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Briefing Session for NGO Leadership Students

A presentation on BU for Students of NGO Leadership was arranged at the BU Conference Room on April 27, 2004. Fifteen students from five different countries were present in the session. The presentation was followed by a discussion on the MDS Program. BU VC Professor J R Choudhury, Professor A M Muazzam Husain, Chairperson, Department of Economics & Social Science (ESS), BU and Dr. Samdani Fakir, Director Training Division, BRAC attended the program.

EDF Presentation

Entrepreneurship Development Forum (EDF) organized a presentation session on " Why and How to Become an Entrepreneur" on April 26, 2004 at AH 401. Mr. Quazi M. Ahmed- Founder and President of Future Leaders Group conducted the session. Dr. Munir H. Khan, a member of the Faculty at the University of Phoenix at Northern California campus also participated. Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, Department of Management & Business (MGB), BU and Patron of EDF, introduced the speaker and the topic. The members of EDF, senior students of various departments and some faculty members of MGB attended the session.

Briefing Session of MDS

The briefing session on MDS program with the newly selected students took place on 25th April 2004. Coordinator of the MDS Program Professor S R Osmani conducted the session. After the briefing session course advising of the students was also conducted.

MGB Field Visit

The students of the "Business Environment" course successfully completed a field visit to Energy Pac Engineering Limited at Savar on April 24, 2004. A total of 24 students and 2 faculty members participated in the field visit. During the visit, the students toured various departments of the factory. A Q&A session was arranged by the company to answer different queries. Mr. Shawkat Kamal, Lecturer, MGB and the Course Teacher, coordinated the field trip.

Micro-lab Exercise

The second Micro-lab Exercise was conducted on April 24, 2004. All the students attending the Residential Semester at the BU Campus, TARC, Savar participated in the exercise. In this unique exercise, the students take over the administration of the Campus. They perform all the functions of the TARC from the duties of Campus-in-Charge to cleaners and laundry persons. The exercise created a lot of enthusiasm among the students. The purpose of the exercise was to inculcate respect for physical labour, which was fully achieved. The Exercise was supervised and facilitated by Dr. Md Golam Samdani Fakir, Director Training Division, BRAC and Mr. Syed Waliul Islam, Incharge TARC, Savar.

Study Visit of the Students of the Sociology Course

Twenty-two students of the Introduction to Sociology (BBA, Economics, English) course were taken on a study visit at Dhakeshwari Mandir, Lalbagh Fort, Armanitola Church and Ahsan Manzil on April 23, 2004 as part of their course work. The students were instructed to acquire practical knowledge on historical and religious places and the social consequences of those places. They also observed the differences between old and new Dhaka in terms of roads, buildings and people, environment, etc. Through the study visit, the students got acquainted with some cross-cultural aspects of Dhaka city. All the students will prepare a field report on this study visit. The instructor of this course, Md. Abdul Wohab (ESS) accompanied the students

during the study tour.

New Appointment

Ms Keya Kundu joined as Accountant of BU Accounts on 22 April 2004. Before joining BU she was a Management Accountant in BRAC. Ms. Keya did her M. Com in Management from JaganNath University College. She has replaced Ms Fouzia Haque.

Mr Emdadul Islam also joined as Assistant Accounts Officer of BU on the same day. Mr Islam obtained his M. Com in Accounting from Chittagong University. Mr. Islam was working in the BRAC Accounts section for about 10 years and was an Assistant Accountant before joining BU. He has replaced Mr Shamsul Arefin.

Campus Super's Dinner

CS's Dinner was held in the Markuli Hall at 7:30PM on April 21, 2004. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC and Treasurer, BU was the Guest of Honour. Students of Residential Semester, a number of faculty members and BRAC officials attended the dinner.

BBC Interviewed Dr. Q M Mahtab-uz-Zaman

Dr. Q M Mahtab-uz-Zaman, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, BU received the Leverhulme Trust's Fund UK Award to attend the International outstanding Researchers' exclusive round table meeting on "Changing Form of Cities: International Case Studies" organised by the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE), London (Dept. of Geography & Environment) and held on 18- 21 April, 2004. He was also interviewed by the BBC World Bangla Section on "Dhaka City and his role at LSE" in its "Aalap" section.

