

2005/february

Seminar on Software Development

BU hosted a seminar on "Agile Approaches towards Software Development" on February 28, 2005. Mr. Ahmed Hafiz Ahsan, currently Vice President at JP Morgan in New York was the key speaker. Mr. Hafiz shared his experience regarding agile approaches towards software development, specially eXtreme Programming (XP), Test Driven Development (TDD) and SCRUM. Being an active iteration manager of XP, he pointed out the fundamental characteristics of the eXtreme Programming method. Dr. J R Choudhury, Vice Chancellor of BU was the chief guest of the event. Dr. Yousuf M Islam, Director of Research & Advisory Services, BU chaired the session.

RS Spring 2005 Starts

Residential Semester (RS) spring 2005 started at BU Campus, TARC, Savar from February 26, 2005. A batch of 84 students, consisting of 46 male and 38 female students is attending the RS. The semester will end on May 05, 2005.

Debating Competition

BU Debating Club has successfully finished its "2nd Inter- semester Debate Competition, 2005". The final round of this competition was held on February 24, 2005. The motion of final round was " This house believes that environment problem is the main problem in our country". In the final; Fall, 2004 was adjudged as champion and Spring 2005 was adjudged as runner up and Mr Tanveer Reza Rouf, leader of opposition was adjudged the best speaker. The members of the champion team were: Tanveer Reza Rouf ESS, and Md.Tauseef Anwar MGB. The members of the runner up team were: Tanzeri Hoque MGB and Nadia khan MGB.

Angan Studio Lecture

A studio lecture titled 'Frank Lloyd Wright' was held in the Department of ARC on February 23, 2005. Dr. Zainab F. Ali conducted the lecture. It was an informal lecture for the students on the works of one of the masters of modern architecture, Frank Lloyd Wright. The Chairperson, teachers and students of the department of Arc attended the event.

International Student Conference

Kazi Rahman from department of CSE presented his paper on "e-education Without Borders 2005" at the International Student conference held in Abu Dhabi from February 9-19, 2005.

President attends INAFI and Micro-credit Advisors' Meeting

President BU Governing Board Mr. F H Abed returned from Netherlands on February 24, 2005 after attending an INAFI International Foundation Board Meeting in Hague from February 17-18, 2005 and the International Year of Micro-credit 2005 Advisors Group Meeting in Amsterdam on February 20, 2005. The INAFI Executives presented the board with policies and program concepts for the year 2005 and solicited inputs on network strategy for fundraising. The meeting also included interactive sessions with NOVIB management. The International Year of Micro-credit 2005 Advisors Group Meeting focused on its commitment to making quality financial services accessible to the poor. Mr. Abed shared a presentation on BRAC, discussing its micro-finance programs and some of the major constraints faced in extending micro-finance.

Indoor Games Tournament

BU Indoor Games Tournament 2005 commenced from February 16, 2005 in the BU Indoor Games Room. Prof. J R Choudhury, VC, BU inaugurated the tournament.

Publication Ceremony

Publication Ceremony and unfolding of cover of a book of modern poems 'Nagna Chaya' written by a promising young poet Salauddin Kader Jeetu, student of School of Law, BU took place in the university premises amidst students and friends of the writer on February 16, 2005. Dr. Zainab F Ali, Director Student affairs and Mr. K Shamsuddin Mahmood, Head, Undergraduate Program in Law were present along with other faculty members of BU at the event. Janata Prakash, a renowned publisher of the country has published the book, which has found a place in Ekushey Boi Mela, 2005.

MDG for 2015 Presentation

The United Nations Heads-of-Mission in Bangladesh launched three landmark reports on the "Millennium Development Goals (MDG) for 2015" on February 16, 2005. Dr. Mushtaque R Chowdhury, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC and Dean, James P Grant School of Public Health, BU made a presentation on Global MDG Report. The three landmarks reports were "Investing in Development: A Practical Plan to Achieve the MDGs", the UN Millennium Project's Report to the UN Secretary-General (produced by a Task Force headed by Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs); The first "Bangladesh MDG Progress Report" by GoB/UN; "Attaining the Millennium Development Goals in Bangladesh" report is published by the Human Development Unit of the World Bank's South Asia Regional Office. The Program was organized by UNDP, Dhaka Office at Hotel Sheraton.

Residential Semester Briefing

The first briefing session of the Residential Semester (RS) Spring 2005 was held in the BU Cafeteria on February 11, 2005. The parents/guardians were invited. Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, MGB made the welcome address. Dr. G F Samdani, Director, Training Division BRAC, Mr. Ishfaque Ilahi Choudhury, Campus Superintendent and Mr. M. Bari Chowdhury, Senior Faculty, BRAC briefed the parents and students about the aims and objectives of the Residential Semester. Dr. Yousuf M. Islam, Academic Program Coordinator of RS gave a detailed presentation on Academic Programs while Mr. Waliul Islam, In-Charge, TARC gave a presentation on the facilities available at BU Campus, TARC, Savar.

