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Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed presents Bangladesh to students at Peking University, Beijing

At the invitation of the Centre for Economic and Human Development (CHED), Peking University, Beijing, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, BRACU Ex Pro-Vice Chancellor, gave a presentation to about 60 senior undergraduate students of the Peking University. It was a two hour class. Dr. Ahmed spoke on Bangladesh, BRAC, BRACU and Social Entrepreneurship. The presentation was for about 45 minutes and then there was a lively question and answer session. Both Dr. Ahmed and the students enjoyed the session. Two of their professors also attended.

Recently Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed also published a research paper on "Poverty Alleviation Strategies and Development Experiences of Bangladesh". The paper was published by IPRCC-International Poverty Reduction Centre in China. The paper can be viewed in the website of IPRCC (www.iprcc.org). Dr. Ahmed is working as the Chief Technical Advisor of IPRCC since December, 2009.

Architecture Update

Professor Fuad Mallick attends EMMA Kick- Off meeting at AIT, Thailand

Professor Fuad Mallick who is the coordinator for Erasmus Mundus Mobility in Asia (EMMA) for BRAC University participated in the EMMA Kick Off meeting held at the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok from 29 September till 3rd October. BRACU had been a partner in the previous round of EMMA scholarships starting in 2009. It is again a partner for the round of scholarships beginning in fall 2011. There are 9 partner universities for Asia and 6 from Europe. Students and staff from the 9 Asian universities will be avail scholarships and fellowships in the 6 European universities. Applications start in November 2010.

Professor Fuad Mallick attends Japan Taiwan Joint Symposium and Workshop of the Asian University Network for Environment and Disaster Management in Kyoto, Japan

Prof Fuad Mallick attended a one day Japan Taiwan Joint Symposium on Disaster Education and Risk Communication for Climate Change Adaptation at the invitation of Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Kyoto University held on 15 October, 2010. He chaired a session of the papers presented as a part of the Taiwanese experiences in Climate Change adaptations.

Professor Fuad Mallick who Vice President (Education) of the Asian University Network for Environment and Disaster Management attended a one day workshop of the network also held at Kyoto University on 16th October, 2010. The network established in July 2008 has 17 member universities across Asia and 3 international observer organizations.

Faculty attended a training program on "Rain Water Harvesting"

Ar. Rahat M Niaz, lecturer and Ar. Shajjad Hossain, lecturer, Department of Architecture got fellowship and attended a training program on "Rain Water Harvesting" on 24-27 October at BRAC-CDM, Savar. Water Aid Bangladesh, in collaboration with Center for Science and Environment -CSE (INDIA) organized the program. There were twenty five participants from different government departments and other universities.

Study tour: "Explore Ancient North Fall 2010"



Students of 3rd year 2nd semester attended a study tour from October 28 to 30, 2010 named "Explore Ancient North". The tour was the facilitating part for the course of ARC 327: History of Bengal Art & Architecture. The two days long study visit was compiled with intense observation and identification in the Northern part of Bangladesh. 17 students participated in this event. The purpose of the

tour is not only to orient the students with the antiquities but also to address the intelligence of the ancient structures, the contextual phenomenon, analytical discussion, spatial organizations and the sense of proportion and different terminologies of the case study spot. Students were asked to discover the practical measurement of concern antiquities; by this synchronization they are to submit assignment on concern topic. The course was entirely executed on the site with assignment, documentation, lectures and preliminary identification process of historical building. Bogra, Nawgaon, Natore, Rajshahi, Chapai Nawabgonj and Puthia were the study areas. Among them The Varind Track, Pundrabardhan, Choto Sona Mosque, Darasbari mosque, Shah Niamatullah mosque complex at Shibgonj and Puthia Temple complex were the focal points of the site study tour.

Faculty attended a Seminar on Creation and Use of Digital Map and Geospatial Data for Digital Bangladesh

Ar. Shajjad Hossain, lecturer, and Ar. Hasibush Shaheed attended a seminar on "Creation and Use of Digital Map and Geospatial Data for Digital Bangladesh" at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel on October 3, 2010. The seminar was organized by Survey of Bangladesh (SOB) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). It was basically a part and publicity of the ongoing project "Improvement of Digital Mapping System" (IDMS) of SOB. The project started in 2007 and is expected to end in 2016. SOB targets (a) to produce 1:5000 scale digital topographic maps for all divisional cities, (b) to produce 1:25000 scale digital topographic maps and creation of geo-database covering whole Bangladesh, (c) to strengthen the digital map production capability of SOB, (d) to establish a Digital Mapping Center at Dhamalkot, Dhaka.

As a part of the project, SOB with technical assistance from JICA is currently involved in in-house training, Establishment of Geodetic Network and Ground Control Points (GCP), setting up Photogrammetry, Cartography and GIS units and Taking aerial photograph for entire country. In the Seminar, Digital map for Dhaka city was demonstrated where there were several layers of information about the city graphically included in the map.

BBS Update

Second Session of BIZ TALK

The second session of 'BizTalk' has started on 7th October 2010. The objective is to provide ample opportunities to students to practice spoken English. With this initiative BBS responds to suggestions made by teachers and potential employers. Although BizTalk has been initiated by BBS, students from other

departments/institutes/schools are also welcome. BizTalk will be arranged on Tuesdays from 3.30 to 5 PM and be guided by Dr. Ahsan Habib, Assistant Professor, BBS. Students are encouraged to propose topics for discussion. They normally share their main conclusions at the end of each session. BizTalk welcomes speakers from other departments/schools/institutes who want to share their ideas on oral communication. It has plans to invite external experts as well. The motto of the initiative is TALK, TALK and TALK! In

Research Work of BBS Faculty Member

Mr. Anup Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, "Circuit Breakers: Development of Testable Hypothesis" has been published in "Chinese Business Review", Vol.9, No.8, 2010

Students Achievement of BBS

Unilever Business case competition named Bizmaestro was held on October 29, 2010 in lake shore hotel. Teams from Eight Universities IBA (Dhaka University), NSU, BRACU, East West, Faculty of Business Studies (Dhaka University), IUB, BUET Chemical, BUET mechanical participated in the competition. BRAC University team won the 3rd place in the competition out of eight teams. The participants from BRAC University were Shamminaz Polen (BBS), Sabrina Binte Ahmed (BBS), Sadia Nowrin Haq (BBS), Nafis Muntasir(ESS), Muqit-Al-Rahman (BBS).

Proggna Paromita Majumder, a student of BRAC Business School attended information for Climate Actions 1-6 October 2010", organized by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain development (ICIMOD) and the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) together with the GIS Society of Nepal, the Nepalese Youth for Climate Action (NYCA), and other local partners working on youth



capacity building. This initiative is being organized in the framework of SERVIR-Himalaya initiative and is supported by USAID and NASA. Among 750 applications from the Hindu Kush-Himalayas region - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan, only 39 applicants have been accepted for participation in the Forum and Proggna is one of them. The applications were reviewed by an international review committee.

