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Orientation Program Fall Semester 2013



Board of Trustees Chairman, Member, Vice Chancellor and Dean are seen at the dais in the orientation program

The orientation program of the newly admitted students for Fall Semester 2013 in the different graduate and undergraduate programs of Prime University was held at the University Campus, Mirpur- 01 on October 06, 2013.

Mr. Ashfaq U Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University and Member, Prime Foundation graced the program as Chief Guest while Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, Vice Chancellor of the University was the Program Chair.

Among others, Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali, Member, Board of Trustees, Prime

University and Prime Foundation, Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer (In-Charge), Prime University, Professor Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar, the then Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Mr. Mohammad Liaquat Ali, the then Registrar, Prime University and Faculty Members of different departments of the university attended the ceremony.

About 450 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 conduct, norms and different facilities available in the university.

Mr. Mohammad Liaquat Ali, the then Registrar, Prime University, made the welcome address to the freshers and discussed the rules and regulations of the university. Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer (In-Charge), Prime University, urged the students to work hard in order to reach their ultimate destination. He advised them to utilize their time and effort in achieving academic excellence in the university life so that they are capable enough of facing the challenges in the present competitive world. Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali, Member, Board of Trustees Prime University and Prime

Foundation, in his speech stressed the needs of modern and quality education and urged upon the students to prepare them through perseverance keeping the institutional glory intact.

The chief guest of the program Mr. Ashfaq U Chowdhury expressed his commitment to provide all sorts of facilities to the students in order to help them prepare to meet the challenges of the 21st century. He also urged upon the students to gain adequate knowledge to establish themselves in the world. Besides, he articulated that the permanent campus of the university will be built on 114/116 Mazar Road, Mirpur - 01, Dhaka-1216 very soon by ensuring all types of modern and academic amenities in the campus.

The Program Chairperson of the ceremony, Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, in his speech reiterated 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 of the world. He also told about his initiatives for linking Prime University with the reputed foreign universities for achieving academic excellence.

We Mourn

Prime University mourns the death of its former Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. M. Aminul Islam who passed away on November 15, 2013. He joined Prime University on 1.12.2004 as Vice Chancellor and rendered his valuable service till 31.5.2007.

Born in 1932 in Pabna, Professor Islam did his M.Sc. from the University of Dhaka in 1956 and Ph.D. in 1964 from Clark University, Worcester, Mass, USA. Besides teaching in Dhaka University Dr. Islam



Professor Dr. M. Aminul Islam

worked as a Research Fellow in the Department of Geography under the Clark University in 1961-62. Later in 1962 he

became a visiting professor of Minnesota University in USA. He served in the School of Humanities, University Science Malaysia, as a Professor, for 4 years from 1979 to 1983.

Dr. Islam was appointed Provost, Shahidullah Hall of Dhaka University in 1984 for 5 years. He became Dean of the Faculty of Science in 1989. Other important assignments of Dr. Islam included Director, Disaster Research, Training and Management Centre Dhaka University, Convener,

Presidential Advisor's Task Force on Flood Action Plan and President Bangladesh Geographical Society, an affiliate of the international Geographical Union. He was a member of the Dhaka University Senate, Syndicate, Academic Council and Board of Advanced Studies and also served as Vice Chancellor in Bangladesh Open University. He was a life member of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh and Bangla Academy. Dr. Islam was a member of the Executive Council of Bangla Academy and Executive Board of Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU).

An eminent educationist and specialist in Agro-climatology, Resource Management, Environment, Environmental Perception and Management, Natural Hazards and Geography of Education, Dr. Islam had written six books. He had to his credit over 70 research

papers published in different international journals. Dr. Islam was associated with the research works of various Commissions under the International Geographical Union and earned a good reputation by preparing some important pieces of modules on it as an associate of Distance Education in Malaysia.

A widely travelled educationist Dr. Islam participated in many international seminars, conferences and symposia on science, geography and Open & Distance Learning system in Brunei, USA, Canada, India, Australia, Russia, Nigeria, Singapore, England, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Fiji. He also presented presidential/key note addresses in 12 different seminars in home and abroad. In the year 2010 he was awarded the Fellowship of the Commonwealth of Learning. The citation of the award reads, "... were it not for

the wisdom and dynamism of Professor M. Aminul Islam, who motivated and inspired all to work sincerely for the cause of open distance learning at every stage of development, the Bangladesh Open University would not have been able to fill the gaps left by the conventional system and to provide educational opportunities to people of all ages of Bangladesh to benefit."

In his demise, the nation has lost a luminary whose brilliance has enlightened myriad aspects of education-academics, administration, management, research and ultimately creation and dissemination knowledge which a university stands for. The loss the nation suffers is an irreparable one.

All the members of the Prime University family expressed their deep condolence on the death of this man of wisdom and dynamism which left his impression on many things the University will continue to take pride in.

