge he

acquired from the short course he attended at the University of Heidelberg, Germany on climate change.

### **Centres and Research Initiatives**

#### **Centre for Health System Studies**

##### **Revitalizing Health for All: Developing a Comprehensive Primary Health Care Model for Bangladesh (CPHC) Project**

Data collection of the project "Revitalizing Health for All: Developing a Comprehensive Primary Health Care Model for Bangladesh" is in full swing. After the initial screening survey at 20 upazilas in and around Dhaka and Barisal districts, the study started at Dhamrai upazila of Dhaka district and Mehendigonj upazila of Barisal district.

#### **Centre for Gender, Sexuality & HIV/AIDS**

##### **Discussion on Section 377 of Bangladesh Penal Code at JPGSPH**

The Centre organized a meeting among relevant stakeholders on Section 377 of the Bangladesh Penal Code and other relevant issues regarding the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) community in Bangladesh. The discussion was held on 2 July at the School's Conference room. Dr. Faustina Pereira, Director, Human Rights and Legal Services, BRAC, served as the moderator. The discussion touched upon several subjects and strategized on the current and future agenda for the LGBTI community.

##### **Meeting on Concept Note of the South Asia Human Rights Commission of Marginalized Sexualities and Genders (SAHRCMSG) at JPGSPH**

The School provided a space for Boys of Bangladesh (BOB) to conduct their meeting on the concept note of the proposed South Asia Human Rights Commission of Marginalized Sexualities and Genders on 29 July in the Conference room. The meeting was attended by concerned stakeholders from the LGBTI community.

##### **Seminar on Developing Leadership Qualities**

On 26 July, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor of BRAC University, gave a detailed discussion on leadership qualities - its variations and how to develop the leadership skills.

### **Faculty News**

#### **Faculty Activities**

##### **Seventh World Congress of International Health Economics Association in Beijing, China**

The Asia Network for capacity building in health system strengthening was formally launched on 15 July during the 7th World Congress of International Health Economics Association in Beijing, China. The network is composed of institution members of which James P Grant School of Public Health is one of them. **Dr Farah Mahjabeen Ahmed**, Coordinator of Continuing Education Programme (CEP), represented JPGSPH at Beijing.

##### **GFATM Workshop on Reducing HIV/AIDS related Stigma and Discrimination Training Manual"**

A day long workshop on "Reducing HIV/AIDS related Stigma and Discrimination Training Manual" was held in the conference room at the School on 30 July to review and finalize the draft training manual. This manual is a first of its kind in Bangladesh to address stigma and discrimination in implementing HIV/AIDS related programme. This was coordinated by Dr. Sabina Rashid.

#### **Teaching abroad/outside department:**

**Dr Nasima Selim** presented a paper titled "Ekattorer Debdas (Debdas of 1971): The 'unusual' protest and plight of a living martyr of the Liberation War of Bangladesh" at the International Conference on Genocide, Truth & Justice held on 30 - 31 July, organized by the Liberation War Museum, Dhaka.

### **AUGUST**

#### **Academic Programs**

##### **MPH Program**

#### **Courses**

The course Principles of Health Communication (MPH 690) was held in 23-27 August. It was the first module held at ICDDR,B this year. The course was taught by Mahrukh Mohiuddin and Dr. Taufique Joarder was the Teaching Assistant. In addition, classes were taken by Dr. Nozrul Islam from BCCP, Syeedul Hoque Milky from UNICEF,

Imteaz Mannan, Shahriar Rahman from Interspeed, and renowned media personalities and communication experts from Asiatic Marketing Company Limited Aly Zaker and Sara Zaker.

### Field Visits

As part of the Principles of Health Communication course, students visited Bangladesh Centre for Communication Programs (BCCP) on 25 August. They visited the health communication material development facilities and gained a first-hand experience of procedures involved.

### Centres and Research Initiatives

#### Bangladesh Health Watch

A round table discussion on the National Health Policy 2009 was held in BRAC Centre Inn on 20 August. The advisory and working group member of BHW and other health and health related issues experts were invited to the discussion.

#### Centre for Health Systems Studies

#### Revitalizing Health for All: Developing a Comprehensive Primary Health Care model for Bangladesh (CPHC) Project

Data collection completed from both Dhamrai, Dhaka and Mehendigonj, Barisal sites.

#### Centre for Gender, Sexuality And HIV/AIDS

The Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS at the James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) was initiating a new project in conjunction with CREA titled "Addressing Violence against Marginalized Women in South and Central Asia". It was a multi-county project focusing on three specific sections of marginalized women. Besides Bangladesh, the other participating countries are India and Nepal. The project was expected to last till 2011. Dr. Sabina Rashid is the PI of the project.

### School Events and Other Activities

#### Knowledge Fair

JPGSPH'S annual Knowledge Fair 2009 was held in Sasakawa Auditorium, ICDDR'B on August 6, 2009. The Fair was chaired by Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director of BRAC. After the opening speech all participating public health experts (supervisors) introduced themselves to the

students and briefly discussed their research interest and areas of expertise.



### Meetings and Visits

#### Three Week's Internship Programme for the Students from Nagasaki University, Japan

Eleven students from the Nagasaki University participated in a three-week long internship programme at the JPGSPH starting from 06 August. This group of students started their internship with an orientation session on BRAC Programme at BRAC Center Inn. The students visited different Government and NGO facilities, International Organizations and BRAC programmes.

#### Other School Activities

#### MOU Signed between JPGSPH and UNICEF

An MOU was signed on 19 August between JPGSPH and UNICEF Bangladesh whereby UNICEF contracted JPGSPH to prepare the District Investment Case Analysis (DICA) within a 6.5 months period ending in March 2010.

#### Faculty News

#### Confereces, Trainings, Workshops, Seminars Attended by Faculty Members

**Dr. Anwar Islam**, Associate Dean and Director of JPGSPH, attended a meeting on "Climate Change and Health: A Health Systems Perspective" organized by WHO (SEARO) on 21-22 August at New Delhi, India. The meeting was to discuss a future multi-country (Bangladesh, Maldives, and Thailand) project looking at climate change and its consequences for health systems and health in these countries.

CREA conducted a conference titled "Count Me In!" on 24-25 August at Goa, India to bring together all the country partners looking at



violence amongst marginalized women to coordinate their functions. **Dr. Sabina F Rashid**, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Centre, and **Ms. Tisa Muhaddes**, of JPGSPH Communication, participated at the conference.

#### Faculty Publications

**Dr. Nasima Selim's** paper titled "Cultural Dimensions of Depression in Bangladesh: A Qualitative Study in Two Villages of Matlab" has been accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition published by ICDDR,B.

#### New Faculty and Interns

##### New Faculty

**Profulla C. Sarker** joined JPGSPH as the Senior Policy/Advocacy Advisor for the National Food Security and Nutrition Surveillance Project, and as an Adjunct Professor.

**Upama Chakrabarty** joined JPGSPH as a Research Assistant. She has a Bachelor in Computer Science from University of Pune and a Masters in Finance from Stamford University.

**Anuradha Hashemi** joined JPGSPH as Research Staff. She has a BA in anthropology from Mount Holyoke College. She has previous work experience in gender and reproductive justice and a continuing interest in sexuality as a social justice issue.

#### SEPTEMBER

##### Academic Programs

##### MPH Program

##### Courses

The course Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (MPH 660) took place in 30 August - 10 September. The teaching faculties were Associate Professor Sabina Rashid JPGSPH, and Malabika Sarkar from University of Heidelberg.

##### Centres and Research Initiatives

##### Centre of Health Systems Study

The school organized three workshops in Bandarban, Jamalpur and Narail during the month. These were as parts of research activities of UNICEF funded District Investment Case

Analysis (DICA) which School started August. The workshops were to orient the government officials and other stockholders regarding this research project.

#### Faculty News

##### Confereces, Trainings, Workshops, Seminars Attended by Faculty Members

**Dr. Dina M. Siddiqi**, Visiting Professor at JPGSPH, attended the NGO Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Development (ICPD +15) in Berlin, Germany, 2-4 September. She spoke at a satellite session entitled *Of Gods, Sex and Politics: Gender, Religion and Sexuality* organized by the Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW), on the subject "Organizing around Sexuality and Rights in the Age of Islamophobia".

**Dr. Siddiqi** also spoke at a panel on *Sexuality, Development and Pleasure*. She shared the findings of a study carried by the Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS on Contextualizing Sexuality and Rights in Urban Bangladesh.

**Dr. Siddiqi** also attended the Third Critical Studies Conference on the theme of *Empires, States and Migrations* organized by the Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata September 11-12, 2009. She presented a paper on "Translating Feminisms across Imperial Borders".

**Mr. Owasim Akram**, Research Associate, JPGSPH, attended a pedagogical training in the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK held from 23-28 September.

#### OCTOBER

##### Academic Programs

##### MPH Program

##### Courses

The MPH course Aging and Health (MPH 681) took place from 27 September - 8 October. The course was taught by Zarina Nahar Kabir, PhD.

##### Field Visits

As part of the Aging and Health (MPH 681) course, the students visited Probin Hitoishi Songho, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar on 6 October.

### Continuing Education Programme (CEP)

The second six-week course of fully residential ECPHM for government health officials ran from 11 October - 19 November inclusive of a week-long field trips. The course accommodated 25 government health officials.

### Health and Development Seminar Series

Dr. Jeremy Shiffman from the Syracuse University delivered a lecture on 1 October for the MPH Students of James P Grant School of Public Health. Dr. Jeremy Shiffman presented his research findings on "Generating Political Priority for Maternal Mortality Reduction in 5 Developing Countries".

### Centres and Research Initiatives

#### Gfatm Project - 913

#### Consortium Management Committee (CMC) meeting

A meeting of Consortium Management Committee (CMC) was held on 12 October. The Executive Director, Project Director and the Focal Persons of the partner organizations participated in the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Professor Dr. Anwar Islam, Associate Dean & Director, James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University.

#### Partners Coordination Committee (PCC) meeting

A PCC (Partners Coordination Committee) meeting of GFATM project- 913 was held on 18 October. The meeting was chaired by Md. Salim Khan, Program Implementation Specialist, JPGSPH. All the Focal Persons of the consortium attended the meeting.

### School Events and Other Activities

#### Workshop

The Center for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS (CGSH) held a one-day follow-up workshop on Sexuality and Rights on 8 October. The event brought together participants of two workshops held earlier this year on Sexuality, Health and Media and Gender, Sexuality and Rights. Participants of the follow up workshop included academics and researchers from public and

private universities from around Bangladesh, as well as journalists, NGO professionals, human rights activists and representatives from gender and sexual minority groups.



### Seminars

JPGSPH, BU and the "Realising Rights Research Consortium" had jointly organized on 20 October a public seminar on 'Heteronormativity' by Dr. Saskia Wieringa, distinguished guest speaker from Amsterdam School for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam. The lecture discussed issues of identity, labeling and the tension between sexual behaviors and identities.

### Faculty News

**Dr Anwar Islam**, Associate Dean and Director of JPGSPH, taught the course Health Systems in Developing Countries: Challenges and Constraints Context Bangladesh at Nagasaki University in 3-8 October.

**Dr Anwar Islam**, Associate Dean and Director of JPGSPH, attended a Regional Meeting on Health Sector Reform for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in Bangkok, Thailand on 20-22 October. The meeting was attended by representatives from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Maldives etc.

**Dr Farah Mehjabeen Ahmed**, Coordinator of Continuing Education Programme (CEP), was invited to attend an International Network Symposium titled: *International Collaboration to Advance Global Public Health Education*, held in Eldoret, Kenya 27-30 October.

**Owasim Akaram**, Research Associate of JPGSPH, presented a poster in The 8th International Conference on Urban Health held in Nairobi, Kenya from 18-23 October. The

presentation focused on Men's Sexual and Reproductive Health based on the research findings of Realising Rights Project of the school. The poster presented by Mr. Akram also awarded as The Best Poster of the conference.

On 21-23 October, UNICEF organized a three day 'Bottleneck Analysis Workshop' in Nepal to identify the bottlenecks in health system of the country and propose strategic solution to overcome those bottlenecks. **Dr. Enamul Hasib** and **S. N. Shimul** on behalf of JPGSPH joined the workshop.

#### **New Faculty**

**Nuzhat Chowdhury** joined JPGSPH as part of the DICA project. She has a Masters in Psychology and Masters in Public Health (4th batch) from JPGSPH.

**Md. Saiful Islam Sarker** joined JPGSPH as a Research Associate. He completed his BSS Honors and MSS in International Relations from Dhaka University.

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **Academic Programs**

##### **MPH Program**

##### **Courses**

The MPH course Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases (MPH 620) took place through November 1-19, 2009. Dr. Richard Cash and Dr. Steve Luby coordinated the module. Dr. Mizanur Rahman also taught while other renowned lecturers from ICDDR,B and IEDCR took few classes. Dr. Sadia Afreen from ICDDR,B; Dr. Taufique Joarder and Asif Kashem from JPGSPH acted as the Teaching Assistants for the module. At the end of the module students delivered presentations along with a report based on their field experiences.

A 3-day "Methodology Workshop" for MPH students was held on November 21-.25, 2009 to review research methodology, scientific writing, and practical issues in the field. Dr. Nasima Selim coordinated the workshop; Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dr. Quamrun Nahar, Dr. Kazi Mizanur Rahman, Tanvir Hasan and Dorothy Southern were the faculty members. Eram Cooper and Owasim Akram served as Teaching Assistants.

#### **Field Visits**

As part of the Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases (MPH 620) course, students carried out extensive field works divided into 7 groups in 5 field sites.

#### **Continuing Education Programme (CEP)**

The second course on of "Executive Certificate In Public Health Management (ECPHM): An Innovative Capacity Development Program for Health Professionals in the Public Sector" specifically tailored for health officials from the MoH&FW was completed on November 19, 2009. The course accommodated 25 (twenty-five) government officials. Dr. G. Samdani, Pro Vice Chancellor chaired the certificate ceremony and handed over the certificates to the graduating public sector health officials. First Secretary Ms. Rachel Payne from Australian High Commission attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest,



#### **Health and Development Seminar Series**

Mr. Andrew Jenkins from BRAC DLO (Donor Liaison Office) gave a presentation to the MPH students on "Environment, Health and Participatory Water Resource Management". The Seminar was held on November 5, 2009 at the MPH classroom beside Sasakawa Auditorium at the ICDDR,B Mohakhali.

#### **Centres and Research Initiatives**

##### **Centre for Health Systems Studies**

Revitalizing Health for All: Developing a comprehensive Primary Health Care model for Bangladesh (CPHC project): Data analysis of both quantitative and qualitative part of the project started.

### Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS

**Gender Based Violence Research:** The Centre's research on Gender Based Violence in Urban Slums is progressing at a rapid pace. The collaborative GBV study in Dhaka and Nairobi is part of the DFID funded Realizing Rights research consortium. This project was coordinated by Dr. Sabina Rashid.

### Realising Rights Annual Meeting

James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University in Bangladesh, partner of Realising Rights Research Programme Consortium (RPC) hosted the Annual Planning Meeting of Realising Rights RPC on 24 November at BRAC Centre. A total of 12 participants from APHRC, Kenya, INDEPTH-Network, Ghana, LSHTM and IDS, UK, and JPGSPH, BRAC University, Bangladesh attended the meeting. This was coordinated by Dr. Sabina Rashid.



### Realizing Rights Communication Strategies for 2010 Meeting

Members of the Realizing Rights research consortium met on November 26, 2009 to discuss communication strategies for the upcoming year. Participants discussed ways to engage with different audiences including journalists, policy makers, NGO's, donors, law enforcement and the general population, and brainstormed on effective communication strategies to disseminate the findings from the ongoing research projects funded by RPC and DFID.

### One Day, One Struggle Campaign

On 9 November, over 20 organizations held simultaneous events and public demonstrations as part of the historic international campaign "One Day One Struggle" organized by the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR). A very diverse group of NGOs staged bold actions in 11 countries (across North Africa Middle East, South and Southeast Asia participating in this endeavour) to assert that

sexual and reproductive rights are universal human rights based on the inherent freedom, dignity and equality of all human beings.

### GFATM Project - 913

#### Partners Coordination Committee (PCC) meeting

A PCC (Partners Coordination Committee) meeting of GFATM project 913 was held on 22 November at JPGSPH conference room of BRAC University, Dhaka. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Ismat Bhuiya, Team Leader of JPGSPH, BRAC University Consortium and Senior Program Officer of Population Council, Bangladesh. All the Focal Persons of the consortium and representatives of the Save the Children USA attended the meeting.

### School Events and Other Activities

#### Workshop

#### Workshop on Sexual and Reproductive Health of Men in Rangpur

JPGSPH organized three regional workshops on Sexual and Reproductive Health of Men in Rangpur on 21 November in RDRS Auditorium, Rangpur. This was supported by the Centre for Gender, Sexuality + HIV/AIDS.

#### Multi-Disciplinary Workshop on Research Methodologies for Studying Sexual Health

The Research Programme Consortium on Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health for Poor and Vulnerable Populations "Realising Rights" held a two day (November 22-23) multi-disciplinary workshop on 'Research methodologies for studying sexual health' for researchers and others working with vulnerable populations at BRAC Centre. It was facilitated by Dr Martine Collumbien and Dr Sarah Hawkes, experienced researchers in this field from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and University College London, UK.



### Seminars

Dr Dina Siddiqui, Visiting Scholar and Coordinator of Sexuality Network at CGSH, shared the findings of her pioneering research project on sexuality and rights in urban Bangladesh on 9 November at Spectra Convention Centre. The dissemination event was part of the historic international campaign "One Day One Struggle" organized by the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR).

### Faculty News

Dr. Anwar Islam, Associate Dean and Director of JPGSPH, attend the third meeting of WHO expert group in increasing access to health workers in remote and rural areas through improved retention on 23-26 November.

Dr. Dina Siddiqui, Visiting Scholar and Coordinator of Sexuality Network at JPGSPH, also attended a meeting organized by Bandhu and UNAIDS on the consultation of section 377 of the Bangladesh Penal Code/. The meeting was held at UNAIDS head office on 29 November.

### Faculty Publications

Dr Sabina F Rashid, MPH Coordinator and Associate Professor at JPGSPH, published a piece titled Bringing Sexuality and Rights into the Open in Bangladesh in Health Insights (issue 78), an IDS Knowledge Services publication, in October 2009. She has also published two book chapters in international book publications in 2009.

Papers submitted by Dr. Taufique Joarder have been accepted for presentation in 2 international conferences. His "Socio-cultural dynamics in an Upazila Health Complex: An exploration", "Revitalizing health for all: Developing a Comprehensive Primary Health Care model for Bangladesh" (as Co-author with Dr. Anwar Islam, Associate Dean and Director of JPGSPH) and "Globalization as social determinant of health: Influence on food consumption among young people in Bangladesh" (as Co-author with Dr. Nasima Selim, Lecturer at JPGSPH) were selected for "Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) Conference" in Taiwan. His "Human Resources for Health

scenario at Upazila Health Complexes of Bangladesh: An exploration" was accepted for presentation at "Joint AAAH/WHO Conference" in Hanoi, Vietnam on November 23-25, 2009. He was fully sponsored for the presentation by Asia Pacific Action Alliance on Health (AAAH) and presented the paper in 'Social and Spiritual Motivation' session of the conference.

### DECEMBER

#### Academic Programs

#### Continuing Education Programme (CEP)

University of Aberdeen, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (*LSHTM*) and JPGSPH offered a regional short course for two weeks on Monitoring and Evaluation of Maternal and Neonatal Health Programme in 6 -17 December. The short course was designed to strengthen capacity in developing countries for programme monitoring and evaluation in the context of global reproductive health goals. There were 22 national and international students, representing large number of health related NGOs and aid agencies all in attended the program.



#### Centres and Research Initiatives

#### Gfatm Project - 913

A three-week long course was held at BRAC Training and Resource Center (TARC), Uttara, Dhaka, on 13- 31 December. A total of 21 participants including three females attended the course from 12 project districts. The main purpose of the training was to contribute to better management and quality implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention program in the field level by developing the capacity of mid-level managers.

