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## **Private Viewing of Painting by Quamrul Hasan**

The students of architecture attended a special viewing of a selection of paintings by the famous artist Quamrul Hasan at a gallery in Uttara on May 29, 2002 as a part of their course, ARC122: History of Art and Architecture I. This was specially organized for the students - courtesy of the artist's daughter, Artist Shumona Hasan. She gave a lecture on the artist's life and works and explained the aspects of the paintings on view.

## **ANGAN : Lecture by Eminent Architect Muzharul Islam**

ANGAN, a forum for the co curricular activities of the Department of Architecture, BU held its inaugural event, a lecture by the eminent architect Muzharul Islam at the BRAC Center Inn auditorium on Thursday May 16, 2002. Mr. Islam's lecture was in two parts. In the first part he spoke about his views on architecture, the profession, architectural education, the state of architecture in the country and recommended a well-formulated and integrated physical plan for the development in this field. The second part consisted of a slide show of his works with a commentary by Dr. Zainab F. Ali of the Department of Architecture, BU and comments by Mr. Islam. This was the first time a presentation of his works was made in Bangladesh. VC, BU, Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, a large number of teachers, students of BU and invited guests attended the program.

## **Computer Project Fair**

The BRAC University Computer Club (BUCC) organized a project fair on May 21, 2002. The software projects were displayed in the computer labs and the best five projects were selected for presentation in the hall room of the BU building. Mr. Arif Billah Al Mahmud Abdullah, a freshman of BU, won the first prize for his project "Abidhan", Mr. A H M Lutful Kabir won the second prize for his project "Blood Bank Inventory System" and Mr. Naushad Uzzaman was awarded the third prize for his project "Paint Brush". Professor Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, VC handed over prizes to winners and certificates to all participants. A large number of students and teachers of BRAC University attended the fair.

## **Study Tour: Department of Management and Business Administration**

The Department of Management and Business Administration organized study tours, on 18th, 19th and 23rd May, 2002 for the students of BUS 101: Introduction to Business course. The students were divided into groups of 17 and were assigned to visit four organizations (Central Hospital, IBCS -Primax, AB Bank, BRAC Dairy, BATA), so as to get an overview of the operations of those organizations and to determine their status in their respective industries. Each visit was for approximately three hours and during this period, the students not only made operational tours within each organization, but also initiated open discussions with the respective top management teams.

## **Study Tour: World Civilization and Culture**

The Department of Management and Business administration organized a study tour, on May 18, 2002 for students of HUM 101: World Civilization and Culture course. The group visited the National Museum, Dhaka. The primary objective of the trip was to give the students the opportunity to view the rich collection of the remains of our ancient and medieval civilization and to help them build up an impression on our civilization and cultural heritage. A guide appointed by the museum authority assisted the group of students and conducted them around.

## **Field Visit of the Students of Sociology Course**

The students of the sociology course were taken on a field visit to Kathal Bagan (Slum) area on May 10, 2002 to carry out case studies on the garment workers. The students were assigned to collect information on Drug Addiction & Deviant Behaviors, Urbanization & Changing Family Relationships, and Women Exploitation in Garments Industry. The students were divided into three groups consisting of eight students each. The students also visited Central Treatment Center, Tejgoan on May 18, 2002 for carrying out studies on drug addicted persons of our society. Through the fieldwork, the students have learnt to disseminate knowledge and share practical experience with the different sections of our contemporary society.

## **Seminar on Asian Youth Fellowship Program**

Professor H. Jin Shozawa Chairman Board of Directors of Asia Science and Education for Economic Development (Asia SEED) and Mr. Kyoko Nakano, Director of Project and Academic Coordination visited BRAC University and had meetings with Professor J. R. Choudhury, VC and Dr. Yousuf M. Islam, Chairperson, Department of Computer Science & Engineering on May 7, 2002. During the meetings they explained the concept of the Asian Youth Fellowship Program, which offers fellowships to Asian students between 25 and 30 years of age.

## **Seminar on Changing Discourse on Development**

A seminar on "Changing Discourse on Development From Economic Growth to Sustainable Human Development", was conducted by Dr. Fahimul Quadir, Director of the International Development Studies Program at York University, Toronto, Canada on May 2, 2002. The session took place at 3:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room of BRAC University Building. Teachers of BU and Economists from different institutions and organizations located in Dhaka attended the seminar.

## **Workshop on The Role of Women in Technological Fields**

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) organized a workshop on "Role of Women in Technological Fields". The VC of BUET and the Honorable High Commissioner of Canada inaugurated the session. Research papers were presented on the social aspects, financial aspects and the stakeholders' view on the topic. The technical session included group discussion and presentation. The participants were asked to work out the Vision for the Women's Position in Technological fields in 2017. Mr. Kazi Shaheen Kabir, Lecturer, BBA and Ms. Husna Mehnaz Siddiqi, Lecturer, CSE represented BU in the workshop.

## **Workshop on Fire Fighting**

BRAC University and the Fire Brigade jointly conducted a workshop on fire fighting on April 29, 2002. This was followed by a demonstration (fire drill) on May 2, 2002. Teachers, Administrative Staff and a large number of students of BU attended the workshop and the demonstration.