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Teachers Workshop

A Teachers Development Workshop was conducted at BRAC Center for Development Management (BCDM), Savar on May 30 and 31, 2003. The Department of English, BU and the Training Division of BRAC conducted the Workshop jointly. Teachers of different departments attended the workshop. The focus of the workshop was on interactive and participatory teaching methods. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Director Training Division, BRAC, Mr. Mahfuzul Bari, Senior Faculty Member, Training Division, BRAC facilitated the Workshop. Ms. Nazmeen Huq, Mr. Sajedul Huq, Ms. Ruhma Khalil Choudhury, Ms. Shaheena Choudhury, and Ms. Mafruha Mohua all from the Department of English and Humanities (ENH) acted as the Resource Persons. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU addressed the First session. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer BU was present throughout the Workshop. Dr. Abdur Rab, Chairperson, Department of Management & Business (MGB), Professor S M Islam, Visiting Faculty, Department of ENH, Dr. Yousuf M Islam, Chairperson, Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE), Dr. Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson, Department of Architecture (ARC), the Registrar and Ms. Najma Motahar, Student Welfare Officer attended the different sessions and participated actively in the deliberations.

Orientation Session on Consolidation Semester

An Orientation Session was held for the concerned students and their parents/guardians on BU Consolidation Semester, in the BRAC Center Inn Conference Room on May 29, 2003. A Discussion Session followed the Orientation Session with the students on the Consolidation Semester Program. Dr. Y M Islam, Chairperson, CSE and Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Director, Training Division, BRAC and Member, Academic Council, BU conducted the Orientation Session and the Discussion Session jointly. The Registrar and Mr. Sajed-ul- Haq of the Department of ENH also participated in the discussion. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU addressed the gathering and took questions from the parents. All those students who would earn 60 credits or more at the end of Spring Semester, 2003 will be eligible for attending this course. The 9 week long residential semester has been designed to improve the English Communication Skills and overall Personality of the students. The Program will include two 3 Credit Courses and additional contents on English and Organizational Culture, Values and Ethics. The Program will be held in the BRAC Center for Development Management (BCDM), Savar.

Exam Preparatory Recess

The classes of Spring Semester 2003 ended on May 29, 2003. The students are now having exam preparatory recess. The end of the semester exam will start on June 03 and finish on June 11, 2003.

Planning Session on Consolidation Semester

A "Planning Session" on Consolidation Semester Program was held in the BU Conference Room on May 28, 2003. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU chaired the session. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer, BU, all the Chairpersons, Registrar and the teachers involved with the program participated in the deliberation.

Admission Test - MBA 2003

Admission Test for MBA (4th Course) was held on May 23, 2003. The selected students will join the Summer Semester-2003 starting from June 22, 2003.

Seminar at BU

Professor A A Ziauddin Ahmad, Department of Mathematics and Natural Science (MNS) conducted a

seminar on " Remote Sensing for Natural Resources and Environmental Monitoring" on May 22, 2003. The Seminar was attended by a large number of teachers, students from different Departments of BU and Scientists from Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission.

ABCDE, Bangalore

Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics of the World Bank (ABCDE) was held on May 21-22, 2003 in Bangalore. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer of BU made a presentation on " Delivering Public Services- the Case of BRAC Education Program" in the conference. The Chief Minister of Karnataka inaugurated the meeting. Mr. Azim Premzi, the Head of Wipro Ltd, made the keynote speech.

Orientation Program

The two-day Orientation Program for new students (fall-semester, 2003) was held in BRAC Center Inn on May 19-20, 2003. The program included an address by Professor J R Choudhury, VC, presentation on " BU Environment, Culture and facilities" by the Registrar and the introduction to the Departments of BU by the Chairpersons of the Departments. The inauguration session was followed by a get-together arranged for the new students and their parents, teachers and administrative staff of BU.

An Interview with VC

Prof. J R Choudhury, VC, BU was invited to participate in an Interview in BTV Program titled " Samokalin Arthoniti" on May 14, 2003.

Indoor Games Competition

Indoor games club organized knockout tournaments of Chess, Carrom Board and Table Tennis. The tournaments started on April 8, 2003 and finals were held on May 14, 2003. Around 100 students from different departments of BU participated in the events. Saikat Ahmed and M. Tahmid Reza became champions in Carrom, Sariful Alam in Table Tennis and Ashiq Noman in Chess.

Professor Bolt Visit BU

Professor Bruce A. Bolt, Professor of Seismology Emeritus and Former Chairman of the Academic Senate, University of California, Berkeley, USA, deliberated on "Recent Developments in University Governance System at University of California" in the Conference Room of BU on May 8, 2003. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU introduced Professor Bolt and made the opening statement. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer BU, all the Chairpersons, Registrar and Senior Faculty Members of BU attended the program.

President Conferred Doctorate

Chairperson of BRAC and President of the Governing Board of BU Mr. F H Abed has been conferred Honorary Doctorate of Education by the University of Manchester in the UK for his pioneering role and exemplary contribution to alleviation of poverty and emancipation of women. The degree was conferred by the Chancellor of the University Ms. Anna Ford at a ceremony held on May 7, 2003 at the University campus in Manchester which was attended by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Vice-Chancellor, Deans, Professors of the University and distinguished citizens. The citation, read by Professor David Hume said that Mr. Abed, as Founder and now Chairperson of BRAC, the world's largest Non-governmental Organization, is best known for his achievements in reducing human deprivation, quality of work of his organization and innovations in poverty reduction programs that he spear headed. Starting as a humanitarian aid agency after Bangladesh's War of Independence, his organization has evolved into a vast network promoting economic and social

development. The citation also said that people around the world, who are trying to understand poverty and how it might be reduced, turn to Mr. Abed who has not only built an organization but also has been creating useful knowledge and disseminating ideas. "If you want to know the state of the art in providing sustainable micro finance and services to poor and how to reach and assist the ultra poor or how to help oppressed women achieve their human rights, you have to look at BRAC, its ideas and its systematic approach to learning from experience", the citation said. Mr. Abed in his response said that he shared this honor with his colleagues and the millions of poor women of rural Bangladesh whose dedication and hard work made this level of achievement possible.

New Administrative Staff

Mr Mizanur Rahman, a retired Tax Commissioner has been appointed the Tax Advisor to BU for a two-year term with effect from May 1, 2003. Mr Muhammad Shahjahan has joined BU as the Campus Supervisor on May 1, 2003. Ms. Shabnam Mustary Khanam has joined BU as a Student Counselor on May 11, 2003.

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