MPH Program Launched

The launching dinner of the Master of Public Health Program through the James P. Grant School of Public Health was held at BRAC Centre on nchedFebruary 11, 2005. This international School of Public Health will have a particular focus on health issues of the south to improve material health and combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other major diseases. Mr. F H Abed Founder & Chairperson of BRAC and President Governing Board BU announced the launching of the program at BRAC Centre welcoming the first batch of students. Twenty five students-15 national and 10 International in the first batch received full scholarship for a period of one academic year to attend the Masters Program. The international students are from Afghanistan, India, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Uganda and the United States. The School will have both national and international faculty with institutional affiliations with Columbia University USA, University of Amsterdam, Uppsala University, (Sweden), London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Harvard University USA, George Washington University USA, Umea University (Sweden), the Karolinska Institute (Sweden) and Johns Hopkins University USA. Dean of the school Dr. M R Chowdhury introduced the students to the audience. These students are drawn from all walks of life, and represent government and international organisations, donor agencies and public health bodies. The function was also attended by

Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU, Professor Demissie Habte, the first International Director of the School and former Director of ICDDR, B, Richard Cash, an alumnus of ICDDR,B and Professor of Harvard University School of Public Health and the Chairs of all Departments of BU.

Student Awarded

Tanjina Khan a student of Sophomore II, Department of Architecture, has received the 3rd prize in the "Living Room Category" among 82 submissions in 'HATIL FURNITURE DESIGN COMPETITION 2004'. The result of the competition was announced on February 10, 2005.

Presentation on Bridging the digital Divide

BU and Alcatel jointly organized a presentation and working session on 'Bridging the Digital Divide: an opportunity for growth for the 21st century' on February 08, 2005. Prof. J R Choudhury, VC BU was the keynote speaker. Mr. Souheil Marine - Digital Bridge Manager: France, Africa, Middle East, Indian Sub-continent, Turkey-Alcatel and Cristian Rene Looten - Country Senior Officer for Bangladesh, Alcatel, made separate presentations on "Alcatel and Bangladesh" and "Alcatel and Digital Bridge Initiative". Dr. Yousuf M. Islam Director, Research & Advisory Services BU introduced the speakers to the audience. Alcatel officials, faculty members and the students of CSE department were present

"EFA-Nescafe Jump Statter" Award

Elate Friend Association and Nescafe jointly organized a talent hunt competition under the banner 'EFA Nescafe Jump Starters 2005', which started on February 08, 2005. The campaign had its final day at Hotel Sonargaon, attended by Deputy Speaker Akhtar Hamid Siddqui as Chief Guest and BRTA Chairman Mr. Syed Marghub Murshed and FBCCI President Mr. Abdul Awal Mintoo as Special Guests. The EFA-Nescafe Jump Starter is a career contest, first of its kind in Bangladesh that has brought together 110 BBA students from 11 public and private universities. After a three day preliminary session, 42 students were selected for the final day and 10 'Jump Starters' were finally selected on the basis of their performance and potential. Twenty local and multinational companies took part in this contest. Samir Rahman of BBA, a participant from BU, was among the 'Top 10' students.

Make up Final Exams, Fall 2004

The Make-up Final Exams of Fall 2004 were held between February 8 to 10, 2005.

Case Workshop for BBA Students

A Case Workshop for business students of BU was held on February 07, 2005. The objective of the workshop was to select the participants for the Global Business Challenge Case Competition to be held at the University of Washington Business School, Seattle, USA. It was the third such workshop. This time, four of the participants were selected for the competition and one was selected as stand-by. A panel of judges consisting of four members including one external judge and Professor Abdur Rab, Chairperson MGB evaluated the presentation.

Club Fair

BU Student Affairs Office organized BU Club Fair on February 04, 2005. Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU inaugurated the Fair. All 14 Clubs/Forums of BU participated in the Mela.

Angan Event

Angan a forum for co-curricular activities of the department of ARC organized student presentations on tour to "Baliati Jamidar Bari, Manikganj" and "ARCASIA student Jamboree Hong Kong" on February 02, 2005

Article in Newspaper

The Daily Independent on February 2 and 16, 2005 published an article of Dr. Q M Zaman, Assistant Professor Department of ARC BU on Private-public partnership in urban development (BOT/ BOO).

ARC Faculty Awarded

Mr. A Q M Abdullah, Lecturer, Department of ARC, BU has been awarded the 'Young CAADRIA Award' for being the best debut researcher for CAADRIA 2005 conference (Computer Aided Architectural Design Research In Asia) New Delhi, India, for his research paper "Digital Perception, Development and Presentation in Architecture: A study of Bangladesh with global context" and "Sustainable Architecture through Digital System of Knowledge Based on Environmental Performance Assessments of Precedents". Announcement regarding the Award was made on February 1, 2005.

New Faculty Members

Dr. Saira Rahman Khan joined as Assistant Professor in the School of Law on February 01, 2005. She did her masters in Law from Dhaka University and obtained Ph.D. degree from University of Kent, England.

Having completed M.Phil in English Literature Ms. Afia Arafat rejoined as Lecturer in the Department of English and Humanities on February 08, 2005. She did her M.Phil from Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages (CIEFL) Hyderabad, India.

Ms. Tania Afroz Khan has joined the Department of English and Humanities as a Lecturer from the 22nd of February 2005. She is a graduate of North South University, and subsequently has done an M.A. in English Language Teaching, at the Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka.