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## Prime University Receives the Freshers in a Colourful Orientation Program



*Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, Board of Trustees addressing the freshers on 14.07.2017*

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On Friday 14th July 2017 Prime University arranged an illuminating freshers' reception program to welcome the newly enrolled students of 45th batch to enlarge and strengthen the prime family with the warmth of hearts and the bouquet of flowers. The program aimed at introducing the freshers and their guardians with the customs and cultures, resources and opportunities and rules and regulations of the university.

The ceremony began with the recitation from The Holy Quran and The Holy Gita. Al-Hajj Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), Prime University, graced the program being there and speaking with his amiable voice as the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor, Prime University, presided over the occasion. M. A. Jabber, Registrar, Prime University welcomed the freshers and discussed the rules and regulations of the university.

The program was enlightened with the presence of Md. Ashraf Ali, Senior Vice Chairman, BOT, Nrepen Maitra, Vice Chairman, BOT, Md. Mamun Sobhan, Treasurer, BOT, Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer, Prime University, Prof. Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Dr. Abdur Rahman, Proctor, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies and Head, Dept. of Business Administration, Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Controller of Examinations, the Heads and faculty members of different departments of the university, the officers and the staff.

The speakers addressed the upcoming challenges and opportunities for the new comers and described different facilities available here like, library, laboratories different clubs, mentorship, nonstop internet, huge campus, various indoor and outdoor games, extra-curricular activities and some upcoming events including sending micro-planet to the space etc. The speakers also emphasized the role of the



guardians. The chief guest, Mir Shahabuddin, asserted that the graduates of Prime University will serve both at home and abroad with their acquired knowledge and skills with steady success.

The occasion got its conclusion with the startling performances of the students of the university at the gargantuan cultural program.

## National Mourning Day, 2017 Observed at Prime University



*Md Ashraf Ali, Sr Vice Chairman, BOT addressing the audience at the discussion program on the death anniversary of the father of the nation and 'Doa Mahfil'*

Prime University observed National Mourning Day, 2017 paying tribute to the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on his 42nd anniversary of martyrdom. Early in the morning the national flag was flown at half-mast and black flag was flown in front of Prime University new permanent campus. Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Prime University was present as the chief guest in the discussion session while Prof Dr M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor of Prime University presided over the program. Among others, Senior Vice Chairman of BOT Md. Ashraf Ali, Vice Chairman of BOT, Nripen Maitra, Treasurer of BOT, Md. Mamun Sobhan, Treasurer of the University, Prof. M. Arshad Ali, Registrar of the University M. Abdul Jabber, Controller of the Examinations Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Deans, Heads and faculties of different Departments together with many students and university personnel were present in the program. The program started with recitation from the Holy Quran followed by a welcome speech delivered by the Registrar of the University M Abdul Jabber. Prof Dr M Abdus Sobhan said, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the greatest leader under whose valiant leadership Bangladesh became free from West Pakistan. He was the leader of symbol of unity and encouragement. He

urged the students of Prime University to be ideal with the spirit of Bangabandhu's leadership. On the other hand, on the occasion, Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, BOT of the University recalled the August 15, 1975 carnage with due solemnity. He told that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was killed along with most of his family members which caused a great loss for the country. He urged the present generation to be regenerated with the spirit of Liberation War and engage themselves to finish the unfinished task of Bangabandhu. Sr. Vice Chairman Md Ashraf Ali urged the students to read Bangabandhu's biography. Treasurer of the University, Prof. M. Arshad Ali called upon the students to emulate the ideals for the greatest Bangladesh of all times. On the occasion of Death Anniversary of the father of nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman all the speakers delivered their speeches with great sorrows and emotions. The Program was ended by following prize giving ceremony. Chairman of the BOT and Vice-Chancellor of the University distributed the prize among the winners of essay competition on Bangabandhu's life. At the end of the discussion session a Doa Mahfil was arranged at the university premises to say prayer for eternal peace of Bangabandhu and martyred members of his family.



## Inception Workshop of IQAC Held in Prime University



*The Chairman, Board of Trustees delivering speech in the discussion session on 17.03.2017*

The Inauguration and Inception Workshop of Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Prime University entitled 'Establishment of IQAC at Prime University' was held on 6 June, 2017 in the Conference Room of the University. The workshop was organized in collaboration with Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Prime University and Quality Assurance Unit (QAU) of University Grants Commission (UGC).

Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, BOT graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while Prof. Dr. Sanjoy Kumar Adhikary, Head, QAU, HEQEP, UGC was the Keynote speaker of the workshop. The workshop was chaired by Prof Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor, Prime University.

Prof. Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor, Director, IQAC delivered the speech of welcome at the beginning of the workshop while Md. Jahidul Azad, Additional Director of IQAC emceed the workshop. The workshop focused on the quality of higher education, achieving international standards of higher studies in Bangladesh and Self-Assessment at program level for developing quality culture in education and teaching learning process.

Registrar of the University, Dean of the Faculties, Head of the respective Departments, members of Quality Assurance Committee, members of Self Assessment Committee and a good number of faculty members were present in the august occasion.

## Overview of Self-Assessment Process and Team Building Workshop Held in Prime University



*A view of the workshop on 06.07.2017*



A workshop on 'Overview of Self-Assessment Process and Team Building' was held in Prime University on 6th July 2017 at 10:00 am. The workshop was organized by Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Prime University.

The Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. M Abdus Sobhan chaired the program. M A Jabber, Registrar delivered the welcome speech. Prof Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor, Dean, Faculty of Engineering,

and Director, IQAC, Prime University and Md. Jahidul Azad, Asst. Professor & Head, Department of English and Additional Director, IQAC, Prime University delivered speech in the program.

The workshop highlighted the self-assessment and team building process as part of IQAC initiatives to achieve the goal of Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) undertaken by the Ministry of Education in Bangladesh

## Workshop on Curriculum Design and Review Process Held at Prime University



*Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr M Abdus Sobhan delivering his speech during the program*

Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Prime University organized a two-day long workshop entitled 'Curriculum Design and Review Process' on 8th and 9th August 2017 at Prime University. Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor of the University chaired the session while Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, Board of Trustees graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Md. Ashraf Ali, Senior Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees was there as the Special Guest. Moreover, Registrar of the University, M. A. Jabber, Deans of different faculties and Heads of different departments were also present in the session. 36 faculty members from 6 programs offering entities participated in the workshop.

Dr. S. M. Kabir, former quality assurance specialist of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Bangladesh and Professor of the Marketing Department of Rajshahi University facilitated the workshop.

In the welcome speech, Prof. Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor, Director of IQAC, Prime University welcomed the participants in the third workshop of IQAC and expressed his gratitude to the speaker, Chairman of BOT, Prime University and Chief Guest of the

session, Mir Shahabuddin opined that such workshop will bring positive changes among the faculty members and improve the teaching-learning process of the university. Finally, he declared the workshop open and wished the success of the program. Registrar, M. A. Jabber emphasized on developing well designed and effective curriculum to produce well equipped graduates who can face the challenges of the open market economy.

The facilitator, Dr. Kabir introduced the faculty members with self-assessment and quality assurance, principles and standards of curriculum development, evaluation and review process of curriculum. In the interactive session, he also demonstrated different teaching learning activities and assessment strategies. Faculty members were also acquainted with the student centered learning, outcome based education and other teaching learning strategies. The workshop ended with a question-answer session. Finally, in his concluding speech, Chairperson of the session and Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan praised the activities and efforts of IQAC as it had been arranging important workshops. In his speech, he expressed his aspiration of imparting even better quality education through the skilled faculty members and enriched amenities.



## Workshops on Team Building in Different Departments



*A view of the team building workshop organized by the Self Assessment Committee of the Department of Business Administration*

Workshops on team building in all departments of the University were arranged in the month of August and September this year. Self-Assessment (SA) Committees of different departments, for fulfilling a partial requirement of the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Prime University, organized the workshops individually.

The Workshops were graced by the presence of Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees as Chief Guest. Professor Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor and Professor Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor, as the Director of IQAC, were present there as special guests. Every workshop was chaired by the Head of the Self-

Assessment Committee of corresponding department. Faculty members along with the Deans and Heads also attended the workshop of their department. M. A. Jabber, Registrar, Md. Jahidul Azad, Deputy Director of IQAC, members of the Quality Assurance Committee and executives of IQAC were common guests in each workshop.

Workshop on Team Building was an initiative to sensitize the faculties about the Self-Assessment Process, particulars and significance of Team Building focusing on the activity plan of the SA Committee. In inaugural sessions, invited guests delivered their speech focusing on the necessity of quality education for the University and the nation as well. These were followed by Power Point presentations by members of SA committees when they explained self-assessment process, different aspects of team building and activity plan for their particular department.