BRAC Business School Student's involvement at Leadership Summit



Bangladesh Brand Forum organized a day long "Leadership Summit" at Radisson Water Garden Hotel on 2nd October, 2010. The theme of the program was "Taking the Quantum Leap: Transforming Corporate Transforming Bangladesh". The speakers of the program were Dr. Ram Charan; Global business Advisor, USA, Dr. Dipak C. Jain; Dean Designate, INSEAD, Dean Emeritus, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Mr. Allen J. Pathmarajah; Executive Chairman of AJP Advisers, and Mr. Rene Carayol; CEO Inspired Leaders Network. Approximately 450 top notch business people of Bangladesh attended the summit. The summit emphasized on the importance of transformation in the business sector of Bangladesh. Dr. Charan stressed the need for entrepreneurial boom in Bangladesh, extensive business management knowledge of the business people, and welcoming FDI for the transformation of the business sector of the country. 10 selected students of BRAC Business School, BRAC University along with few students of other universities volunteered the program and made the program successful with all their efforts. The preeminent part for the volunteers of volunteering the program was that they became a part of the summit and have thoroughly enjoyed the four leaders' presentations. The BRAC University volunteers look forward to employ the leaders' lectures in future and become a part of the great transformation of the Bangladeshi business arena.

BDI Update

"Global Learning from Bangladesh: Adopting the Graduation Model for the South"

Professor Syed M Hashemi , Director, BDI presented at a seminar titled, "Global Learning from Bangladesh: Adopting the Graduation Model for the South" on October 18, 2010. The event was arranged by The Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS).

Professor Syed M Hashemi, Acting Chair of ESS, has worked at CGAP in Washington DC for 9 years before setting up BDI. During this period he focused on identifying pro-poor innovations and disseminating best practice lessons related to poverty outreach and impact. Professor Hashemi is also the team leader for the "CGAP-Ford Foundation Graduation Program", - a global effort to understand how safety nets, livelihoods, and financial services can be sequenced to create pathways for the poorest out of extreme poverty, adapting a methodology developed by BRAC. The Program is being implemented in ten sites

in eight countries. Impact assessments (using randomized control trials) and qualitative research are being implemented in all sites. In his seminar presentation, Professor Hashemi described the lessons from these pilots and how they significantly contribute to our understanding of extreme poverty.

"Social Protection as Development Policy in Asia: The Long-term Perspective"

Dr Syed Hashemi, Director, BDI attended the meeting "Social Protection as Development Policy in Asia: The Long-term Perspective", held in Bangkok from 25-28 October, 2010. The main objective of the meeting was to provide a platform for policy-makers, researchers and international organizations to exchange views, experiences and knowledge on social protection and its role in the development of the countries in the region. At the meeting, Dr Hashemi presented his paper titled "New Pathways for the Poorest: The Graduation Model from BRAC". He also participated in a discussion on "Building Pathways for the Poorest: Operationalising the Concept of Graduation".

The event was jointly organized by Social Protection in Asia Programme (SPA) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), in collaboration with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD).

Short course on 'Financial Services for the Poor'



BRAC Development Institute (BDI) along with Alliance Forum Foundation Japan, conducted a short course on 'Financial Services for the Poor' from 11th October-21st October. The objective of the course is to provide both theoretical and practical ideas of poverty with key focus on finances available to the poor. Classroom lectures along with field experiences make this course a 360 degree insight into issues of poverty and how the poor are coping with them. This was the third batch of this course.

Grounded in the experience of Bangladesh, the course provides a broad global picture of the state of microfinance and targets an international audience. A Total of 11 participants, 9 Japanese and 2 Zambian students, attended the course this time. The group just like the previous sessions, was extremely diverse- officials from Central Bank of Zambia, a lawyer specializing in bankruptcy, an official from JP Morgan, a volunteer from public health organisation and many more.

The certificate distribution ceremony of the course was held at the BRAC Centre auditorium in the city on October 21. Pro Vice Chancellor of BRAC University Professor Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir and Taku Furukawa, Managing Director

of AFF distributed certificates among the participants.

Stories 4 Change Project

Participants of the Creative Writing workshops of the Stories 4 Change project have submitted their stories for the proposed collection of short fiction that is going to be published by BDI. Prominent Bengali writers such as Selina Hossain, Ruby Rahman, Imdadul Haque Milon, Audity Falguni and Sahanaz Munni participated in the creative writing workshops as resource persons; they have been mentoring the younger writers and giving them feedback on their submissions. Prothom Alo published a feature on the project on 14 October, 2010.

Commencement of Stories for Change Project in Pakistan

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between BRAC Development Institute and Simorgh, a Women's Resource and Publication Centre, in Lahore, Pakistan to initiate the Pathways Stories for Change project in Pakistan. Simorgh will conduct creative writing workshops similar to the ones held in Dhaka and draw on the research they conducted in Pakistan on behalf of the Pathways Programme to produce a collection of short fictional stories in Urdu and English. The collection is scheduled to be ready by March 2011.

Empowering Work

The Empowering Work team of the Pathways Programme at BDI have been engaged with the Bangla transcriptions of the qualitative interviews. A total of twenty interviews transcriptions were completed in October. The English translation of the transcriptions has also started. In addition, analysis of the survey/quantitative data is in progress.

Update on Cultural History Research

The Cultural History of Bengali Muslim Women research group of the Pathways Programme have continued their reading sessions analysing texts from archival research materials and other secondary sources from the early 20th century. The lead researchers are writing the first chapter of their proposed book that will attempt to capture the processes of construction of the modern Bengali Muslim woman, and the connections between the formation of this identity and the emergence of a notion of a Bengali nation. Planning of the second phase of the research, which will look into the decades between 1950s-70s, has also begun.

Update on ICT, Gender and Inclusive Citizenship project

The ICTS, Gender and Inclusive Citizenship Project at BDI has been busy in October establishing contacts with their research partners and recruiting Research Assistants for field work. The team held meetings with DNet, the heads of Click Diagnostics Project and BRAC Health Programme to discuss their research and go over the scope and timeframe of their work. Field work is expected to begin next month.

BDI Lecture: "Parallel Realities" by Yasmine Kabir

Internationally acclaimed independent filmmaker Yasmine Kabir screened two films and gave a talk titled "Parallel Realities" on 14 October, 2010. The lecture featured two of her award winning films. A Certain Liberation (Shadhinota) features Gurudasi Mondol, who gave herself up to madness during the Liberation

War of Bangladesh as she watched her entire family being killed by the Rajakars, and who has kept alive the spirit of the Liberation War through her indomitable presence. The Last Rites (Shesh Kritto) is a poetic exploration of the ship-breaking yards near Chittagong and an allegorical portrayal of the agony of hard labour. The screenings were followed by a conversation with the audience.

Ongoing comparative study - "Gender and Citizenship at the Grassroots: Assessing the Effect of NGO Initiatives in Social Mobilization and Political Empowerment in Kenya and Bangladesh"

The Citizenship research team at BDI is currently working to finalize a comparative study titled "Gender and Citizenship at the Grassroots: Assessing the Effect of NGO Initiatives in Social Mobilization and Political Empowerment in Kenya and Bangladesh".

The Deepening Democracy, Building Citizenship and Promoting Participation Research Programme ('Citizenship' in short) is part of a larger research programme undertaken by the Development Research Centre (DRC), Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, UK. Eight countries across three continents, including Bangladesh and Kenya, are involved in this partnership. The Bangladesh research looks at the mobilization and mediation practices of grassroots development organizations as an avenue through which democratic practices are being expanded or intensified through citizenship building at the grassroots level. At the planning stage questionnaires were exchanged with the Kenyan counterparts as they were also researching NGO mobilization in the Kenyan context. This was done purposefully so that a comparative study could be carried out. Simeen Mahmud, Lead Researcher at BDI and Celestine Nyamu Musembi, University of Nairobi is working on this project.

Ongoing work to finalize the documentation of Nagorik Adhikar Mela

The Citizenship team is well on its way to finalizing the event documentation, reflection pieces and event manual for the Nagorik Adhikar Mela, which took place on January 22 - 23, this year.

The two day fair was organized by BDI, in partnership with 57 rights-based grassroots development organizations from all over Bangladesh that actively participated in the entire process. The goal of the event was to make people aware of the conception of true 'citizenship', the rights that it embodies and the activities of various organizations working in the field. Both the goal and the participatory nature of the event made it first of its kind in Bangladesh. Accordingly, BDI felt the need to document the entire process so that it can be replicated in other districts in Bangladesh in the future.

Second phase of the fieldwork for the "Brief study on the responsiveness of local government institutions towards NGOs and NGO-led citizen demands"

During the tenure of the caretaker government in Bangladesh, the Citizenship program set out to examine whether the mobilization and mediation practices of grassroots development organizations were able to build perceptions of citizenship and awareness of rights as citizens among resource poor people of rural Bangladesh. The NGOs claimed that they have had significant success in this regard. As a follow up of that research, the Citizenship team undertook a "Brief study on the responsiveness of local government institutions towards NGOs and NGO-led citizen demands" to look at the issue from a different perspective. The fieldwork for the second phase of the study is currently

underway.

Planning for the fourth issue of the BDI Research Brief

The Citizenship program is currently planning the publication of its fourth research brief. The publication will focus on different strategies used by various NGOs in mobilizing people. The last BDI Research Brief, titled "Seeking Like A Citizen: Voice of the People" was published in April, this year.

Baseline surveys in 10 urban slums

The Urban Poverty research cell at BDI has completed the situation analysis of five Urban Slums and will be conducting a baseline survey in ten slums in five districts - Rajshahi, Faridpur, Khulna, Mymensingh and Kishoreganj, from 2 - 16 November. A total of 2100 households will come under this survey. This work is part of the pilot initiative taken by the Urban Poverty cell to implement selected interventions aimed at a comprehensive, multi-sector upgrade of urban slums.

Once the baseline surveys have been completed, implementation will immediately begin in slums in Zianagar, Rajshahi and in Kadamtala, Khulna. Implementation partners for the project have already been selected. Preparation and training for these teams is currently underway.

Physical mapping of implementation sites

As a part of the slum upgrading pilot initiative, BDI's Urban Poverty cell, with the assistance of Professor Fuad Mallik, Chairperson of the Department of Architecture at BRAC University, has appointed an architect to do the physical mapping of implementation sites. The work is to begin immediately. This will help with the intervention planning for the project.

CfL Update

Communicative Language Teaching Workshop

A workshop on 'Communicative Language Teaching: What we can learn from the Asian experience' was conducted by Edward Leffew, Senior English Language Fellow on 23rd October, 2010. He talked about his experiences teaching English in two other Asian countries Vietnam and China, including the challenge of teaching English to students who could only practice English in the classroom. He shared the some humorous anecdotes of experiences of teaching English in both China and Vietnam and the audience appreciated it a lot.

ENH Update

Ms. Fatima Tuz Zahra has joined ENH on 03 October 2010 as a Lecturer. She has completed her BA (honours) in English and M.A. in Applied Linguistics and ELT from, Department of English, University of Dhaka.

S.M. Mohibul Hasan has joined ENH on 03 October 2010 as a Teaching Assistant. He completed his B.A. (Hons) in English from Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, USA. The title of his undergrad thesis was "The Empowerment of Ethnic Minorities and Females: Reflections of Indian Independence in Bharadwaj's Omkara, an Adaptation of Shakespeare's Othello". He did M.A. in Applied Linguistics and ELT from Department of English at University of Dhaka.

Ms. Sabreena Ahmed's translation of Selina Hossain's short story "The

Fiftieth Year" was included in a compilation of the writer's translated stories titled Fugitive Colours. The book was edited by Dr. Niaz Zaman and published by writers.ink. in October.

ESS Update

Seminars/ Workshops Organized by ESS Department

Department of Economics and Social sciences organized a seminar on October 18, 2010 entitled, "Learning from Bangladesh: Adopting the Graduation Model for the Global South" was presented by Professor Syed M Hashemi, Acting Chairperson, ESS Department and Director BDI. His talk highlighted the Clinton Global Initiative and how they significantly contribute to our understanding of extreme poverty.

ESS Department organized another seminar, on October 26, 2010 entitled "Return migration of highly skilled professionals in Bangladesh: A study on Academics". Dr. Shahidur Rahman, Assistant professor, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, BRACU presented in this seminar where Dr. M. Omar Rahman, Pro Vice Chancellor, Independent University of Bangladesh and Dr. Chowdhury Abrar, Professor of International Relations, Dhaka University and Director, Refugee And Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) were present as the discussants.

Seminars/Presentations/Conferences attended by ESS Faculties

Dr. Piash Karim, Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, was the speaker at a conference titled, 'Features of Bangladesh' which was held from October 18-19, 2010 at The Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka. On the last day of the conference he gave a speech on "Human Rights, Democracy and Governance."

Mahbuba Naznin Sani, Lecturer and Senior Counselor, attended at the workshop on 'Marital Conflict' on 28th of October at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University organized by Dept of Clinical Psychology, University of Dhaka.