Library Committee Meeting

meeting of the Library Committee of Ayesha Abed Library, BU was held on April 19, 2004. Professor Abdur Rab, Chair of the BU Library Committee, chaired the Meeting.

Lecture on Gender Awareness

As a part of the Gender Awareness Program, a lecture was organized in the BU Campus, TARC, Savar on April 17, 2004. Mr. Sadequr Rahman, Senior Trainer, BRAC Gender Program, delivered the lecture. Students of the Residential Semester attended the program.

Admission Test, Summer 2004 Results Announced

The names of candidates finally selected for the undergraduate programs in Architecture, BBA, CSE, Economics, English and LLB for Summer Semester 2004 was announced on April 20, 2004. This is the first intake in the summer semester of BU. The written test was held at BU Main Campus on April 9, 2004.

MDS Admission Test

Admission test of MDS program for the Spring-summer 2004 semester was held on April 16, 2004. The result of the written test was announced on April 20, 2004. Interview for the final selection of MDS students was held on April 21, 2004. Briefing of the newly selected students and course advising session was held on 25th April 25, 2004. Classes of MDS program for Spring-Summer Semester will begin from May 5, 2004.

MBA Admission, Summer 2004

The written test and interview for admission to the MBA Program were held on April 16 and April 21, 2004, respectively. The welcome and briefing session of the newly selected students was held on 26 April 26, 2004.

MBA Forum Newsletter

The MBA Forum has published its first newsletter on April 16, 2004. A soft copy of the newsletter has been circulated to all the staff and MBA students of the university. The objective of the newsletter is to update the BU staff and MBA students regarding the activities of the MBA forum. It also focuses on latest changes in business world, job update, professional development and book reviews.

BU Day Observed

The 3rd anniversary of BU was observed on April 15, 2004. To mark the day a cake cutting ceremony was held at BU Cafeteria. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU was present as the Chief Guest. Chairpersons of the Departments, faculty members, BU Staff and a large number of students attended the function.

BU Student Wins 1st Prize

Somaya Taaz Andaleeb, a BBA student of BU was awarded the 1st Prize in an essay competition on "Road Safety is No Accident". The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organized the competition for the undergraduate students on World Health Day. The 2nd Prize went to a 4th year BUET Student and the 3rd Prize to a student of Dhaka University.

Midterm Makeup Exams, Spring 2004

The Midterm Makeup Exams of Spring, 2004 were held from April 11-14, 2004.

Bengali New Year

Bengali New year was celebrated in BU Campus, TARC, Savar on April 14, 2004 with great enthusiasm and fanfare. A Cultural program was held in the evening jointly with BRAC trainees. Special Bengali dishes were served at lunch. All those present in the TARC, including students attended the day's events.

Video Conference Between BU and Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE)

A one-to-many live videoconference between BU and HGSE was successfully conducted on April 13, 2004. The event took place in the evening from 6:10 pm to 8:10PM. The Topic of the conference was "Poverty and Eradication through NGO's in Bangladesh: BRAC a Case Study". Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer, BU conducted the presentation. The participants of the conference were Professor Sue Grant Lewis and graduate students of Harvard University. Ms. Fahima Khanam and Mr. Aminul Islam of BU IT Systems Section provided technical support at the BU end. Mr. David Langlois, Distance Learning/Instructional Media Support Specialist provided the technical support at the HGSE end.

BU Journal Published

The 1st Issue (Volume 1, Number 1, 2004) of BU Journal was published on April 13, 2004. BU Journal is a publication of BRAC University. The Journal publishes original research papers, short communications, book reviews, review papers/ articles in the fields of Agriculture, Architecture, Biological Sciences, Business & Management, Computer Science & Engineering, Development Studies, Economics, Education and Method of Teaching, Engineering & Technology, Geography & Geology, Humanities, Literature and Languages, Health & Medical Sciences, Information Technology, Mathematics & Natural Sciences, Philosophy and Social Sciences, and related areas after being properly reviewed by the experts in the respective fields. Copies of the Journal are available at BU library.

