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## **Relief Program**

BRAC University Flood Relief Coordination Committee organised a relief activity on July 31, 2004. Bread and halua were prepared and distributed through the BRAC Relief Centre located in Mahakhali. At the BU Relief Collection Centre items like dry food, water purifying tablets, saline, biscuits, clothing and cash are being collected on all working days. Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, VC BU and Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed Treasurer BU also participated in the relief making and collection efforts. Faculty members and administrative staff of BU have donated their one-day salary, through BRAC, for the flood victims.

## **BUPC Workshop**

BRAC University Photography Club (BUPC) organized a workshop conducted by eminent photographer Hasan Saifuddin Chandan, with the aim of imparting knowledge on basic film based still photography on July 30, 2004. Various types of films and cameras and their applications were explained to the participants. Camera operation, setting of shutter speeds and apertures, depth of field, exposure bracketing and lighting are some of the important issues demonstrated in the workshop. The presentation was followed by simple assignments.

## **Meeting on Flood Situation**

A meeting of Chairpersons to review the flood situation was held in BU Conference on July 28, 2004. Professor J R Choudhury VC BU chaired the meeting. The Meeting decided not to suspend the academic activities both at the Dhaka and Savar campuses of the University unless the situation turned grave. The Meeting also formed a flood Relief Committee with Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer BU as the Chairperson.

## **Talk on US Policy in South Asia**

Dr. Deepa Ollapally, Senior Fellow, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University, Washington DC, gave a Talk on "US Policy in South Asia: Challenges and Prospects" on July 28, 2004 in the BU Conference Room. Senior faculty members of BU and academic and foreign policy specialists from Dhaka attended the event. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU chaired the session.

## **Admission Test Results Announced**

Results of Admission Tests-1 of undergraduate programs for the Fall Semester 2004 were announced on July 28 2004. Interview of the selected candidates took place on July 25 & 26, 2004.

## **BU Drama 2004**

BU Drama and Theatre Forum staged their BU Drama 2004 at National Museum on July 27, 2004. This year the Forum presented a collage of selected portions from four of Rabindranath Tagore's plays. Rowshan Jahan Nupur directed the play. The performers were well accepted by the audience. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer, BU, Theatre Forum Patron Professor Firdous Azim, a large number of faculty members, Administrative staff, students and parents attended the impressive event.

## **Professional & Skills Development Program**

"Professional & Skills Development Program" offered by British Council Dhaka and organized by BRAC

University started on July 27, 2004. Ms. Vivienne Thorpe, a Senior Trainer from the British Council is conducting the course. A total of 17 faculty members and 3 management executives are attending the eight-week program.

## **Executive IT orientation program**

The Orientation Program for the new Executive IT batch was held on July 20, 2004. Ms. Shreyasee Sharma Pati, Assistant Registrar, BU welcomed the students. Dr. Mumit Khan of the CSE Department shared his views on IT Programs and their relevance in professional life and context. Mr. Zikrul Hassan, BITI course coordinator explained the course outline to the students.

## **Admission Committee Meeting**

A meeting of the Admission Committee was held on July 19, 2004. The meeting finalized the schedule for the admission test for the Fall Semester 2004. Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, Department of MGB and Chairperson of the Admission Committee chaired the meeting.

## **Mid Term Exam**

The mid-term tests of Summer Semester 2004 started from July 18 and finished on July 22, 2004. During the week, classes and other regular activities were also held as per schedule.

## **Research Paper Presented**

Dr. Nazrul Islam, Associate Professor, Department of MGB presented a research paper titled "Agents Perspective on Marketing of Life Insurance Policies in Bangladesh" at the 8th International Conference of Asia Pacific Risk and Insurance Association (APRIA). The conference was held in Seoul, Korea from July 18 to 21, 2004. Dr. Islam's research paper was nominated for the Best Papers Award.

## **MBA Workshop**

A group of ten members from MBA Forum participated in the Work Shop on "Writing successful CVs, Cover Letters and Business Messages" organized by Career Counseling Office, BU on July 17, 2004. Twenty students from MGB department also participated in the workshop. The workshop was conducted by Ms Mirka Kristiina Rahman, (MBA, UTA, USA), MD, SHOW Motion Ltd and Director, BASE Ltd). The workshop focused on writing successful and persuasive CV/Resume, cover letters, professional dress code, interview techniques and other business etiquette.

## **Library Committee Meeting**

A meeting of the Library Committee of Ayesha Abed Library was held on July 15, 2004 at BU Library. Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, Department of MGB and Chairperson Library Committee presided over the Meeting. The Meeting reviewed the progress of the implementation of the Library Software and took certain administrative decisions.

## **BELTA Conference**

The BELTA (Bangladesh English Language Teacher's Association) conference took place at the British Council auditorium on July 15 and 16, 2004. Mr. Sajedul Haq, Ms. Shaheena Choudhury and Ms. Tasnuva Arafeen of the Department of ENH, BU presented papers on pedagogical issues related to language

teaching.

## **MNS Seminar**

A seminar was held on "Stability Analysis of Differential Equation by Liapunov's 2nd Method" on July 15, 2004. The keynote speaker was Professor Ramakanto Singha. Professor Mofiz Uddin Ahmed, Chair MNS, faculty members and a large number of students attended the seminar.

## **Admission Test- MBA, Fall 2004**

Admission Test for MBA was held on July 16, 2004. Written test results were announced on July 18, 2004. Interview of the selected candidates were conducted July 22, 2004 and the final results were announced on July 26, 2004.

## **Admission Test Fall 2004**

Admission Tests-1 for the Fall Semester 2004, for admission to the undergraduate programs of the Departments of Arc, MGB, CSE, ESS, ENH and Law, were held on July 16, 2004.

## **New Lecturer joins BU**

Ms Nausheen Eusuf joined BU as a lecturer in the Department of ENH on July 15, 2004. She received her BA from Wellesley College, USA and her MA from the Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University, USA.

## **Study Visit**

The students of Residential Semester, in three different groups, went on study visit on July 10, 2004. One group of 40 students went to the Liberation War Museum, Dhaka. Two other groups of 40 students each went to see BRAC projects at Manikgonj and Rajendrapur. The Training Division, BRAC, coordinated the visits to BRAC Projects.

## **CCNA Program**

Ms. Erika Hoffman, Country Coordinator, Bangladesh of CISCO Networking Academy Program visited CCNA program of BU and took video footage on July 07, 2004.

## **CS Dinner**

The monthly Campus Super's (CS) dinner of the Residential Semester at BU Campus, TARC, Savar was organised on July 07, 2004. Professor Dr. Tehmina Hussain, former Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh and a Member of the Governing Board of BU attended the function as the Guest of Honour. Professor Georg Gadow of the University of Colorado, Denver, USA also attended the Dinner as a Special Guest. Both the guests addressed the students and highlighted the importance of hard work and commitment to certain essential skills for success in life.

## **Biz Bee Forum**

The pre-launching ceremony of "Biz Bee: A Forum of Business Students of BRAC University" was held at BU Campus, TARC Savar on July 06, 2004. The two advisors of the forum, Ms Tahmina Khanam and Ms

Ameena Chowdhury, both Lecturers of MGB coordinated the program. The program was an informative session about the forum. The President and the Secretary of the forum gave presentations and discussed the objectives and activities of the forum. Thirty-six students attended the program. After the presentations and speeches, the floor was open for questions and comments from the audience. Dr. Nazrul Islam, Associate Professor, MGB was also present in the event.

## **ICCIT-2004 Team Met President**

International Conference on Computer and Information Technology (ICCIT) -2004 Organizing Committee Team headed by Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU, paid a courtesy call on Hon'ble President and Chancellor of the Private Universities Professor Iazuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban on July 04, 2004. The other members of the team were Professor Mofiz Uddin Ahmed, Chair, Department of MNS and Chair Organizing Committee, Dr. Sayeed Salam, Secretary Organizing Committee and Dr. Mumit Khan member of the ICCIT-2004 Organizing Committee. Professor Choudhury apprised the Hon'ble President about the background, objectives and activities of ICCIT and invited the Hon'ble President to be the Chief Guest at the inauguration function of ICCIT, 2004 to be held in Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre on December 26, 2004.

## **Micro-Lab Exercise**

The daylong Micro-Lab Exercise was conducted on July 03, 2004 at BU Campus, TARC, Savar. 'Microlab' is a role playing exercise in which the students of Residential Semester took over all management functions of TARC Campus, from Campus Super to TARC In charge down to cleaner, washer men, cook etc. The purpose of the exercise was to expose the students to the real life situations of physical labour as well as the strains of decision-making. The students participated in this exercise with great zeal and enthusiasm. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed Treasurer, BU, Air Commodore (Retired) Ishfaque Ilahi Choudhury, Campus Super, Mr. Syed Waliur Rahman, Incharge TARC, Savar and Mr. Mahfuzul Bari Choudhury, Senior Trainer, BRAC guided and monitored the Exercise.

## **'Chinnapatra' Screening**

The Department of English and Humanities (ENH) arranged a screening of Chinnapatra, "the photographic poem" based on Rabindranath Tagore's famous journal, by the renowned photographer Dr. Noazesh Ahmed on July 1, 2004. Another of his photographic narratives Mahabanashpatir Padabali, the story of "rise and fall of a tree", was also shown. The interesting program was attended by a large number of students and faculty members.

## **MBA Forum Help Line**

BRAC University MBA Forum (BUMF) 'Help Line' is a new activity of the MBA Forum launched on July 1, 2004. The Objective of the BUMF 'Help Line' is to assist the MBA students with their academic problems such as course counseling, subject matter understanding etc. A team of senior MBA students will be available for 4 hours a week for the assistance. Team members of the BUMF 'Help Line' shall be called 'Help Line Tutors'.