Eid-e-Miladunnabi Observed

Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Sm) is the last and greatest prophet sent by the Merciful Allah for mankind. He was the perfect symbol for humanity. In his honor, Eid-e-Miladunnabi (Sm) is celebrated by Muslims all over the world. Likewise Prime University remained

closed on January 14, 2014 on account of Eid-e-Miladunnabi (Sm). A Milad Mahfil took place after Asr Prayer at the Prime University campus on the following day in order to celebrate the Eid-e-Miladunnabi (Sm). Mr. M. Moniruzzaman, Honorable Member of the

Board of Trustees, Prime University Trust, Registrar as well as many faculty members, staff and students joined the Mahfil. After the Mahfil, 'Tobaraks' were distributed among the persons who joined the event.

Celebration of Saraswati Puja-2014

“She, who is as fair as the
Kunda flower, white as the
moon, and a garland of Tushar
flowers;

and who is covered in white
clothes

She, whose hands are adorned
by the excellent veena and
whose seat is the pure white
lotus;

She, who is praised by Brahma,
Vishnu, and Mahesh and
prayed to by the Devas

O Mother Goddess, remove
my mental inertia!”

Pronouncing this Vandana
Mantra the devotees of Prime
University paid their tributes to

the Goddess Saraswati. Prime
University observes the
important religious events
respecting all religions. In
keeping with its tradition Prime
University observed and
celebrated Vasant Panchami
that is Saraswati Puja on
February 4, 2014 (Tuesday)
with zeal at its permanent
campus (114/116, Mazar Road,
Mirpur-1, Dhaka-1216). Hindus
worship Devi Saraswati, the
goddess of knowledge, music,
art and culture on the Vasant
Panchami with solemnity to
seek her blessings. On that day,
the entire campus took a festive
look. The rituals started at 8:00
am with the ascent of the
Protima. The celebration also

included Devi Aradhona,
Pushpanjali, distribution of
prashad and ceremonial
immersion of Devi idol with
priests chanting mantras and
devotees placing palash flowers
at the deity's feet with the
sounds of cymbal, conch shell
and dhak dhol. The honorable
members of the Board of
Trustees, Prime University and
Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr.
Profulla C. Sarker visited the
celebration of Saraswati Puja in
the University campus. They
also exchanged greetings with
the devotees. The presence of
the Treasurer, Registrar, and
Chairmen of different departments
made the celebration even more
attractive.

Uniform Education System Necessary

Speakers at a seminar on 22
October 2013 emphasized a
uniform education system in
the country to achieve an
international standard in the
sector. Gee Bangladesh, an
educational consultancy firm
organized the seminar “Higher
Education in Sweden @
Jonkopin University” at the
Daily Star Centre in the capital.
They said such a system would
be helpful for students hopeful
for enrolment in higher studies
at home and abroad. Due to the
country's different education
systems, students are often

ineligible to apply for their
preferred subjects or
programmes, they added.
Chairing the seminar, Dr.
Profulla Chandra Sarker, Vice
Chancellor of Prime University
said, as many as 13 different
education systems exist in
Bangladesh at present. “So
many systems do not reach the
international standard and
those create bars for the
students in competing globally,”
he said. Chief Executive Officer
of Gee Bangladesh Biplob
Chandra Chakraborty laid
emphasis on mathematics for

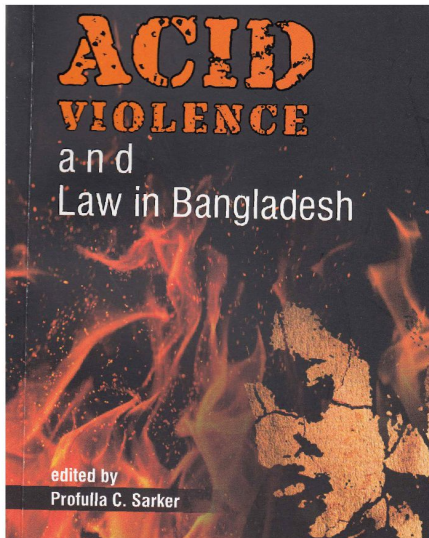
enrolment in undergraduate
programmes in many reputed
international institutions.

Syed Naqvi, a business
development manager at
Jonkoping University said, the
university with a career and
research oriented teaching
methodology and invites
Bangladeshi students every
year. The university is offering
15 masters programmes on
business, engineering,
education & communications,
and health science; 3 bachelor
programmes on business and a
diploma programme for

international students at present, he said. Local students may follow the university's online application system at www.universityadmissions.se or contact Gee Bangladesh for

information. Dr Ashok Gupta of Stamford University Bangladesh, among others, spoke at the seminar.

Conference Proceedings Published



A conference proceedings entitled "Acid Violence and Law in Bangladesh" has been published from Prime

University in collaboration with Police Staff College Bangladesh. The proceedings is edited by Professor Profulla C. Sarker, Vice Chancellor, Prime University. Seven papers of different contributors have figured in this volume which focuses on the main aspects concerned with the causes of acid violence, the process applied by the perpetrators to take revenge by throwing acid on the targeted organs of the victims, the relationship between the acid victims and the perpetrators, socio-economic background of the acid victims, access of acid, consequences of

acid throwing, therapeutic measures needed to be taken, rehabilitation programs of the acid victims, role of police in combating acid violence, and impact of acid violence on maternal and child health and the challenges to implementation of laws to prevent acid violence as well as to provide punishment to the perpetrators. This volume is the output of the combined voice of different scholars on various issues of acid violence against women and the implementation of laws to combat acid violence in Bangladesh.