## Prime University Debate Team Reaches Semi-final Round in the 'UCB Public Parliament Debate-2017'



*Prime University team receiving crest from the Honorable State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Mashiur Rahman Ranga MP and Chairman of Debate for Democracy, Hassan Ahamed Chowdhury Kiron*

On 27 August 2017, Prime University Debate team won against Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University in their quarter final round of the prestigious television debate competition, 'UCB Public Parliament Debate-2017'. Through this impressive accomplishment the team has been promoted to the Semi-final round. Earlier, PU Debate team clinched victory against Asia Pacific University in the second round of the competition. The topic of the quarter final debate was 'নাগরিক দুর্ভোগ লাঘবে নগর সরকার নয় নাগরিকের ভূমিকাই বেশি'. Honorable State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Mashiur Rahman Ranga MP graced the session as the Chief Guest while renowned television personality and Chairman of Debate for Democracy, Hassan Ahamed Chowdhury Kiron chaired the debate session.

## Research Work

Md. Ashrafuzzaman, Senior Lecturer, Department of Education conducted a Research as a Team Leader entitled 'Case Studies on Underprivileged Children Education: Challenges of Access and Continuation' funded by National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM), Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education in the FY 2016-17.





*Md. Ashrafuzzaman (3rd From left) receiving cheque from the Honorable Chief Guest and Education Minister Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid MP*

Underprivileged or not, every citizen of Bangladesh has the right of education. For improving the lives of underprivileged people, education can play an important role. The present qualitative study aimed to explore the challenges of access and continuation to education of underprivileged children of Bangladesh. The secondary data were collected through document survey, previous reports, articles and news, while the primary data were collected through semi-structured questionnaire with underprivileged children and semi-structured interview with parents and experts including Educational Administrator, School Coordinator and Teachers. The area of the study covered Dhaka and Chittagong divisions of Bangladesh. Major findings of the study showed that underprivileged children did not face any problem getting admission in the JAAGO Foundation School. Only 7% students dropped from JAAGO Foundation School in the last three years. But literature revealed that there was a very high dropout rate in formal secondary schools in Bangladesh, particularly amongst marginalized children. From the data it was found that the main reasons for drop out were house or slum shifting or migration, early marriage, financial problem, drug addiction and involvement in drug business, communication problem, socio-cultural aspects, lack of necessary mental support from family, natural disaster, lack of interest, school location and lack of support from community. This study identified some possible interventions that reduced dropout rate at JAAGO Foundation School like, cost free education, sufficient support for study like pencil, pen, books, bag, uniform, shoe

etc. including other equipment, sponsorship for students, suitable environment, joyful learning, entrepreneurship and empowerment, teacher-student friendly relationship, student centered teaching-learning approach, family support, skill based training and co-curricular activities.

## Three Faculty Members going for Higher Studies with Scholarship

It is an immense pleasure to know that three faculty members in the department of EEE of Prime University are going abroad for higher studies with full scholarship. One of the members is Foisal Ahmed, Assistant Professor who has been awarded prestigious MEXT (Monbukagakushu) scholarship in doctoral program of the Graduate School of Information Science, Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST) in Japan. Miraz Uz Zaman, Lecturer has also has been awarded prestigious MEXT (Monbukagakushu) scholarship in Master Program in Keio University in Japan. On other hand, Riazul Arefin, Lecturer has been granted another prestigious Erasmus Mundus scholarship by European Union in 'Molecular Nano and Bio Photonics for Telecommunication and bio technology (MONABIPHOT)' program. We wish all of them success in their higher studies.



## Faculty Member Participated in International Workshop

Md. Mostafijur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Prime University participated in a 3 day long residential workshop on 'Researching and Teaching International Law in the Third World' jointly organized by the Department of Law and Justice, Jahangirnagar University, and the School of Law, Birmingham University, UK held on July 27-29, 2017. He received a certificate of recognition for participating and presenting a paper entitled 'The Need for an Integrated Marine Environment Policy in Bangladesh: An Explanation' at the workshop. The whole workshop was facilitated jointly by Antony Angie, Professor, National University of Singapore and Dr. Shahabuddin, Associate Professor, the School of Law, Birmingham University, UK. The respected panelists were Professor Dr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, Professor Dr. Md. Rahmatullah and Professor Dr. Md. Borhanuddin, Dhaka University. Md. Mostafijur Rahman in his paper showed that the triumph of Bangladesh in the settlement of maritime boundary