### Bangladesh Health Watch (BHW)

A team from Rockefeller Foundation (RF) visited Bangladesh during the third week of December accompanied by Dr. Mushtaque Chowdhury, Associate Director, The Rockefeller Foundation, Asia Office, Former Deputy Executive Director BRAC and Former Dean of James P Grant School of Public Health. The purpose of their visit was to meet with the key actors from the health sector in Bangladesh. A meeting followed by a dinner party was organized by Bangladesh Health Watch (BHW) on 20 December at Ideaz Manzil. All the working group members along with Dr. Rounaq Jahan, the Convener and Chair of the Advisory Committee of BHW were present in the meeting. Delegates from other organizations like ICDDR,B, RTM International, BSMMU also participated in the meeting. After the introduction of BHW and their activities, a discussion took place about the existing situation of the health sector in Bangladesh and how Rockefeller Foundation could be engaged in the future.

### School Events and Other Activities

#### Workshop

##### Scientific Writing Workshop

The two-day workshop was facilitated by Dorothy Southern, Training Analyst, PIDVS, ICDDR, B. It covered various aspects of scientific writing for research conducted with qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods. The final outcome of the workshop was to prepare a high level outline of a manuscript based on the recent research the participants were involved in.

### Meetings and Visits

A meeting was held at UNAIDS Bangladesh on 28 December between JPGSPH and UNIADS Bangladesh. The main agenda of the meeting was to share ideas on a possible study on "Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP survey) of HIV/AIDS and Sexuality among Undergraduate Students of a Public and a Private University".

### Faculty News

**Dr Anwar Islam**, Associate Dean and Director of JPGSPH attended a public seminar on Climate Change and Health in the Officers Club on 13 December. The seminar was attended by noted practitioners and experts from the health sector of Bangladesh.

**Dr. Hilary Standing**, Visiting Professor and Fellow Institute of Development Studies University of Sussex, chaired a session at the workshop on "Pleasure and Women's Empowerment" during 14-16 December. The workshop was sponsored by the Sexuality and Development Programme and the Pathways of Women's Empowerment Research Programme Consortium.

**Dr. Sabina F Rashid**, Associate Professor and MPH Coordinator, took two sessions of the third Introductory Course on Qualitative Research Methods organized by ICDDR,B on 14 and 22 December.

**Dr Nasima Selim**, Senior Lecturer attended a Multi-country Meeting of Experts on Globalization as a Social Determinants of Health on 9-11 December at Bangkok, Thailand.



## INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

### Institute of Educational Development (IED)

IED has evolved out of the larger parent organisation, BRAC, and was set up under the auspices of BRAC University. BRAC, a world-renowned non-governmental development organisation, has redefined public service by the private sector over the years in Bangladesh and recently around the world. BRAC University is part of BRAC's multi-sectoral involvement in nation-building in Bangladesh. It is a private university with significant faculty and human resources and physical and financial resources, and has managed to create a favourable environment for students to acquire knowledge. The faculty comprises a unique blend of teachers, researchers, and practitioners. As an emerging institution with a unique identity, IED is linked to both these institutions, while fulfilling its own mandate and creating its own niche. The basic five Units of IED that work in various educational sectors are Research and Development Unit, Professional Development Unit, Curriculum Development and Research Unit, Academic Unit, Early Childhood Development and Research Centre

#### Research and Development Unit

The Research and Development Unit (RDU) was established at the same time as IED-BRAC U. Since then it has been working to achieve one of IED's goals of contributing to improved education policy making, and by generating knowledge through research. RDU is a key element in promoting informed policy-making, assessing the effectiveness of programmes, developing effective methods and models through action research, as well as encouraging the use of good practices in education. The major strategy of the Research and Development Unit is to involve and promote research that focuses on the current issues and challenges of the education system across different levels of education in Bangladesh. It participates in collaborative and commissioned research, setting its research agenda while keeping overall institutional goals and purposes in mind. Particular emphasis is given to action research that is related to educational problem solving.

Besides providing research support to other units in IED-BRAC U and contributing to *Education Watch* Reports, the activities of the Research and Development Unit can be grouped under the following headings:

- Policy research, studies and reviews;
- Action research; and
- Collaborative research- Research consortium on access (CREATE);

The following researches were undertaken in 2009.

#### 1. Policy research, studies and reviews

The unit undertook a study titled '*Moving towards quality education: Understanding the challenges and identifying prospective solution for ultra poor communities*' in collaboration with BRAC Development Institute (BDI), BRAC University. The objective of the study was to examine the relationship between poverty and education, and provide alternative approaches for improving the overall quality of education for ultra poor children. The study was undertaken in two areas: Purbadhola of Netrokona district and Kaliganj of Lalmonirhat district; where the concentration of poverty is very high. Both quantitative and qualitative methods of data collection were used.

#### 2. Action Research

IED is currently conducting four action research projects. These are:

- Action Research on the Virtually Excluded in Registered Non-Government Primary Schools (RNGPSs) from poor and very poor households.
- Second Chance for Children of Post-Primary Education (SCOPE):
- Longitudinal Study on the development of Effective Comprehensive Child Development Packages (CCDP)
- Action Research on inclusive education at primary and secondary level in collaboration with the National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM)

### 3. Collaborative Research- Research Consortium on access (CREATE)

IED-BRAC U was competitively selected to participate in the multi-country Consortium for Research on Educational Access, Transitions and Equity (CREATE), led by the Centre for International Education at University of Sussex. The participating institutions are from Bangladesh, India, Ghana, South Africa and U.K. This is an international research consortium intended to run a multi-country research programme on access. It aims to contribute to the achievement of educational MDGs and, thereby, help to reduce poverty. The research programme started in January 2006 and IED-BRAC U as a partner, is responsible for running the Bangladesh research programme by following a common framework prepared by the consortium.

#### The Professional Development Unit



The Professional Development Unit examines the existing strengths and weaknesses in primary education, and provides, where necessary, support to schools and teachers. The professional development team's central strategy is to add value to the current GOB's capacity building to improve the quality of primary education. This Unit has engaged itself with the key government institutions, which are engaged in the delivery of primary education, as well as non-formal education. These institutions include DPE, NAPE, and the Bureau of Non Formal Education (BNFE). Formation of trainer's pool, workshops/trainings, leadership skills development and generic training for DPE has helped the Unit to stride forward in fulfilling their goal. Also in this regard a particular emphasis is added to

stakeholders' voices, especially those who work at upazila and school level. To have an in-depth understanding of this, a series of listening workshops have been conducted. From these, the unit learned that the teachers and head teachers have complains and issues with the school administration, teaching staff, teacher training process and classroom problems. They also mentioned that academic supervision from the upazila is often administrative in nature and the upazila administrators are unable to provide the academic support that would help improve the teaching/learning process. IED, BRAC U aims to build contact with government Directorate of Primary Education Officials (DPEOs) and related local level personnel, in order to explore needs in the education sector. Based on findings till now, the Professional Development Unit has started courses for creating a trainers pool in collaboration with DPE.

#### The Curriculum Development and Research Unit

This unit's prime focus is to develop innovative and successful learning materials that address the existing gaps that are present in the Bangladeshi curriculum, at the national level, due to lack of resources and other constraints. In keeping with IED, BRAC U's aim, the material is kept relevant to the context of Bangladesh. It works closely with government agencies (such as the NCTB), and also with NGO partners, civil society forums and educational institutions.

A series of workshops focusing on curriculum, textbooks and language education have been initiated to bring together the members of the government agencies, NGOs and international organisations along with the faculty of IED-BRAC University. The 5-series workshops themed 'Exploring the Challenges of Curriculum Development and Implementation', which were initiated by IED and NCTB in January 2009, worked toward the vision of making learning enjoyable and interesting for the students of Bangladesh. Four of the five series sessions that have been conducted so far have been interactive, participatory and experiential and were able to engage most participants actively in the process. The final workshop of the series concluded in July,



2010 by providing a specific framework on reformation of the existing curriculum that the NCTB may use for Primary School Textbooks in the future. Top management officials such as the chairman, all members and the secretary of NCTB, the joint secretary of PEDP II, directors from NAPE, DPE and NAEM, the pro VC of BRAC University and the advisors of IED-BRAC U along with the director attended these workshops.

A Workshop on Primary Textbooks Review by the teachers and students was held on 28 February. All the stakeholders of primary education participated in the day-long workshop. The 36 students from 35 districts represented mainstream students as well as the indigenous population of Bangladesh. The participant students and teachers reviewed the Bangla, English, Maths, Environmental Studies and Social Studies textbooks of class III, IV and V and gave opinions of 'what they did and didn't' like in the textbooks. The workshop aimed to identify and record observations, opinions and recommendations from the textbook review in order to provide necessary directives to NCTB to update and upgrade present textbooks. Another day-long workshop was held on 18 July with the government secondary students and teachers from various districts of Bangladesh. The students voiced their opinions, expectations and justifications from the Science, Maths and English curricula. These findings were applied in the secondary curriculum review workshop.

The objectives and expected outcome of the Secondary Curriculum and Textbook Review Workshop, which was held in July 2009, were to update and upgrade the present curriculum and textbooks, to make it more student-friendly, and to ensure the involvement of more stakeholders. The participants worked in three groups to review the three subjects: English, Maths and Science. The NCTB submitted a draft report, which has been acknowledged by the ministry of secondary and higher secondary education.

Dr. Dennis Malone, International Consultant for Multilingual Education, SIL International, held a series of workshops and fact finding sessions in December, 2009. This served as the ground work for developing the technical capacity of education

professionals, researchers, trainers, and faculty in Language Education Course Development, Cross-Institutional Capacity Building, and Research and Innovation in Language Education. He also facilitated an idea sharing session which was attended by the Curriculum Development and Research Unit, Professional Development Unit, Early Childhood Development Unit and Research Unit of IED- BRAC U, professionals, specialists and instructors from the NAPE, DPE, PTI and URC. In light of the new Education Policy, the aim of the session was to identify challenges and prepare an action plan.

#### **Academic Programme: Med in Educational Leadership, Planning and Management**

The Academic Unit of IED provides an intensive one year Master's in *Education Leadership, Planning and Management*. The mandate of the unit is to build professional capacity in the national education system, particularly in primary and secondary education. The Master's of Education (MEd) programme aims to enhance the capacity of the mid-career, working education professionals by developing their competencies in a variety of areas, including leadership and management, academic and research, pedagogical knowledge, and education both in Bangladesh and the rest of the world. The programmes received the University Grants Commission (UGC) approval in April, 2008. Following governmental approval, the unit organised the academic schedule for 2009-2010 with internationally renowned faculty members from different universities abroad, trained faculty members in interactive, learner-centred pedagogical methods, and equipped classrooms with modern facilities and teaching/learning aids.

To help build the capacity of IED's internal faculty, and to ensure high academic standards and quality, internationally renowned faculty members from different foreign universities were invited as Lead Faculty, under whom the junior faculty members would teach as Co-Instructors and learn the facilitation techniques of participatory interactive adult learning.

While the programme attempts to achieve a high quality, comparable to that of an international educational institution, with English as the

medium of instruction, we are constantly trying to make our courses relevant to the Bangladeshi context and ground realities through our learning materials, hands-on activities and applications, school-based work and projects. Nine MEd courses from August 2009 to March 2010 have been completed. The first cohort of MEd students will graduate in August, 2010, and we will welcome the second cohort in September, 2010. The academic schedule for 2010-2011 has been drawn up with international and national faculty confirmed for the courses. IED has also designed and is offering 3-week short courses and 3-month certificate courses in Educational Leadership, Planning and Management from October, 2010. Those attending these short and certificate courses will be awarded credits, which can be accumulated and eventually lead to a Postgraduate Diploma or a Masters degree.

#### **Early Childhood Development and Resource Centre**

The Early Childhood Development and Resource Centre has been promoting ECD as a critical and integral part of formal basic education. They have designed and developed cost effective, sustainable and replicable ECD models for use in Bangladesh and the region in order to strengthen the ECDRC as an institutional base for creating and disseminating knowledge on early childhood development. Additionally, ECDRC has been working to build the capacity of relevant government departments to address the issues around ECD at local and national levels by engaging in policy dialogue and strengthening advocacy through the development and nurturing of a national ECD network.

During this reporting period, ECD Resource Centre has flourished as the pioneer in the area of Early Childhood Development through launching the first academic programme (Postgraduate Diploma) in ECD in Bangladesh. ECDRC designed a four-month Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in ECD. The lead faculties are mostly from different universities abroad. The co-facilitators and course coordinators are ECDRC team members. Classroom instruction is active and participatory using a wide range of interactive teaching methods including presentations, debates, case-studies, critical analysis and

reflection. The Postgraduate Diploma of the first batch was completed during this reporting period. In the second cohort participation of government employees were significantly higher.

To widen the coverage of ECD, ECDRC has designed and offered a number of Trainings of Trainers (ToT) sessions. Along with that they translated Postgraduate Certificate Courses into Bangla and also designed and developed a short course in Bangla for mid-level professionals, supervisors and pre-school teachers which has already been provided to 24 professionals from different national and international NGOs during this reporting period.

ECDRC has been working since the inception of ECD Network Bangladesh (BEN) as one of the executive committee members, playing a decision-making role regarding its activities. ECDRC is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood (ARNEC).



#### **Advocacy**

The main approaches for advocacy and dialogue include involvement of stakeholders in policy discourse, awareness-raising about critical issues, and contribution to informed choices based on research and lessons from experience, in collaboration with other actors in policy dialogue and advocacy whenever possible. Some of the main strands of activities in this respect in 2009-10 were the following:

- IED helped to plan, organise and make intellectual contributions to Bafed-UNESCO symposium and Global Action Week Seminar by presenting papers or providing background materials.

- The Senior Advisor of IED participated as a resource person in the Mid-decade World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development and Sixth World Conference on Adult Learning and Education.
- The Senior Research Fellow and Senior Advisor participated and made presentations at the United Kingdom Forum for International Education and Training (UKFIET), Oxford, U.K. in September, 2009.
- IED has published Educational journals and research papers over the reporting period.

### **Linking Research, Training and Advocacy**

#### **Women's Leadership**

One of the areas that IED has focused on is leadership. Efforts were made to work intensively on this theme. IED's research unit began interventions related to developing women's leadership roles. This was first piloted in North Bengal in one upazila. What was emerging was that 'leadership' was an area that linked training, research and advocacy and could become a central theme of IED's advocacy strategy. The grass roots study progressed well. The study discussed and reflected upon women's leadership, conceptually. IED's research unit changed their focus from 'mother's leadership roles' to 'women's leadership roles'. Also IED was approached by George Washington University to collaborate on a study on 'women in leadership' from June, 2010.

#### **Stakeholder Voices**

IED's curriculum and professional development units organised events whereby stakeholders such as students, teachers, and governmental field-level administrators voiced their opinions. Some of these were called 'listening workshops' or 'fact finding workshops'. What emerged from these workshops is that these voices create a powerful tool for advocacy. Similar experiences emerged with the RNGPS research project and with SCOPE. Facilitators of the centres near RNGPS schools developed a facilitator's guide that could be shared when students started school in January. The SCOPE team drew from facilitators' opinions in the design and implementation of the research for secondary schools.

### **Collaborating with the Government of Bangladesh**

Historically, IED has had links with government institutions such as NCTB, BNFE and Bangladesh Shishu Academy. During the first year of ERTA, the following steps were taken in order to strengthen linkages with the government.

- IED developed the strategy that initiatives related to capacity development ought to focus on a shared goal of professional development for the government. The NCTB workshop series, initiated in January, were a part of this strategy. Four workshops were held and NCTB personnel and people from NGOs participated.
- The MEd programme provided the opportunity to involve many governmental institutions other than DPE. Some of the courses were held in government venues, such as NAEM and NAPE. Offering courses that were a part of the MEd in these venues encouraged the participation of the members of those institutions. Additionally, government personnel were invited to seminars that were held as part of the MEd programme.
- IED worked on the premise that the particular institution that is being targeted for collaboration needs to be clearly identified for strategic development.
- IED conducted the preliminary mapping exercise that identified IED. DPE, NAEM, and NAPE for the Academic unit, NCTB and NAPE were identified for the Curriculum unit, DPE and NAPE were identified for the Professional Development unit, Shishu Academy, DPE (Pre primary cell) and NCTB were identified for the ECD unit and NAEM, BNFE, NAPE and NCTB were identified for the Research and Development unit.
- It was important to identify the focal point for consultation. IED was able to recruit a few ex-government personnel as consultants, and they provided advice. Additionally, IED staff also had been working with many colleagues from the government, and they too were able to identify some people who were key in the IED-governmental collaboration.

### Strategic choices made with the government

- IED worked on involving the NCTB in the formulation of a curriculum framework. The challenge was to gain recognition of IED as a potential partner for future collaboration. IED was approached as a partner that may provide technical assistance in textbook development and welcomed this initiative.
- IED focused on addressing the capacity of teachers/educators and initiated discussion and consultation with DPE about the possibility of their professional development. So far, two workshops have been held where the participants are primarily URC instructors and PTI instructors.
- IED is exploring collaborations with the government in research areas. These have been with the RNGPS sector in primary education, with NAEM in secondary education and with Bangladesh Shishu Academy in ECD and pre-primary education. Initiatives provide IED with an opportunity to collaborate with the government on issues of national importance.
- Though MEd was originally a two-year course targeted at government personnel, consultation with the government indicated that a one-year full time course would be more realistic. As a result, the duration of the course was changed to a year, full-time course and was targeted specifically at UEOs and AUEOs. Additionally, during the course IED explored the involvement of other governmental institutions such as NAEM and NAPE.
- A number of government personnel have been involved in the certificate, short courses offered by ECD. Personnel from DPE, NCTB and Bangladesh Shishu Academy have enrolled and completed the certificate course and have also continued in the Diploma course. Additionally, major efforts have been made to involve personnel under the ELCDP project that is operating in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

### Institute of Governance Studies (IGS)

The Institute of Governance Studies is a research, training and teaching institute at BRAC University. For IGS, the concept of governance is best defined as the sum total of the institutions and processes by which society orders and conducts its collective or common affairs. The need for an exclusive institute equipped with recent innovations and practices in public policy and management of the contemporary world for the future leaders of Bangladesh became obvious in the 21st century. BRAC University established the then "Centre for Governance Studies" in 2005 (as of July 2007, the 'Institute of Governance Studies') as a pioneering institute in Bangladesh on Governance, offering a Postgraduate degree - MA in Governance and Development (MAGD), professional training, and undertaking research in areas of governance and development.

#### Launching of Journalism Training & Research Initiative

In 2009 the Institute of Governance Studies (IGS), BRAC University launched *Journalism Training*

*and Research Initiative (JATRI)* and the *Affiliated Networks for Social Accountability (ANSA)*, two initiatives that opened avenues of governance from the demand-side perspective at the Institute. The Institute formally launched JATRI, a training and research center to develop and promote investigative journalism in Bangladesh, on 7 May. The Honorable Minister for Information and Cultural Affairs, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University, eminent journalists, media personalities, NGO leaders, and members from civil society were present at the launching ceremony. Before the launch, JATRI organized a series of consultation with journalists in Dhaka, Barisal, Bogra, and Chittagong to develop its strategy and areas of activities. Since the inception, JATRI has organized seven training and orientation courses for the journalists of print and electronic media in 2009. The training and orientation courses were "Techniques of Investigative Reporting" for broadcast journalists in April, "Ethics and Standards of Journalism" in June and August, "Interviewing and Source Development" for the journalism students of public and private universities in October and

November, and “Ethics and Standards of Journalism” for women journalists and “Investigative Techniques for Print Media” for crime reporters in December 2009 Emmy Award-winning journalist, a Pulitzer Prize finalist from the United States and senior journalists from Bangladesh conducted these training courses.

#### **Launching of the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability**

The Institute received seed funding from the World Bank Institute in January 2009 to establish the *Affiliated Network on Social Accountability-South Asia Region (ANSA-SAR) & the Global Partnership Fund (GPF)*. The secretariat for these Networks is housed at the institute and became operational from June 2009. ANSA-SAR & GPF organized three workshops in Dhaka, Colombo, and Copenhagen in 2009. The first workshop, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in November 2009 was on proposal development. This workshop was organized for the potential grantees of the Network's Grant Program. The second workshop on “Strengthening Citizen Engagement in Procurement: Reviewing experiences, identifying challenges and exploring opportunities” was held in December in Dhaka. The participants for this workshop were practitioners from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Argentina, and Philippines who shared experiences and prepared country road maps for future activities in procurement. ANSA-SAR & GPF along with ANSA East Asia and Pacific and ANSA Africa organized a workshop on Climate Change and Social Accountability in Copenhagen, Denmark during the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties (COP 15). The workshop was targeted towards practitioners and interested people for greater involvement in this issue.

