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Orientation Program Fall Semester 2012



Mr. Sajjatuz Jumma, Chairman, Board of Trustees addressing the freshers

The orientation program of the newly admitted students for Fall Semester 2012 in the different graduate programs of Prime University was held at the University Campus on October 5, 2012.

Mr. Sajjatuz Jumma, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University and Prime Foundation graced the Orientation Program as the Chief Guest while Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, Vice Chancellor of the University was the Program Chair.

Among others, Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University and

Prime Foundation, Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, Member Secretary, Board of Trustees, Prime University and Prime Foundation, Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Registrar and Treasurer (In Charge), Prime University, Professor Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty Members of different departments of the university attended the ceremony.

About 650 students enrolled in the Fall Semester for different undergraduate and graduate programs attended the occasion with great enthusiasm and got introduced with the teachers,

course curriculum of the respective programs, code of conducts, norms, and different facilities available in the university.

Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali, Registrar and Treasurer (In-Charge) made the welcome address to the freshers and discussed the rules and regulations of the university in brief for the benefit of the students. Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, Secretary General, Prime Foundation and Member Secretary of the Board of Trustees, in his speech stressed the needs of modern and quality education and urged the students to prepare them through perseverance keeping the institutional glory intact.

Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Prime Foundation and Board of

Trustees, Prime University expressed his commitment to provide all sorts of facilities to the students in order to meet the challenge of the 21st century. He also urged the students to earn name and fame for the university in the world through their talent, creativity and outstanding performances.

The chief guest of the program Mr. Sajjatuz Jumma, Chairman, Board of Governors, Prime Foundation and Board of Trustees, Prime University reiterated his commitment to provide every support to the students in order to build up their career. He also assured the newly enrolled students and the guardians that the authority has already purchased land for its permanent campus and the

construction activity is underway.

The Program Chairperson Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, in his speech told that University is a platform for cultivating, exchanging and creating knowledge. Research is very important for higher education and as a result research and education must go together in order to improve as well as enhance quality education. He advised the freshers to build up themselves for the competitive world and establish the name of Prime University as a renowned institution in the world. He also told about his initiatives for linking Prime University with the renowned foreign universities for achieving academic excellence.

Prime University Celebrates Victory Day

December is the month of Victory; it is a month of glory for us. Bangladeshis all over the world observe this day with pride and dignity, and we remember the Martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice for the Independence of Bangladesh with all respects and gratitude. Every year on 16 December we are inspired and reenergized with the spirit of the Victory Day.

Prime University celebrated the 42nd Victory Day with due solemnity on 16 December, 2012. On this special occasion on behalf of the Prime University family Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, Vice Chancellor along with Mr. Liaquat Ali, Registrar and about two hundred students, teachers, staffs and officers of Prime University went to the National Monument at Savar to pay homage and tribute

to the valiant martyred freedom fighters by placing floral wreaths.

The valiant struggle and sacrifices of the greatest sons of the soil during the Liberation War against occupation forces were recalled and deep respect before National

Mausoleum was shown by Prof. Dr. P.C Sarker along with students, teachers, staffs and officers of Prime University.

The day's programs started at 8:00 am in the morning at the campus and ended after returning thereto at 12:00 am.



Floral wreath is being placed at the national memorial at Savar to pay respect to the national heroes

Faculty Members of English Department Participate in 10th Asia TEFL-2012 in India

For the very first time three faculty members of English Department participated in the most prestigious international ELT conference of Asia. Md. Sazzad Hossain Zahid and Mst. Shahanaz Khanam both Assistant Professors and Zahidur Rahman Nahid, Lecturer participated in the 10th Asia TEFL Conference scheduled from 04 to 06 October 2012. This conference was organized by the TEFSOL, India. Mr. Md. Sazzad Hossain Zahid presented a paper on "Necessity to Reduce Learners-Teachers Gaps in CLT Approach: Bangladesh Context". In his paper he emphasized to reduce the communication gap between teachers and students in Communicative Language Teaching Approach especially in Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary level. Mr. Sazzad stressed the classroom interaction and the implication of CLTA at the present context. In his paper, he identifies the problems which are creating the gaps and provides some recommendations to be free from this condition. Mst. Shahanaz Khanam, presented a paper on, "Teaching Grammar at Tertiary Level: Challenges and Possibilities". In her paper she underscored the importance of teaching grammar at EFL/ESL classroom. She studied on tertiary level and recognized the real standard of the Private university students and a different scenario. Mst. Shahanaz, in her paper specified the challenges in teaching grammar at the tertiary level classrooms of Prime University in Bangladesh and



