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Club Fair welcomes freshers to Brac University

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FEBRUARY 9 was not just another day for Brac University. Excitement of the newcomers added to the festive atmosphere; anticipation was written all over their faces – something grand was about to happen. After all, Clubs Royale, the much-awaited Club Fair, was about to begin.

‘Club Fair is a regular event of each semester at Brac University,’ explains Nafisa Hossain, public relations secretary at the Brac University Cultural Club. ‘Every semester all the existing clubs of Brac arrange and decorate their own stalls where the freshers are able to sign up for the clubs of their choice.’

This semester the Las Vegas-themed fair was organized by the BRAC University Film Club where more than 40 clubs participated with their respective stalls inside the café and the indoor hall. Each stall contained signup sheets and souvenirs for students. The fair was inaugurated by the registrar of the university, Khan Ahmed Murshid, and at 10:00am it was made open to students.

Nekawat Kabir, who joined BRAC as an EEE student this semester, believes it was a great opportunity for him to learn about different clubs that exist in the university. ‘We were told in our orientation that each student is advised to join at least one club, as nowadays co-curricular activities are essential for a student and the club fair was an excellent event to get the freshers familiar with the clubs.’

The fair was followed by an array of events, one of which was the burger-eating competition. Next a concert was held in the indoor hall. The cultural club gave an extraordinary opening to the concert with dazzling dance performances by Nahal Islam, Antara Tauhid, Shahriar Khan and Joshon Islam. Then Rittika Ali, Ahmed Jawad and Tahmid Hussain rocked the stage

with their songs. This was followed by a drama staged by the BRAC University Drama and Theatre Forum where Sushmita Biswas, ShadmanRabbi and a few others gave the freshmen students a good laugh with their acting.

Shofiquil Huda, another freshman, says he really enjoyed the concert and drama. 'After entering the university it has been allstudy for us till now, so I am definitely enjoying this change of scenes.'

The main attraction of the fair event was a performance by the music band Cryptic Fate. They performed famous tracks like Raag,Protibaad and Rong.

Ahmed Jawad of the Brac University Cultural Club, says, as a musician himself, he felt privileged to witness such a renowned bandperform in his own university. 'I am a huge fan of Cryptic Fate and I feel lucky that they performed in our club fair. The song "Bichchhu" from their last album Noy Maash made the crowd crazy.'