#### **Capacity Building of the Public Sector Executive Training and Masters Programme**

The Institute organized nine training programs in 2009. In collaboration with Bangladesh Public Administration Training Center (BPATC), the Institute organized two executive training programs titled “Public Governance, Innovation and Leadership” for the Deputy Secretaries and Joint Secretaries and “Frontiers of Innovative Governance” for the Secretaries of the Government of Bangladesh in July 2009 in Dhaka. A team of The Global Faculty,

comprising of professors and researchers from Harvard University and University of Virginia, USA, conducted the two programs. A similar training program was organized jointly by BPATC, IGS and Institute on Governance, Ottawa on “Governance, Democracy and Civil Service Leadership Program” for 18 Deputy Secretaries in November 2009 in Dhaka. The Institute conducted a two-week training course on “Good Governance and Sustainable Water Management” for 20 young professionals of Bangladesh Water Development Board in May 2009. In partnership with the University of Manitoba, Canada, a three-month long Certificate Program on “Environmental Governance” was also offered. The Institute conducted a training workshop on “Parliament and Media” for young professionals in the media sector. The Institute, in collaboration with the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute and KDI, School of Public Policy, Seoul, organized a training course on “Private Sector Development” for civil servants. The Institute also designed and facilitated a training workshop on “RBA, Governance and Advocacy” for program officers of CONCERN Worldwide. The Institute successfully completed the third batch of the MA in Governance and Development (MAGD) program. The students completed their course work and foreign trip in August 2009. They visited various institutes on governance in South Korea and Malaysia from 16 - 31 August. IGS registered with the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS), UK in September 2009 as the first CIPS study centre in South Asia. IGS will be initially delivering Level 4 Foundation Diploma and Level 5 Advanced Diploma Courses for CIPS qualification in Bangladesh from early 2010.

#### **The State of Governance in Bangladesh 2008 and Policy Notes**

IGS launched its flagship research report *The State of Governance in Bangladesh 2008 Confrontation, Competition, Accountability* on 29 August. As part of research IGS organized workshops and consultations on its various research themes over the year. Four consensus-building workshops were held in May and June 2009 on four thematic areas like Institutions of Accountability, Constitution and Politics, Administrative Reforms, and Citizens' Rights.

Members of Parliament, politicians, civil society members, and sector specialists took part in these consultations. A two-day international workshop was organized on 7th and 8th January 2009 in Dhaka on the “Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General” under Institutions of Accountability Series, aiming to produce a policy note on the said institution. A similar workshop was organized on “The Judiciary” on 15th and 16th April 2009. Additionally, an informal colloquium of the Supreme Court judges was organized by the Institute on June 14, 2009 to bring out the policy note on *The Judiciary*.



### The United Nations Convention against Corruption



The Institute organized a three-day residential workshop for training for trainers on “The United Nations Conventions Against Corruption (UNCAC)” in January 2009. In addition to its work on the Gap Analysis Report of the UNCAC, the Director of the Institute attended the 3rd Conference of State Parties in Doha from 9th to 13th November 2009 organized by the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The objective of the Conference was to improve the capacity of and cooperation between State Parties and review the implementation of the UNCAC.

## BRAC Development Institute (BDI)

BDI is a resource centre for promoting research and building knowledge on practical solutions for addressing poverty, inequity and social injustice. BDI's mandate is to challenge conventional knowledge and advance a southern voice in the global development discourse. In order to fulfill its mandate, BDI is committed to multi-disciplinarity, not just across academic disciplines, but across its activities in research, teaching and communications. BDI seeks to generate fresh ideas and test new strategies in order to distil good practice lessons for adaptation and scaling up. It provides a space for researchers, policy makers and practitioners to develop new strategic thinking and promote new agendas for social change. In all its work BDI aims to challenge conventional knowledge and generate ideas that foster new approaches to development policy and practice.

### TEACHING AND LEARNING

BDI offers the following academic courses:

**1. Masters in Development Studies (MDS)** programme is designed to provide an in-depth, inter-disciplinary understanding of development concepts and issues. On satisfactory completion of the program, students will be able to approach and analyse development issues in the context of globalisation, economic transformation, and social, cultural and political changes. The programme provides a wide range of elective courses so that students can pursue their studies according to their academic interests and career objectives. Students were enrolled in the programme in 2009.

**2. Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation (MLARR)** is a three-month postgraduate certificate course on

Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation (MLARR). The first course was offered from May - August 2009. The course introduced concepts of land management, sustainable development and involuntary resettlement and tools and techniques in social impact assessments and resettlement planning to the participants. Professionals and graduates from various academic backgrounds including urban planning, engineering, environment science, social sciences and overall project management participated in this course.

**3. Introductory Course on Microfinance** is a ten day introductory course on microfinance intended for those with little or no knowledge of microfinance. It provides a broad global picture of the state of microfinance, its emergence and challenges, and its future. It is grounded in the experience of Bangladesh. Students from Japan participated in the first course which was offered in September 2009.

## RESEARCH

The research programmes at BDI are multidisciplinary, organized in five closely linked themes. BDI hosts a number of national and international, multi-partner research projects that fall under following themes:

- 1. Economic Transformation** focuses on the dynamics of graduating out of extreme poverty by analysing market creation, social safety net models, and financial services for the poor.
- 2. Women's Empowerment** investigates the factors that affect women's everyday lives and pathways for transforming power relations and structures to be more gender equitable.
- 3. Democracy and Governance** explores how and where citizen's participation and government reforms can make a difference to questions of pro-poor development and social justice.
- 4. Environment and Change** focuses on the socio economic impact of natural disasters and climate change on vulnerable communities and their coping strategies based on indigenous knowledge.
- 5. History, Politics and Development** furthers the understanding of who we are and how we fit

into the globalised world through an investigation into the roots of our secular culture and our history of struggles for freedom and economic emancipation.

### 1. Economic Transformation

List of Projects under Economic Transformation:

- a. **CGAP- FORD Foundation Global Graduation Program**
- b. **Social Protection**
- c. **Food Fuel and Financial Crisis**
- d. **Urban Poverty**

**a. CGAP- FORD Foundation Global Graduation Program** is a global effort to understand how safety nets, livelihoods, and microfinance can be sequenced to create pathways for the poorest to graduate out of extreme poverty, adapting a methodology developed by BRAC in Bangladesh. The CGAP-Ford Foundation Graduation Program is helping to implement nine Graduation Pilots, in partnership with local organisations. Since 2006, CGAP and Ford Foundation have adapted BRAC's experience to other countries and contexts. Nine graduation pilots are underway in Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, Pakistan, Peru, Yemen and India.

**Meeting:** BDI hosted the CGAP-FORD Second Annual Global Graduation Meeting from 16-20 November. BDI has partnered with CGAP of World Bank to combine and sequence various safety net programs along with microfinance services to create a pathway for the poorest out of extreme poverty.

**b. Social Protection** is a new research jointly started by BDI and the Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC). The research determines how to ensure adequate safety net coverage of the poorest and how to effectively graduate them out of extreme poverty. The research starts by taking stock of existing safety net programs and coverage and identifying good practice initiatives that focus on building ladders for the poorest.

**Conference:** BDI and the Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC) jointly organised a conference on "Extreme Poverty and

Graduation Dynamics" on 3 October at the LGED auditorium to discuss the broad issue of extreme poverty and the challenges of scaling up success stories.

c. BDI has recently completed research to communicate the urgency of **Food, Fuel and Financial Crisis** impact in Bangladesh to policymakers and a global audience at the G20 meeting. The Institute of Development Studies (IDS) designed this pilot qualitative research with the aim to generate rapid, responsive research outputs that can speak to policy debates in this early part of the crisis. BDI's work provides the qualitative research carried out in Bangladesh, which is one of the five strategically selected developing countries in IDS' overall research. The other countries are Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya and Zambia.

**Public Lecture:** BDI, BRAC University, and the Bangladesh Agricultural University hosted a public lecture by Prof. Per Pinstrup-Andersen on the 9 February at BRAC Center Auditorium. Prof. Per Pinstrup-Anderson spoke on "Eradication of Hunger in the Context of Higher Food Prices. The event was followed by a four day training session, "A social entrepreneurship approach to Graduate and Undergraduate Training in Policy Analysis for Global, National and Local Food Systems".

d. **Urban Poverty** is an action research project which explores and builds knowledge on the conditions of urban poverty. Researchers have collected information on 10 slums in 5 different districts. This data on population, demographic profile, economic status, housing conditions and duration of occupancy is being used to develop specific socio-economic profiles of these slums.

## 2. Women's Empowerment

List of Projects under Women's Empowerment:

- a. **Pathways of Women's Empowerment Research Programme**
- b. **Revisiting the Devaluation of Daughters in Bangladesh: Continuity or Change?**
- c. **Domestic Violence**

a. **The Pathways of Women's Empowerment Research Programme** is part of an international Research Programme Consortium (RPC) made up of activists and academics who explore and

seek to affect positive change in women's everyday lives. It involves research institutions located in universities in Ghana, Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt and IDS, Sussex as well as UNIFEM. The Programme is funded primarily by the UK's Department for International Development. The research projects at the Pathways Programme address the following four themes:

- i. Building Constituencies for Gender Justice
- ii. Changing Narratives of Sexuality
- iii. Conceptualising Empowerment
- iv. Empowering Work

**3. Digital Story-Telling Workshops:** The Pathways of Women's Empowerment Programme undertook a project to hold three Digital Story-Telling workshops in order to creatively document the experiences of growth and transformation in women's lives. Two workshops on Digital Story-Telling were held in Dhaka during the month of November: The first workshop, consisting of ten researchers from BRAC Development Institute, took place from 12-14 November. The second workshop was held from 19-21 November and consisted of participants from outside of BDI who were selected through a competitive application process. It included three women Vice Chairman of the Upazilla Parishad, and seven university students. A closing ceremony for the workshop was held on 21 November, attended by friends and associates of the Pathways Programme, where select Digital Stories were screened.

## Research

The research **Revisiting the Devaluation of Daughters in Bangladesh: Continuity or Change?** explores alternative hypotheses about why there has been greater reduction in gender disadvantage in sex ratios in Bangladesh, compared to other South Asian countries, in spite of higher levels of poverty.

**Domestic Violence.** This research attempts to understand and distinguish women's and men's individual attitudes about Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and their perceptions of community norms about IPV in order to develop contextually appropriate interventions for change.



### Events

- a. Maheen Sultan and Sohela Nazneen convened a workshop in preparation of their proposed book *“Voicing Demands: Feminist Reflecting on Strategies, Negotiations and Influence”* at the Rockefeller Centre in Bellagio, Italy from 2-5 November. The workshop was organised by the South Asia hub and brought together activists and scholars from 11 countries to share drafts of their chapters for feedback and review. The book, which will contain articles from feminist activists and academics, is due out in late 2010.
- b. The Pathways Programme organised a panel on *Religion, Culture and Politics: Women Negotiating Islam* at the conference 'Cultural Studies and Asia: Past, Present and Future' in Tokyo from 3-5 July.
- c. Simeen Mahmud presented a paper titled *“The Significance of Work: Varied Meanings and Multiple Empowerment Outcomes”* at a panel at the International Association of Feminists Economics (IAFFE) from 26-28 June at Boston. The paper was co-authored by Simeen Mahmud and Naila Kabeer.
- d. The Pathways Programme in conjunction with the BDI organised a lecture by Dr. Bina Agarwal, Professor of Economics at the University of Delhi, on *“Agricultural Collectives: A Group Approach to Poverty Reduction and Women's Empowerment”*.
- e. The Pathways Programme held its Mid-Term Review Conference in Cairo, Egypt from 20-24 January which was also attended by representatives of DFID who had funded the programme.

### Publications

- a. A photo-essay titled *“Women on the Move”*, co-authored by Prof. Firdous Azim and Samia Rahim, was published in the Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Journal's September issue.

- b. Sohela Nazneen and Maheen Sultan's article *“Struggling for Survival and Autonomy: Impact of NGO-ization on women's organizations in Bangladesh”* was published in the special issue of the Development Journal titled 'Power, Movements, Change' in June 2009.
- c. The South Asian Journal published the article *“Bangladesh: Political Parties and Womens Empowerment”* by Sohela Nazneen in June 2009.

### Environment and Change

BDI plans to embark on a major research initiative to understand and build knowledge on the changes in our natural environment and its socio-economic effects on populations. BDI envisions taking a lead in climate change research and dialogue in the country through Research, scholarship, and knowledge building, Capacity building and improvement and Policy dialogue and dissemination

### Events

- a. BDI and BRAC University Architecture Department organised an **International Conference on Climate Change Impacts on Dhaka City** on 28 January. Academics and development practitioners from overseas gathered to discuss ways in which climate change is affecting the urban centres and what lessons can be gathered to create more climate resilient urban centres in Bangladesh.
- b. The Department of Architecture of BRAC University and BDI organised a one day workshop on "Supporting Local Coping Strategies through Adaptation Planning" on 25 August. The workshop was designed to identify strategies to better prepare local governments to develop long term climate change adaptation programs.

### Democracy and Governance

List of projects under Democracy and Governance:

- a. **Deepening Democracy, Building Citizenship and Promoting Participation**

- b. **Poverty and Working Children**
- c. **Institutionalizing Social Accountability at the Local Level**
- d. **Urban Poverty**
- e. **Advocacy for Resettlement Policy**

**a. Deepening Democracy, Building Citizenship and Promoting Participation Research Programme** ('Citizenship' in short) is part of a larger research programme under the Development Research Centre (DRC) on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, UK. Eight countries across three continents (Angola, Bangladesh, Brazil, India, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria and South Africa) are involved in this partnership. The programme receives support from DFID, UK.

The Bangladesh research looks at the *mobilising and mediating practices* of grassroots development organisations (NGOs, workers' associations, microfinance institutions) as an avenue through which democratic practices are being expanded or intensified through citizenship building at the grassroots level. The emphasis in the year 2009 has been in planning the communication of research findings at the grassroots level, to ordinary citizens, and to the NGO, government and donor communities.

#### *Publications*

1) The first draft of the paper "Changing the Habits of the Heart: Development NGOs and the Struggle for Democratic Values in Bangladesh," co-authored by Simeen Mahmud and Naila Kabeer, was submitted to Zed Book Publication.

2) The first BDI Research Brief entitled "Seeing like a Citizen-Vision of Shorkar", was published in April by the Citizenship, Participation and Accountability Research team. This brief attempts to understand the concept of "Shorkar" (literally the government) at the grassroots level through an analysis of the perspectives of poor women

#### **b. Poverty and Working Children**

Save the Children UK (SCUK) with the support of the European Commission, launched the

**Poverty and Working Children** project in 2004 to improve, monitor and understand the multidimensional complexities surrounding child labour. BDI, BRACU and BRAC Research and Evaluation Division (RED) conducted a series of research initiatives as part of the PWC project. *Poverty and Working Children* project has completed the following studies:

- i. **Changing Child Labour Practices in Bangladesh: Employers' Perceptions.** The study explores the change in labour practices and attitudes of employers in the poor northern district of Nilphamari. The study shows that there has been a marked change in the employment conditions.
- ii. **Livelihood and Survival Strategies of Dhaka's Urban Poor Working Children: Case Study on Child Waste-Pickers.** This case study gives an insight into the lives of the recyclable waste collectors in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The study shows that the children involved lead fragile but sustainable lives where they collect recyclable waste from the streets
- iii. **Children's Education and Labour: Effects of BRAC's TUP Programme.** This qualitative study analyses the effects of BRAC's TUP programme on child labour and children's education in ultra poor households. It explores the reasons behind these changes and the means through which they take place.
- iv. **State of Child Labour among the Rural Ultra Poor: A Case of CFPR/TUP Beneficiaries.** This study explores the extent of child labour amongst the rural ultra poor of Bangladesh, specifically those who have benefited from the TUP/CFPR programmes and were from different income generating (IG) sectors like Poultry, Livestock, Nursery and Wage Earner.

**Seminar:** BDI and SCUK have jointly organised a dissemination seminar, Poverty and Working Children in Bangladesh, on Sunday 13 December 2009 at the Lakeshore Hotel to share the findings from the research initiatives.

### Projects Updates

- a. The Bangladesh Communication Strategy paper, '*Talking Citizenship in Bangladesh*' co-authored by Simeen Mahmud and Lopita Huq was presented at the CARG Review Meeting of the Citizenship DRC in Sussex on October 2009.
- b. In order to gauge the levels of extreme poverty and identify specific households, the Governance team has recently completed data collection to create a "**Census on Social Safety Nets.**"
- c. BDI has signed an MOU with CARE to carry out a research on "**Strengthening**

**Social Safety Net Programs for the Extreme Poor"** in Bangladesh.

### 5) History Politics and Development

List of Projects under History Politics and Development:

- a. Freedom Movements and Economic Struggles of Bengal
- b. The research *Cultural History of Bangladesh* explores the identity formation of Bengali Muslim women by investigating the culture and political history of Bangladesh spanning the 20th Century.

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## Centre for Languages (CfL)

### Introduction

With a clear focus on creative and forward thinking teaching concepts, the Centre for Languages (CfL) of BRAC University is firmly involved in the field of language teaching where there are diverse learner groups including the regular students of BRAC University. The primary goal of the centre is to assist the students in developing the language skills to be successful in their academic, professional and personal life. CfL does this in individual proficiency based courses, formerly known as modules, by using student centered and creative language teaching techniques. This approach has already been proven not only for eliminating the possibility of having mixed ability classes, where some students flourish and some fail, but also in ensuring excellent interaction between teachers and learners within small classes. In addition to the university classes, CfL also offers a pre-university course for the students who need extra help with their English language skills to be successful university students.

### BPS Teacher Training Programme

CfL is piloting a 12 week long "Teachers' Training Program" for the teachers working at BRAC Primary Schools (BPS). The programme has four

phases. CfL has signed a MOU with BRAC Education Programme (BEP) which states the training objectives: to improve communication skills in English language and to develop teaching delivery improvement in English classes. So far 82 primary school teachers have completed their training and more 20 are yet to be completed by 22 July 2010. Around 7 teachers from CfL are involved in this training program.

CfL has already completed the need analysis of fifteen schools and held two workshops with approximately fifty teachers from these schools.

### Basic Communication and Teaching Methodologies for Monitors of PACE

The course aims to develop the skills of PACE (Post primary Basic and Continuing Education, BRAC) monitors. It provides support in the areas of speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar and also language teaching methodologies. The duration of the course is 6 weeks. The training has five stages: Basic Language Learning, Effective Monitoring and Evaluation Strategies, Supplementary Materials Development to support the books approved by NCTB, Classroom Teaching, and Workshop on Teaching Methodologies.

### **Academic English Course for BRAC University Institute of Educational Development (IED) Students**

This Grammar and Technical Writing Course aims to provide a detailed exposure to academic writing stressing on required grammatical tools and allows the participants, doing a masters or a diploma course in Education, adequate practice in technical writing. CfL has also conducted the Academic English course for government secretaries and officials in collaboration with Institute of Governance Studies (IGS), BRAC University. The key areas of the course were Academic Reading and Writing; Report Writing and the Basic Language Tools.

### **Afghan Education Management Development Programme**

In partnership with BRAC Training Division, CfL extended its help for Afghan Education Management Development Programme. The core aim of this programme is to support BRAC Training Division to elaborate its education development facility at the international level especially with the basic language part.

### **The English Language Course for Bank Executives:**

This course provides information and instruction to Bank executives to gain a better understanding of English to be able to communicate within their respective office arena.

