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Seminar on 'Anti Smoking and Drug Abuse' held at BRAC University

B RAC University organised a seminar on 'Anti smoking and anti Drug' in collaboration with MONON, MANAS and BUET at the indoor games room of the university. State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Captain (retd) Dr Mujibor Rahman Farik was present as the chief guest in the seminar. Professor Dr. Arup Ratan Chowdhury, founder director of MANASH presented a keynote speech in the seminar with acting Vice Chancellor of BRAC University Professor Golam Samadani Farik in the chair.

Dr Mujibor Rahman Farik said that our anti smoking and anti drug campaigns should start from each family. He expressed his fear that now a days many bright people like doctors use drugs so we all need to be concerned about this issue. It cannot be stopped by law only; we have to be socially aware and make a social movement all together. He put forward a message that said, "No more nicotine, take raw tea". He also added that the present government should give emphasis on stopping drug abuse.

Professor Dr. Arup Ratan Chowdhary talked about the physiological effect of smoking on our body. He also added that drug addiction starts from smoking and explains how smoking as well as drug have harmful impact on our body mechanism and we become dependent on it. He provided some statistics on how many people suffer or die every year due to smoking related complications or diseases. He made us aware that not only smokers but non-smokers also get affected equally. Now a days not only men but women also smoke and take various types of drugs. He pointed out some reasons for smoking, such as curiosity, peer pressure, uncomfortable feelings and watching favourite celebrities smoking in movies. He said that for all kinds of addiction three major components are responsible: psychological, physiological and social. He insisted all to "SAV NO TO DRUGS".

IEEE Life Fellow at BRAC University

O n Sunday, 7 March 2010, IEEE Life Fellow from Memorial University, Canada, Professor M. A. Rahman paid a visit to BRAC University, to discuss about IPM Technology. In collaboration with IEEE Bangladesh Section and IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES) Bangladesh Chapter, IEEE BRAC University Student Branch organized this seminar. The purpose of this event was to provide the students from various universities in Bangladesh a unique experience to interact with one of the most influential Bangladeshis from this field. Prof. M. A. Rahman is currently a Professor and a University Research Professor. He has 48 years of teaching experience, including ten years of full-time concurrent industrial, utility, and consulting experiences, as well as exemplary experience in the field of engineering and technology.

Prof. Rahman is the recipient of numerous awards, including the GE Centennial Invention Disclosure Award in 1978, the IEEE Notable Service Award for contributions to IEEE and Engineering Professions in 1987, the IEEE Industry Applications Society's Outstanding Achievement Award in 1992, the Professional Engineers of Newfoundland Merit Award, the IEEE Canada Outstanding Engineering Educator's Medal, the IEEE Third Millennium Medal 2000, the IEEE Cyril Veinott Electromechanical Energy Conversion Award, the IEEE William E. Newell Power Electronics Award, the Khwarizmi International Award, IEEE Eugene Mittelmann Achievement Award, the IEEE Richard Kaufmann Technical Field Award and many more prestigious awards. He is also the first Canadian to receive the highest achievement awards from four major IEEE societies.

In this seminar on 'Advances of IPM Technology for Compressor Drives in Air-conditioners', Prof. Rahman discussed about his pioneering work on IPM technology that is related to today's development of Hybrid cars like Toyota Prius. Information provided in the seminar along with the personal story revealed by Prof M. A. Rahman was inspiring for the participating young engineers who are trying to reach higher goals in the field of science, engineering and technology.