The participants of Prime University at the conference on 10th Asia TFL

suggested some interesting and worthy ways to make the learners competent in English. Zahidur Rahman Nahid, demonstrated his paper on, "A Study on Bengali EFL Learners on their Learning Variability Regarding the Factors of Intelligence and Aptitude". The demonstration of his paper revealed the impact of intelligence and aptitude which create learning variability among Bengali EFL learners. Mr. Rahman also detected the different educational backgrounds which are also responsible for these learning differences of

Bangladeshi EFL learners. Furthermore, his study urged the teacher to understand the basic learning ability of the learners along with their psychè and to prepare themselves as a consultant rather than an academic fear. The presentation and demonstration of these faculty members give a wide range of ELT concepts and their implications according to the Bangladeshi perspective and their distinctive researches will add a new dimension to the department of English of Prime University.

Humayun Ahmed Memorial National Debate and Cultural Festival held at Prime University

The National Debate Festival entitled, 'Humayun Ahmed Memorial National Debate Festival, 2012', was held on 24 December, 2012 at Prime University campus in memory of renowned novelist and playwright Humayun Ahmed. The grand event bears its own significance as it is the biggest

debate festival so far held in the country in memory of the late writer. The day long event was organized by Prime University Debating Society (PUDS) in co-operation with Bangladesh Debate Warriors. Sixteen school and college based teams across the country participated in this grand



Mr. Ahsan Habib receiving crest from the Registrar(left), Members of the Board of Trustees, Treasurer(In -Charge), Chairmen of different departments, Faculty members and others with the winning students (right)

debate festival. The event was inaugurated by Ahsan Habib, eminent cartoonist, writer and brother of late writer Humayun Ahmed. The Registrar of Prime University, Mohammad Liaquat Ali, Controller of Examinations, Prof. Dr. Md. Sanaullah and Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar were present in the opening session.

The Secretary General of Board of Trustees, Prime University Trust, Mr. Mir Shahabuddin in his speech at the

prize giving ceremony advised the students to build up themselves for the competitive world through sufficient knowledge and debate. He also emphasized to arrange more events like this in future to sprout intellectual capability of the students. Prof. Dr. Abdus Sobhan, Member, Board of Trustees and Prof. Md. Arshad Ali, Treasurer (In-Charge) & Chairman of the Dept. of English were also present in the prize giving ceremony. The event was made successful with the spontaneous

participation of the audience in debate sessions as well as cultural program which put a significant mark in debate arena and among the intellectuals of the country. The Daily Samakal, The Independent, Binodonbd.com, Anondo Bhubon, Banglar Barta and Radio Voice were the media partner of this event which helped to project the image of the university through electronic and print media and thereby helped to reach our message throughout the length and breadth of the country.

Seminars and Conferences Held in Prime University

A conference on "Acid Violence against Women and Acid Related Laws in Bangladesh" was held at Prime University on 10th January, 2013. The conference was jointly organized by Prime University and Police Staff College, Bangladesh. The Vice Chancellor of Prime University Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker chaired the inaugural session. Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, Secretary General, Board of Trustees was the Chief Guest and Mr. Md. Nazmul Haque, PPM, Rector, Police Staff College Bangladesh was the Special Guest in the conference. Seven papers were presented on different issues of acid violence against women and related laws in two sessions in the whole day conference. It was proposed that the proceedings of the conference would be published in collaboration of Prime University and Police Staff College.



The Chief Guest Mr. Mir Shahabuddin addressing the audience

A seminar on "Economic Growth and Child Poverty Reduction in Bangladesh and China" was organized by Prime University on November 09, 2012 in the conference room. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker presided over the



Professor Bjorn Gustafsson at the dais with the Vice Chancellor, Treasurer (In-Charge) and Registrar

seminar and key-note speaker Dr. Bjorn Gustafsson, Professor, Dept. of Social Work, University of Gothenburg, Sweden presented a comparative analysis on two major inter-related issues: economic growth and child poverty reduction. Both the chairperson Prof. Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker and key-note speaker Dr. Bjorn emphasised some valuable points on reduction of poverty based on the experiences gathered from China and Bangladesh.