### **IELTS (International English Language Testing System)**

CfL, conducted IELTS preparation course. IELTS is an internationally recognized language requirement for higher education, particularly for universities in Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

### **Medhabikash**

Centre for Languages also strives for the welfare of the community. With this aim, it works with Medhabikash, a philanthropic endeavor of BEP (BRAC Education Programme) to promote poor, meritorious GPA 5 holders at SSC level and undergraduate level. CfL provides quality



education and life skills (Basic English and IT) through three weeks intensive training along with the social skill development with some commendable initiatives like study tour, staying in touch with BRAC University students and other curricular activities to make a difference in the lives of underprivileged children to develop compassion to share and care. CfL has also successfully trained the BU interns to conduct classes in English for these students.

**EPDC (English Proficiency Development Course)** is another endeavor for the community of Centre for Languages which is open for all. This course is developed for those who need the basic communication competence in the working or academic environment. This course provides support for the learners who need to develop their basic competence in English language for communication.

### **Short Language Programmes**

- A one-week induction training course was conducted for Young Professional Programme (YPP). The course contents covered important areas of Development Studies, Business Communication, English Language and Computer Skills. The participants under the program were the new recruits of BRAC being groomed for mid level positions.
- CfL and Institute of Governance Studies in joint collaboration with Bangladesh Enterprise Institute undertook a training course on computer and English Language, to develop English language proficiency and computer literacy for the participants under Regulatory

Reform Core Program, Government of Bangladesh. The course was held at BRAC DevPro Center and the duration was twelve days.

### Projects

#### Mentoring Program Launched

CfL has launched a Mentoring Program for the Pre-University Students. In this program, classes were divided into several groups with a responsible group leader. Each group got an opportunity to discuss problems related to their study. Facilitators supervised the group activity twice a week and address the learners' problems instantly. Pankaj Paul, CfL faculty member, who attended a mentoring workshop arranged by BRAC PACE, facilitated the Pre-University Mentoring agenda.

#### CFPR English Training

English Training for the development managers of the Challenging the Frontiers of Poverty Reduction (CFPR) programme of BRAC is a specially designed Functional English course. The core objectives of the course are to prepare learners with essential conversational skills in English to function effectively in real life communication with an emphasis on professional activities. As the participants of this course have to face donors, international visitors and experts, the course also tries to create an opportunity to be aware of social/ business etiquettes and to get exposure of native English language through audio-visual media.

#### English in Action (EiA)

CfL has started working in English in Action (EiA), a British Government funded English language improvement project in Bangladesh, in collaboration with the Open University, UK (OU). The core responsibility of the centre in this project is to assess teachers' progress while participating in the Make Your Teaching Experience Count (MYTEC), a certificate course offered by OU, under EiA.

After receiving the initial training from the OU, CfL faculty members are now attending MYTEC cluster meetings at different venues around

Bangladesh, giving assignments to the trainee teachers on Reflective Teaching, evaluating their written work and providing feedback in various ways such as in writing, over telephone and in person.

#### Modern Languages

CfL has been offering courses in a number of foreign languages, such as English, Chinese, French, Spanish, Japanese, Russian, and of course, Bangla. The learners were students who need a foreign language for successful admission to a graduate program, and adults who need a foreign language to be successful in the global economy. CfL hopes to assist expatriates living in Dhaka, who need to or would like to learn Bangla. The foreign language classes are held during the day for the BRAC university students and those in the evening are to accommodate working participants/learners.

#### Chinese

Due to the expansion of China's economic globalization it is now very important to learn Chinese language. As a result students, businessman, travelers have been showing interest to learn Chinese language. CFL has the most qualified faculty members to teach Chinese language and culture.

CfL offers the following types of courses:

- Three months basic Chinese course for beginners (40 hours)
- Six months long business Chinese courses (75 hours)
- One year long certificate course

The courses are conducted by Mr. Rahim, and by Mr. Qilong

#### New Chinese Language instructor joins CfL



Mr. Qilong Nie, Lecturer, Changchun University of Science and Technology, China, has joined BRAC University Centre for Languages (CfL) as a full time Chinese Language

Instructor for two years. He will answer queries about Chinese Language study and/or scholarships to China.

#### **New Chinese Language Teacher**



Mr. Abdur Rahim joined CfL on 19 December as a full time Chinese language teacher. He earned his M.A degree from Dhaka University in Linguistics in 1996 and later obtained B.A. in Chinese Language and

Culture (2002) and M.A. in International Relations (2006) from Beijing Language University of China. Prior to his joining BU CfL, he worked in the United Kingdom as an interpreter of Chinese language in a multinational financial service agency.

#### **Other Updates of 2009**

- CfL joined in strategic partnerships with international and local partners and is currently working in two programs, MYTEC (Make you Teaching Experience Count) and EIS (English in Schools), both of which aim to improve the English standard of learners of different levels across Bangladesh.
- BU CfL and Assistant Professor of Writing Steven Salchak of George Washington University (GWU) are offering ENG 103 course. This is a collaborative teaching project initiated by Professor Salchak. Through this approach, students in CfL's ENG103: Advanced Writing and Presentation course and Prof. Salchak's writing course (under GWU's Women's Leadership Program) have the opportunity to work together.
- CfL successfully collaborated with BRAC Education Programme (BEP) and completed the Pilot Phase of BRAC Primary School Teachers Training. The training program was designed to improve the quality of English language skills of BRAC Primary School Teachers (BPS) working for the underprivileged children.
- In collaboration with Chinese Embassy and native Chinese Language instructor Mr. Lu Min, in 2009, CfL organized Chinese Spring Festival at BRAC University Campus.

#### **Faculty Publication**

1. Nipa Nasrin's paper was published in BRAC University Journal, Volume VI, No. 1, 2009.

#### **Attendance and Paper Presentations at Conferences**

1. Sanjoy Banerjee and S.M. Anwaruddin presented their papers at the 8th International Language and Development Conference organized by The British Council, Dhaka from 23-25 June.
2. Sheikh Fazle Shams, Academic Coordinator of CfL, along with John Bean and Kit Bean of Seattle University, USA presented a paper at the 5th European Association for the Teaching of Academic Writing (EATAW) Conference, 30 June - 2 July, hosted by the Centre for Academic Writing at Coventry University, England.
3. Farrah Jabeen presented her paper at the ENH, BRAC University, hosted conference "Contemporary Readings of Shakespeare" on 16 July.
- CfL faculty members Sunida Witayakarn and Samina Nasrin Chowdhury attended 'Learning from Neighbours: The Trajectory of Educational Progress - A symposium focusing on Pre-University Education in Thailand' on 27 - 28 June, at Lake Shore Hotel. The program was co-hosted by CAMPE, BIDS and BU-IED.
- CfL Faculty members Mohammad Aminul Islam and Sunida Wityakarn attended a training session "Facilitation Skills Development" from 2 - 13 November, at Asia Pacific Development Communitarian Centre (ADCC), Dhurakij Pundit University, Bangkok, Thailand.

**Workshops:**

“Internet Tools” conducted by Mr. George M. Chinery, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, USA on 3 May, 2009.



“Using Rubrics” conducted by English Language Fellow Liza Ponzetti on 24 October, 2009.

“Reflective Teaching” conducted by Dr. Jane Cutlen Open University (OU) UK, on 25 October, 2009.



“Collaborative Learning through Effective Group Work” by Ms. Annie Polatsek, TESOL Teacher Trainer, SIT, USA on 2 December, 2009.

‘Responding to Student Writing’ and ‘Teaching Grammar: From the Impossible to the Possible’ conducted by Beth Trudell, Senior English Language Fellow on 30 - 31 December, 2009.

**Teacher Development Initiatives:**

- S. M. Anwaruddin, a Cfl Lecturer, has been awarded TFL (Training Future Leaders) scholarship to study Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction at Loyola University Chicago, USA, for two years.
- Reeham Chowdhury, a Teaching Assistant at the Centre for Languages (Cfl), received a full scholarship to study Master of Applied Linguistics at Huazhong Normal University in China.
- Md. Golam Jamil returned to Cfl BRACU after successfully completing his MLitt. in English Language Teaching (ELT) programme at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland.
- Liza Reshmin, Lecturer II, participated in the 43rd Annual TESOL Convention held from 26-28 March in Denver, Colorado, USA. She was selected by BRACU Cfl to take part in that conference. She also participated and spoke in a presentation titled “New Pathways for Teacher Training” arranged by Agnieszka Alboszta, instructor and curriculum developer from the University of Oregon.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

### Student Affairs

BRAC University's mission is to achieve excellence in all round education. The components of all round education, i.e., learning, development and identity formation are interactive and add to each other. The students can experience all of these through participating in co-curricular activities along with regular studies. University's Student Affairs (SA) provides full support in this respect by supervising activities of student clubs and forums.

### Clubs and Forums

The co-curricular arena of the university is quite vibrant and student-oriented. The composition of each club or forum includes teacher/staff advisors and student representatives. Enrolment of members is done during the club fair held each semester. The Director of the Student Affairs supervises the activities with the help of an assistant director and a student affairs officer. A multiuse hall, two eighty-seat lecture halls, cafeteria and a planted semi-outdoor space with technical support are used for seminars, workshops, exhibitions, indoor games, competitions, fairs and cultural activities. The BRACU residential campus in Savar provides a play field for outdoor games. The facilities of BRAC throughout the country such as training centers with dormitories, transport and guides are available for tours and other events.

A yearly award system has been introduced for the students with major contributions as well as for the most active club. The SA has currently adopted the 'Ambassador Program', where students good in leadership, time management, collaboration and teamwork are selected from clubs and forums and trained to represent the university.

Annual assessment of the co-curricular activities has been conducted since 2006. University rules have been introduced for participating in the activities without hindering academic performance.

The Student Affairs emphasizes on the wholeness of university experience through synchronized development of body, mind and spirit. It aims at

integrating co-curricular with academic learning, and stresses on service learning through community volunteer work.

There are a total of 32 student clubs and forums in categories of:

- Arts/Culture
- Social Welfare/Community service
- International
- Entrepreneurial
- Subject related
- Sports
- Science

These clubs and forums provide opportunities for developing leadership, confidence, goal setting, sense of ownership, time management, collaboration and teamwork. The clubs and forums are:

- Aiesec (International Club)
- Art Society BRACU
- Business Club Biz Bee
- BU Cricket Club
- BRACU Perecons
- Computer Club BUCC
- Cultural Club BUCuC
- Debating Club BUDC
- Drama and Theater Forum BUDTF
- Electrical And Electronics Club BUEEC
- Electronics and Computer Club BUECC
- Economics Club BUEC
- Entrepreneurship Development Forum EDF
- Environment Awareness Forum BUEAF
- Film Club BUFC
- Football Club FCBU
- Global Affairs Forum GAFBU
- House of Volunteers HoV BRACU
- Indoor Games Club BUIGC
- Law Club
- MBA Forum



- MONON
- Moot Court Society
- National Heritage Forum BUNHF
- Natural Science Club BUNSC
- OIKOS Dhaka (International Club)
- Photography Club BUPC
- Rotaract Club RCBU
- Rural Development Club BURDC
- Social Development Forum BUSDF
- Social Entrepreneurship Forum BUSEF
- BU Student Newsletter COLLAGE

**Major activities of clubs and forums include:**

- Club Fair
- Film Show
- Cricket, Football and Indoor Games
- Trade Fair
- Voluntary Blood Donation Campaign
- Community Volunteer Work

- Art, Photography and Hobby Exhibition
- Seminar and Workshop
- Competitions in Art, Debate, Music, Photography, Film
- Celebration of national and international events such as Pohela Boishakh, International Mother Language Day, Independence Day, Victory Day.
- Business plan, Computer programming, Photography.
- Newsletter
- National and Regional Festivals
- Study Tour
- Annual Drama
- Archives
- Annual Cultural Program
- Research
- Concert
- Help group/Help sessions



## RESIDENTIAL SEMESTER

The Residential Semester (RS) at BRAC University is a unique experience in university education in Bangladesh. All students are required to attend a Residential Semester within the first year of admission. The first semester is conducted in Mohakhali Campus and one of the following two semesters will be a Residential Semester in Savar Campus. The two main goals of this short but intensive program are firstly, to develop the leadership skills of the students, so that they grow up as competent, ethical and enlightened leaders relevant to the development of Bangladesh and secondly, to improve their communication skills, especially in English. The semester design is based on a study that was done by a group of educational experts. The compulsory courses for RS include English, Bangladesh Studies, and Ethics & Culture. Through various exercises and activities, the students develop leadership qualities as well as the ability to live and function together as a group.



### Objective of the RS:

- Develop Communicative English skills.
- Develop Ethical leadership potentials.
- Understand Community living and Social responsibility.
- Respect Cultural Diversity.
- Know the Country: prospects and constraints.

### Students Mix of Spring 2009:

PROGRAM	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
ARC	5	10	15
LLB	3	7	10
BBA	30	21	51
CSE	7	3	10
ECE	10	8	18
ENH	2	8	10
ESS	1	7	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>122</b>

### Students Mix of Summer 2009:

PROGRAM	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
ARC	6	9	15
LLB	4	11	15
BBA	55	69	124
CSE	25	9	34
ECE	13	12	25
ENH	2	7	9
ESS	5	10	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>237</b>

### Students Mix of Fall 2009:

PROGRAM	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
LLB	7	9	16
BBA	58	53	111
CSE	9	4	13
ECE	26	10	36
ENH	1	4	5
ESS	1	8	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>190</b>

**Academic Courses:**

**Compulsory Courses:**

- English, Cfl
- Bangladesh Studies, ESS Deptt.
- Ethics & Culture, ENH Deptt.

**Others Courses:**

- CSE101
- MAT120

**Academic Activities:**

- Wall magazine
- Language course
- Debate
- Quiz
- Spelling competition
- Presentation skill
- Newsletter
- Field visit
- Historical place visit
- Village immersion
- Drama
- Folk song and music
- Movies & Documentaries
- Social learning lab
- Organization visit

**Campus Activities:**

- Sports
- Cultural activities
- Leadership building exercises
- Observing national days
- Seminars and workshops

**Semester Orientations:**

Daylong orientation programs for the newly enrolled students of RS were held on 17 January, 16 May and 12 September for Spring, Summer and Fall Semesters of 2009 respectively. In the first half of the day, the students were introduced to the aim and objectives of the RS semester followed by the introduction to the teaching and supervisory staffs at Savar. The students then worked in groups to make some campus norms which they themselves would follow during their stay at Savar Campus.



**Seminars / Workshops:**

**Workshops on Mental Health and Counseling**

Workshops on Mental Health and Counseling were conducted at Savar Campus at the beginning of every semester by the Campus Counseling Team. The students learnt about the importance of physical and mental health and the need of counseling. There were presentation, group work, assessment session, psychological game for concentration and group discussion in each workshop.

**Seminars on Drug Abuse**

Seminars on drug abuse were held in each semester. The seminars were moderated by Brother Ronald Drahozal, CSC, Director of APON (Ashokti Punarbashan Nibash). He explained how APON is working to provide drug addiction treatment and rehabilitation services and makes these services readily available and accessible for the drug addicts. An ex-addict, who recovered with the help of APON, was present in each workshop to share his experiences.

**Seminar on Gender Ethics**

The Seminar on "Gender Ethics" was held on 4 April (Spring 09). Mrs. Sheepa Hafiza, Director of BRAC Training, Advocacy & Gender, conducted the seminar.

### Seminars on Food and Nutrition

Seminar on "Food and Nutrition" was held in Summer and Fall semesters. The seminars were conducted by Sunida Witayakarn, lecturer, Center for Languages, BRACU. These focused on the effects and the importance of nutrition in our daily life. The students were made aware of proper growth, maintenance of health and prevention of diseases.

### Seminar on Good Health

A seminar on "Good health" was held on 21 May (Summer 09). The seminar was conducted by Md. Harun, Founder-President, Bangladesh Yoga Association. The seminar included a demonstration of few steps in Yoga where the students also participated.

### Seminar on Critical Thinking

A day-long workshop on "Critical Thinking" was held on 30 May (Summer 09). The workshop was conducted by Mr. Farid Ahmed, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University. Mr. Biplab Kumar Halder and Mr. Ahammad Ullah, Lecturers, BRACU worked as co-facilitators. The workshop included the importance of "Critical Thinking" as well as "Emotional Intelligence". Some tips and tricks were shared by the facilitators so as to develop the students' ability to think "Outside the Box".

### Workshop on Leadership

A workshop on Leadership Skill building was conducted by the officials of Grameen Phone on 25 June (Summer 09). It was organized by BRACU Career Service. Large numbers of students participated in the workshop.

### Seminar on Poverty & Corruption

A seminar on "Poverty & Corruption" was held on 9 July (Summer 09). Mr. Farid Ahmed, Associate Professor and the Chairperson, Department of Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University was the speaker on that day. He discussed about the causes and forms of poverty and corruption. After his discussion, he conducted a lively debate on "Whether poverty causes corruption or corruption is caused by poverty", participated by all the students.

### Sports:



Various games and sports were organized throughout the three semesters in Savar. Besides regular games and sports, inter-dorm competitions were held in a number of events. Both boys and girls participated in these competitions. Major events included: Football, Cricket, Handball, Volleyball and Badminton. Prizes were given in a ceremony held at the end of each Semester to the Champions and runner-up dorms, as well as individual winners in each event.



### CfL Weekends:

CfL weekend activities were held 3 times in each semester. The CfL faculties led the co-curricular activities for the students at the Savar Residential Campus. The activities included table lamp painting, T-shirt painting, block printing, jewelry box making, bamboo candle stand making, creative writing, quiz, debate, treasure hunt game etc. Besides their academic courses students actively took part in these co-curricular activities. Lady Sayeda Sarwat Abed, Director, CfL was present on the final weekends in each semester and distributed prizes amongst the winners of various competitions.



#### **RS Days:**

The RS Day was observed in each semester where noted personalities were invited to talk as the Chief Guest. The RS Day of Spring Semester was held on 21 February. Bhashasainik Abdul Matin was the Guest of Honor. The RS Day of the Summer Semester was held on 17 June. Prof. Fred Johnston, Queens University, Canada was the Guest of Honor. The RS Day of Fall Semester was held on 28 October. Prof. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Pro-VC, BRACU was the Guest of Honor. After the welcome speeches and the addresses by the Guest of Honour, a cultural show was organized by the students. A dinner party followed the show.

#### **Social Labs:**

One or two Social Labs were organized in each semester. On that day the whole central management went off and the students took over the responsibilities to run the campus for the day. The responsibilities they took include CS, Service Manager, Admin Officer, cleaner, dish washer, cook, etc. By this exercise the students learnt to respect the people of all working classes and to value all works.



#### **Visits:**

##### **Village Visit**

As a part of course work of DEV101, all students visited some of the villages nearby the Savar Campus during the semester. The students were divided into groups, one to each village. Each group was led by a teacher or staff of RS. Through these visits, students are exposed to the Bangladeshi village-life and its culture. The pro-VC and CS also accompanied the students in some of these visits. After returning from the villages the students took part in a reflection session in the evening.

##### **CRP & National Memorial**

The Department of ENH organized two visits to the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP), Savar and National Martyrs' Memorial, Savar during Summer Semester. Ms. Valerie A Taylor, Founder & Coordinator, CRP and the staff authorities of CRP welcomed the students and faculty members of BRAC University. They organized an orientation program and screened a documentary film on CRP's activities. The students became acquainted with CRP's facilities and services for disabled people in Bangladesh and came to know about CRP's contribution to the physically challenged people in Bangladesh. On the return journey, students went to the National Memorial, Savar. Students paid their homage to our martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the independence of Bangladesh.

##### **Museum Visit by the students of Bangladesh Studies**

As a part of their course studies, the students, in groups, visited Liberation War Museum, National Museum and the Lalbag Fort. Through these visits, the students had a clearer understanding of national history and heritage.

### Cultural Programs:



A large numbers of cultural programmes were organized throughout the year in all 3 semesters. The students performed dance, songs, drama, fashion show, etc. The students, teachers, staff of RS, and the participants of TARC greatly enjoyed the shows.

### Others:

#### Poster Exhibition

A poster exhibition was held in Murchana on 23-24 February as a class-activity of the course of "Ethics & Culture". Each student made a poster that showed what virtues one already possesses and what virtues one want to achieve in future.