Miscellaneous

The 2nd batch of the Post Graduate Diploma on Macroeconomic Analysis (PGDMA) for the Civil Servants of Bangladesh started from October 3, 2010.

IGS Update

IGS launched the summary of its fourth annual report **The State of Governance in Bangladesh (SoG) 2009** on 6th October 2010 at 11.00 am at the JATRI Conference Room, Dhaka. Former Chief Advisor to the Caretaker Government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman was present as the Chief Guest at the launching ceremony. Pro-Vice Chancellor, BRAC University Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir chaired the programme. The 2009 Report analyses the state of governance in of Bangladesh. The 2009 Report focuses on four key sectors, namely, Energy, Food Security, e-Government and Labour Migration. The ceremony was divided into three sessions i.e. inaugural, presentation of key findings and question answer session. Barrister Manzoor Hasan, Director of IGS opened the event with a welcome address. Ms. Irum Shehreen Ali, Editor, SoG 2009 and Ms. Christina Rozario, Head of Programme of IGS presented the key findings of SOG research. The launching event provided a platform to share and disseminate key findings of the SoG research with the press. Most of the leading print and electronic media covered the event.

IGS started a four-month long **Professional Certificate Programme on Environmental Management and Governance** from 18th October 2010 at IGS Conference Room, Dhaka. The Certificate Programme is being offered under 'Building Environmental Governance Capacity in Bangladesh' project, jointly implemented by IGS, North South University, and Centre for Natural Resource Studies and University of Manitoba, Canada. The main purpose of the certificate programme is to sensitize and further the capacity of mid-level public-sector officials, NGO officials and executives from the private sector on key environmental governance issues related to natural resources and environment management. 12 executives, most of them are from private sector, have got enrolled in the Programme. Resource persons from BRAC University, professionals at the government sectors, and academics from University of Manitoba (Canada) and North South University (Dhaka) are conducting the sessions.

A thirteen member delegation from the YouChange Foundation of Beijing, led by its Chairperson Ms. Wang Ping, visited the Institute of Governance Studies on 2nd and 4th October 2010 as part of their tour of BRAC University and other organizations in Bangladesh. YouChange aims to identify, support and cultivate new philanthropy leaders and develop China's philanthropic community by creating a YouChange University of Social Innovation. Ms. Wang Ping believes YouChange University will build a platform that combines theoretical studies with practice and share latest theoretical studies, practical cases, training bases and talents in social innovation with others through modern media and the Internet. As part of the tour the delegation members met the Director and other colleagues at IGS. The delegation learnt about different research and academic activities of IGS and explored avenues for collaboration and cooperation.

The Director of IGS, Barrister Manzoor Hasan, participated in **Training for Focal Points and Governmental Experts participating in the Review Mechanism for the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)** in Jakarta, Indonesia from 11-13 October 2010. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in cooperation with the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs organised this training for State parties to the UNCAC, namely, Bangladesh, Fiji, Indonesia, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, and Singapore. The overall objective of this training was to develop the participants' capacity to participate in the UNCAC Review Mechanism. Mr. Hasan gave a presentation on UNCAC Review Mechanism: Concepts & Experiences.

Affiliated Network for Social Accountability, South Asia Region (ANSA-SAR), based in IGS organised a five-day long workshop in Dhaka, from October 10-14, 2010 to share experiences and insights on strategies, approaches and methodologies that inform and influence social accountability discourses and practices in South Asia and elsewhere, alongside elements of project design and implementation. ANSA SAR had recently shortlisted 15 civil society organisations in South Asia as potential partners for its Second Grants Programme. Two members from each shortlisted organisation took part in the workshop. The overarching objectives of this learning and sharing event were: to provide a "hands on" introduction to Social Accountability (SAC) Tools & Approaches; to strengthen conceptual & practical perspectives to carry out SAC Tools & Approaches; to enhance awareness & knowledge about the advantages & challenges of SAC Tools & Approaches; to explore the concept and practices of Results Based Management (RBM); and to integrate RBM principles into project design and implementation

Dr. Gopakumar Thampi, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of ANSA- SAR & Global participated 2010 Council Meeting of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) from 21 - 22 October, 2010 as a Keynote Speaker for the

Opening Plenary. The theme of Plenary was "The Bottom Billion: Are Governments, Business & NGOs Accountable?" ACFID represents Australia's non profit aid and development sector, with member organizations in more than 100 countries.

Dr. Gopakumar Thampi also addressed a plenary session at the Evaluation Conclave 2010 held in New Delhi, India on the 28 October 2010. He spoke about the relation between evaluation and accountability and the need to broaden the understanding on the various tools and methodologies that may be used to bridge the two. The Evaluation Conclave 2010 was jointly organized by Community of Evaluators (CoE), Association for Stimulating Know how (ASK), Sambodhi Research & Communications and Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IMAR). Nuzhat Jabin and Ipshita Basu from IGS also attended the Workshop.

Journalism Training and Research Initiative (JATRI) launched a study report on **The State of Women in Journalism** on 24th October 2010. The objective of the study was to understand the ground realities of women journalists in the media. The study has recorded the day to day experiences of the women journalists and highlights the areas for improvement. A total of 100 women and 25 male journalists were the respondents in the study. The responses of respondents were recorded through questionnaire survey. The qualitative methods of Focus Group Discussion (FGD) and Key Informant Interviews (KII) were also used to collect data for the study. Both groups of respondents are working in the newspaper, television, radio and news agency and online media in Dhaka.

JATRI organised a roundtable on New **Media New Horizon Citizen Journalism in Bangladesh** on 31 October 2010 at JATRI Conference Room. Dr. Fahmidul Haq, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, University of Dhaka and Mr. Abu Saeed Khan, General Secretary, Association of Mobile Telecom Operators of Bangladesh, delivered key speeches in the roundtable. JATRI Research Manager Khan Md. Rabiul Alam gave a presentation based on a study findings conducted by the research team. Chief of JATRI Jamil Ahmed moderated the discussion. Journalists from newspapers, online newspapers, television, Radio, online media, news agencies as well as a good number of bloggers took part in the discussion.

JATRI declared the names of winners of **JATRI Fellowship** 2010 on 6th October 2010 alongside the launching ceremony of SoG 2009 at JATRI Conference Room. The Fellowship has been given to 8 journalists under the categories newspaper, television, radio, and online newspaper. The journalists were selected on investigative reporting 2010 of JATRI. A designated Jury board selected the fellows through a rigorous review of their proposal and also a viva-voce performance.