delimitation dispute with Myanmar and India offers Bangladesh an opportunity for sustainable blue economic development. But blue economy for sustainable development is not possible in Bangladesh unless and until maritime security is ensured, marine environment is protected and above all marine environment pollution is prevented. While sustainable development can be ensured through proper utilization of the potentials of the sea and marine resources; Bangladesh marine environment is being polluted in many ways. He argued that Bangladesh has some laws regarding marine environment protection from pollution but those are not fit for keeping up with the present growing demands of the marine environment, not updated, cohesive and adequate also. So he highlighted the need for an integrated marine environment policy to protect marine environment and to prevent marine environment pollution in Bangladesh. In the three day long workshop 30 participants from different public and private universities of the country were present. Besides, researchers, discussants and many students attended the workshop.

## Doa Mahfil & Discussion Program



*Al-Haj Quary Mawlana Abdul Kader conducting Doa Mahfil program*

On the occasion of the death anniversary-2017 of Late M. Moniruzzaman, former Senior Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), Prime University and Late Prof. Dr. M. Abul Hossain

Sikder, former Secretary General, BOT and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prime University a Doa Mahfil and Discussion Program was held on 23/07/2017 at 5:15 PM (after Asar Prayer) in the Conference

Room in Prime University campus. At first Al-Haj Quary Mawlana Abdul Kader conducted Doa Mahfil Program.

Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, BOT, Prof Dr M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor, Nrepen Maitra, Vice Chairman, BOT, Firoj Mahmud Hossain, Secretary General, BOT, Md Mamun Sobhan, Treasurer, BOT, Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer, Prime University, Prof Dr Abdur Rahman, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies, M A Jabber, Registrar, Md Nur Hossain Talukder, Controller of Examinations, Prime University were present in the program along with many students, faculty members, executives and staffs. Besides, the family members of two deceased persons were also present in the program.

In the Discussion Program, Prof Dr M Abdus Sobhan, Vice

Chancellor, recollected the memory with them and discussed different aspects of their lives. Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, BOT called to mind happy times with them and mentioned their contributions to Prime University and the society as well. Prof. M. Arshad Ali recalled his long acquaintance with these two personalities and spoke of their contributions. M A Jabber, Registrar, also remembered their past times. Other persons also delivered speeches. Firoj Mahmud Hossain, Secretary General of BOT and eldest son of late Prof. Dr. Abul Hossain Sikder expressed his thankfulness for the arrangement and requested all to pray for the salvation of departed souls of his father and of late M. Moniruzzaman. Finally, all present said prayer to the Almighty for the departed souls to rest in peace.

## Formation of Prime University Alumni Association (PUAA)

A meeting to form the Alumni Association was held on 21.07.2017 at 04:00 PM at the conference room of Prime University. The convener, Golam Sarowar presided over the meeting. Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University and Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor, Prime University also attended the meeting as invitees. At the outset of the meeting, Golam Sarowar welcomed the members present and outlined the requirements of formation of alumni association and sought cooperation of the members present in the meeting.

The meeting unanimously decided to form a Convening

Committee consisting of 20 members, all of whom are the former students of Prime University. The Committee was formed with Golam Sarowar, Head and Assistant Professor, Department of Law as the Convener of the Committee. Nahid Farzana, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration, Md. Jasim Uddin, Alumni, Law Department, S.M. Mehdi Akram, Alumni, CSE Dept and Md. Abdul Awal, Assistant Professor, Department of English were decided to be the Co-conveners of the Committee. The meeting awarded the responsibility of Member Secretary to Shuvodip Das, Assistant Professor, Department of EEE.

## Training of the Course Secretaries of Prime University



*A view of the inauguration of the training program on 05.07.2017*



Training is very essential for skill development. A two day training of the Course Secretaries of Prime University was held on the 5th and 10th July 2017 in the University premises. The program was organized by the Centre for Research, HRD and Publications of the University. Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor and M. A. Jabber, Registrar of the University were present in the program on the first day. Course Secretaries of all departments attended the program. The program was arranged to develop the office management skills of the Course Secretaries.

## View Exchange Program on 'The Role of Prime University for Expansion of Higher Education'

Prime University organized a view exchange program on 'The Role of Prime University for Expansion of Higher Education' with the Principals, Vice Principals, Professors and teachers of different colleges and polytechnic institutes at Shilpakala Academy of Tangail on 18 August 2017.

Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Controller of Examinations, Prime University presided over the view exchange program. The Registrar, delegates of Deputy Commissioner of Tangail and the President of Bangladesh College Shikkhok Somity of Tangail District were present there.

There was a twenty five minute multimedia presentation on Prime University before the discussion program. The introductory speech was given by Salim Uddin, Assistant Registrar, Prime University.

Md. Abdul Jabber, Registrar, Prime University mentioned that Prime University provides 100% tuition fee waiver for the meritorious, offspring of freedom fighters, tribal and sibling. He added that there are different co-curricular activities like debate, quiz, games and sports for the students of Prime University.



*Honorable Guests of view exchange program of Prime University*



Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Controller of Examinations, said, 'Prime University has been playing a leading role in the arena of private universities for quality education in Bangladesh.'

All the participants of the program expressed their opinion that they had been informed and benefitted from the program and praised the initiative and activities of Prime University for assurance of quality higher education.

## Launching Chinese Language Certificate Course

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BOT), Prime University as well as the Director of Prime University Language Institute (Proposed) Al-Haj Mir Shahabuddin inaugurated the Chinese Language Certificate Course on 02 June 2017 for the executives, faculty members and students of Prime University and for other interested persons. Mir Shahabuddin said that language is an instrument to cope with the competition of this age of globalization and learning a new language can be headway into a new culture. Since the orientation of the course, all the activities are in the continuation in as per expectation

under the leadership of M.A Jabber, the course teacher and Registrar of Prime University. MA Jabber states that it is very important to choose to study a language that will remain relevant and useful to coming years and Chinese language is one of such languages as Chinese language is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world and in addition to the People's Republic of China and Taiwan, Mandarin Chinese is also spoken in the important and influential Chinese communities of Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, The Philippines and Mongolia.

## Joining of New Faculty Members

In the Summer Semester 2017 Prime University welcomed nine faculty members in different departments of the University. They are: Dilruba Nusrat, Khan Enaet Hossain and Sadia Sazzad in the Department of CSE, Md. Fahim Abdullah, Maliha Sultana, Al Raji Billah, Md. Akram Hossain and Nirupam Das in the Department of EEE and Saffat Homayra in the Department of Law. It is hoped that the new faculty members will enlighten the respective departments with their contributions.



*Dilruba Nusrat*



*Khan Enaet Hossain*



*Sadia Sazzad*





*Md. Fahim Abdullah*



*Maliha Sultana*



*Al Raji Billah*



*Md. Akram Hossain*



*Nirupam Das*



*Saffat Homayra*

## Distribution of Relief among the Flood-affected People by Prime University



*Distribution of relief by Prime University*

Prime University distributed relief among the flood-affected people at Kakua Union Council in Sadar Upazilla of Tangail on 28 August, 2017. Mir Shahabuddin, The Honorable Chairman of BOT, Prime University and Prime University Social Welfare Society took the initiative in collaboration with faculties, executives, staffs and students of Prime University. The relief distribution work was supervised by Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Controller of Examinations, Md. Ashrafuzzaman, Senior Lecturer, Department of Education, Modud Ahmed, Lecturer, Department of Law and Salim Uddin, Assistant Registrar, Prime University. Chairman and Members of Kakua Union Council were also present there with full cooperation. Food and medicine were distributed among two hundred fifty flood affected people.



## Chairman, BOT, Prime University Graced the Reception Program for GPA-5 Holders at Jhenaidah



*Chairman of BOT, Prime University, Mir Shahabuddin delivering his speech as special guest*

On 6th September, 2017, Jhenaidah Municipality gave reception to the students who secured GPA-5 in the HSC examination of 2017 at the auditorium of Jhenaidah Municipality. Nearly 150 meritorious, GPA-5 holder students of Jhenaidah Municipality were accorded reception through this program. They were given student bags and souvenirs from Prime University. The Mayor of Jhenaidah Municipality, Mr. Saidul Karim Mintu chaired the program while Prof. Dr. Harun-Ur-Rashid Askari, Vice Chancellor of Islamic University, Kushtia was there as the Chief Guest. Addressing the function as the Special Guest, a distinguished son of Jhenaidah, philanthropist personality, liberation war hero and Chairman of Board of Trustees, Prime University, Mir Shahabuddin urged all students to groom themselves properly to become successful in life. He accentuated on pursuing higher education from better educational institution. Later on, there was an arrangement of colorful cultural event for the audience.

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