#### Milad Mehfil

A milad mehfil and prayer was held on 15 March. The teachers, staff and students of Savar Campus prayed for the departed soul of Saqueeb's (a student of RS) father Colonel Elahi who embraced 'Shahadat' in BDR Mutiny in February 2009. Also, they prayed for the recovery of Mr Salamat Ullah, Senior Accounts Officer at TARC, who had been suffering from cancer.

#### Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day was observed in Savar campus on 26 March. The day-long program started with a rally. Then there was the laying of floral wreath on the Martyred Memorial. This was followed by sports, fun games and cultural shows. In the evening there was a cultural program where students rendered patriotic songs, poetry recitation, dance, and drama. Later in the evening, a movie based on the Liberation War was screened.



#### Pohela Boishak at Savar Campus

To celebrate the Bengali New Year, the students of BRACU Savar Campus organized a day-long 'Bioshakhi Program' on 14 April. The program included rally, traditional Bengali dishes, kite flying, cultural show etc.

#### A Freedom fighter at TARC

As a part of knowing Bangladesh, an experience-sharing event was arranged on 13 June where freedom fighter Maj. Kamrul Hasan Bhuyian (Retd.) shared his experience of the battle field during the Liberation War. Students and the audience were greatly inspired by the heroic deeds performed by Maj. Kamrul.

#### Parents' Day

Parents' Day" was organized for the first time on 2 October. Almost all of 150 parents/guardians came to see their wards. It was a day of joy and happiness.

#### APON Visit

To better appreciate the danger of Drug addiction, a number of students of RS visited APON, a rehabilitation centre for the addicted people, which is situated at Apon Gaon, Singair, Manikgonj. The students shared their experiences with those in the centre who ventilated the disastrous impact of narcotics on them.

#### BBS Seminar

BBS Seminar was held on 20 November at 10 am at Markuli Hall. The Director of BBS, along with faculties, was present in the seminar. All the students of BBS at campus also attended the seminar. Students shared their pains and gains at Savar Campus with their teachers.

## CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

Career Services is progressively working for past 8 years to assist students becoming successful professionals. CSO prepares the students for their career by providing a knowledge base in career planning skills and tools. CSO is now operating a fully web-based registration system for the students to serve them more efficiently. Currently more than 1000 students are registered with it and over 3000 hits were made during 2009. CSO is currently working on developing new trainings for students to facilitate them in their career and updating CSO's existing training by introducing new modules. Year 2009 has been a year full of events with a wide range of activities to engage students develop their required professional competence.

### February 2009:

#### Round Table Discussion on "Career in Electronics and Communication Sectors"

Date: 27 February

Key Speakers: Mr. Tahsinur Rashid Khan, General Manager, Field Operations & Transmission, Citycell, Mr. Md. Rezaul Kabir, COO, Novotel, Mr. Md. Nurul Aktar, CEO and Director, Energypac Electronics Ltd.

Venue: BRAC Center Auditorium

### March 2009:



Figure 1: Discussion Panel at "Career in Electronics and Communication Sectors"

### British Council Seminar on Study in UK

Date: 07 March

Key Speakers: Mr. Alex Ingold, International Officer London South Bank University & Mr. Md. Ashak-Un-Nabi.

Venue: UB302

### On Campus BRAC Bank Road Show at BRAC University (BRACU)

Date: 18 March

Key Speakers: Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Ms. Tahniyat Ahmed Karim, Head of HR, BRAC Bank and current Management Trainees of the organization.

Venue: Indoor Games Room, BRACU.

### A seminar by Embassy of Japan on Scholarship Opportunities

Date: 22 March

Key Speakers: Mr. Hiroshi Omura, Head, Information & Cultural Affairs Division, Embassy of Japan, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mr. Saeed Mahmud Ullah, Associate Professor, University of Dhaka, Dr. A.K.M. Moazzem Hossain, President, JUAAB, Dr. Hasina Ferdousi, Education Adviser, Embassy of Japan

Venue: UB 223

### April 2009:

#### Standard Chartered Bank Networking Session

Date: 02 April

Key Speakers: Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Mr. Sandeep Mukharjee, Head of HR, Standard Chartered Bank Ltd.

Venue: Indoor Games Room, BRACU

### Internship Orientation Program Summer 2009

Date: 09 April

Key Speaker: Ms. Sabrina Shahidullah

Venue: UB223

### May 2009:

#### "The Interview" Spring 2009

Date: 06 May

Participant Organizations: Standard Chartered Bank Ltd., Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd., BRAC Bank Ltd, Trust Bank Ltd, City Bank Ltd, BRAC, Paxar Bangladesh,

Citycell, Grameenphone Ltd, Techvalley, Therap Bd. Ltd, Aarong and Square Group.

**Key Speaker:** Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University.

**Venue:** BRAC Centre Inn, Auditorium.



**Figure 2 : BRAC Interview Board at "The Interview"**

**On-Campus Job Screening**

**Date:** 12 May

**Organizations:** Peoplescape, Official recruiting agency of Unilever Bangladesh

**Venue:** Indoor Games Room, BRACU

**Mock Interview by Grameenphone**

**Date:** 17 May

**Venue:** UB501

**June 2009:**

**Electronics and Communication Engineering Students' Corporate Visit**

**Organizations:** LM Ericson Bangladesh Ltd. and Pacific Bangladesh Ltd. (Citycell)

**Date:** 24 and 29 June

**Leadership Skill Building Workshop by Grameenphone**

**Date:** 25 June



**Key Speaker:** Mr. Shariful Islam (Manager, HR) and Ms. Taslima Hasnat Jaigirder (Manager, HR) from GP.

**Place:** TARC, Savar

**Figure 3: Leadership Skill Building Workshop by Grameenphone at TARC**

**July 2009:**

**Job Street Seminar on Interview**

**Date:** 20 July

**Key Speaker:** Aslam Parvez, Operation Manager, jobsbd.com (former Job Street. com)

**Place:** BRACU Campus

**August 2009:**

**Information session with Therap (BD) Ltd.**

**Date:** 03 August

**Key Speaker:** Mr. Richard Robbins, CEO, Therap (BD) Ltd. and 4 of his team members

**Venue:** BBS Conference room



**Figure 4: Information Session With Therap (BD) Ltd.**

**BRAC University representation at All University Fair 2009**

**Date:** 06-08 August

**Venue:** Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICF)

**September 2009:**

**On Campus Interview**

**Date:** 01 September

**Organization:** BBDO Bangladesh (a renowned multinational advertising firm.)

**Place:** BRACU Campus.

**October 2009:**

**Unilever Seminar and Workshop**

**Date:** 15 October

**Key Speakers:** Dr. Sanaul Mostafa, Director BBA and Mr. Jerry Jose, Director HR, Unilever.

**Venue:** Indoor Games Room, BRACU



**November 2009:****"The Interview" Fall 2009**

Date: 19 November

Key Speaker: Dr. Sanaul Mostafa, Director, BRAC Business School

Participant Organizations: Aarong, Augere, BRAC, BRAC Bank Ltd., bracNet, Citycell, Prime Bank Ltd., Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd. and Novotel Ltd.

Venue: BRAC Centre Inn Auditorium.

**December 2009:****5th Convocation Photo-Session**

Date &amp; Time: 6-12 December

Venue: BRACU Indoor Games Room.

Photography By: Glitters Photographers

**Eastern Bank Ltd. Road Show at BRACU Campus**

Date &amp; Time: 14 December

Key Speakers: Dr. Sanaul Mostafa, Director, BBA, Md. Sirajul Islam, Head of Human Resources, EBL and Ms. Sabrina Shahidullah, In-Charge, CSO.

Venue: BRAC University Indoor Games Room

**Internship Orientation for BBA, MBA, ENH and ARC students in May, August, and December 2009**

By Ms. Sabrina Shahidullah, In-Charge, CSO

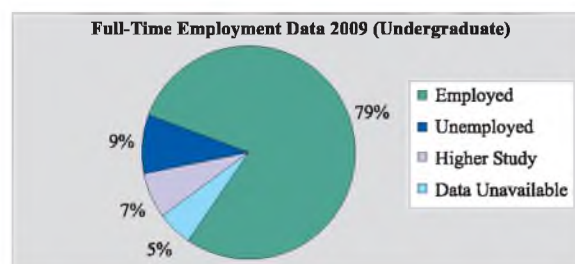
**Job-placement Update of 2009 Graduates:**

There has been a positive employment trend seen during year 2009 compared to 2008. From various department of undergraduate program around 79% students are employed in different local and multinational companies. About 7% of the students have gone abroad for higher studied and less than 5% remain unemployed till the year end. The unemployment rate of students has also declined significantly in year 2009, despite a global depression as well as local slowdown of economy. This shows a very positive demand of our students in the job market. Our students are securing promising positions in most of the leading organizations and getting placed for fast

track jobs offered by organizations like, BRAC, Unilever Bangladesh, Reckitt & Benkiser, Grameenphone, Prime Bank Ltd., BRAC Bank Ltd., Square Group, British American Tobacco, Bangladesh, HSBC, IDLC, IPDC, Aarong, bracNet, GTZ, ACI, Nestle etc.

**Table 1 : Full Time Employment Data 2009 (Undergraduate)**

Degree	Employed	Unemployed	Higher Study	Data Unavailable
BBA	73%	15%	9%	3%
ARC	90%	0%	0%	10%
CS	70%	0%	20%	10%
CSE	100%	0%	0%	0%
ECE	69%	11%	2%	18%
ENH	68%	17%	5%	10%
ECO	80%	0%	10%	10%
LLB	80%	0%	10%	10%
Average	79%	5%	7%	9%

**Figure 5: Full-Time Employment Data 2009 (Undergraduate)****Table 2: Full Time Employment Data 2009 (Graduate)**

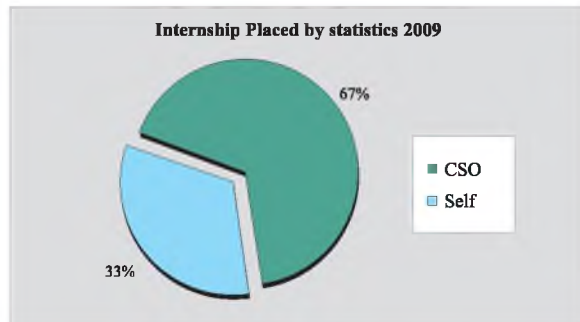
Degree	Employed	Unemployed	Data Unavailable
MBA	80%	11%	9%
MAGD	100%	0%	0%
MPH	100%	0%	0%
Biotech	100%	0%	0%
MA in ENG	100%	0%	0%
Applied Economics	100%	0%	0%
MDS	90%	0%	10%
MDM	100%	0%	0%
DDM	100%	0%	0%
Average	97%	1%	2%

Fulltime employment increased in year 2009 also for the graduate program as we can see 97% of the graduated students have been excellently placed leaving less than 1% temporarily unemployed unemployed.

**Internship Placements:**

Internship is a twelve-week professional attachment with an organization and is mandatory for students of BBA discipline. Students earn 4 credits for this attachment. For MBA students it is mandatory, yet it is a non-credit course. Students from other disciplines internship is optional and may avail an internship upon completion of all course work.

A number of 206 BBA students registered for Internship in year 2009. All of them were placed for either for internship or job in due time. Among the placements 67% were done by CSO and rest of the placement was arranged by students' initiatives.

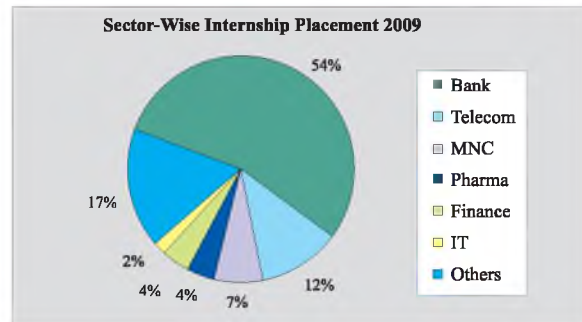


**Figure 6: Placed by Statistics of Internship 2009**

**Table 3: Place by Statistics**

SL.	Placed By	No.	%
1	CSO	138	67%
2	Self	68	33%
	Total	206	100%

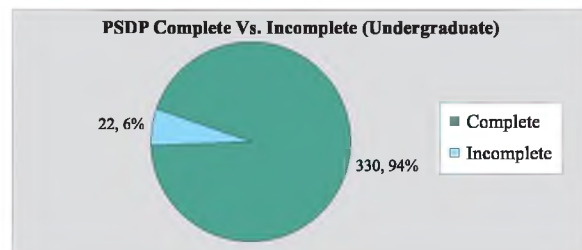
On an average 67% of the interns placed during year 2009 were made by CSO and about 33% were placed by students' self initiatives positively. Internship offers are made to our students from organizations from various sectors. It is enabling our students become more competent for the current job market of both home and abroad.



**Figure 7: Sector-Wise Placement 2009**

**Professional Skills Development Program (PSDP)**

Career Services Office, BRAC University has been successfully coordinating PSDP for all final semester undergraduate students for past five years. We have trained overall 95% of our undergraduate students before they graduate. This program is designed in such a way that assists our future graduates to prepare for their upcoming career with professionalism. In 2009, a total of 352 students completed their undergraduate degree and among them 330 have successfully completed the PSDP training.



**Figure 8: PSDP Complete Vs. Incomplete**

## CENTER FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT LEARNING NETWORK

### Center for Global Development Learning Network (GDLN)

BRAC University is the one and only affiliates of the Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) (<http://www.gdln.org>) in Bangladesh and has been operating since 2006. This centre is coordinated by the World Bank from Washington D.C. The GDLN is a partnership of over 120 recognized global institutions (affiliates) in over 80 countries that collaborate in the design of customized learning solution for individuals and organizations working in development. Affiliates are as diverse as the Asian Institute of Management, the Ethiopian Civil Service College, the Islamic Development Bank and Pontificia Universidad Catolica of Peru. The centre for GDLN at BRAC University has its own Video Conferencing Centre. This is located at the 18th floor of University Building and is used to conduct live meetings, corporate affairs, seminars and presentations among people who are geographically apart. Furthermore, it enables virtual tours and participation in global events. Around 40 people can participate at a time.

#### GDLN Activities

##### e-Learning course on “APO Energy Auditing 2009 Phase 1

The course was organized By Asian Productivity Organization (APO) in collaboration with National Productivity Organization (NPO) Bangladesh and the Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) of the World Bank platform from 25 - 28 May.

The intent of “APO Energy Auditing 2009 Phase 1” was to train the participants in the concept, principles, and fundamental elements of energy auditing including how to carry out energy audits in industries and buildings. This course enables participants to develop energy auditing skills with inputs on energy management and prepares them for receiving in-depth advanced training on energy auditing.

Two resource speakers delivered presentations from India and Japan. There were 25 Participants

in Bangladesh Site. The Countries connected by Video Conference were Bangladesh, Lao PDR, Thailand, Vietnam and Mongolia.

##### e-Learning course on “Exporting Agrifood Products to Emerging Global Markets 2009 Phase 3



The course was organized By Asian Productivity Organization (APO) in collaboration with National Productivity Organization (NPO) Bangladesh and the Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) of the World Bank platform 4 - 6 August.

The intent of “Exporting Agrifood Products to Emerging Global Markets 2009 Phase 3” was to enhance participants' knowledge of the current trends and opportunities for agrifood products in emerging global markets and identify ways in which agribusiness enterprises and food exports from member countries can benefit from such trends and opportunities.

The course enabled participants to understand the current and emerging import-related procedures, policies and regulations for agrifood products in selected global markets and also enabled them to formulate national and enterprise exports strategy.

Two resource speakers delivered presentations from India and Japan. There were 25 Participants in Bangladesh site. The Countries connected by Video Conference were Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and IR Iran.

### **e-Learning Course on ISO 22000, Food safety management**

This course was also organized by Asian Productivity Organization in collaboration with National Productivity Organization (NPO) Bangladesh Global Development learning Center from 5 - 8 October. Engr. Horendra Nath Ghosh coordinated the event for Bangladesh participated by 23 participants of different Public and Private Enterprises.

This workshop intends to Enable participants to understand the ISO 22000 Standard, its application, and enable participants to apply ISO 22000 in food industry.

The two resource speakers who delivered presentations, Mr. Yong Kok Seng, Managing Director, QMC were Resource. Centre Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia, Mr. Jimmy Chua, consultant, Malaysia. The Countries connected by Video Conference were Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, IR Iran and Malaysia

### **A video conference on Ethics and Values in Corruption**

A two hour video conference on Ethics and Values in Corruption was held on 10 November from 2-4 pm at BRAC University Center. The video conference was the part of a 4-days training program organized jointly by the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) - BRAC University and Institute on Governance (IOG), Ottawa. Eighteen civil servants equivalent to the rank of Deputy Secretary from different Ministries attended the video conference program. The key objective of the program was to develop an understanding of governance and democracy among civil service leaders, and strengthen their knowledge on ethics and values in preventing corruption. The conference was led by a specialist from Hong Kong- based Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC).

### **Video Conference on “Negotiation and Conflict Resolution”**

An interactive video conference on “Negotiation and Conflict Resolution” was held on 26 April. The video conference was the part of a 3-week Civil Service Training Program for Private Sector Development. The training program was jointly

organized by the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI), Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) and Korean Development Institute (KDI). The conference was led by the Professor Dong Young Kim of KDI School of Public Policy and Management. Seventeen government officials equivalent to the rank of Deputy Secretary participated in the video conference. The conference discussed the role of negotiation as the primary means of solving problems and managing disputes.

### **General Meeting, Mongolia, 2009**

Global Development Learning Network Asia Pacific (GDLN AP) organized its annual general meeting in Mongolia in 2009, hosted by the World Bank Mongolia office and Mongolia Development Learning Center. The meeting took place from June 29th to July 3rd. BRAC University is the only GDLN Affiliated center in Bangladesh and immediate past GDLN Coordinator Mr. Ali Salman, and Ms. Fahima Khanam Senior System Administrator, attended in that GDLN AP regional general meeting. More than 40 representatives from South Asia, East Asia and the Pacific have gathered in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia to discuss how the region could boost its provision of knowledge exchange and capacity building through the Global Development Learning Network and updated each other their on ongoing programs.

The five-day meeting was an opportunity for GDLN Asia Pacific members and partners to assemble and discuss innovative programs and the latest network development and technology enhancement. GDLN Global objectives and strategies were also discussed. An introduction to the status quo was made, and ideas for GDLN global governance and services were presented. The participants discussed how they could work together and what the major differences were between EAP and SA

### **e-Learning Course on GP and the Environmental Management System (ISO14001)**

Asian Productivity Organization (APO) conducted the workshop from Japan via Video Conference from 10 - 13 August through BRAC University GDLN Center for National Productivity Organization (NPO) under Ministry

of Industries of the Government of Bangladesh.

Engr. Horendra Nath Ghosh coordinated the event for Bangladesh participated by 22 participants of different Public and Private Enterprises.

Green Productivity (GP) is a strategy for enhancing productivity and environmental performance for sustainable socio-economic development. It is the application of appropriate productivity and environmental management tools, techniques, technologies to reduce the environmental impact of organization's activities for products and services.

Mr. Md. J. Pervez, Director & Group Head (Environment), National Productivity Council, India, Mr. Chua Geok Boon, Senior Consultant, CAI-Oxbridge (M) Sdn Bhd, Dr. Norlinda Mohd Zawawi, Executive Director, Enviro Business Asia Sdn Bhd, Malaysia, and Mr. Md Zainuri Juri of Industry Department APO conducted the workshops. It was also participated simultaneously by Fiji, Indonesia, IR Iran, Malaysia, and Mongolia.

**National Approaches to Credit Registry Creation and the Resultant Consumer Protection Implications: A Policy Dialogue via Video Conference**

A four-hour multi-country videoconference discussion was held at BRAC University Center on 21 January.

The International Development Law Organization (IDLO) initiated a global microfinance programme in 2005 which focuses on the impact of legislation and regulation on the microfinance industry. In particular, the programme and its global seminars, video conference policy dialogues, and research and publications are designed to highlight the importance of the local legal professional in the life cycle of a financial services institution and the financial services sector as a whole.

**Pilot Frame work for collaboration on Research on Climate change and the Land, Water and Food interface in Bangladesh**

The video conference was organized by International Institute for Environment Development (IIED) in collaboration with North

South University and Bangladesh Center for Advanced Studies (BCAS) on 13 October.

The Objectives of the Videoconference was to share preliminary results of Phase 1 scoping study with key stakeholders to fill in information gaps and identify opportunities and to recommend priorities for future project phases.

Dr. Atiq Rahman, Executive Director of Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), Prof. Mizan R. Khan, Department of Environmental Science & Management, North South University were present along with Project Steering Committee members and Advisory Committee members.

**Video Conference on Draft Report on Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS Components in Road Projects**

This event was held on 25 February. The purpose was to discuss the draft Report on Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of HIV/AIDS components in Road Projects prepared by the World Bank.

The event connected World Bank Headquarters, Washington DC with the GDLN VC Centers at Colombo, Delhi, Dhaka, Islamabad, Kathmandu, and Kabul and Webcast from Bhutan, Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Transport sector workers are twice as likely to acquire the HIV infection as workers in 'low-risk' occupations. HIV AIDS programs for the transport sector are crucial to prevent a wider spread of the disease in South Asia.

The World Bank South Asia Region's Management is committed to mainstreaming HIV/AIDS in World Bank activities. For that, combating AIDS has been identified as one of the four pillars supporting the World Bank operational strategy in the region.

**The series of International Symposium on Cardiac care session**

The World Heart Foundation organized the International Videoconference on Cardiac Surgery series via Video Conference from

December 2008 to December 2009. The was funded by **The VinaCapital Foundation** Hosted by the **World Bank Global Development Learning Centers Hanoi, and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam** in cooperation with the **Cardio Vascular Surgery Association of Vietnam and the Viet Duc Hospital.**



#### **Distance Learning Course on the Microfinance Training of the Trainers (MFTOT)**

The 6th delivery of the Microfinance Training of Trainers course (MFTOT-6) was held from July to October 2009 in Bangladesh at BRAC University.

This Course was jointly organized by the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and the World Bank Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC). The interactive microfinance distance learning course (MFDL) developed by UNCDF was the core learning material for study. Four (4) Interactive Video Conference took place at BRAC University along with online tutoring, e-discussion and online exams. Submission of assignments and receiving online tutoring helped participants to master the knowledge of best practice of micro finance.

Sites connected for the session were Afghanistan, Bangladesh, France, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, and Sri Lanka GDLN Centers.

#### **High-Level South Asia Regional GDLN Dialogue on South Asia Regional Collaboration in Nanotechnology for Development.**

A distance learning session was held on 21 May connecting through World Bank Headquarters, Washington DC with the GDLN VC Centers in Colombo, Delhi, Dhaka, and Islamabad.

Nanotechnology demands an unprecedented collaborative and integrated approach to science and technology. The session brought together key policy makers in the region to share their experiences in nanotechnology in addressing the key constraints to development in South Asia, and defines the areas, level of engagement and the potential benefits of a South Asia Regional Collaboration in Nanotechnology.

The presentation was followed by a cross-country discussion, moderated by Mr. Ejaz Ghani Economic Adviser, South Asia PREM, World Bank, while the whole session was coordinated by Mr. Juan Blazquez, GDLN South Asia.

Among others, Prof Al-Nakib Chowdhury, Dept of Chemistry, BUET, Dhaka, Md Abul Basher representatives from World Bank Dhaka Office, Faculties, Researchers and students of BRAC University took part in the discussion.

#### **A Video conference Dialogue on Improving Performance and Efficiency in Public Sector Hospitals: The Sri Lanka Experience**

The Video conference took place on 15 December. The connected countries were GDLN Centers at Colombo, Delhi, Dhaka, Islamabad, Kathmandu, and Kabul.

#### **Program of South-South Experience Exchanges on “Models of How to Build and Manage a National Research and Education Network (NREN)”**

The program of multi-country exchanges between South Asian and other countries through a blend of videoconferences, on-line discussions and face-to-face interactions has been held on 13 October.

Given the global and collaborative nature of contemporary research and the digitization of knowledge resources, access to Internet and to research networks has become a pre-requisite for the provision of quality Higher Education in a country. Yet in some South Asian countries access to Internet is poor and still very expensive, leading to academic isolation, exclusion from global research and low quality of teaching.

Connectivity is improving with the growing availability of submarine fiber cables, and the in-country deployment of fiber networks. The European Commission and the US National Science Foundation are offering to link South Asian countries' National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) to GÉANT and Internet2. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal, which are lagging in this regard, are requesting advice on how they should go about building an NREN in their respective countries, learning from others in the region on models that are relevant to their situation.

Professor Amena Begum, Dr. Tajul Islam and Dr. Ehsanul Hoque, member of UGC, were present in this multicounty Video Conference program.

**Multi-country “Global Dialogue workshop on Service Delivery & Electronic Identification (eID)”**

A two and Half hour, multi-country “Global Dialogue workshop on Service Delivery & Electronic Identification (eID): How National ID Cards and Other eID Applications can Improve

Service Delivery and Governance” was held at BRAC University on May 7, 2009. Participants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Moldova, Mozambique, Uganda, and Grenada/OECS were connected through video Conference organized in collaboration with GDLN (Global Development Learning Network) and the World Bank.

The intent of this training workshop were learn how electronic identification (eID) cards and other secure identification technologies were being used to improve governance and service delivery in areas such as social benefits and health.

Among others, Mr. Md. Nazmul Huda Khan, ndc, Secretary, Ministry of Science and Information & Communication Technology, Brig Gen Shahadat Hossain Chowdhury, Project Director, NPD, PERP Project Election Commission Secretariat, representatives from World Bank Dhaka Office, representatives from Bangladesh Computer Council and other Private sectors took part in the discussion.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

BRACU provided a number of scholarships and financial assistance for students. These supports were available to students who:

Performed well in their HSC/ SSC or O/A Levels prior to joining BRACU

Performed well in BRACU

BRAC-FORD students

Children of BRAC employees

Had other siblings studying at BRACU

Were physically challenged

Were financially disadvantaged (need based)

### Financial Aid 2008-2009

Particulars	2008-2009
Full tuition waiver	12,938,641
Partial waiver	15,271,482
Full tuition waiver from Scholarship Endowment fund	3,368,625
Living allowance to students	677,369
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,256,117</b>

## RESOURCES AND FACILITIES FOR LEARNING

### Faculty

BRAC University faculty comprises of a unique blend of teachers, researchers and practitioners. The faculty consists of a distinguished body of scholars with proven teaching and research excellence. Many have doctoral degrees from universities abroad. Many are postgraduate degree holders and professionals with varied experience. Visiting faculty members from USA, Canada, UK, Australia and other countries bring diversity and richness in the learning environment.

### Campus

The present campus of BRAC University is located at Mohakhali in Dhaka City. The campus has excellent communication links to all parts of the city as well as outside the city. Different means of transports including taxis, CNG's, rickshaws, and buses are readily available around the campus. Moreover, the campus is situated five minutes away from Mohakhali's primary bus stands. The five-storied University Building accommodates a lounge, an information desk, a student counseling office, classrooms, seminar

rooms, the Registrar's office, Human Resources office, Administrative office, Accounts office, Executive floor, a cafeteria, a student's common room and a semi outdoor sitting plaza (Prangan). BRAC University occupies eighteen floors of 20-storied University Building (Arong House). The BU library extends over two floors of this structure. BRAC Business School (BBS), BRAC Development Institute (BDI), Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering (EEE), Department of English and Humanities (ENH), Center for Languages (CfL), Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS), classrooms, computer labs and internet facilities for students are also located there. The University also occupies six floors of Civil Engineers Bhaban (CB), a building located a block away from the main University building. These floors house the Departments of Architecture (ARC), Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS), Schools of Law (SoL) and James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH). The Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) is located in Gulshan, while the Institute of



Educational Development (IED) is in Niketan.

The University plans to shift its activities to the new campus in 4 to 5 years. The process of acquiring land in Badda, Gulshan and constructing the permanent building is under process.

### Classrooms



BRAC University has classrooms of various sizes, ranging from regular ones that can hold 25-50 seats, to large ones with a capacity of 80-100 seats. Each classroom is fully air-conditioned and equipped with multimedia projectors, overhead projectors and computers with access to the Internet. Some classrooms have, in addition to these, televisions, VCD and equipments that can be used for teleconferencing. Furthermore, BRAC University has access to facilities at BRAC Centre Inn and BRAC support facilities all over Bangladesh for the use of teachers and students during field visits.

### IT Network

Currently BRAC University campus covered with Fiber optical connectivity and WiFi (wireless) facilities with 10Mb/sec Internet bandwidth speed and also VSAT backup facilities. BRAC University now has 900 workstations linked together through Local Area Network (LAN) and Wide Area Network (WAN). BRAC University enables all members, students and faculty alike, to maintain personal user accounts with an email account and a Network folder. In addition to this, all members can access certain common folders. This makes sharing and distribution of class lectures, assignments and other such information a mouse clicks away.

### Computer Labs

Currently there are around 17 (seventeen) computer labs in BRAC University, 9 (nine) at

University Building, 2 (two) at the Civil Engineer's Building, 4 (four) in the Savar campus, including a SPSS lab that is used exclusively by MPH students, and 2 (two) in the Institute of Governance Studies (IGS). These computer labs have a total of 455 computers, of which 115 are in the Savar campus and 50 are in the IGS campus. These are all latest model personal computers,



with built-in multi-media, connected to IBM Servers by a local area network (LAN). For all lab-work, there is one computer for each student. These Computers are connected to a host of other peripheral devices such as scanners, printers etc. Suitable UPS/IPS units back up electric power supply to all computers and peripheral devices. All labs have multi-media projectors and portable white boards.

Furthermore, stand-by generators backup the computers, network and other equipments. All these facilities are continually being upgraded to keep pace with changing technology. All servers have also been upgraded with new configurations, as have the student, staff and faculty main servers.

### Digital Lab

The purpose of establishing a separate digital lab was to enhance students' understanding of microprocessors, circuits and electronics. This lab contains a wide variety of equipment, including analog and digital oscillo-scopes, trainer boards, PLD trainer boards, microprocessors, digital multimeters, digital chips, analog ammeters, analog voltmeter, wattmeters, rheostats, function generators, inductors, capacitors and other such equipment.

### Electronic Systems Laboratory

This laboratory provides support for instruction and research in the areas of basic analog and digital logic design, discrete component testing,

fundamental circuit design, microprocessing interfacing, assembly language programming and communication theory. The laboratory is equipped with digital systems development including FPGA/VHDL for advanced course work and thesis research, CAD facilities capable of schematic capture, circuit simulation and fault detection. The lab utilizes various test equipment to include but not limited to oscilloscopes, signal generators, spectrum analyzer, DSO and logic analyzer, multimeters and high-speed data acquisition equipment.

#### **Telecommunication Laboratory**

The telecommunications laboratory, a state-of-the-art facility, is fully equipped with hardware and software to support a multitude of instructional and thesis/ project activities on the broad area of analog communication (e.g., AM and FM) and digital communication, wireless and mobile communications, multimedia communications and network simulation. Lab facilities also include PCM analyzer/ Frame analyzer, PCM performance analyzer and trainer for digital modulation and keying (e.g., PSK, FSK, ASK, QPSK etc).

#### **Signal Processing Laboratory**

This laboratory supports instruction and thesis/research in the area of Digital Signal Processing. Research and thesis work include data modeling and processing, image analysis and modeling, signal detection and classification, multi-rate processing and other areas. Lab facilities include several PCs equipped with the latest MIDAS Engineering hardware and standard software package.

#### **Electromagnetics Laboratory**

This laboratory supports instruction and project/thesis in the area of microwave systems and technology. This is accomplished with a mix of hardware, instruments and test systems. The Lab facilities include Microwave communications teaching set (scanTEK 2000) with CT60 and CT60IS.

#### **Control Systems Laboratory**

This laboratory emphasizes problem based learning and research using pilot plant. Lab

facilities include servo control stations (CA06, LJ Group) and associated computers (equipped with A/D and D/A data acquisition cards, Matlab/SIMULINK software and RT-Linux for RTS) that are used to conduct simulations and physical experiments, modeling, analysis, and design of control systems, transducer instrumentation trainer (DigiAC 1750).

#### **Optical Electronics Laboratory**

The Optical Electronics Laboratory provides educational and project/thesis support in the areas of fiber optics, integrated optics and electro-optics. The Lab facilities include fiber optics instrumentation (optical fibres DL 3155M63, De Lorenzo Group) set. This laboratory supports ECE340 and ECE410 courses.

#### **Cisco Networking Laboratory**

The Cisco Laboratory of BRAC University has the Cisco Premium Bundle 1.6, which includes 2600 routing products, switching products and other support products. Students will learn how to install and configure Cisco switches and routers in multiprotocol networks using local-and wide-area networks (LANs and WANs), provide Level 1 and 2 troubleshooting services, and improve network performance and security. Additionally, instruction and training are provided in the proper care, maintenance, and use of networking software tools and equipment. The laboratory caters to the networking courses in which the CCNA certification Program has been integrated. Along with that this lab is also used for some introductory and intermediate Computer Science and Engineering courses' laboratories.

#### **Linux Laboratory**

BRAC University has a dedicated Linux Laboratory where Ubuntu 10.04 is used. The Linux Laboratory is used for all the advanced Computer Science and Engineering laboratory courses, as well as for some of the introductory and intermediate ones. It is also heavily used for undergraduate thesis projects.

#### **Biotechnology Lab**

The Department of MNS has a very well equipped biotechnology lab with excellent facility to do research in plant biotechnology, microbial

biotechnology, pharmaceutical biotechnology and molecular biology at undergraduate and post graduate levels. For establishment of aseptic culture the lab has vertical laminar air flow, autoclave machine and separate inoculation facility. The media preparation room is equipped with pH meters, fine digital balances, distilled water machines, magnetic stirrer with hot plates, -20 °C freezer along with normal refrigerators and microwave oven. For the growth of microbial cultures there are both static and rotating shakers and incubators while there is a large growth room with photoperiod controller and temperature controller for plant tissue culture. Like any other molecular biology lab, biotechnology laboratory has water bath, vortex mixer, spectrophotometer, centrifuge machine, flame photometer, gel electrophoresis, PCR machine and soxhlet apparatus.

#### **Physics and Applied Physics & Electronics Labs**

For the undergraduate programs in Physics and Applied Physics & Electronics, under the Department of MNS a number of laboratory experiments on different topics of physics and applied physics & electronics have been set up. These labs supplement the theory courses and strengthen students' theoretical concepts. Students of other departments taking related courses can also carry out experiments using these lab facilities in addition to their theory classes.

#### **ENH Writing Lab**

A Writing Lab a student run writing tutorial centre is instituted at the Department of English and Humanities (ENH) for the students of the department. This centre is aimed to help ENH students identify and overcome various writing difficulties through peer review and individualized tutorial sessions by the students of the department. Each tutor has two designated hours per week for the tutoring task that includes providing support at all stages of the writing process. Students can drop by the Writing Lab during available hours or sign up for a specific slot of time with a specific tutor of their preference.

#### **Media Lab**

The media lab provides an opportunity to introduce students to other forms of media reportage apart from the print media. The purpose of having a media lab is that it would help students produce their own printed magazines, journals, short films and also record programs.

#### **Video Conferencing Centre**



BRAC University is the one and only affiliate of World Bank the Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) <http://www.gdln.org> in Bangladesh and has been operating since 2003. This centre is coordinated by the World Bank from Washington D.C. The GDLN is a partnership of over 120 recognized global institutions (affiliates) in over 80 countries that collaborate in the design of customized learning solution for individuals and organizations working in development. Affiliates are as diverse as the Asian Institute of Management, the Ethiopian Civil Service College, the Islamic Development Bank and Pontificia Universidad Catolica of Peru. The centre for GDLN at BRAC University has its own Video Conferencing Centre. This is located at the 18th floor of University Building and is used to conduct live meetings, corporate affairs, seminars, workshop and presentations among people who are geographically apart. Furthermore, it enables virtual tours and participation in global events. Around 40 people can participate at a time.

#### **Architecture Studios**

There are eight architecture studios at BRAC University, each equipped with large drawing tables, worktables, equipments such as rulers, lockers and plenty of space in which to display the final outcomes. Each of these studios can hold up to 20 students at a time.

### BRAC University Cafeteria



The Cafeteria of the university is a spacious and well-lit area that can hold up to 150 students at any given time. It serves a variety of snacks, meals and drinks.

### Indoor Games Room

Adjacent to the cafeteria is the Indoor Games Room, with provisions for playing table tennis, carom and chess, etc.

### Prangan

Prangan, located on the first floor of the University Building, is an open-air garden with a capacity of 100 students. This area includes a snack bar that serves tea, coffee and snacks, a provision for indoor games such as carom and chess and plenty of seats where students can lounge around and enjoy the fresh air.

### Career Services Office (CSO)

The chief mission of the Career Services Office (CSO) at BRAC University is to prepare students for the job market in Bangladesh. CSO will provide a knowledge base in career planning skills and tools. The activities at CSO are partnership-effort oriented; it makes a match between the individual student and the employing organization. CSO provides a variety of programs, workshops, and individual counseling opportunities to help students to develop themselves professionally. The services provided to students are consistent with the institution's mission.

### Teaching Learning Centre (TLC)

The Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) at BRAC University works both with faculty and students to examine attitudes towards teaching and

learning. TLC was introduced in the year 2006 with the mission to build awareness among students, encourage and facilitate a student centered learning environment across the departments of the University.

#### TLC organizes:

- Retreat: two-day workshops for teachers
- Two-day orientation workshops for students that introduce as well as implement the concept of self-rules at the Residential Semester
- Study skill workshops for Residential Semester students
- Individual counseling for students with study problems

In addition, TLC offers support in developing student centered learning courses. Recently, it has helped restructure the Ethics and Culture course that is conducted at the Residential Semester of BRAC University. The course now includes self-reflection essays, discovery of self, Ethics Committees and dramas. Evaluation has shown that students now enjoy, participate and learn much more in the course.

### Center for Languages (CfL)

With a clear focus on creative and forward thinking teaching concepts, the Centre for Languages (CfL) of BRAC University is firmly involved in the field of language teaching where there are diverse learner groups including the regular students of BRAC University. The primary goal of the centre is to assist the students in developing the language skills to be successful in their academic, professional and personal life. CfL does this in individual proficiency based courses, formerly known as modules, by using student centered and creative language teaching techniques. This approach has already been proven not only for eliminating the possibility of having mixed ability classes, where some students flourish and some fail, but also in ensuring excellent interaction between teachers and learners within small classes. In addition to the university classes, CfL also offers a pre-university course for the students who need extra help with their English language skills to be successful university students.

### **Centre for Research on Bangla Language Processing (CRBLP)**

The Centre for Research on Bangla Language Processing (CRBLP) is the only research centre in Bangladesh that is dedicated to software localization. It was established in 2004 with seed funding from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada through its PAN Localization Network (PanL10n) program, and has since secured additional support from the Microsoft Corporation of USA. The CRBLP research team has been working on Bangla Document Authoring, Information Retrieval (Spelling Checker, Search Engine), Optical Character Recognition, Speech Processing (Speech Synthesis, Speech Recognition), Machine Translation, Pronunciation Generator, Morphological Analysis, Parts of Speech Tagging, Computational Syntax, Grammar Checker, Text Categorization, Language Modeling and related research areas. In February of 2009, CRBLP launched the first open source Bangla optical character recognition and Bangla text to speech software packages. Two out of three finalists for BASIS SOFTEXPO 2010 Most Innovative Project award finalists were CRBLP's Text to Speech and OCR, with the Text to Speech software being awarded the Most Innovative Project of the year. With funding from Microsoft, CRBLP localized Microsoft Vista and Office 2010, which may be downloaded for free from Microsoft's website. All of CRBLP's software is released under an open source license. CRBLP student researchers have gone on to graduate programs at the University of Rochester, University of Maryland, University of Texas, University of British Columbia, and other highly ranked programs. Five were awarded the prestigious Erasmus Mundus European Masters scholarship in the last 3 years. Further details are available at the CRBLP website <http://crblp.bracu.ac.bd/>.