Prime University Language School Welcomes the Students of 18th Batch

Prime University Language School has been running under the supervision of the Department of English to improve the quality of English skills of the students, especially the newly enrolled students of the university. The Language School has successfully completed the English Language Course for the students of 17th batch and welcomed the students of 18th batch as well. The journey of the school started in 2007 and till today it has been contributing a lot for the development of English skills of the students of different departments. The four month course of the school



An English Language class in progress

generally starts at the beginning of each semester and ends just before the final examination of the particular semester. Because of rapid growth of the students of the school a number of new teachers have been involved for conducting the classes smoothly. After the

completion of each batch every successful student is given certificate. Everybody concerned with the school believes that the school is in right track to enhance the competence of the students in English and will continue to do so in future.

Dazzling Celebration of New Year 2014



Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Profulla C. Sarker being handed over a flower basket on the eve of new year 2014

Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) Association of Prime University welcomed the very first day of the year 2014 in a festive manner. The students of EEE Association arranged an impressive program to celebrate the new year. The program took place on the premises of the Faculty of Engineering. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker attended the program as the chief

guest. Treasurer Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Dean of Faculty of Engineering Professor Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar and Registrar Professor Md. Rashidul Islam were present as the special guests. Besides, the Chairmen of the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering and Department of Computer Science and Engineering along with all other faculty members of the

Faculty of Engineering joined the program. The students of the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering decorated the entire Faculty of Engineering gorgeously with balloons, festoons and coloured papers. At first the Chairman of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering welcomed everyone present there. Then the Vice Chancellor inaugurated the program cutting the cake. Then he delivered his valuable speech to the faculty members and the students. The Vice-Chancellor advised the students to keep up their enthusiasm for good works and to use their knowledge properly for the betterment of the society as well as the world. Afterwards, Treasurer, Registrar and the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering also delivered their inspiring speeches towards the students mentioning their duties to the nation. Finally cakes and sweets were distributed among the guests and students present. It was, indeed, a memorable day for all.

New Faculties in PU

Quite a number of faculty members joined the University in Fall 2013 semester. Eminent Professor Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor joined the department of ETE as Professor and Chairman of the department. Mr. Md. Mostak Ahmed joined the Department of EEE as an Assistant Professor in the mentioned semester. Mr. Ariful

Islam and Mr. Sachchidananda Ballav were welcomed in the department of Law as well as Ms. Rana-Al-Mosharrafa in the Department of Business Administration as Lecturers.

In the post of Junior Lecturer Ms. Sima Sultana, Mr. Md. Azmal Hossain and Mr. Taher Muhammad Mahdee joined in the Department

of CSE in addition to Mr. Saleh Akram Bhuyan, Mr. Md. Mahmud-Ul-Tarik Chowdhury and Ms. Shafina Alam joined in the Department of EEE.

Prime University welcomes the new members to its family and wishes prosperity of the institution day by day with the appointment of eligible and skilled faculties and executives.

Voluntary Blood Donation Program at PU Campus



Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Profulla C. Sarker along with others are seen encouraging the donors

Prime University organized Blood Donation Program at its premises in association with Quantum Foundation.

It was a two-day campaign on November 08 and 09, 2013. Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, Vice Chancellor, Prime University, inaugurated the program. The program concluded very successfully as there was the collection of a good number of blood bags as well as the active participation by the students, faculty members, other officials and staffs of the University.

By and large, there is no doubt that the first and foremost advantage of donating blood is the exalted feeling of saving someone's life and it provides an essential lifeline to those in need, but a growing body of research demonstrates that it could have health benefits for the donor too.

----Orientation of Spring 2014 held on 07. 02. 2014

----International Mother Tongue Day observed on 21. 02. 2014

---Annual picnic held on 26.02.2014

---- Seminars on 'Sundarban and Environment', 'The Present Challenges of the Scientific World', 'Research Methodology' and 'Research and Co-curricular Activities of Engineering Students in Bangladesh' held in PU Campus

---- Prime University joined in to make record on singing national anthem

---- Prime University Debate Team participated in the debate competition entitled "Corruption Against Women" organized by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)

---- Flash mob by PU students

---- Students participated in Inter University Cricket Tournament

---- 'Noboborsho' celebrated in the campus

---- Workshops on "Importance of Developing Debating Skills" and "Web Development and Networking" held in the campus

----Book entitled "Qualitative Research in Multidisciplinary Perspective" published

--Rag day held in different departments

---- 7th Teachers' Training Program inaugurated on 11.05.2014

Inside Prime University ----



A view of the 32nd meeting of the Board of Trustees, Prime University Trust



Late Dr. Aminul Islam, former VC, PU and Mir Shahabuddin former Pro-VC and present Member, BOT are seen enjoying table tennis (file photo)



Counseling of the admission seekers at the Admission Office



A group discussion in the class



A question-answer session in Prime University Language School



Students browsing in the computer lab

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