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Eid Reunion

BU organized a reunion on the occasion of Eid-ul Fitr at 'Prangan' on December 26, 2002. Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, VC, BU, a large number of teachers, administrative staff of BU and their spouses attended the program.

An evening with Mustafa Zaman Abbasi

Eminent artist and musicologist of the country Mustafa Zaman Abbasi enthralled BU students and staff with a musical evening organized by the BU Cultural Club on December 12, 2002. He narrated the history of folk music of Bengal with demonstrations of Bhatiali, Bhaoaia, and other traditional songs.

Angan Lecture

Angan, the forum for co-curricular activities of the Department of Architecture, BU held a lecture by Architect Nahas A Khalil on his philosophy and works in BU on December 11, 2002. Nahas Khalil has been practicing architecture for the last 20 years and his work displays sensitivity towards the Bangladeshi culture and climate.

Admission Test Results Announced

Results of Admission Tests for the Spring Semester 2003 were announced on December 29, 2002. Interview of the selected candidates will take place on January 5 & 6, 2003 between 11AM and 5PM on both the days.

Admission Test Spring 2003

Admission Test for the Spring Semester 2003 was held at BU on December 27, 2002. In all 573 students appeared in the tests for admission to the undergraduate programs of the Departments of Architecture, Management & Business, Computer Science & Engineering, Economics and English.

Workshop on Architectural Design

A two day workshop on "Climate in Design: Bio-climatic Design for Dhaka" was organized by the Department of Architecture, BU and held on December 23-24, 2002. The workshop was conducted by Professor Jeffery Cook, Professor of Architecture, Arizona State University, USA. Dr. Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson and Dr. Zainab Ali, Associate Professor of the Department of Architecture, BU coordinated the workshop. The objective of the workshop was to create an awareness of what sustainable architecture means to us and how climate responsive design could enhance the environment of our country. Architects and teachers of architecture from BU and other universities attended the workshop.

Study tour of the Bangladesh Studies Course

Thirty nine students of the Bangladesh Studies (DEV 101; BBA and Economics, & DEV 103; Architecture) course were taken on a study visit to Mahastangarh and Paharpur in Bogra and Naogaon districts on December 19-20, 2002 as part of their course work. The students were advised to acquire practical knowledge on Bengali history, culture, literature, politics related to different archaeological sites. In Mahasthangarh, they visited Govinda Bhita Temple, Bairagi Bhita Temple, Khodai Pathar Mount, Mankalir Bhita, Parsuram's Palace, Jiat Kunda and the Mahasthangarh Museum. They also visited Paharpur Museum and some other archeological sites at Paharpur. Professor Dr. Enamul Haque, the course teacher, Ms. Nadia

(Lecturer) and Mr. Wohab (Teaching Assistant), Department of Economics & Social Science accompanied the students.

Professor Jeffrey Cook Visits BU

Jeffrey Cook, Regents Professor of Architecture, School of Architecture and Environmental Design is an internationally renowned researcher, writer and proponent of bio-climatic design, particularly passive solar and low-energy cooling and heating. He has written a number of books on the subject and also other subjects including ones on the Architects Paolo Soleri (in press) and Bruce Goff. He is the founder editor-in-chief of Passive Solar Journal ASES. He is Professor, International Academy of Architecture, Life Fellow American Solar Energy Society, Honorary Fellow of RIBA and was the first President of PLEA (Passive and Low Energy Architecture), to mention a few of his achievements. Professor Cook has written 12 Books and approximately 350 scholarly papers. Professor Cook graduated in Architecture from the University of Manitoba in 1957 and did a masters degree from Pratt Institute in 1961. Professor Cook will be at BU from December 17, 2002 to January 1, 2003. During his stay he will conduct a workshop and visit some prominent architectural structures in Dhaka and Mymensingh.

Midterm Makeup Exams

The Midterm Makeup Exams of Fall, 2002 were held from December 17 to December 23, 2002.

Meeting of SAFLI Held

Nobel Laureate Professor Amartya Sen was in Dhaka to inaugurate the two-day second meeting of the steering committee of South Asia Foundation Learning Initiative (SAFLI) at the BRAC Centre auditorium, Mohakhali on December 12, 2002. The Foundation, set up by UN Goodwill Ambassador and philanthropist Madanjeet Singh, has chapters in all seven SAARC countries, and aims at promoting education, culture and information communication technology in these countries. The Foundation was launched in Kathmandu, Nepal on December 12, 2001 and emphasizes distant learning as a potent means of education among the masses. Vice Chancellors of Open Universities of SAARC countries and a few other distinguished academics, including BU Vice Chancellor, Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, form the steering committee of SAFLI. The Dhaka meeting was a follow up of the first meeting and was organized jointly by BU and South Asia Foundation.. Prof. J.R. Choudhury, Dr. Kamal Hossain, Chairperson, South Asia Foundation, Bangladesh Chapter and Ambassador Madanjeet Singh also addressed the function. In his speech Professor Amartya Sen discussed the rich heritage of Indian and middle eastern epistemological traditions, particularly the Muslim contribution to mathematics, the sciences and astronomy, and regretted the loss of that tradition. He hoped that SAFLI would contribute substantially to revive that tradition, and emphasize both reach and quality of education.

Classes Resume

Following the Eid-ul-Fitr recess all scheduled classes and regular activities of BU resumed from Monday, December 10, 2002.

Eid-ul Fitr Recess

BU had a seven-day recess for Eid-ul Fitr from Tuesday, December 3, 2002 to Monday, December 9, 2002.