Another seminar was held on "Gender Inequality, Trafficking, Sex Trade and Probability of HIV/AIDS" on 05 December, 2012. The Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker presented a paper on this issue. Professor, Dr. P.C. Sarker in his presentation highlighted gender inequality as a common phenomenon which was rooted from the instinct of religion and practiced widely in different phases of life cycle of women in



Vice Chancellor Dr. Profulla C. Sarker delivering his speech at the seminar

Bangladesh. He expressed in his speech that the young women were being victim of trafficking with the false hope of employment and marriage without dowry, and as a result, many of them were compelled to be involved in sex trade to survive. He mentioned in his speech that the AIDS was caused by infection with a virus called HIV/AIDS which is transmitted mainly through blood transfusion and sexual contact.

He put emphasis mainly on to what extent the parameters of gender inequality affect the women in trafficking and compel them to be involved in sex trade which ultimately might lead to the probability of HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh. Finally, he suggested the intervention of social workers through the implementation of behavior change model to prevent gender inequality, trafficking and HIV/AIDS.

A seminar on "Possible Co-operation between Jönköping University & Prime University" held on November 7, 2012 in Prime University where Syed Naqvi, Business Development Manager of South Asia, Jönköping University, Sweden delivered



Vice Chancellor Dr. Profulla C. Sarker delivering his speech at the seminar

his speech on academic programs on Jönköping University and pointed out some possible areas of various disciplines to make a link with Prime University. As the chair of this seminar Prof. Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, Vice-Chancellor, Prime University highlighted the possible areas of co-operation, such as student exchange, teacher exchange and advanced program for the faculties. Various scopes for employment opportunities and student facilities were discussed on the occasion.

Members of Engineering Faculty Attended Workshop on "Embedded System Design and Development"

Institute of Information and Communication Technology (IICT), BUET arranged a five day workshop in collaboration with Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) of UGC on the title "Embedded System Design and Development" from 30th January 2013 to 4th February 2013. Faisal Ahmed, Senior Lecturer, Shuvodip Das, Lecturer, Dept. of ETE, Ahmed Al Mansur, Lecturer, Abdulah Al Bashit, Lecturer, Dept. of EEE and Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Lecturer, Dept. of CSE attended the

workshop. Prof. Dr. Md. Liakot Ali, Professor, IICT, BUET, conducted the workshop. The workshop was ordered into seven sessions of Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) and Microcontroller and three sessions of Printed Circuit Board (PCB) Design. Faculty members from other nine universities also participated in the workshop. In the certificate awarding and closing session, Dr. Mahabubur Rahman, HEQEP, Project In-charge, distributed the certificates among the faculty members. Moreover, on behalf of

Prime University, Faculty of Engineering, Mr. Faisal Ahmed received the Educational Kits as a donation (FPGA and Microcontroller Trainer) from the Chief Guest. These kits will be used to carry out the experiments on VLSI laboratory for the fourth year students of the engineering faculty. Both the participants and speakers of the session expressed that the workshop had presented a good opportunity for the faculty members to learn these advance technologies and introduce it to their students.

5th Teachers' Training Program Started

Teachers' training program organized by the Centre for Research, HRD and Publications of Prime University is designed to provide the fresh lecturers the guidance to develop skill and qualities as a university teacher.

In line with the previous ones the 5th training program was arranged to start on the 19th November, 2012 at 3:30 pm in the conference room of the University with an inauguration program in presence of the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali, Secretary General, Mr. Mir Shahabuddin and Professor Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan, Member of the Board. The Director of the Centre for Research, HRD and Publications and Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Dr. Profulla C. Sarker, the Coordinator of the Program Mr. Sazzad Hossain Zahid, Co-coordinator Ms. Nahid Farzana



BOT members and the Vice Chancellor are seen at the inaugural session of the teachers' training program.

and the trainee faculty members were also present in the program. The program has been continuing with as many as 27 faculty members participating in it. There are twenty five sessions in the

program including six presentation sessions of the trainee teachers. At the end of the program the successful faculty members will be awarded certificates.

Blood Donation Program Held

Prime University organised a three-day Blood Donation Program at its premises from 16.10.2012 to 18.10.2012.

Life Save Blood Bank and Transfusion Medicine Centre (LSBTMC), a voluntary organization devoted to this noble activity for many years was the organizing partner of this event. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker inaugurated the program. Faculty Members, Officers, Staff, students of the university and the members of the LSBTMC were present on the occasion. The three day program created huge response and enthusiasm among the teachers, officers, staff and the



Vice Chancellor and Treasurer (In-Charge) are seen beside a blood donor

students of the University. Besides the direct participation in donating blood, this kind of program increases sense of responsibility and empathy for the society and nation as a whole.

