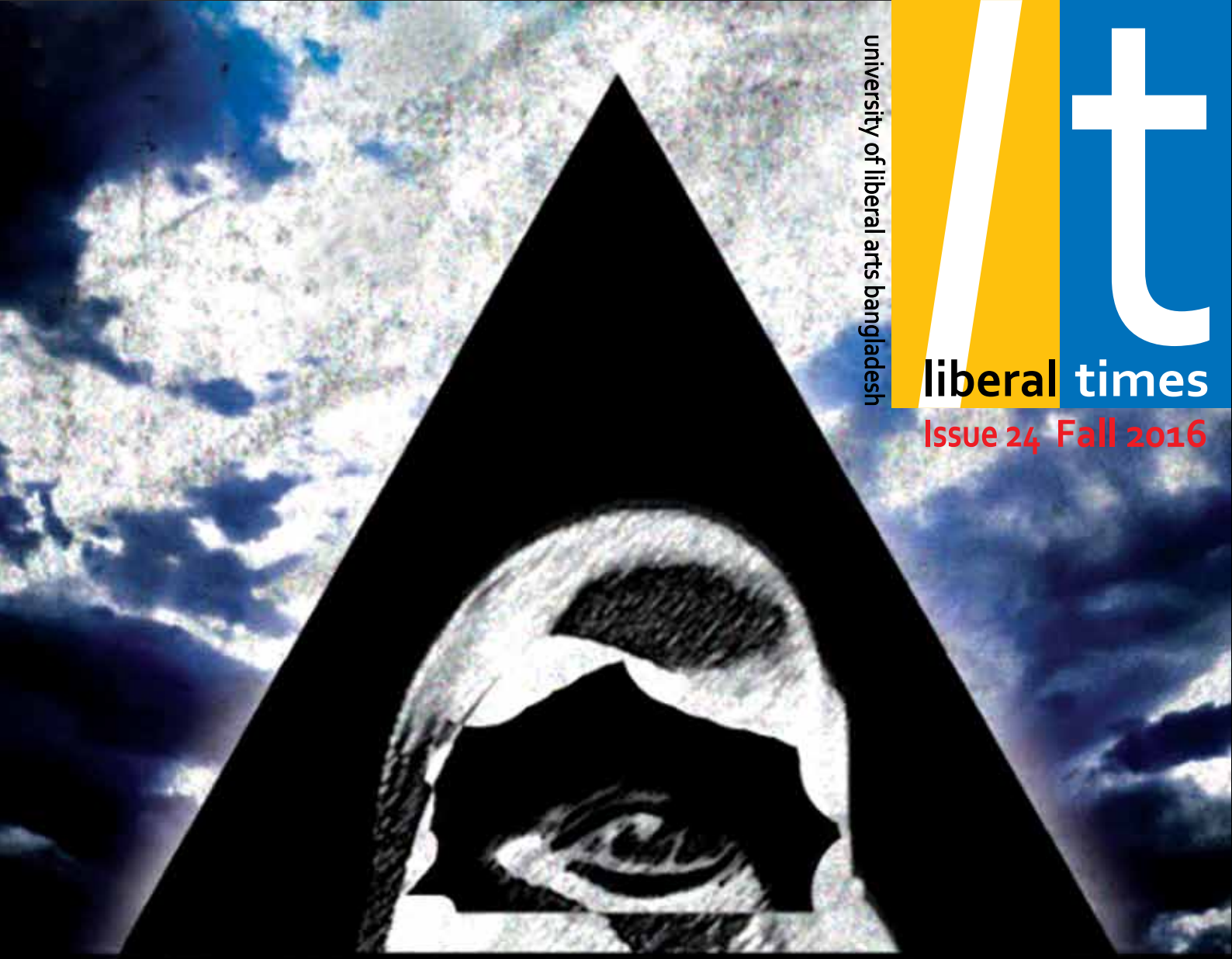


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News Highlights

National Mourning Day with Barrister Fazle Noor Taposh, MP



ULAB organized a discussion and documentary screening of "Chiranjib Bangabandhu" to commemorate National Mourning Day 2016 on August

14th. Barrister Fazle Noor Taposh, MP was present as the chief guest. In his speech, he highlighted the self-sacrificing life of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members, who were always ready to give their lives for the country. Their deaths were not only a great loss for Bangladesh, but also for the world, he added. ULAB Library organized a day long Book Exhibition on Bangabandhu for the occasion.

Computer Science and Engineering Fest 2016

ULAB arranged a four day long Computer Science and Engineering Fest from 12 to 15 June 2016 on campus. This program was hosted by the CSE department, ULAB



Programming Club and IEEE ULAB Student Branch. The program included tutorials, App Development Contest, Poster Contest, and Project Showcases. Celebrated computer scientist Professor Dr. M. Kaykobad, BUET, delivered a public lecture on computer algorithms on the closing day.

Scholarship Awards

ULAB awarded scholarships to its highest-achieving students of Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Summer 2015 and Spring 2016 terms on August 13, 2016. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, East West University, and former governor of Bangladesh Bank was the chief guest. In his speech he praised ULAB's contribution to education. He then challenged the young scholars to use their education to benefit those less fortunate in the country. A total of 47 students received merit scholarships.



Professor Muhammad Yunus on Social Business at ULAB

Nobel Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus delivered a key note speech on Social Business on August 11, 2016. In his speech, Professor Yunus highlighted the pertinence



of Social Business in concurrent world. Professor Yunus said the purpose of social businesses is to collaborate with each other. He encouraged ULAB students to envision a future beyond regular jobs and aspired them to start their own social business ventures. Later, he answered various questions of the students on social business.



CommCare Training for Professionals



ULAB's Center for Enterprise and Society (CES) launched a training on "Mobile Application Development using CommCare" on August 23rd for faculty and

researchers. The two-day training was conducted by Muhammad Ishfaq Azam Chowdhury, ICT4D Support Specialist at Plan International Bangladesh. CommCare is mobile-based platform that allows users to develop data collection applications in Android and Java-based OS enabled mobile phones and tablet PCs. Using Commcare, it is possible to monitor field researcher interviews using GPS, track interview progress, and also easily transport data into Excel.

Research Methodology, Ethics & Writing Strategies

ULAB's Department of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering organized a seminar on "Research Methodology, Ethics & Writing Strategies" on July 17, 2016. The seminar was conducted by Dr. Md. Atiqur Rahman Ahad, Associate Professor, Department of EEE, University of Dhaka. Dr. Ahad

covered important aspects of research methodology, ethics and challenges. Professor Dr. Rezaul Karim Mazumder, Head of the ETE Department, along with students and faculties of ULAB were present.

Effective Grammar Teaching in ESL Classroom

ULAB's Center for Language Studies (CLS) organized an interactive workshop on "Effective Grammar Teaching in ESL Classroom" on July 14, 2016. The workshop, a part of the CLS's regular workshop series, was conducted by Tahamina Ebrahim, Lecturer, CLS. The participants included around 25 under-graduate and graduate students from ULAB, Jagannath University and the Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka. The workshop was also attended by Shireen Hasan, Founder Executive Director of X-cel Institute of Interactive Learning, Dr. Nadira Islam, Faculty at X-cel Institute, S.M. Walid Rahman, Academic Coordinator of X-cel, as well as faculty members from ULAB.

Bangladesh Tomorrow: Growth, Jobs and Equity

ULAB organized a public lecture on "Bangladesh Tomorrow: Growth, Jobs, and Equity" August 8, 2016. Faisal Ahmed, Senior Economic Adviser to the Governor of Bangladesh Bank, was the keynote speaker.



PRAN-RFL DMD on "The Inspirational Journey of PRAN: From Local to Global"

ULAB's Center for Enterprise and Society (CES) organized a talk on "The Inspirational Journey of PRAN - From Local to Global" on June 1, 2016. Mr. Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, DMD of PRAN-RFL group was guest speaker. Mr. Ahsan Khan described PRAN's journey to become one of the largest conglomerates in Bangladesh and a household name in processed foods in over 100 countries across the world. Mr. Khan called PRAN's journey an example of the Bangladesh story. The five elements crucial to PRAN's success, according to Mr. Khan, are big dreams, hard work, human resources, brand promotion and distribution network. The talk was a part of CES' ongoing Leadership Talk Series.

ULAB Breaking "The Spiral of Silence"

On August 20, 2016, the Media Studies and Journalism (MSJ) department arranged a public dialogue and film exhibition as part of the department's signature event - Curriculum Integration - in Chayanat Auditorium. The



theme for the semester was "In a Spiral of Silence..."

The discussants of the public dialogue were Salimullah Khan, Professor and

Director for ULAB Center for Advanced Theory, and Maidul Islam, Assistant Professor in Political

Science Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India. The chief guest for the film exhibit was Syed Wahiduz-zaman, Diamond National Award Winning Film Director. The Chair was Assistant Professor Mubashar Hasan. The



public dialogue consisted of discussions about Marxism, codes of Gandhi, poetry and politics. And the film exhibition exhibited the works of students from various courses like digital cinematography; introduction to animation, business beat reporting, TV infotainment production, etc.

MoU between the ULAB and Asian Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs

Professor Imran Rahman, ULAB Vice Chancellor and Mr. Sunil KC, CEO of Asian Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs (AIDIA), Katmandu, Nepal, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between their respective institutes on July 17, 2016 at ULAB. The MoU is for improving the scientific, academic and research level, exchanging information and giving opinions on topics relevant to diplomacy, political, economic, and social & peace studies, international relations, foreign policy, regional and inter regional development.



School of Business seminar on Negotiation

ULAB School of Business organizes a seminar on "Negotiation – a skill worth acquiring" on July 20, 2016. The seminar was conducted by Arzoo Ismail, Lecturer, ULAB School of Business. The objective of the seminar was to make students aware of the basic structure of any negotiation so that they can improve on this skill and become better negotiators.

Features

International Conference on “Magic and Literature” at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh

The Department of English at ULAB held an international conference titled “Magic and Literature” on May 27-28, 2016. The highlights of the program included the keynote speech by Professor Subir Kumar Dhar; plenary speech by Dr. Azfar Hussain; panel discussion on Magic in Bangla Literature by Dr. Azfar Hussain (moderator), Poets Mohammad Rafiq, Shamim Reza, and Sajjad Sharif; and, plenary discussion on Caribbean, Latin American and Mexican literature by Dr. Joshua Yu Burnett (moderator), Dr. Shamsad Mortuza, Razu Alauddin, Rafique-um-Munir Chowdhury, Mashrur Shahid Hossain. In total, seventy-two academics from Bangladesh and abroad presented their scholarly works. The conference also featured magic demonstration by Professor Subir Kumar Dhar and video art installation by renowned artist Laila Sharmin. The keynote speaker mentioned how belief in magic, specifically in the performance of supernatural or paranormal deeds and actions by certain skilled, talented or learned individuals, has existed as a staple in world literature since the dawn of civilization and how in traditional literary criticism and theory there appears to exist a major disregarding of the role of magic in literature, of magic and literature, and of the magic of literature. He proposed to analyze literature through the contradic-

tions of our time that on the one hand demands the presence of magic and on the other occludes any serious discussion on it.

In his plenary speech eminent scholar and activist Azfar Hussain looked into the relation between money capital and magic, claiming the magic of money conceals our reality from us. He also explained how our daily life appears to us in reified form because of the objectifying power of money. In Professor Hussain's own parlance, “the real nature of money includes, among other things, the very magical power of money under global capitalism.” This magical power, he claimed in his paper, is both metaphorical and literal, both symbolic and real, both physical and metaphysical. He also explained how money, a “mere” physical object—or a “mere” piece of paper—“talks, screams, commands, controls, unites, divides, creates, destroys, reveals, conceals.”

The program also included an address by the Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Imran Rahman, and a welcome address by the Convener and the Advisor of DEH, Professor Shamsad Mortuza. The conference ended on Saturday, May 28, with a vote of thanks from the Convener.

Magic and Literature

Professor Subir Kumar Dhar, Dr. Shamsad Mortuza, Dr. Azfar Hussain, Razu Alauddin, Rafique-um-Munir Chowdhury, Mashrur Shahid Hossain, Mohammad Rafiq, Shamim Reza, Sajjad Sharif, and Dr. Joshua Yu Burnett, at the International Conference titled “Magic and Literature”



UGC Chairman Inaugurates Institutional Quality Assurance Cell at ULAB

ULAB inaugurated its Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in a bid to further develop its overall quality of education on September 5, 2016. An inception workshop on Quality Assurance in Higher Education also held on the same day at the ULAB Auditorium. University Grants Commission (UGC) Chair Professor Abdul Mannan graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while Professor Dr. Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Head, Quality Assurance Unit, UGC; Quality Assurance Specialist of UGC; Professor Dr. M. Abul Kashem; and Professor Dr. Sanjoy Kumar Adhikary were present as Guests of Honor and Keynote Speakers. Director of ULAB IQAC, Professor Jude William Genilo, narrated the milestones achieved so far in quality assurance work at the university.

As the name suggests, the IQAC will work on further improving the overall quality education system of the university. Its Quality Objectives include:

- developing and applying quality benchmarks and parameters for various academic and administrative activities of the institution,
- gathering feedback from students, alumni, employers and other stakeholders on quality-related institutional processes,

- disseminating information on various quality parameters of higher education,
- organizing institutional workshops, seminars on quality-related themes and
- maintaining an institutional database for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing institutional quality.

Professor Mannan, emphasized on the importance of developing cells such as these in universities. "It's absolutely necessary to have a good quality education and at the same time you also need a good library, a classroom, a good work environment. All these things are very much part of quality and the UGC is working on this project," he said.

Following the keynote speech, Dr. Mesbahuddin spoke on 'Promoting Quality Assurance Practice in Bangladesh.' That was followed by Dr M Abul Kashem speaking on the Skills, Knowledge and Attitudes of University Graduates. And finally, Dr Sanjoy Kumar Adhikary spoke towards the end on the Guidelines in Self-Assessment at the Program Level.

The IQAC website (<http://ulab.edu.bd/iqac/>) was also inaugurated during the program.

IQAC

UGC Chair Professor Abdul Mannan, Professor Dr. Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Professor Dr. M. Abul Kashem, Professor Dr. Sanjoy Kumar Adhikary and Professor Jude William Genilo at the Inauguration ceremony.



Features

Dr. Dipu Moni celebrates ULAB's 12th Foundation Day

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh celebrated its 12th Foundation day with great enthusiasm on October 6 at ULAB's permanent campus ground in Mohammadpur, Dhaka.

Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs graced the occasion as chief guest. ULAB Vice Chancellor (Acting) Professor Imran Rahman delivered the welcome speech. Member of ULAB's Board of Trustees Kazi Nabil Ahmed, MP also delivered a speech on the vision of ULAB.

As part of the programme, Dr. Dipu Moni and the ULAB authorities cut a cake to celebrate ULAB's 12th year of founding. The formal part of the programme concluded with a vote of thanks by ULAB Registrar Professor Akhter Ahmed.

To celebrate its Foundation Day, ULAB organised a fair (mela) supported by the ULAB Co-curricular Office. Main attractions of the mela were nagordola, ludu, pitha shop, photo frame, mini golf, cricket and football matches, etc.

The programme was followed by a concert by ULAB student band Shoishob and Orunodoy. Shaibal Saha played Flute and ULAB musician Ishrak Hussain, Bammy Rahman also performed in the ceremony. To the great delight of students, popular Epic Fusion Band "Chirkutt" closed out the day of celebration.

Faculty members, admin members; students of all departments, alumni were also present at the programme.

12th Foundation Day

Dr. Dipu Moni, Professor Imran Rahman and Mr. Kazi Nabil Ahmed and members of the ULAB BoT celebrate ULAB Foundation Day.



ULAB organizes Fall 2016 Club Day

ULAB Co-curricular Office of University Liberal Arts Bangladesh organised the Fall 16 Club Day on October 27, 2016. The programme opened with an instrumental version of the National Anthem. Dr. Pinki Shah, Coordinator ULAB Co-Curricular Office, Associate Professor, ULAB School of Business, delivered the welcome speech. Acting VC of ULAB, Prof. Imran Rahman conveyed the opening speech of the event followed by the distribution of Co-curricular office News Letter, Snapshots for the Fall 2016.