### **Economics and Social Sciences Research Cell (ESSRC)**

The Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS) has established a research cell to facilitate research by its faculty and graduate students. The objective of this cell is to create a

supporting environment for research by providing services ranging from basic research and data collection, to the broader issues of problem identification and mentoring by senior faculty. The cell organizes regular seminars and workshops as a means to disseminate research results, and to foster collaboration among the researchers within and beyond the university. The ESS research cell is planning to bring out a journal annually to disseminate original research findings, and to create a database of primary and secondary data.

### **BRACU Journal**

Twelve issues of BRACU Journal were published so far from BRAC University. The journals contained articles relevant to the departments of BRAC University. The contributions came from both within and outside BU.

### **Student Affairs**

BRAC University's mission is to achieve excellence in all round education. The components of all round education, i.e., learning, development and identity formation are interactive and add to each other. The students can experience all of these through participating in co-curricular activities along with regular studies. University's Student Affairs department (SA) provides full support in this respect by supervising activities of student clubs and forums.

### **Clubs and Forum**

The co-curricular arena of the university is quite vibrant and student-oriented. The composition of each club or forum includes teacher/staff advisors and student representatives. Enrolment of members is done during the club fair held each semester. The Director of the Student Affairs supervises the activities with the help of an assistant director and a student affairs officer. A multiuse hall, two eighty-seat lecture halls, cafeteria and a planted semi-outdoor space with technical support are used for seminars, workshops, exhibitions, indoor games, competitions, fairs and cultural activities. The residential campus in Savar provides a play field for outdoor games. The facilities of BRAC throughout the country such as training centers with dormitories, transport and guides are available for tours and other events.

A yearly award system has been introduced for the students with major contributions as well as for the most active club. The SA has currently adopted the 'Ambassador Program', where students good in leadership, time management, collaboration and teamwork are selected from clubs and forums and trained to represent the university.

Annual assessment of the co-curricular activities has been conducted since 2006. University rules have been introduced for participating in the activities without hindering academic performance.

#### Ayesha Abed Library



The Ayesha Abed library (<http://library.bracu.ac.bd>) at BRAC University aims to provide University's learning, teaching and research activities. The library supports the curriculum and research needs of the university through the development, organization and maintenance of on-site collections in multiple locations; access to off-site resources; personalized assistance in the use of library and information resources.

The library houses approximately 25,000 books in its collection and access to over 20,000 e-journals. The library has extended the range and depth of its collection through subscribing to the e-resources via PERI under the Bangladesh INASP PERI consortium program. The library also subscribes to a number of other databases such as JSTOR, eGranary, AGORA, HINARI.

The library has taken several initiatives in the recent years such as Integrated Library System (ILS) using open source software KOHA, Digital Institutional Repository (Dspace), and Discovery

Tool (VuFind). The main objective of these initiatives is to develop our library as a **21st Century world-class Knowledge Resource Centre** and provide innovative services and collections to the teaching, learning and research communities.

To maximize the use of resources the library has established a **'Learning Resource Centre'**. The library has conducted 66 Information literacy classes for 1000 students and faculties in 2009-2010. The main purpose of the sessions is to acquaint students and faculties with the information sources, resources and techniques to retrieve resources as per their needs.

#### Project Implemented During June 2007 February 2010

- *"Digital Institutional Repository using Open Source Software Dspace"*, (April 2007- April 2008),  
<http://dspace.bracu.ac.bd>
- *"Creating an Integrated Library System (ILS) using Open Source Software KOHA"* (March 2009 - February 2010),  
<http://library.bracu.ac.bd>

#### BRAC University Alumni Association

Objective of this association is to promote the interests of BRAC University Alumni network, guide and mentor students and alumni and ensure that BRAC University stays dynamic and constantly updated in response to the changing needs of society.

Our mission is to connect alumni to BRAC University and, provide each other valuable benefits, services and resources and support to the University's mission of teaching, research and service.

The association provides professional and personal enrichment opportunities for alumni and friends through educational, informational and social events. Working closely with the University, the Association informs alumni of the University's events and news provides a forum for continued dialogue with the University.

The association is intended to provide services such as helping students finding jobs, career

advice for freshers, sharing job experiences, building fund-raising support, providing suggestions to change the BRAC University curriculum which will meet the current demands of the market and strengthen BRAC University's outreach.

Any graduate of BRAC University, who has obtained an honorary or regular degree (undergraduate or postgraduate), certificate or diploma from BRAC University, or was formally enrolled at BRAC University as a full-time or part-time student for a period of not less than two semesters or equivalent; as well as all alumni of BRAC University, is considered to be members of the BRAC University Alumni Association. An executive committee consisting of six members carries out the operations of the association. Each executive committee stays in office for one year. To assist the executive committee in their duties, there are several subcommittees, each in charge of different aspects of the organization.

### **Finance and Accounts Department**

Finance and Accounts department receives tuition fees, other fees and donations from students and donors respectively and usually make all types of payments, and prepare and provide various reports to the management such as weekly fund position, monthly central budget variance report, quarterly department-wise budget variance report, annual financial statements, provident fund financial statements, fund management, donors report etc. BRAC University Accounts maintain all the activities like students' enrollment and registration, accounting, payroll, fixed assets management system, cheque management systems, provident fund, income tax, etc. by using modern software. Finance and Accounts Department also provides information and all types of analysis, various reports, etc to the management to assist in the decision-making.

## Faculty and Staff as on December 2009

### School of Engineering & Computer Science

#### Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE)

##### Full Time Faculty

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1.	Dr. Md. Sayeed Salam	Chairperson Professor
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6.	Mr. Nazmus Saquib	Lecturer
7.	Mr Mehedi Zahid Sadi	Lecturer
8.	Ms.Rumana Rahman	Junior Lecturer
9.	Mr.Apurba Saha	Junior Lecturer
10.	Mr. Supriya Shafkat Ahmed	Junior Lecturer
11.	Mr. Radwanul Hasan Siddique	Junior Lecturer
12.	Ms. Fariah Mahzabeen	Junior Lecturer

#### Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE)

##### Full Time Faculty

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5.	Mr. Matin Saad Abdullah	Sr. Lecturer
6.	Ms. Bushra Tawfiq Chowdhury	Sr. Lecturer
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8.	Mr. Sarwar Alam	Lecturer
9.	Mr. Imran Ahmed	Lecturer
10.	Ms. Afroza Sultana	Lecturer
11.	Mr. Farazul H. Bhuiyan	Lecturer
12.	Mr. Ahmedul Kabir	Lecturer
13.	Md. Omar Faruqe	Lecturer
14.	Mr. Annajiat Alim Rasel	Junior Lecturer

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1.	Dr. Md. Shafiqul Islam	Part Time Faculty
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3.	Mr. ASM Zillur Rahman	Part Time Faculty
4.	Professor Dr. Pran Kanai Saha	Part Time Faculty
5.	Mr. Nahid Al Masood	Part Time Faculty
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5.	Mr. Munshi Asadullah	Lab Technical Officer
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7.	Mr. Md. Ahamed Imtiaz	Lab Technical Officer
8.	Mr. Md. Asaduzzaman Al Faruq	Lab Technical Officer
9.	Mr. Md. Abdur Rouf Sarker	Lab Technical Officer
10.	Mr. C.M Iftekhar Hussain	Lab Technical Officer
11.	Mr Md Shah Alam	Lab Technical Officer
12.	Mr Mritunjoy Chandra Saha Roy	Lab Technical Officer
13.	Md Moniruzzaman	Lab Technical Officer
14.	Md.Sabbir Ahmed Sakib	Lab Technical Officer
15.	Khandaker Wasim Reza Tonmoy	Lab Technical Officer

### BRAC Business School (BBS)

##### Full Time Faculty

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1.	Dr. Sanaul Mostafa	Director
2.	Mr. Mahmudul Haq	Assistant Professor
3.	Mr. Zahidul Alam Khandaker	Assistant Professor
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5.	Ms. Afsana Akhter	Senior Lecturer
6.	Mr. Suntu Kumar Ghosh	Senior Lecturer
7.	Mr. Md. Zakir Hossain Sharkar	Senior Lecturer
8.	Mr. Anup Chowdhury	Senior Lecturer
9.	Mr. Mohammad Khaleq Newaz	Senior Lecturer
10.	Ms. Syeda Rownak Afza	Senior Lecturer
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12.	Mr. Shamim Ehsanul Haque	Lecturer
13.	Mr. Probal Dutta	Lecturer
14.	Ms. Syeda Shaharbanu Ahmed	Lecturer
15.	Ms. Somaiya Yunus	Lecturer
16.	Ms Sharmin S. Rahman	Lecturer
17.	Ms. Farhana Nur Malik	Lecturer
18.	Ms. Kohinur Akter	Lecturer
19.	Mr. Dewan Mostafizur Rahman	Lecturer

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Sl	Name	Designation
01.	Professor Mojib U. Ahmed	Director, MBA Program



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5.	Ms. Tahmina Khanam	Part Time Faculty
6.	Mr. Mohammad Abdul Kadir	Part Time Faculty
7.	Mr. K. Shamsuddin Mahmood	Part Time Faculty
8.	Mr. Md Zakir Hossain Sharker	Part Time Faculty
9.	Mr. Suntu Kumar Ghosh	Part Time Faculty
10.	Ms. Afsana Akhar	Part Time Faculty
11.	Mr. Anup Chowdhury	Part Time Faculty
12.	Ms. Syeda Shaherbanu Ahmed	Part Time Faculty
13.	Mr. Khaleq Newaz	Part Time Faculty
14.	Professoor Mojib Ahmed	Part Time Faculty
15.	Professor Kh. Bazlul Hoque	Part Time Faculty
16.	Mr. Abu Hena Reza Hasan	Part Time Faculty
17.	Dr. Abdus Sattar	Part Time Faculty
18.	Dr. Mahfuz Ashraf	Part Time Faculty
19.	Mr. Anup Chowdhury	Part Time Faculty
20.	Professor Santi Narayan Ghosh	Part Time Faculty
21.	Professor Dr. Toufic Ahmad Choudhury	Part Time Faculty
22.	Professor Dr. Jahangir Alam	Part Time Faculty
23.	Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Aminul Karim Phd	Part Time Faculty
24.	Mr. Dominic Savio Vincent Bennett	Part Time Faculty
25.	Professor Dr. Mubina Khondkar	Part Time Faculty
26.	Professor Mehboobur Rehman	Part Time Faculty
27.	Mr. Ali Ahammed Mozumder	Part Time Faculty
28.	Professor Syed Monjurul Islam	Part Time Faculty
29.	Professor Mohiuddin	Part Time Faculty
30.	Professor Dr. Sirajul Islam	Part Time Faculty

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4.	Ms. Asifa Sultana	Lecturer
5.	Ms Roohi Huda	Lecturer
6.	Ms Tamanna Mostafa	Lecturer

**Part Time Faculty**

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**Course Contract**

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3.	Mr. Mohammad Golam Saklayen Saqui	Part Time Faculty
4.	Dr. Ahmed A Jamal	Part Time Faculty
5.	Professor Anisuzzaman	Part Time Faculty
6.	Mr. Farid Ahmed	Part Time Faculty
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9.	Ms. Liza Reshmin	Lecturer
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11.	Ms. Farrah Jabeen	Lecturer
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13.	Ms. Tahreen Ahmed	Lecturer
14.	Mr. Mohammad Aminul Islam	Lecturer
15.	Ms. Tahmina Anwar	Lecturer
16.	Ms. Sadia Nasrin Banerjee	Lecturer
17.	Ms. Suma Saha	Lecturer
18.	Ms. Nipa Nasrin	Lecturer
19.	Md. Rejaul Karim	Lecturer
20.	Mr. Kazi Sarmad Karim	Lecturer
21.	Ms. Sadra N. Siddiky	Lecturer
22.	Ms. Shaheen Ara	Lecturer
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24.	Ms. Antara Ahmed Chowdhury	Jr. Lecturer
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26.	Mr. Abdur Rahim	Chinese Language Faculty
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2.	Mr. Khurum Malik	Lecturer
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4.	Ms. Sharlene Nisha Alam	Junior Lecturer
5.	Ms. Roxana Ahmed Chowdhury	Lecturer
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2.	Mr. Quazi Mosiur Rahman	Teaching Assistant

**Department of Mathematics & Natural Sciences (MNS)****Full Time Faculty**

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8.	Md Jakir Hossen	Lecturer
9.	Mr. Mahabobe Shobahani	Lecturer
10.	Ms. Hasibun Naher	Lecturer
11.	Mr. Al Amin Kabir	Lecturer
12.	Ms. Lopamudra Chakravarty	Lecturer
13.	Mr. Kh. Md. Mahmudul Hasan	Lecturer

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4.	Professor Dr. Amin Hasan Kazi	Part Time Faculty
5.	Mr. Khorshed Ahmed Talukder	Part Time Faculty
6.	Professor Md. Anwar Hossain	Course Contract
7.	Professor Dr. Firdausi Qadri	Part Time Faculty
8.	Professor Dr. Md. Abul Hashem	Part Time Faculty
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4.	Dr. Minhaj Uddin Mahmud	Associate Professor
5.	Dr. Wasiqur Rahman Khan	Assistant Professor
6.	Dr. Shahidur Rahman	Assistant Professor
7.	Dr. Farzana Munshi	Assistant Professor
8.	Mr. Mohammad Jahangir Alam	Senior Lecturer
9.	Mr. Md. Abdul Wohab	Senior Lecturer
10.	Ms. Mahbuba Naznin Sani	Lecturer
11.	Mr. Naim Uddin H. A. Chowdhury	Lecturer
12.	Ms. Fahmida Saadia Rahman	Lecturer
13.	Mr. Iftekharul Haque	Lecturer
14.	Ms. Takrima Sayeda	Lecturer
15.	Ms. Meheri Tamanna	Lecturer
16.	Mr. Haydory Akbar Ahmed	Sr. Research Associate
17.	Ms. Nirvana Mujtaba	Lecturer
18.	Ms. Sarah Salahuddin	Lecturer
19.	Ms. Lutfun Nahar Lata	Lecturer
20.	Mr Fahim Subhan Chowdhury	Research Associate

**Course Contract**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Professor Dr. Nurul Huda Abul Monsur	Part Time Faculty
2.	Professor Dr. Profulla C. Sarkar	Part Time Faculty
3.	Professor Dr. M. Emdadul Haq	Part Time Faculty
4.	Professor Shamin F. Karim	Part Time Faculty

**Department of Architecture****Full Time**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Fuad Hassan Mallick	Chairperson (Professor)
2.	Dr. Zainab F. Ali	Professor & Director Student Affairs
3.	Ms. Sheikh Rubaiya Sultana	Sr. Lecturer
4.	Ms. Huraera Jabeen	Sr. Lecturer
5.	Mr. Khondaker Hasibul Kabir	Sr. Lecturer
6.	Mr. Abu Muhammad Rahat Mujib Niaz	Lecturer
7.	Mr. Muhammad Nafisur Rahman	Lecturer
8.	Mr. Md. Shajjad Hossain	Lecturer
9.	Md Shafiqul Alam	Lecturer-II
10.	Mr. Sajid- bin- Doza	Sr. Lecturer

**Part Time Faculty**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Shams Mansoor Ghani	Lecturer

**Course Contract**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Atiqur Rahman	Part Time Faculty
2.	Mr. Mustafa Hasan Shamim	Part Time Faculty
3.	Dr. Mahbub Alam	Part Time Faculty
4.	Dr. Mohammad Zakiul Islam	Part Time Faculty
5.	Mr. Quzi Muhammad Arif	Part Time Faculty
6.	Mr. Kazi Golam Nasir	Part Time Faculty
7.	Mr. Mustasim M. Khan	Part Time Faculty
8.	Ms. Nesfun Nahar	Part Time Faculty
9.	Mr. S. A. Chowdhury	Part Time Faculty
10.	Mr. Shah Alam Talukder	Part Time Faculty
11.	Mr. Kazi Farhed Iqubal	Part Time Faculty
12.	Mr. Mr. Md. Shahnewaz	Part Time Faculty
13.	Mr. Muzibur Rahman	Part Time Faculty
14.	Mr. Hasibush Shaheed	Part Time Faculty
15.	Mr. B. K. S. Inan	Part Time Faculty
16.	Mr. Hamiduzzaman Khan	Part Time Faculty
17.	Mr. Sk. Afzal Hossain	Part Time Faculty
18.	Mr. Naquib Hossain	Part Time Faculty
19.	Mr. Shakil Mahmud	Part Time Faculty
20.	Mr Naim Ahmed Kibria	Part Time Faculty
21.	Ms. Suchi Karim	

**PPDM Faculties**

1.	Dr. S. I. Khan	Part Time Faculty
2.	Mr. M Aminur Rahman	Lecturer
3.	Ms Tahmina Rahaman	Research Asst.
4.	Dr. Ainun Nishat	Part Time Faculty
5.	Dr. Ishrat Islam	Part Time Faculty
6.	Dr. Md. Rezaur Rahman	Part Time Faculty
7.	Mr. Khondker Neaz Rahman	Part Time Faculty

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1.	Ms Tanjina Khan	TA
2.	Ms Rabeya Rahman	TA
3.	Mr. Samiur Rahman Tushar	TA

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Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. K. Shamsuddin Mahmood	Head, Under Graduate Program, Law
2.	Dr. Saira R Khan	Assistant Professor
3.	Ms. Tureen Afroz	Assistant Professor
4.	Mr. Mahmudul Karim	Lecturer
5.	Ms. Romin Tamanna	Junior Lecturer

**Part Time**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Shahdeen Malik	Director, School of Law

**Course Contract**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Tawhidul Islam	Part Time Faculty
2.	Mr. Moinul Kabir (Asst. Prof.)	Part Time Faculty

**Teaching Assistant**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Ms. Munira Jahan Sumi	Teaching Assistant

**BRAC Development Institute (BDI)**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Professor Syed M Hashemi	Director, BDI
2.	Dr. Ferdous Jahan	Academic Coordinator
3.	Mr. Khondoker Shakhawat Ali	Communications Coordinator
4.	Ms. Syeda Jaferi Hussain	Communication Associate
5.	Ms. Suborna Jasmin	Assistant Director
6.	Ms. Samia Haq	Senior Research Associate

**Course Contract**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Professor Tofail Ahmed	Part Time Faculty
2.	Dr. Sohela Nazneen	Part Time Faculty
3.	Mr. Manash Mitra	Part Time Faculty
4.	Dr. Mirza M. Hasan	Part Time Faculty

**Institute of Educational Development (IED)**

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1.	Erum Mariam	Director
2.	Dr. Manzoor Ahmed	Senior Adviser
3.	Kaniz Fatema	Education Adviser
4.	Dr. Sudhir Chandra Sarker	Programme Coordinator
5.	Mary Monica Gomes	Associate Professor
6.	Mohammad Zia-Us-Sabur	Senior Research Associate
8.	Trishna Sagar	Lecturer
9.	Laila Farhana Apnan Banu	Lecturer
10.	Kazi Sameeo Sheesh	Lecturer
11.	Dilruba Sultana	Lecturer
12.	Mr. Rino Wiseman Adhikary	Lecturer
13.	Sumera Ahsan	Lecturer
14.	Fahmida Naznin	Education Specialist
15.	Mahmuda Akhter	Head of ECDRC
16.	Dr. Nishat Fatima Rahman	Assistant Professor
17.	Md. Altaf Hossain	Research Fellow-I
18.	Shaheen Akter	Senior Research Associate
19.	Vibekananda Howlader	Sr. M.D. Specialist
20.	Md. Kabir Tafiqul Islam	Senior Manager
21.	Jamil Ahmed	Head of Programs
22.	Ratna Guha	Field Facilitator
23.	Basabi Maksud	Senior Sector Specialist
24.	Spencer Tapu Mitra	Senior Accounts Officer
25.	Foujia Nahid	Librarian
26.	Dipankar Kumar Chowdhury	IT Support Officer School of Public Health

**School of Public Health (SPH)****Full Time Faculty**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Alejandro Cravioto	Acting Dean
1.	Dr. Anwar Islam	Director
3.	Dr. Sabina F Rashid	Associate Professor
4.	Mr. Shafiun Nahin Shimul	Lecturer
5.	Ms. Nasima Selim	Lecturer
6.	Dr. Farah Mahjabeen	Sr. Lecturer
7.	Dr. Golam Enamul Hasib Chowdhury	Research Associate
9	Dr.Dina Siddiqi	Visiting Faculty

