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News Highlights

Martyred Intellectuals and Victory Day



ULAB observed Martyred Intellectuals and Victory Day on December 12, 2017. Mr. Mofidul Hoque, Researcher, Essayist and Member of the Board of Trustees, Liberation War Museum, was the chief

guest. Eminent national scholar and ULAB Emeritus Professor Rafiqul Islam also spoke at the ceremony. ULAB Shangskriti Shangshad sang a chorus inspired by the Liberation War; and recitations and prose readings were performed by ULAB faculty members and students.

Liberation War Exhibition

For Victory Day, ULAB Library organized a two-day day-long (13-14 December) Book & Photo Exhibition. Most of the photographs were taken by ULAB's Emeritus Professor Rafiqul Islam during the 1971 Liberation War. ULAB Vice Chancellor, Professor H.M. Jahirul Haque, inaugurated the exhibition on December 13th, 2017.



Citizen's Platform for SDGs

ULAB's Center for Sustainable Development (CSD) participated in the Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh on December 6, 2017, at the Krishibid Institution. The daylong conference was themed "Leaving No One Behind." CSD is a partner organization of this platform. On behalf of the CSD team, Assistant Professor Mr. Shafiqul Islam presented his research findings on the challenges of drought in



Barind areas.

ULAB and NIIT Limited, India sign MoU

ULAB and NIIT Limited, India signed an MoU on December 26, 2017, to ensure cutting-edge technology and industry-driven courses are taught at ULAB. Both institutions will organize joint technical seminars and workshops to prepare ULAB's students for the industry. Through this MoU, ULABians will be able to enjoy NIIT's various facilities in India to acquire advanced knowledge in information and technology. Moreover, final year students will be able



to pursue their internship at NIIT. Prof. Dr. H. M. Jahirul Haque, ULAB Vice Chancellor, and Mr. Pankaj Mamtani of NIIT signed the MoU.

"Visionary Leadership and Effective Communication" Workshop

ULAB and LEAD jointly conducted a daylong workshop on "Visionary Leadership and Effective Communication" on December 9, 2017. The workshop had three sessions which were conducted by Mr. Ashfaq Zaman, CPA, President of LEAD; Mr. Yahia Amin, CEO of LEAD and Mr. Asif Uddin Ahmed, Assistant Professor of ULAB School of Business and Deputy Director of Academic Affairs, ULAB. They shared their expertise and insights about leadership and communication skills in an interactive way to students. Certificates were distributed to the participants at the end of the workshop.



ULAB and QUBEE sign MoU

ULAB and QUBEE signed a MoU on December 3, 2017. The objective of this MoU is knowledge sharing, joint technical seminars and research to contribute towards the Digital Bangladesh vision. ULAB students will be able to utilize QUBEE's Network Sites, Data Centers, and other facilities available at QUBEE. ULAB will also send final year students to pursue internships at QUBEE. Professor H.M. Jahirul Haque, ULAB Vice Chancellor, and Mr. D.S. Faisal Hyder, CEO, QUBEE and Augere Wireless Broadband Bangladesh Limited signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations.



CCNA and Linux Workshop

ULAB, in collaboration with ADN Eduservices Ltd, organized a two-day workshop on CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) and Linux Operating System for its graduating students on the 23rd and 30th November, 2017. Managing Director, Mr. Tapan Kanti Sarkar; Head of Business of ADN Eduservices Ltd, Mr. Nurul Alam; and Head of ULAB Computer Science and Engineering Department, Associate Professor Dr. A.K.M. Muzahidul Islam, discussed current

industrial demands, affiliation of academia with industry and future of the graduates. The workshops were conducted by Md. Rahat Faysal Pradhan, Senior Technical Instructor and System Admin of ADN Eduservices Ltd.



Panel Discussion on Contemporary Art Scene in Bangladesh

ULAB's General Education Department (GED) organized a panel discussion on "Contemporary Art Scene in Bangladesh" on October 30, 2017. The panelists were Ms. Nadia Samdani, Co-Founder and President of the Samdani Art Foundation, Diana Campbell Betancourt, Chief Curator of



Dhaka Art Summit, Mr. Mustafa Zaman, Editor at Depart- The Art Magazine, Tanzim Wahab, Chief Curator of Bengal Foundation, Ms. Nazia Andaleeb Preema, Eminent artist and Professor of English at ULAB, and famous Art Critique Professor. Syed Manzoorul Islam. Mr. Mustafa Zaman, Editor at Depart-The Art Magazine, moderated the discussion. The panel explored the current state of contemporary Bangladeshi art and what makes it such a unique form of expression within the broader international contemporary art scene.

"Resilient Universities, Resilient Students"

ULAB's Media Studies and Journalism (MSJ) Department presented its Fall Semester Media Exhibits from December 18 to 22, 2017 at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The exhibition brought together the works of students from various courses – theoretical papers, campaign materials, visual art, video art, photography, animation, performance and digital & television productions. The theme for Fall Semester 2017 was "Resilient Universities, Resilient Students". The theme is in fulfillment of the "Building Resilient Universities Project (BRUP), which ULAB and the US-based National Endowment for Democracy (NED) are pursuing in Bangladesh.



Financial Inclusion and Digital Financial Services in Bangladesh

ULAB's Center for Enterprise and Society (CES) organized a seminar titled "A Closer Look at Financial Inclusion in Bangladesh" on November 20,



at ULAB's auditorium in Dhanmondi. The seminar featured a highly distinguished panel consisting of Professor Imran Rahman, Special Advisor to the Board of Trustees at ULAB, Mr.

Feisal Hussain, Team Leader, Business Finance for the Poor in Bangladesh (BFP-B), a UKAID-funded project; Mr. Md. Arfan Ali, Managing Director and President, Bank Asia Ltd; and Mr. Jaheed Parvez, Digital Financial Services Advisor, FHI 360. The presentation and the panel focused on the prevailing situation and challenges faced by Mobile Financial Services (MFS) and Agent Banking. The seminar started off with a presentation on Financial Inclusion in Bangladesh conducted by Mr. Sajid Amit, Director, CES. This was followed by the panel discussion.

Urban Flooding of Greater Dhaka

Center for Sustainable Development (CSD) organized a seminar on "Urban Flooding of Greater Dhaka in a Changing Climate: Building Local Resilience to Disaster Risk",



on December 17, 2017. The main speaker of the event was Dr. Susmita Das Gupta, Lead Environmental Economist, Environment and Energy Team, Development Research Group, The World

Bank. Dr. Das Gupta covered many points on urban flooding. She mentioned one crucial point that climate change was not the only actual reason for flooding, but if unplanned development continues climate change will raise the damage due to urban flooding. Lastly, she shared strategies to reduce flooding.

Skills Needed to Enter Banking Sector

ULAB School of Business (USB) organized a seminar on "What skills fresh graduates need to enter in the service/banking sector" on November 19,

2017. Mr. Kazi Masihur Rahman, Managing Director and CEO of Mercantile Bank Limited, was the main speaker. He spoke about the skills, qualities and competencies looked for by the banking industry when recruiting fresh graduates from the market. He also motivated students to work in the banking sector.



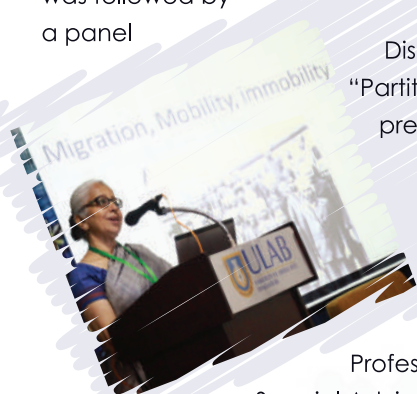
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International Conference: Refugees in the Public Imagination

ULAB's Department of English and Humanities (DEH) held a two-day long conference titled "Refugees in the Public Imagination: Discourse on (Dis)location and (Dis)placement" on Friday and Saturday, December 22-23, 2017. The session was inaugurated by the Hon. Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Professor Abdul Mannan who congratulated ULAB for hosting a conscientious and comprehensive panel and papers on such urgent and pressing issues of our time as the global refugee crises.

The first day of the conference commenced with academic Dr. Anjali Gera Roy's keynote speech, "Migration, Mobility, Immobility." Dr. Roy is a Professor at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur. Her paper was followed by a panel

Panel Discussion on "Partition Matters" presented by Dr. Anjali Gera Roy



discussion moderated by Professor Imran Rahman, Special Advisor to the Board of Trustees at ULAB, who spoke at length with representatives from UNHCR and Save the Children

working with the Rohingya community on site in Cox's Bazaar. Other significant sessions were hosted by eminent scholars and academics, Dr. Niaz Zaman, Dr. Fakhru Alam, Dr. Debjani Sengupta, Dr. Perween Hasan, Dr. Razia Sultana Khan, Dr. Firdous Azim, Prof. Afsan Chowdhury, and Dr. Syed Manzoorul Islam. The first day's parallel sessions covered a range of topics including transnational diaspora, public imagination and the migrant "Other", and racial-cultural hybridity.



Panel Discussion on "Working with the Rohingya: Donors' Perspectives"

The second day of the conference began with Dr. Debjani Sengupta's paper, "An Enclave's Marginal Lives: Selina Hossain's Bhumi O Kusum (2010)." Dr. Sengupta is an Associ-

ate Professor with the Department of English at Indraprastha College, University of Delhi. Her paper highlights the present-day status of border enclaves called chhitmahal, parcels of territories belonging to Bangladesh while surrounded by India or vice versa,



ULAB Career Fair

2017

ULAB organized "Career Fair-2017" on October 28, 2017. About 30 organizations participated in this fair where events like career development seminars, workshops, CV collection and spot interviews took place.



The Fair was inaugurated by Chief Guest Ms. Rupali Chowdhury, Managing Director at Berger Paints Bangladesh LTD. Mr. Md. Musharraf Hossain, President of BSHRM & Asia Pacific Federation of Human Resources Management, was the Special Guest. In her speech, Ms. Rupali Chowdhury urged students to learn every day from technology and not to fear competition. In his address, Special Guest Md. Musharraf Hossain requested universities to ensure practical education by bringing professionalism in the classroom.

Media partners of the ULAB Career Fair were Online Bangla Tribune, Radio Shadhin, Edu-icon, and Financial Express. BSHRM was another partner of ULAB for the event.



GOLD Awards

Her Royal Highness Sophie, Countess of Wessex, presented the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award to twenty ULAB students in recognition of their activities under the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DEA) program. To receive Gold status, students had to develop their personal, social and volunteering skills, as well as learn survival skills through an adventure trip. The Countess of Wessex also presented an award to Professor Imran Rahman, Special Advisor to ULAB's Board of Trustees, for the ULAB DEA Program.

Her Excellency, High Commissioner of the British High Commission to Bangladesh, Ms. Alison Blake, hosted the program at her residence on November 23rd, 2017. Among the private universities, ULAB has the highest DEA enrollment. Last year, 17 ULAB students received the Gold Award.



Chinese Spring Festival held at ULAB Permanent Campus

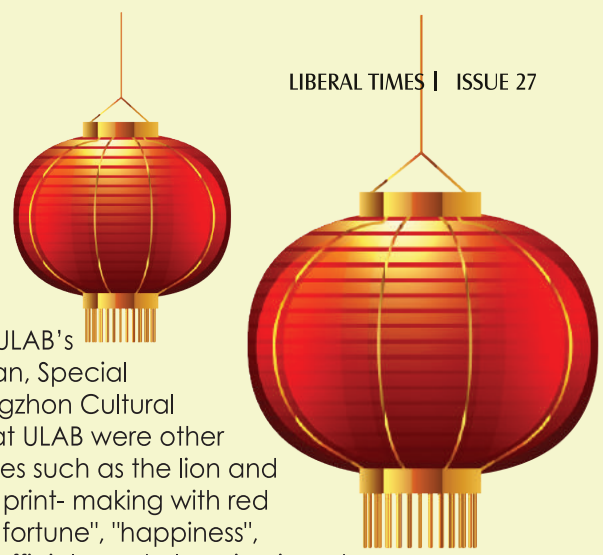


A Celebration Gala for the Chinese New Year, Spring Festival 2018 was held at ULAB's permanent campus at Mohammadpur on February 4, 2018. The program was jointly organized by ULAB and the Confucius Institute of the University of Dhaka. UNESCO Dhaka Office and Confucius Institute at North South University were present here as co-organizers. The program was sponsored by the Chinese Embassy in Dhaka.



Dr. Kazi Anis Ahmed, Vice President of ULAB Board of Trustees, delivering his welcome speech.

CH. E. Sun Yan, Cultural Counselor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Bangladesh graced the festival as the Chief Guest. Head and Representative of UNESCO Dhaka Office, Madam B. Kaldun, was present as Special Guest. Dr. Kazi Anis Ahmed, Vice President of ULAB Board of Trustees delivered the welcome speech. ULAB's Vice Chancellor Professor H.M. Jahirul Haque, Professor Imran Rahman, Special Advisor to ULAB's Board of Trustees, Mr. Xi Jian Gong, Director of Jiangzhon Cultural Bureau, China and Mr. Abu Hena Rasel, Director of Career Services at ULAB were other dignitaries present at the event. The festival included exciting activities such as the lion and dragon dances, Tai Chi, paper-cutting etc. Other activities included print- making with red colored paper and hanging couplets with popular themes of "good fortune", "happiness", "wealth", and "longevity". Students, faculty members, administrative officials, and alumni enjoyed the day long festival. Many Chinese citizens were also present in the colorful ceremony to celebrate the day.



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Student News

Md. Talebur Islam Rupom attends Global Partnership Summit in New Delhi

ULAB Department of English and Humanities student Md. Talebur Islam Rupom participated in the Global Partnership Summit held on December 11-14, 2017 in New Delhi. He was selected by the India-Japan Global Partnership and India Center Foundation and took part with other 150 delegates from 35 nationalities. In the summit, themed "One Youth, One Culture," Talebur shared his views about Sustainable Development Goals. He also shared the story of his own startup organization "Younifi" with global investors, heads of social organizations and companies.



Sustainable Development Club Fights Plastic Pollution



As part of Greening ULAB "Reduce Plastic Campaign", ULAB Sustainable Development Club and the Center for Sustainable Development organized a cleaning program on December 14, 2017 at

Dhanmondi Lake. Students participated to act against plastic waste. They spoke to people around the lake about reducing plastic use. Then they collected discarded plastic waste and handed it over to the city corporation officials. SDC plans more such events next year so that they can continue to contribute directly to the welfare of the society.

ULAB's Radio Campbuzz Celebrates Sixth Anniversary

Bangladesh's first campus radio "ULAB Radio Campbuzz" celebrated its sixth anniversary on November 2, 2017. Mir Fazle Rabbi, Asst. Executive Producer of Radio Shadhin, was the chief guest. ULAB's Radio Campbuzz was



launched to help students learn about radio production, management, and broadcasting. The station is currently hosting shows like Rongdhonu, Music Ocean, Movie Diary,

Amader ULAB and Icon. The station goes live every Sunday to Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm, airing two news bulletins daily.

Climate Change Students visit Meteorological Department

Students of Introduction to Climate Change Debate visited the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) in Agargaon, Dhaka on November 23, 2017. The team was led by the course instructor Mr. Joy Bhowmik. The field trip

was conducted to enable students think beyond the classroom and make them aware about the



procedures of disaster risk reduction activities. Deputy Director of Training, Mr. Azizur Rahman, Meteorologists Ms. Taslima Imam and Mr. Md. Momenul Islam explained the functions of weather forecasting, effects of early warning systems in disaster risk reduction, and the prospect of meteorology in the field of climate science. The students were introduced to the recent equipment of collecting data from the atmosphere.

Corporate Social Responsibility Visit: Remi Holdings Limited

ULAB students with the assistance from ULAB's Center for Sustainable Development visited Remi Holdings Limited on December 9, 2017. Senior Lecturer-cum-Researcher Shantanu Kumar Saha and Lecturer-cum-



Research Associate Joy Bhowmik led a group of 35 students from their 'Environmental Sciences' and 'Sociology' courses for this day-long field trip. Two of

Remi Holdings Limited's officials informed students about the environment-friendly architecture and management of their garments factory. Students were shown how the factory architecture and its technology are keeping the environment safe from any of its adverse effects.

Appreciation Day for ULAB Ambassadors and Peer Mentors

The Student Affairs Office at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh organized an Appreciation Day for the ULAB Student Ambassadors and Peer Mentors at the ULAB



Campus-B Seminar Room on December 7, 2017. The main purpose of this event was to give due recognition to these candidates who have worked tirelessly with the students and have put in a great deal of effort which is truly deserving of being awarded. Mr. Sohrab Hassan, Joint Editor of The Prothom Alo, was the Chief Guest at the event. The event was graced by the Honorable Vice Chancellor Professor H.M. Jahirul Haque, Ms. Juditha Ohlmacher, Member ULAB Board of Trustees, Prof. Akhter Ahmed, Registrar and Mr. Raquib Quasem, Deputy Director of Student Affairs Office among others.

"Skills for Career"

ULAB Career Services Office (CSO) conducted the program "Skills for Career" at ULAB's Permanent Campus,



Mohammadpur, and ULAB Campus B on November 30 and December 9, 2017 consecutively. The program is designed to introduce students to employability skills and career entry strategies and prepare them to cope

with different types of organizational cultures. Students participated in activities to sharpen their knowledge on career planning, time management, networking skills, communication skills, interpersonal skills, team building skills, etc. They also learnt about job analysis, interview techniques and job search techniques. Mr. Ashique Mahmood Adnan, Lecturer, School of Business, and Mr. Abu Rasel, Director, Career Services, conducted the workshops. Mr. Shubhankar Shil and Mr. Abdul Baten, Assistant Professors, School of Business, shared their experiences during the certificate awarding ceremony.

Club Day Fall 2017



ULAB Co-Curricular Office organized "Club Day Fall 2017" on November 23, 2017, to celebrate club activities. Club Day Fall 2017 was a day-long event consisting of an indoor cricket tournament, a slow cycling competition and indoor games. In addition, showcasing of different club activities, workshops, food stalls, products and souvenirs stalls and graffiti art were also part of the event. Writer Syed Manzoorul Islam, Professor, Department of English and Humanities of ULAB inaugurated the exhibition and presented certificates and gifts to the 12 finalists and winners. The students had an opportunity to show their innovative team work and talent through stage and cultural performances. Finally, there was an introduction to Model UN and a concert to round out the program.

Annual Photo Contest and Exhibition

ULAB organized its Annual Photo Contest on December 20, 2017. Every year, ULAB organizes a photo contest to encourage its students to be actively engaged in this skill-based form of art. Among 298 photographs, 33 photos were displayed in the exhibition submitted by the students. Judges from ULAB selected 12 photos from these for the ULAB calendar of 2018. Professor Dr. H.M. Jahirul Haque, Vice Chancellor of ULAB and Eminent Writer Syed Manzoorul Islam, Professor, Department of English and Humanities of ULAB inaugurated the exhibition and presented certificates and gifts to the 12 finalists and winners.

Educator of the Term

Sajid Amit

Director, Center for Enterprise and Society, and EMBA Program, ULAB

Mr. Sajid Amit joined ULAB as an Adjunct Faculty Member in Fall 2014. Currently he is serving as a Director for Center for Enterprise and Society (CES) and the EMBA program at ULAB. He earned his BA from Dartmouth College, one MA from Columbia University and another MA from SOAS at the University of London.

Being a director for two different offices, Mr. Amit has multiple responsibilities. At CES, he looks after research projects, events, programming and maintains collaboration with various stakeholders. For EMBA, he is a part of a team that aims to keep program fresh and relevant. For both, he works closely with Professor Imran Rahman, Special Advisor to ULAB's Board of Trustees.

He is a part of a recent project that ULAB is about to complete, the Building Resilient Universities Project (BRUP). According to Mr. Amit "This is a twelve-month project, launched in May 2017 with the aim of exposing 2500 students and 45 faculty members across ULAB and BRAC University to civic education, social media literacy and emotional health. I am happy to say we have exceeded our impact targets and we look forward to contributing to ULAB's faculty and students in similar ways in the future.

Mr. Amit feels his work life has taught him to be resilient to appreciate the little things, and to learn and contribute across disciplines and genres.

Mr. Amit is certain that ULAB will set the benchmark for business education in Bangladesh because that's the vision for ULAB's Business School and he is quite keen on contributing to its actualization. He believes ULAB will popularize liberal arts education in the country.



Employee of the Term

Nikhil Chandra Bhattacharyya

Additional Director, Finance & Accounts



Mr. Nikhil Chandra Bhattacharyya joined ULAB on March 2014. Currently he is working as an Additional Director in the Finance and Accounts Office of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB). Mr. Nikhil earned his GCMA (Global Certified Management Accountant) degree from Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and completed his CA (CC) (Chartered Accountancy) from Rahman Thakur and Company.

Mr. Bhattacharyya is in charge of the Finance and Accounts Office of the University and manages the overall financial plans and accounting practices of ULAB. Overseeing treasury, accounting, budget, payroll, tax (personal and corporate), VAT and audit activities are some other additional activities that he carries out for ULAB.

In 2013 he worked on a project report on Equity and Entrepreneurship which was funded by Bangladesh Government and aimed at creating Digital Bangladesh. His areas of involvement were in

making of proposals, document preparation, appraisal report preparation, solving problems etc.

Mr. Bhattacharyya loves travelling with family and friends, watching movies, listening to music and reading books.

Community Achievements

Vice Chancellor's Excellence Awards 2017

ULAB organized the "Vice Chancellor's Excellence Awards 2017" ceremony on December 17, 2017. This is the fourth time ULAB has organized such an award to recognize the contribution of the faculty and administration members of the university. Eminent writer and educationist Dr. Anisuzzaman, Professor Emeritus, University of Dhaka, along with ULAB's Vice Chancellor Professor H.M. Jahurul Haque, presented Vice Chancellor's Excellence Awards winners for their outstanding performance and valuable contribution to ULAB.

Faculty members were awarded on fulfillment of five criteria: Engagement in Learning and Teaching; Engagement in Research; Community Engagement; Service to Students; and Service to the University Community. The members of Administration were awarded for fulfilling three criteria: Support for Learning and Teaching Activities; Service to Students; and Commitment to the ULAB Vision.

Faculty members:



Category	Awardee	Honorable Mention
Engagement in Learning & Teaching	Prof. Kaiser Hamidul Haq	Prof. Din Mohammad Sumon Rahman
Engagement in Research	Dr. Samiya A Selim	Nafees Mansoor
Community Engagement	Mohammad Shazzad Hossain	Abdul Baten
Service to Students	Wazir A F Ahmad	Afsana Anjum
Service to the University Community	Sajid Amit	A. T. M. Sajedul Huq

Administration members:



Category	Awardee	Honorable Mention
Support for Learning and Teaching Activities	Sabrina Afrin	Kaisar Ahmed
Service to Students	Md. Roknuzzaman	Sazia Afrin
Commitment to the ULAB Vision	Abu Hena Md. Rasel	Md. Wahiduzzaman

TECH-FEST 2018

ULAB's School of Science and Engineering organized a two-day Tech Fest December 28-29 to engage, educate, and encourage young student innovators. The program was inaugurated by eminent educational advocate Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor, University of Asia Pacific. The renowned professor congratulated the young talents and urged them to come up with innovative ideas that contribute to the development of society. Poster presentations, project showcasing and an activation campaign for Digital World 2017 were among the events of this Tech Fest.

Mr. Susanta Kumar Saha, Additional Secretary, ICT Division, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was the chief guest in the closing ceremony and distributed the prizes. During his closing speech, Mr. Saha described government's various initiatives toward building Digital Bangladesh and thanked ULAB for joining in the development of Digital Bangladesh Vision 2021.



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