MNS Update

Biosafety Core Committee (BCC) Meeting

Professor Naiyyum Choudhury attended the BCC Meeting held on 04 October, 2010 at the Chameli Confernece Room of the Department of Environment. Presided over by Mr. Md. Shahjahan, Director, Technical, DoE, the meeting was attended by Dr. Saharah Moon Chapotin, Biotechnology Advisor, USAID, Mr. Mak Visoky, Deputy Director, Economic Growth Office, USAID and Dr. Andrew F. Roberts, Deputy Director, Centre for Environmental Risk Assessment (CERA), International Life Science Institute (ILSI), USA and researchers on GMOs from different academic and research institutions of Bangladesh. The meeting

discussed the present status of biosafety in relation to GMOs in the country and different initiatives taken by the Department of Environment to ensure that proper biosafety measures are taken in the laboratory research and field trial of the GMOs. The meeting was informed that the BRRI was conducting protected field trial of golden rice and BARI and a private company were involved in experimental trial of the Bt brinjal. Professor Choudhury is a member of the Biosafety Core Committee formed by the National Biosafety Committee of the Ministry of Environment and Forest, GOB.

Association of Academies of Sciences in Asia (AASA) International Symposium on 'One Green Asia and the Fourth AASA-FASAS (Federation of Asian Scientific Academies and Societies) Joint International Conference on 'Science Education in Asia and the Pacific', Seoul, Korea

At the invitation of the Korean Academy of Science and Technology (KAST), Professor Naiyyum Choudhury participated in the International Symposium on One Green Asia organized on the occasion of tenth anniversary of the AASA and the Fourth ASA-FASAS Joint International Conference on Science Education in Asia and the Pacific for One Green Asia held in Seoul, Korea, 18-22 October 2010. The themes of two international conferences are on global issues of 'Green Technologies', which are very timely and important for the sustainable developments in the Asian countries as well as in every part of the world. Professor Choudhury presented a paper on Climate Change and Biodiversity-Bangladesh Perspective in the Scientific Session of the Symposium on One Green Asia on 19 October, 2010.

AASA was established in 2000 to promote solidarity and cooperation among the scientific and technological academies in Asia and Australasia and to play a central role in cooperative efforts for further developing the region through science and technology. AASA currently has a total of 26 member academies representing 26 countries. FASAS was organized in 1984 to promote advancement of science and technology in Asia, to create awareness of the role of science and technology in nation building among general public, business, policy and decision makers, and to enhance the contribution and impact of academies and societies in national and regional development. FASAS currently has 18 member institutions.

Commencement of BAS-USDA funded project in Agricultural Biotechnology

With Dr Aparna Islam, Assistant Professor of Biotechnology Programme as the Principal Investigator, and Professor Zeba I. Seraj of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Dhaka as the Co-PI, an agricultural project commenced this October 2010. This three year-long agricultural research project is entitled Production of tomato tolerant to environmental stresses like salinity. This inter-institutional collaborative project is funded by the "Bangladesh Academy of Sciences - United State Department of Agriculture Program in Agricultural and Life Sciences (BAS-USDA-PALS) Endowment Fund for the period 2010-2013. The project has a total allocation of Tk.58.625 lakhs (Taka Fifty Eight Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand and Five Hundred only) of which Tk.33.785 lakhs (Taka thirty three lakhs seventy eight thousand and five hundred only) has been released for the first year (2010-2011).

Stakeholder Consultation for Implementation of National Biosafety Framework

Dr. Aparna Islam, Assistant Professor of Biotechnology Programme attended a day long stakeholder consultation meeting on the 'Stack-taking and Project

Preparation' towards Implementation of National Biosafety Framework (PINBF). The event was organized by the Department of Environment (DoE), GOB and Global Environment Forum (GEF) in Dhaka, on 25 October, 2010. Various public and private universities and institutions engaged in biotechnological and GMO research along with the concerned ministries took part in the meeting. In the consultation meeting stock taking of the present capacity in terms of human resources and also in equipment were analyzed. Also various areas of improvement were discussed.

Science Article in the Daily Star by MNS Faculty

One scientific article on life science topic written by Md. Riajul Hossain, Lecturer in Biotechnology of the Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences was published in "Tuesday's Science and Life Section" of the Daily Star. The article titled "Science of getting old" was published on 19 October where the writer described the process of aging that eventually lead to death of a living organism. The writer describes that aging actually is the result of lifelong accumulation of various forms of damages at molecular and cellular levels and certain genes have involvement with this. However, productive pursuits, exercise, diet, genes and social activity together may help in healthy aging.

International Conference on Magnetic Materials (ICMM-2010), Kolkata, India

Muhammad Lutfor Rahman, Teaching Assistant of Physics, at the MNS Department, participated in the International Conference on Magnetic Materials (ICMM-2010) held in Kolkata, India from October 25-29, 2010. This Conference was organized by the Experimental Condensed Matter Physics (ECMP) Division, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics (SINP), Kolkata. ICMM-2010 is the third in the series of this conference. The papers presented during the conference will be published in the International Conference Proceedings Series of the American Institute of Physics (AIP). The conference theme was "Recent Development in Magnetic Materials" which was properly reflected when experts from different parts of the world came and shared their ideas. M. Lutfor Rahman presented a paper titled "Structural and Magnetic properties of $\text{Ni}_{0.45-x}\text{Cu}_{(x+y)}\text{Zn}_{0.55-y}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_4$ ". In this paper Mr. Rahman described structural properties such as lattice parameter, bulk density, grain size as well as X-ray density of polycrystalline NiCuZn ferrites which were prepared by auto combustion method. He also showed how permeability of ferrites materials was influenced by the extrinsic factor such as microstructure, grain size, porosity etc.



Mr. Rahman wants to acknowledge the financial support from Uppsala University for bearing the cost for attending this conference through the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Dhaka.

Student Affairs Update

On the 21st of October 2010, 'Monon' organized a workshop on "Self Confidence" for our students. Ms Farida Akhtar Psychologist/Counselor conducted this workshop. Farzana Samrin, President of 'Monon', started the program by welcoming our chief guest and honoring her with a bouquet of flowers. Mahbuba Naznin Sani, Advisor of this club was present in this program.



Ms. Akhtar, presented the definition of self confidence, different aspects of our life, how we can overcome our lacking, and how we could gain our confidence. In each point, she gave examples from her personal life and also from her clients. It was a great discussion period where we could share our views and of course our ideas to learn about ourselves more. Students were satisfied with this arrangement and felt lighter as they could share their own

experience with her and convey how they feel less self confident. They shared about their work experiences in office and in class.

In short it was a rather satisfactory workshop where both the guest and students felt relaxed before leaving it. Some students also asked for more in depth session on self confidence and Ms. Akhter was more than pleased to see the enthusiasm among the students by the end of the workshop.