**Adjunct Faculty**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Alejandro Cravioto	Acting Dean
2.	Mr. Steve Luby	Adjunct Professor
3.	Dr. Tahmeed Ahmed	Adjunct Professor
4.	Dr. Shams El- Arefeen	Adjunct Professor
5.	Mr. Tracey Koehlmoos	Adjunct Professor
6.	Mr. Mizanur Rahman	Adjunct Lecturer
7.	Mr. Aftab Uddin	Adjunct Faculty
8.	Dr. Abbas Bhuiyan	Adjunct Professor

**Institute of Governance Studies (IGS)****Full Time Faculty****MAGD**

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Manzoor Hasan	Director
2.	Dr. Rizwan Khair	Academic Coordinator
3.	Professor Dr. M. Emdadul Haq	Professor
4.	Mr. Mohammad Sirajul Islam	Research Assistant
5.	Mr. Mohammad Kamrul Hasan Bhuiyan	Program Assistant (Finance)
6.	Ms Farhana Ahmad	Sr.Project manager
7.	Mr. Khorshed Alom	Asst. DCO
8.	Mr.Mohammad Jahirul Quayum	Sr. Prog.Manager
9.	Dr. Elvira Graner	Research Fellow

**Project & Research****IGS****UNCAC (GAP 2), UNDP Project**

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1.	Ms. Rita Rehma	Part Time Logistics Supervisor
2.	Mr. Berelin Sangma	Office Assistant
3.	Ms Fatema Samina Yasmin	Research Assistant
4.	Mr. Saiful Bhuiyan	Project Associate

**Annual State of Governance,SOG 2008**

Sl.	Name	Designation
1.	Ms. Tamina M. Chowdhury	Research Associate
2.	Mr. Harun-Or-Rashid	Research Assistant

3.	Mr. Mohammad Atique Rahman	Research Assistant
4.	Ms. Syeda Salina Aziz	Research Associate
5.	Ms . Nasrin Akter	Front Desk Officer
6.	Ms Nafisa Hussain	Executive Officer
7.	Ms. Rita Rehma	Part Time Logistics Supervisor
8.	Mr. Ashikur Rahman	Part Time Research Associate

**Bangladesh Health Watch Report 2008, IGS**

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1.	Ms. Nermeen Shams	Research Associate

**Centre for Social Accountability ANSA**

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1.	Ms Munyema Hasan	Research Associate
2.	Ms. Nuzhat Jabin	Project Associate
3.	Mr. Nahid Waliul	Programme Officer (Administration)

**Sustainability of GovernanceReform Project(UNDP)**

Sl.	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Ekram Hossain	Project Officer
2.	Mr. Narayan Chandra Das	Programme Assistant (Finance)
3.	Mr. Chandan Bikash Nath	IT Officer

**Centre for Journalism DAI Project ( CIJ,JATRIGrant)**

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1.	Mr. Jamil Ibrahim Ahmed	Head of Programs
2.	Mr. A.N.M Golam Kabria	Senior Manager Training
3.	Mr. Manzur Elahi	Senior Manager Research and Information Management
4.	Mr.Ashique Mahmood Adnan	MIS Specialist
5.	Ms. Sharmin Khanom	Office Manager
6.	Ms. Nyma Nargis	Sr.Trainer
7.	Ms. Neelofer Shabnum	Assistant Office Manager
8.	Mr. Sumit Roy	IT Officer
9.	Mr. Prodip Kumar Sen	Manager (Finance & Administration)
10.	Mr. Muhammad Zahidul Islam	Research Associate
11.	Mr. Abdullah Al Mamun	Trainer
12.	Mr. Abdul Quayyum	Information & Pub.Manager
13.	Khan Md. Rabiul Alam	Trainer
14.	Farhana Islam	Sr.Trainer

**Institutions of Accountability**

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**CSE****Pan Localization:**

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1. Mr. Kamrul Hayder	Linguistic Consultant
2. Mr. Matin Saad Abdullah	Research Programmer
3. Mr. Firoj Alam	Research Programmer
4. Mr. S.M. Murtoza Habib	Research Programmer
5. Dr. Mumit Khan	Team Leader
6. Mr. Kamrul Hayder	Project Staff

**CRBLP:**

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1. Ms. Urmi Lohani	Research Officer
2. Ms. Farhana Faruqe	Research Programmer
3. Ms. Dil Afroza Sultana	Associate Researcher

**CISCO**

Sl. Name	Designation
1. Ms. Sadia Kazi	Main Legal Contact

**BDI (PROJECT)****Citizenship Project**

Sl. Name	Designation
1. Mr. Saiful Islam	Field Coordinator
2. Ms. Lopita Huq	Research Fellow
3. Ms. Kobita Chowdhury	Research Associate
4. Ms. Simeen Mahmud	Consultant

**Pathways of Women's Empowerment**

Sl. Name	Designation
1. Ms. Simeen Mahmud	Consultant
2. Ms. Maheen Sultan	Course Coordinator
3. Ms. Samia Afroz Rahim	Research Assistant
4. Ms. Sahida Islam Khondoker	Research Assistant cum Administrator
6. Ms. Aanmona Priyadarshini	Research Assistant
7. Dr. Sohela Nazneen	Research Fellow
8. Mr. Md Saiful Islam	Office Assistant
9. Ms. Samsun Noor	Research Assistant
10. Mr. Mohammed Kamruzzaman	Research Asst
11. Ms. Nadezda Fatema	Research Assistant
12. Prof. Firdous Azim	Lead Researcher
13. Mr. Iqbal Ehsan	Research Asstt.
14. Ms. Kabita Chakma	Research Asst.

**Local Governance**

Sl. Name	Designation
1. Mr. Muhammad Nabil Zuberi	Jr. Research Associate
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3. Mr. Md. Zillur Rahman	Research Assistant
4. Mr. Tarikul Alam Sharif	Research Assistant

5. Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman	Research Assistant
6. Mr. Mostafizur Rahman	Research Assistant
7. Mr. Md. Bayazid Hasan	Research Assistant
8. Ms. Sakiba Tasneem	Research Associate
9. Mr. Omar Faruque Siddiki	Staff Researcher
10. Mr. Mamun ur-Rashid	Research Associate
11. Ms. Ashna Chowdhury	Research Assistant
12. Ms. Ferdous Afrina Osman	Asst. Prof.
13. Shameem Reza Khan	Research Assistant

**Ethnographic Studies on BRAC's Ultra-Poor Program (Social Protection)**

Sl. Name	Designation
1. Prof. Farzana Islam	Research Advisors
2. Ms. Shamema Nasrin	Research Assistant
3. Ms. Mohammad Jakiul Huda	Research Assistant
4. Ms. Farzana Aksha Zohora	Research Assistant
5. Ms. Afnaan Ahmed	Research Associate
6. Ms. Yaspia Salema	Research Assistant
7. Mr. Mohammad Wahid Sarker	Research Assistant
8. Ms. Wamiq Umaira	Research Assistant

**Domestic Violence**

Sl. Name	Designation
1. Mr. Mohammad Hossain	Junior Field Researcher
2. Ms. Khurshida Begum	Senior Field Researcher
3. Ms. Shefali Akter	Senior Field Researcher
4. Mohammad Nasir Uddin	Senior Research Associate

**Mgt of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation (MLARR)**

Sl. Name	Designation
1. Ms. Shaila Yasmin	Research assistant

**Freedom Movements & Economic Struggles**

Sl. Name	Designation
1. Mr. Gazi Md Mizanur Rahman	Research assistant
2. Mr. S.M Tanveer Ahmed	Research assistant
3. Mr. M.M Azizul Islam Rasel	Research assistant
4. Ms. Chand Sultana Kawsar	Research assistant
5. Mr. Mosharof Hossain	Research assistant

**Urban Poverty**

Sl. Name	Designation
1. Ms. Shahana Siddiqui	Research Associate
2. Rohini Kamal	Research Assistant

**SPH****COMODIS TB Project**

Sl. Name	Designation
1. Dr. Shahaduz Zaman	Principal Investigator
2. Mr. Taufiq Joarder	Research Associate
3. Mr. Muhammad Romel Haider	Research Assistant

**Releasing Rights Project**

Sl. Name	Designation
1. Dr. Sabina F Rashid	Coordinator
2. Ms. Shahanoor Akter Chowdhury	Sr. Research Associate
3. Mr. Feroz Ahmed	Project Support Staff
4. Ms. Eram y Cooper	Research Project Support Staff
5. Ms. Suborna Camellia	Research Associate
6. Mr. Owasim Akram	Research Associate
7. Dr. Md. Mofijul Islam	Research Associate
8. Mr. Md. Tanvir Hasan	Research Associate .
9. Ms Kazi Priyanka Silmi	Project Support Staff
10. Ms Tisa Muhaddes	Research Support Staff
11. Dr. Dina Siddiqi	Visiting Faculty
12. Ms. Anuradha Hashemi	Research Staff
13. Mr. Mujibul Anam	Research Staff
14. Mr. Md Monowarul Islam	Project Support Staff
15. Mr. Diman Halder	Project Support Staff

**EU Asia Link Project**

Sl Name	Designation
1. Mr. Nakib Rajib Ahmed	Project Coordinator

**National Food Security Nutritional Surveillance**

Sl Name	Designation
1. Dr. Profulla C. Sarker	Sr. Policy/ Advocacy Advisor
2. Dr. Rezaul Karim	Technical Advisor
3. Ms Upama Chakrabarty	Research Assistant
4. Md Saiful Islam Sarker	Research Associate
5. Md Mizanur Rahman	Field Manager
6. Mr. Showkat Ghani	Analysis And Reporting Officer
7. Asif Mohammad Kasem	Research Associate

**GFATM:**

Sl Name	Designation
1. Mr. Md. Salim Khan	Programme Implementation Specialist
2. Mr. K.M.Zahiduzzaman	Programme Support Staff
3. Mr. Mahfuzur Rahman	Programme Support Staff
4. Ms. Tahmina Sultana	Programme Support Staff
5. Mr. Md Kamrul Hasan	Programme Support Staff

**DICA Project: UNICEF Funded**

Sl Name	Designation
1. Ms. Nuzhat Chowdhury	Research Associate
2. Mr.Akteruzzaman	Research Assistant
3. Ms. Fatema Khan Basu	Research Assistant
4. Mr. Julkarnayeen	Research Assistant
5. Ms Tahmina Akter	Office Asstt.
6. Mr. Sohel Rana	Research Assistant

**ARC****Disaster Management**

Sl Name	Designation
1. Dr. Fuad Hassan Mallick	Director

**ESS****Post Graduate Diploma in Macroeconomic Analysis**

Sl Name	Designation
1 Syeda Samia Ali	Program Asstt. Management & Admin

**Management & Admin**

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1. Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury	Vice Chancellor
2. Prf. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir	Pro- Vice Chancellor
3. Mr. Sukhendra Kumar Sarkar	Treasurer
4. Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury	Registrar
5. Mr. Mohammad Jahangir Alam	Asst. Director
6. Ms. Iris Pervin	Assistant Registrar
7. Mr. Md Arifuzzaman	Senior Registration and Program Officer
8. Ms Nazmus Sabeka	Assistant Registrar, Examination & Transcript
9. Ms Shadia Alam	Examination & Transcript Officer
10. Mr. Mohammad Shamim Azad	Admission and Registration Officer
11. Mr. Abdul Moghni Chowdhury	Procurement Manager
12. Mr. Md Mahub Alam	Procurement Officer
13. Ms. Rofequnnesa Amin	Secretary To VC
14. Mr. Obaidullah Al Zakir	Assistant Director, PR
15. Md Khairul Hasan	Executive Asstt.&PLO
16. Ms. Shamsun Nahar	Assistant Director,
17. Mr. Saiduzzaman Shikder	Admin Officer
18. Ms Zinia Khanam	Jr.Student Counselor
19. Ms. Rosy Sharif	Senior H R Officer
20. Ms Momena Begum	H R Officer
21. Tanvia Ifrat	HR Assistant
22. Ms. Nurunnahar	HR Assistant
23. Ms. Sabrina Shahidullah	In-charge, Career Services Office
24. Mr Ziaul Haq	Career Services Officer
25. Mr. Md. Shorab Hossain	Asstt.Admin Officer
26. Mr. Monojit Kumar Ojha	Accountant
27. Mr. Azharul Islam Bhuiyan	Sr. Accounts Officer
28. Mr. Amdadul Islam	Sr.Accounts Officer
29. Mr. Sumon Chandra Das	Accounts Officer
30. Md. Golam Kibria	Accounts Officer
31. Mr. Md Humayun Bashar	Accounts Officer
32. Mr. Mohammad Khorshed Alam	Accounts Officer
33. Ms. Nusrat Zahan	Junior Accounts Officer
34. Mr. Subrota Samadder	Daily Basis, Accounts

35. Dr Afroza Jesmin	Medical Officer
36. Ms. Mahbuba Naznin Sani	Sr.Counselor
37. Mr. Nurul Islam	Sr. Admin Officer
38. Mr. Sk. Tareq Hossain	Maintenance/Admin Officer
39. Mr. Md. Akterujjaman	Admin Officer
40. Mr. Md. Shahidul Islam	Admin Officer
41. Mr. Mohammad Hossain	Senior System Administrator
42. Ms. Fahima Khanam	Senior System Administrator
43. Mr. Aminul Islam	System Administrator
44. Mr. Mohammad Rezaul Islam	System Administrator
45. Mr. Md. Sadat Mursalin Chowdhury	Asst. System Administrator
46. Mr. Md. Al-Mahmud	Asst. System Administrator
47. Mr. Aurongojeb	Network Support Engineer
48. Mr. Muhammad Shahjahan	Campus Supervisor
49. Ms. Israt Sultana	Telephone Operator
50. Mr. Md Lutfor Rahman	DCO (Architecture)
51. Mr. Mostak Ahmed	DCO (BBS)
52. Mr. Jabed Rasel	DCO (BBS)
53. Ms. Effat Jahan Mila	DCO (CSE)
54. Ms. Nurunnesa Sabera	DCO (EI-Pro)
55. Ms. Afruza Begum	ADCO (EI-Pro)-
56. Mr. Rayhanul Haque	DCO (SOL)
57. Mr. Satyajit Modak	DCO (MBA)
58. Ms. Sadeka Banu	DCO (BDI)
59. Mr. Afzal Aftab	IT Officer
60. Mr. Mrityunjoy Das	Academic & Administrative Officer (MPH)
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62. Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman	SAO (Student Affairs)
63. Mr. Theophil Nokrek	DCO (ESS)

64. Mr. Shahin Shaikh	DCO (MNS)
65. Mr. Md Nazmul Hossain Bhuian	DCO (ENH)

### Residential Campus

Sl	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Md. Mahfuzul Bari Chowdhury	Campus Superintendent
2.	Mr. Biplab Kumar Halder	Lecturer cum House Tutor
3.	Mr. Ahammad Ullah	Lecturer cum House Tutor
4.	Ms. Anjuman Ara	Counselor
5.	Mr. Faruk Hossain	Admin Officer (Coordination-RS)
6.	Ms. Umme Salma Akhtar	House Tutor
7.	Ms. Robaet Nusrat Jahan	House Tutor
8.	Mr. Rehan Ahmed	Dorm Supervisor
9.	Ms Alo Clara Gomes (Ratna)	Resident Nurse
10.	Mr. Halal Rabbani	Assistant Librarian
11.	Mr. Jasim Uddin Bhuiyan	House Tutor
12.	Mr. Kamal Pasha	House Tutor
13.	Mr. Bikash kumar Biswas	House Tutor

### Ayesha Abed Library

Si.	Name	Designation
1.	Ms. Hasina Afroz	Deputy Librarian
2.	Ms. Nasima Begum	Senior Asst. Librarian
3.	Mr. Kh. Ali Murtoza	Senior Asst. Librarian
4.	Mr. Ahmed Parvez	Asst. Librarian
5.	Mr Asim Dio	Junior Asst. Librarian
6.	Ms Sajia Sultana	Junior Asst. Librarian

### Library Project Staff

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1.	Ms Zinat Ara	Project Staff
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### **Auditor's Report To the Board of Governors of BRAC University**

We have audited the accompanying Balance Sheet of BRAC University as of 30 June 2009 and the related Statement of Income & Expenditure and Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the BRAC University's management. Our responsibility is to express an independent opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Bangladesh Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of BRAC University as of 30 June 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Bangladesh Accounting Standards and comply with the applicable laws and regulations.

Dated, Dhaka,  
2 October 2009

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ACNABIN  
Chartered Accountants







BRAC University  
Balance Sheet  
As of 30 June 2009

	Notes	30 June 2009 Taka	30 June 2008 Taka
<b>Assets</b>			
Property and equipment	3	66,053,699	48,159,047
<u>Current assets</u>			
Receivables	4	30,459,540	10,735,551
Advances, deposits and prepayments	5	17,604,105	11,821,879
Fixed deposits	6	280,924,766	191,680,701
Cash and bank balances	7	87,133,857	5,875,782
Total current assets		416,122,268	220,113,913
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>482,175,967</b>	<b>268,272,960</b>
<b>Fund and liabilities</b>			
<u>Fund</u>			
Scholarship endowment fund	8	54,323,453	53,930,805
Reserve fund	9	50,000,000	50,000,000
Deferred income	10	10,362,262	6,144,906
Grant received in advance	11	176,307,970	24,204,261
Gratuity fund	12	11,728,501	9,295,621
Other funds and liabilities	13	37,841,255	12,840,121
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure	14	35,494,575	(7,841,095)
Total fund		376,058,016	148,574,619
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Tuition fees received in advance	15	59,431,765	49,840,421
Outstanding liabilities	16	35,848,179	22,422,350
Provision for taxation	17	10,838,007	3,470,536
Bank overdraft		-	43,965,034
Total liabilities		106,117,951	119,698,341
<b>Total fund and liabilities</b>		<b>482,175,967</b>	<b>268,272,960</b>

The annexed notes form an integral part of these accounts.

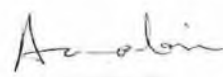
  
Treasurer

  
Member of Governing Board

  
President of Governing Board

As per our annexed report of the even date.

Dated, Dhaka  
2 October 2009

  
ACNABIN  
Chartered Accountants




BRAC University  
Income and Expenditure Statement  
For the year ended 30 June 2009


	Notes	12 months ended 30 June 2009 Taka	6 months ended 30 June 2008 Taka
<b>Income</b>			
Revenue	18	374,048,258	164,938,052
Interest income	19	14,303,088	3,443,863
Income from BRAC Ford Scholarship fund		4,045,994	1,616,091
Gain on disposal of property and equipment		352,423	147,000
Donor grants	20	79,590,764	19,591,196
<b>Total income</b>		<b><u>472,340,527</u></b>	<b><u>189,736,202</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries and benefits	21	166,126,041	84,455,290
Traveling and transportation		17,818,733	6,531,094
Student affairs expenses	22	1,554,139	687,918
Repairs and maintenance	23	20,231,534	8,231,060
General expenses	24	31,327,748	11,835,970
Rent and utilities	25	66,440,499	28,050,831
Food and accommodation for residential students		27,803,722	6,244,614
Scholarship to students	26	32,256,117	15,685,853
Honorarium		674,545	285,798
Seminar, conference and workshop	27	13,265,366	1,263,708
Publicity and advertisement		4,779,936	1,496,238
Journals and Periodicals		868,374	551,990
Consultancy fees		4,138,418	2,713,168
Audit fees		200,000	136,300
Faculty and staff development and training		3,887,468	370,592
Co-curricular activities of students	28	5,510,713	1,850,683
Convocation		4,605,335	-
Depreciation on property and equipment		19,868,698	8,027,406
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b><u>421,357,386</u></b>	<b><u>178,418,513</u></b>
Surplus of income over expenditure		50,983,141	11,317,689
Provision for taxation		7,647,471	1,697,653
<b>Net Surplus of income over expenditure</b>		<b><u>43,335,670</u></b>	<b><u>9,620,036</u></b>

The annexed notes form an integral part of these Statements.

 Treasurer  
 Member of Governing Board

 President of Governing Board

As per our annexed report of the even date.

  
 ACNABIN  
 Chartered Accountants

Dated, Dhaka  
2 October 2009