Current News

--Orientation of Spring 2013 was held at the permanent campus

--- Prime University Commemorates 21st February

---- ATN Bangla Students' Parliament Debate Competition 2013: Prime University wins against Jagannath University

---- 5th Teachers' Training Program completed successfully

---- Prime University Celebrates Saraswati Puja-2013

---- Splendid Pitha Utshab held in the Prime University campus

---- Prime University celebrates Independence day

Language School Steps in the Fifth Year of its Journey

Prime University language school has become an excellent centre to improve English skills for the students who are relatively weak and who want further development of their existing standard of English. It can be said that the school has proved its worth since it has completed its four years' journey recently. The students of the fourteenth batch of language school have successfully completed their course and the students of the fifteenth batch have already joined the school with great enthusiasm.

The teachers have been teaching patiently throughout the semester to improve the skills of the learners. The authority also provides all sorts of supports to

run the school. As a result, the school has been providing quality teaching to the students over the years. Usually, the classes of the school have been designed in such a way that the classes become interactive and enjoyable. This is one of the secrets of success of the school.

The four-month course of the school generally starts at the beginning of each semester and ends just before the final examination. Everybody concerned with the school believes that the school is in its right track to enhance the competence of the English learners and it will continue to do so in future.

1st Alumni Reunion of English Department Held

The 1st Alumni Reunion of the Department of English in Prime University was held on December 28, 2012 in the University premises. The day long program was held under the presidency of the Chairman of the Department Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali in the presence of the Chief Guest Professor Dr. P.C. Sarker, the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar, Deans of Faculties and Chairmen of all departments, teaches, special guests, alumni and existing students.

The inauguration ceremony ended with the encouraging speech of the Vice Chancellor, Prime University. After Jumma Prayer and delicious lunch the second session started with great

enthusiasm. Prof. Dr. Khandakar Ashraf Hossain of the Dept. of English, University of Dhaka. Prof. Dr. Shahinoor Rahman of the Dept of English, Jagannath University and Prof. Dr. M. Moniruzzaman, of the Dept. of English, Jahanginagar University were also present. Professor Khandakar Ashraf and Professor Shahinoor Rahman enthralled the audience by the recitation of self composed poems and rendition of songs respectively.

The ceremony came to an end with the call of the Chairperson upon the alumni to maintain uninterrupted relationship with their *alma mater* and contribute whole heartedly to its betterment.

New Faculty Members Joined the University

In the Fall Semester 2012, sixteen teachers were appointed in different departments of the University. Department of English gladly welcomed Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali as the Chairman and Ms. Prova Ummay Afzalean joined as a lecturer in the same department. In the Faculty of Engineering fourteen teachers joined in this semester- Dr. Parvin Sultana joined as a Sr. Lecturer while Mr. Md. Abdul Aziz as a Lecturer in the Department of Electronic & Telecommunication Engineering.

Mr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Mr. Md. Mohaimenul Hossain, Ms. Mehjabin Rahman, Ms. Priyanka Podder joined as Lecturers and Mr. Indraneel Misra as Jr. Lecturer (Ad-hoc) in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. Mr. Md. Rabiul Hossain, Mr. Mafin Muntasir Rahman, Mr. Md. Saiful Islam, Mr. Tonmoy Das, Mr. Fahim Rashid, Ms. Nusrat Wara and Mr. Mahbubur Rahman joined as the Lecturers in the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering.

We Are Shocked



Shaikh Abul Kalam

We are deeply shocked at the sudden demise of Shaikh Abul Kalam, former Deputy Registrar of Prime University on 09.12.2012 due to heart attack. He served the Prime University as Deputy Registrar from 14.11.2011 to 31.10.2012 and also as Controller of Examinations (In-charge) in addition to his own duties from 15.12.2011 to 31.10.2012. He was a retired joint Secretary to the Govt. of Bangladesh Shaikh Abul Kalam left his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives, admirers and well-wishers to mourn his death. The members of the Board of Trustees, University Administration, teachers and students expressed heart-felt condolence on his demise and arranged a Doa Mahfil for the salvation of his departed soul.

We are also shocked that Kazi Maksud Ahmed, a student of B.Sc. in Electrical and Electronic Engineering of the university, died by a motorcycle accident on the 4th January, 2013. Prime University authority arranged "Qurankhani and Doa Mahfil" for this incident and prayed for his departed soul.