BUILD Session Held

A BRAC University Initiative for Learning and development (BUILD) review session was held at BU Library on April 12 and 13, 2004. The outcome and effects of the Residential Semester were discussed in depth at the Review Session. Professor Abdur Rab and Dr. Yousuf M Islam facilitated the session.

BU Annual Cultural Program

The Annual Cultural Function of BU was held at the Bangladesh National Museum Main Auditorium on April 10, 2004. BU Cultural CLUB organized the function. The theme of the function was "Prokriti O Prem", which consisted of solos, duets and chorus performances of Tagore, Nazrul and modern songs by the students. The event also had instrumental performances in guitar and flute, and three dance recitals. The Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU who made a special address at the end of the show congratulating the performers, attended the program. Teachers, staff and a large number of students of the University were present at the colourful event

Professor Muazzam Visits India

Professor A M Muazzam Husain, Chair Department of ESS, BU led an eight-member team from Bangladesh to observe the performance of the system of rice intensification (SRI) trials in Andhra Pradesh (AP), India. The weeklong trip from April 7-14, 2004 was sponsored by the IRRI-PETRRRA project for the team to examine the special features of SRI trials in AP that led to high success of the system. The team members also attended the All India Rice Research Group Meeting held in New Delhi during the period.

MGB Seminar Conducted

The Department of MGB organized a half-day Seminar titled "Grooming For Business Professionals" on April 3, 2004 for the 45 Business Communication and Human Resource Management students. The presentation was arranged and conducted by Ms.Ameena Chowdhury and Ms. Rumana Anam, lecturers of the department. Mr. Rashed Haque, Deputy Chief Engineer, Network Operations and Technical Division, Grameen Phone was the guest speaker at the presentation. The chairperson and faculty members of the department also attended this seminar

Study Visit of Foundation Semester students

Forty students of the Residential Semester, TARC, Savar, were taken on a study visit to the National Museum, Dhaka on April 3, 2004. The students were instructed to acquire practical knowledge on different civilizations, architecture, culture, literature, copper plates, coins, bronze relics and images of different periods. Through the study visit, the students got acquainted with the civilization, culture and architectural monuments of our country. Ms. Farhana Afroz and Md. Abdul Wohab (ESS) accompanied the students.

BBA Students Visit Garment Factory

The BBA students of the Operations Management course visited the Babylon Garments in Mirpur on April 3, 2004. The students visited different sections of the factory, observed the production process and listened to presentation on management aspects of the company. The Course Teacher and the Teaching Assistant accompanied the students.

BU Drama Workshop Held

BU Drama and Theatre Forum arranged a workshop on "Drama Exercise and Creative Writing" on April 3, 2004.

SADC Diploma Program starts at BU

Post-Graduate Diploma Program in South Asian Development and Cooperation (SADC) Studies started on April 1, 2004. The program is an evening program and consists of 10 courses covering 30 credit hours. The program is being conducted by the Department of ESS. Professor A M Muazzam Husain, Chair Department of ESS welcomed the newly registered students while Professor Abdur Rab Rab gave an introduction to BU and its different rules and regulations. Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, the Course Coordinator gave a brief run down of the course curriculum.

School of Law moves to New Location

School of Law, BU moved to the newly acquired 5th Floor of Standard Tower on April 1, 2004. The floor houses five classrooms, faculty rooms and the offices of the Director and the Head of the Undergraduate Program in Law.

New Faculty Members Join BU

Mr Matin Saad Abdullah joined as Lecturer, Department of CSE on April 1, 2004. Mr Matin obtained his BSc and MSc degrees in Computer Science & Engineering from University of Houston, USA.

Mr Helali Mortuza Bhuiyan also joined as Lecturer, Department of CSE on April 1, 2004. Mr. Bhuiyan completed his BSc in Computer Science & Engineering from BUET.