BUCC attended seminar at DUET, Gazipur

Computer Club (BUCC) facilitated a visit to DUET, Gazipur to attend a tech

seminar titled "Building Tech Careers" on Saturday, 2nd October 2010. phpXperts Group and Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE), DUET jointly organized the event. In the 4 hour long seminar, Hasin Hyder, Founder, Leevio presented "Successful Team work", Arild Klokkehaug, CEO, Somewhere in Net Ltd discussed "Anything you really want to do, you can do", other presentations were "LAMP - lighten up your career" by Emran Hasan (BRACU Alumnus), Co-Founder & CTO: Right Brain Solutions, "Hi code man! Ain't you crazy enough?" by Nhm Tanveer Hossain Khan, IT Director, Tasawr Interactive, "Successful Freelancing Career" by Anis Uddin Ahmad, Sr. Software Engineer, Right Brain Solution Ltd, "How to prepare for the next step?" by Ghazi Asif Salahuddin (Lenin), CTO, Bullseyellogic, "Software Engineering in PHP" by M A Hossain Tonu, Software Engineer, Improsys Inc. and "OOP in PHP" by Tarek Mahmud Apu, Founder, WNeeds. The team of 16 people consisted of M. Abdur Rahman Adnan, Annajiat Alim Rasel both faculty of CSE Department, Md. Imran Hossain, Fahim al Hasnaeen, Abdullah Saif Sarkar, Md. Eftakhairul Islam Rain, Dipankar Chaki (Joy), Neyaz Zeidur Rahman, Mahbub Morshed Prottoy, Amit Kumar Dey, Shihab Rezwan Manzur, Anik Hasan, Khondker Nayef Reza, Tahniat Ashraf Priyam, Johan Rahman, and Ehsanul Alam Sabbir. This inspiring event concluded at 7:30pm.

Participation in Daffodil IUPC 2010

On Saturday, October 16th, a group of 10 people went to Daffodil International University, Shukrabad, Mirpur to participate in Daffodil Inter-University Computer Programming Contest 2010. Teams were BRACU Byte consisting of S. Mahbub Zaman Ananda, Anik Momtaz, Tanjina Islam, with the Faculty coach Annajiat Alim Rasel, BRACU Sunshine Searcher consisting of Eftakhar Karim Rahat, Md. Raduanul Islam with the Faculty coach Sarwar Alam and finally, BRACU Rangers consisting of Syed Sabbir Ahmed, Fahim Al Hasnaeen, Anik Hasan with the Faculty coach Md Shamsul Kaonain.

Residential Semester (RS) Update

RS Day



The 1st RS Day of the semester was held on October 12, 2010. Professor Jeff Unsicker, Undergraduate Studies, School for International Training (SIT), USA was the Guest of Honor. The guest gave a speech on "professional career development". On behalf of the students, Jayed Mohammad Shams, the Semester Secretary received the guest and gave welcome speech. Later part of the programme was conducted by Cathy Bipasha Sarker, Sports Secretary of the week. The programme was also attended, among others, by the Director CfL, Director BDI, Director BRAC Training Division, and the Registrar of BRAC University. After the programme was over, everybody was invited to dinner where students got the opportunity to take their dinner with the guests.

Seminar on Blog

On 13 October Blog for Residential Semester fall-2010 was inaugurated in the savar campus. Mr. Asif Saleh conducted the program

Social Learning Lab & BRAC Program Visit

The social lab of the present RS was held on October 23, 2010. A total of 109 students participated in this social lab. On that day the whole RS 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. Through this exercise the students learnt to respect the people of all working classes and value their works. On the same day the remaining 106 students went to visit BRAC programs in Dhamrai and Manikganj. Students visited BRAC's Education, Health, Microfinance and Human Rights and Legal Service/ Social Development Programs. Having finished the visit, the students returned to the savar campus in the afternoon.



Cultural Evening

1st cultural program of the semester took place on 20th November, 2010 and everything was organized by the brilliant boards of Residential Semester. The program was held at MARKULI HALL. The students performed dance, songs, fashion show, etc. The rest of the students, teachers, staff of RS, and TARC staff were also present as audience and enjoyed the cultural programs.

Sir Abed's Documentary

On 21 October the first part of Sir Abed's Documentary was screened at Markuli hall at 2-4pm which was followed by a quiz. Mr. Mahbub(faculty of Bangladesh Studies) conducted the program. The 2nd part of the documentary was screened on 28 October same time and same venue; and ended up with a quiz.

Seminar on Adibashi

On 25 October, a lecture on Adibashi was held at Markuli hall as part of extended learning activity of Bangladesh studies course. Mr. Sanjib Drong conducted the session.

SPH Update

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

MPH PROGRAM

Courses

The MPH course Public Health Nutrition (MPH 670) was taught by Dr. Tahmeed Ahmed, Head, Nutrition Programme, ICDDR,B, and Mashida Haider, Research Associate from the School, was the Teaching Fellow. The course ran from September to October 3-14, 2010.

The Methodology Workshop for the 6th batch of MPH students was held on October 17-20, 2010 at ICDDR,B. JGSPH organizes this workshop every year prior to the students beginning their independent research. On October 17, students presented their thesis concept notes followed by feedback from faculty members. The other days composed of lectures on qualitative, quantitative and mixed research methods, scientific writing, ethical aspects of research and referencing.

FIELD VISITS

As part of the MPH 670 course, the students visited the following sites -

- A garments factory to assess anemia status of garments workers in Gazipur
- Two community clinics in Gazipur to assess the role of nutrition in the clinic
- A Mirpur nutrition site by ICDDR,B to conduct basic anthropometry.

HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR SERIES

Occupational Medicine

Dr. Carson presented a lecture on Occupational Medicine to the MPH students at ICDDR,B on October 14, 2010.

Arsenic: who, what, when, where, why & how



Dr. Yan Zheng, Water and Environmental Sanitation Specialist, UNICEF Bangladesh, also known for her work on arsenic hydrogeochemistry and health effects in Bangladesh, China, and USA provided a lecture titled Arsenic: who, what, when, where, why & how to the MPH Students on October 26, 2010 at ICDDR,B. She described how arsenic is contaminating our underground water and how it

affects the people in a global perspective.

CENTRES AND RESEARCH INITIATIVES

CENTRE FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS STUDIES

FSNSP

Security Nutritional Surveillance Project was evaluated by the European Commission in October. The evaluation process was called Result Oriented

Monitoring (ROM) System. The evaluation report will be out soon.

P4P

JPGSPH organized, facilitated and ran twelve orientation workshops in three upazila health complexes (Bokshigonj, Islampur and Melandaha) of Jamalpur district. The participants were the Health Assistants, Family Welfare Assistants and Community Health Volunteers of Care, Bangladesh. The findings portrayed the barriers preventing utilization of the health facilities by patients.

CENTRE FOR GENDER, SEXUALITY AND HIV/AIDS

FATM PROJECT - 913

Training on HIV/AIDS Related Issues, Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (GFATM-RCC project)



The Team Leader of JPGSPH consortium presenting on GFATM project at the training on HIV/AIDS related issues, management, monitoring and evaluation

A 3-week course on HIV/AIDS related issues, management, monitoring and evaluation was organized by GFATM-RCC project of James P Grant School of Public health, BRAC University. The course titled Building and Strengthening the Technical and Institutional Capacities of Government, NGOs, and Implementing Partners is part of the Expanding HIV Prevention in Bangladesh and funded by the GFATM in the name of Rolling Continuation Channel (RCC). The main purpose of the course was to contribute to better management and quality implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention program in the field level through developing the capacity of the mid level managers. The course took place on September 26, 2010 through October 14, 2010 at BRAC TARC. A total of 21 staff members participated in the course. The participants represented nine project districts out of twenty.

The participants of the course are expected to disseminate the HIV prevention information at the grassroots level and facilitate HIV related training both in their own organization and other organizations in a professional manner. All the participants have given commitment that they will work as HIV prevention soldiers to halt HIV in the country. Throughout the course, the issue of coordination among the government and non-government organizations working in prevention of HIV and integration of the HIV prevention activities at District and Upazila level was emphasized.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Tim Evans, Dean, attended the Asian Action Alliance in Bali, Indonesia during October 1-3, 2010. He gave six presentations related to training of health

workers, management, retention strategies, and regional collaborations.

Dr. Tim Evans, Dean, attended the Global Health Session on October 11, 2010 in Berlin, Germany. He presided over the session on Health in Mega cities.

Dr. Tim Evans, Dean, gave a lecture on the future of global health training at the Boconni University in Milan, Italy on October 12, 2010.

Dr. Tim Evans, Dean, hosted along with BRAC, 3 international consultants looking at health insurance provided by BRAC.

Dr. Sabina F Rashid, Associate Professor & MPH Coordinator, visited George Washington University during October 20-22, 2010. She met with the forthcoming GWU students who will spend a semester in the MPH programme. She also gave lectures and was a part of a health systems panel. Additionally, she also scoped future faculty collaborations between GWU and the School.

Dr. Sabina F Rashid, Associate Professor & MPH Coordinator, visited Columbia University during October 24-26, 2010. She attended a seminar on changing landscaped of global public health, diverse perspectives and expertise of North-South collaborations, and effective public health strategies.

Dr. Sabina F Rashid, Associate Professor & MPH Coordinator, attended the 9th International Conference on urban Health by NY Academy of Medicine on October 27, 2010.

Dr. Nasima Selim, Lecturer II, attended the First International Study Success Conference at Utrecht University on October 5, 2010. She was selected to present on the Study Programme and Curriculum representing international students studying and living in Netherlands.

Dr. Nasima Selim, Lecturer II, attended the 5th National Ethnic Minorities conference, "MOBILISING SUPPORT IN CHALLENGING TIMES: Sexual Health and STI/HIV Prevention amongst Ethnic Minorities"; Venue: The Museon in The Hague, the Netherlands; Organized by Soa AIDS Netherlands & PHAROS on October 8, 2010. She participated in two workshops during the conference.

Dr. Taufique Joarder, Lecturer, will participate in the First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Montreaux, Switzerland during November 16 -19, 2010. His MPH thesis poster has been accepted for display at the symposium. The poster is a part of his thesis on the Socio-cultural Dynamics in an Upazila Health Complex: An Exploration.

Tisa Muhaddes, Research & Communication Officer, attended a programme building meeting of the SRHR Alliance by Oxfam Novib on October 28, 2010 at BRAC Centre.

TLC Update

Seminar on Parenting

The 'Counseling Unit' of BRAC University arranged a seminar on 'Parenting' on 23rd October, 2010, at the Indoor games room with a view to intensifying the parent-child relationship in the practical life. Initially, the parents of the students of BBS Department were invited in this program. Farida Akhtar, Psychologist/Counselor and Consultant of Counseling Unit and Mahbuba Naznin

Sani, Lecturer and Senior Counselor, jointly conducted the seminar. Professor Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Pro VC; Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed, Director, Centre for Languages; Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Registrar, and Professor Sanaul Mostafa, Dean, BBS; were also present in the seminar as honorable guests.



Mrs. Farida Akhtar presented specific topics on 'Preparation for Parenthood', 'Approaches of Parenting', 'mini relaxation' and 'the role and quality of successful parents'. She said that children are the greatest asset for all parents. Children learn most of the behavior and habits both good and bad from their parents. In this regard, she suggested fourteen qualities to achieve for being the good and successful parents. Both of them emphasized on the point that 'Every child is unique', so parents should respect the individuality of their child without making comparison with others and not to demoralize or humiliate them. Different remarkable quotations on parenting like 'Stop trying to perfect your child, But keep trying to perfect your relationship with him -Dr. Henker', 'Your children need your presence more than your presents-Jesse Jackson', 'Love and respect are the most important aspects of parenting and of all relationships - Jodie Foster, 'Every child is unique, so no comparison' etc. were displayed on the wall.

Attended workshop by the members of Counseling Unit

Mahbuba Naznin Sani, Lecturer and Senior Counselor, Department of ESS and Counseling Unit; Shahenour Akter; and Shami Suhrid, Counselor, Counseling unit, TLC; attended at three different workshops entitled 'Marital Conflict', 'How to be a good communicator', and 'Parenting' at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University. Basically it was a program of observing the 'World Mental Health Day' 2010, organized by Department of Clinical Psychology, University of Dhaka and the Bangladesh Clinical Psychology Society (BCPS). The theme of that day was 'Mental Health and Long term illness: The need for continued and integrated care.' In this respect seminar, workshops, mental health exhibition and round table discussion were held on 27th and 28th of October.

3rd CFT Workshop

Third Experiential Teaching Learning Workshop with Core Facilitation Team (CFT) of BRAC University On Personal Development: Habits of High Performing Teachers, organized by Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) of BRACU was held on 21st of October'2010 at UB 0521. The workshop was divided into two sessions. In the early session there was a short presentation on The Seven Habits of High Performing Teachers (under the light of Stephen R. Covey's The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People), conducted by Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Director, TLC and Pro-VC, BRAC University. Then the participants were engaged into Inner (small) circle discussion and Outer (large) circle discussion on Personal

Development: Habits of High Performing Teachers.

The second session was focused on Micro-Teaching presentation and the presentation was from Centre for Languages (CfL) and the presenters were Ms. Farrah Jabeen and Mr. Golam Jamil. The workshop was wrapped up by the closing comments followed by creative and constructive feedbacks from the Director of TLC, Professor Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Pro-VC, BRAC University as well as from the participants/members of CFT.

Workshop for RS Students

A workshop on Personal Development: Habits of Highly Successful Students (under the lights of Stephen R. Covey's The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People (1989)) for the Students of Residential Semester was held on 11th Oct'10, at Savar campus. There were a facilitation team of Seven (Three from BRAC U main campus, and four from Savar campus) facilitate different seven sections. The workshop started with a short Presentation on Seven Habits and then it was carried out through Colloquim Method (Inner Circle Discussion and Outer Circle Discussion). The workshop was wrapped up with Evaluation followed by Question-answer session.

2nd CFT Workshop

Second Experiential Teaching Learning Workshop with Core Facilitation Team (CFT) of BRAC University, organized by Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) of BRACU was held on 7th October'2010 at UB 0521. The workshop was divided into two sessions. The first session focused on The Art of Questioning in Creative Teaching at BRACU, which was conducted through Colloquim method and was facilitated by Mr. Shawkat Kamal and Mr Mahmudul Haq (Members of CFT, School of Business).

The second session was focused on Micro-Teaching presentation and the presentation was from Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) department. The presenters were Ms. Sadia S. Kazi and Mr. Khalilur Rahman. The workshop was wrapped up by the closing comments followed by creative and constructive feedbacks from the Director of TLC, Professor Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Pro-VC, BRAC University as well as from the participants/members of CFT.

Career Services Update

Seminar with Enosis Solution

BRAC University, Career Services Office (CSO) has organized an information seminar with Enosis Solution on October 05, 2010 at 3:30 pm in BBS conference room. Mr. Sadad Anwar, Asst. Operations Manager from enosis solutions covered the operation of Enosis Solution's their objective & automated mechanical system. Dr. Mumit Khan, Chairperson of Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) along with two faculty members and twenty students from the respective department were present in the seminar. The Seminar ended with an interactive question and answer round.

Personal Development Training at BRAC University Residential Semester, TARC, Savar

A workshop has been designed for the students of Residential semester, BRACU, in Savar TARC, titled Personal Development: Habits of High Performing Students on October 07, 2010. This workshop was implemented especially for student's growth. The main focus of this workshop was the personal development of

students. This workshop was facilitated by Professor. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Sabrina Shahidullah, In-Charge, Career Service Office, and Samina Anzum Chowdhury, Jr. Lecturer, Teaching and Learning Center. There were a total of 213 students attended the workshop from various sections.

Standard Chartered Bank Ltd. Road Show at BRACU Campus



BRAC University Career Services Office (CSO) and Standard Chartered Bank Limited (SCB) jointly organized SCB Road Show on October 12, 2010 in BRAC University Indoor Games Room at 11.00 am. The Road Show took place to demonstrate about Standard Chartered Bank environment, growth of SCB in worldwide, opportunities in SCB & recruitment process of SCB by Ms. Deneb Zeenat Latif, Senior Resourcing Manager, SCB. Dr. Sanaul Mostafa, Director, BBA program and Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Registrar were present at the event. A number of 37 students and 4 faculty members from BRAC Business School attended the road show.

Round Table Discussion with Aga Khan Education Services

A round table discussion with Aga Khan Education Services (AKES) held in BRAC University room UB0503 on October 14, 2010 at 10:30 AM. Mr. Aryn Saleh, Director, Ms. Sacqueline Parai, Head of Education, Ms. Shemoul Hamid, Assistant Head and four other faculties from Aga Khan Foundation were present in the discussion. Six faculties of BRAC University and five students attended the discussion.

Seminar on "Manners & Etiquette"

A seminar on "Manners & Etiquettes" took place in UB 0223 on October 21, 2010 at 03:00 PM. The keynote speaker was Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Registrar, BRACU. A number of 97 students attended the session and the seminar ended with an interactive question and answer round.



BizMaestros Competition by Unilever at BRACU Campus

Unilever Bangladesh and Career Services Office (CSO) jointly organized BizMaestros Competition on October 24, 2010 in BRAC University UB0223 at 04.00 pm to 07:00 pm. At the beginning of the session Mr. Jery Josh, Director of HR, Unilever demonstrate details about Unilever career growth, opportunities & recruitment process. Dr. Sanaul Mostafa, Director, BBA program and 3 faculty members from BRAC Business School were present in the session. 37 students from different department attended at the session. The session continued with 20 final year students in 4 separate groups followed by the competition. BRAC University team won the 3rd place in the competition out of eight teams. The participants from BRAC University were Shamminaz Polen (BBS), Sabrina Binte Ahmed (BBS), Sadia Nowrin Haq (BBS), Nafis Muntasir (ESS), Muqit-Al-Rahman (BBS).

A training course on Professional Development by Career Services Office



Career Services Office conducted a 5 day long training course on professional development organized by Sheltech (Pvt.) Ltd. and Platinum Suites from October 25-30, 2010 at Banani, Platinum Suites conference room. Ms. Sabrina Shahidullah, In-charge, Career Services Office and Ms. Samina Anzum, Jr. Lecturer, Teaching & Learning Centre and Mr. Md. Ziaul Hoq, Career Services Officer have facilitated the training. A number of 28 mid and top level Managers attended the training. The training covered "Personal Development: 7 Habits of High Performing Employees". Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir Pro-VC, BRACU visited the training on the concluding session on the fifth day of the training and the training ended with prize giving ceremony to best 5 participants and certificates have been distributed to the participants by Dr. Toufiq M. Siraj, Managing Director, Sheltech (Pvt.) Limited.

BRAC Bank Ltd. Road Show at BRACU Campus

BRAC Bank Limited and BRAC University Career Services Office (CSO) jointly organized Road Show on October 31, 2010 in BRAC University Indoor Games Room at 12.00 am. During the Road Show, Ms. Tahniyat Ahmed Karim, Head of HR, BRAC Bank has demonstrated some details about BRAC Bank's work environment, career growth, opportunities & recruitment process of BRAC Bank especially for MT program. Dr. Sanaul Mostafa, Director, BBA program. 43 students attended at the road show.



Job update: October, 2010

1. Sayma Ahmed Unilever
2. Israt Kabir Unilever
3. Robin Miah Unilever
4. Mohammad Al- Mubin Sultan Therap
5. Khademul Islam Majumder BRAC University
6. Tanjima Ali Therap
7. Sabit Farizma Therap
8. Ahmed Waris Al-Majid Therap
9. Sharina Tofazzal Therap
10. Azmira Aziz Scholastica
11. Md. Rezaul Haider Double A
12. Md. Ashfikul Islam Grameenphone
13. Mohammad Ariful Hoque BATB
14. Md. Kamruzzaman BATB