For this club day, the ULAB Co-curricular Office organised a few games and several clubs placed stalls at the Campus-A Lobby where there was an information booth,

food corner, handicrafts and jewelry shops, project showcasing, Sustainable Development Club stall and a ULAB YES stall.

Sanskriti Sangshad delivered a compelling feat by bringing out the spirit of the Bangladeshi folk music. Theatre ULAB and Nutrition and Wellness Club soon followed to portray their drama show. After a great dance performance by Rubi, Rafia, Ratri and Arnob, there was a ukulele performance by Lvin, Samira and Anik and the ULAB Debating Club was next with a debate performance. The second segment of the programme was a rock concert which took place after a short lunch break.

Fall 2016 Club Day

Professor Imran Rahman, Dr. Pinki Shah and member of ULAB Student Clubs at Club Day



Student News

ULAB Student Rifat Represented ULAB in Catalonia Model United Nations 2016

Kazi Raihanul Bari Rifat, a student of ULAB School of Business has recently returned from Barcelona after proudly representing Bangladesh at Catalonia Model United Nations 2016 (C'MUN 2016). The conference was organized by United Nations Association of Spain. He was one of the two Bangladeshis to be invited to this conference and was at the World Bank committee representing Canada as a fellow delegate.

The conference was inaugurated at the City Hall of Barcelona with a message directly from Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General, The United Nations. Along others, Mr. Gerardo Pisarelo, First Deputy Major of Barcelona; Mr. Eduard Sagarra Trias, President of United Nations Association of Spain, and Antonio Salort, Director General of UN's World Food Programme, were present in the grand inauguration.

"Proud to be a ULABian"

ULAB held a unique Freshers' orientation by hosting a "Proud to be a ULABian" program on May 26, 2016. It was a unique and interactive talk show where ULAB alumni shared their university memories, experiences and how they reached their respective positions. They also shared how they are implementing the liberal arts concept in their professional life.



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Rownak Afza, Communications Manager of Comfort Group, Tamzidul Islam Kanon, Asst. Manager of Marketing & Sales of Jamuna Television, Tamanna Shanto, Brand Executive of Radio Shadhin, Antara Islam, National Shooter, Mohammad Ariful Islam, Officer, Marketing of ULAB Communications and Darshan Chakma, Photojournalist of The Daily Star inspired the young freshers of different departments where Ariful Hoque, Deputy Manager of ULAB Communications welcome everyone and moderated the session. This talk show concluded by song performances of current ULAB students.

Learning Nutrition and Wellness with comics

On August 20, 2016, ULAB Nutrition and Wellness Club hosted "Learning Nutrition and Wellness with Comics" with the support and encouragement from Bangladesh Institute of ICT Development (BIID); Mr. Shakeer Munim and Ms. Ismat Jahan joined the event in person.

A keynote speech was delivered by Mr. Tahseen Salman Choudhury, the host of the radio show "Comicbaj" on Colours FM 101.6. Mr. Choudhury used examples from local and international comic books and characters to discuss food, healthy eating, and living.



Greening ULAB: Innovations that will change the way we recycle



On 28 July 2016, a workshop "Using PVC banners to make bags" was organized by Greening ULAB-CSD in collaboration with the Sustainable Development

Club to support young students make use of banners to create useful products.

Study tour to Research Laboratories of Department of EEE, University of Dhaka

The Department of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering (ETE) organized a study tour at the Research Laboratories of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Dhaka on August 11, 2016. Twenty students, teaching assistants, faculty members and the head of the department were part of this tour. At the end Prof Dr. Rezaul Karim Mazumder concluded the tour with thanks to Professor Dr. A.H.M Asadul Haq, Chairman, Department of EEE, DU and other faculty members for their grand support.



Workshop on Self Defense

The ULAB Co Curricular office conducted a Self Defense Workshop for all ULABians on July 21, 2016. The workshop was carried out by Nahidul Islam who is a current student of ULAB and also a National Taekwondo player. The



main purpose of the workshop was to give the students a basic training on self-defense. 15 students, both male and female, participated in the workshop.

the workshop.

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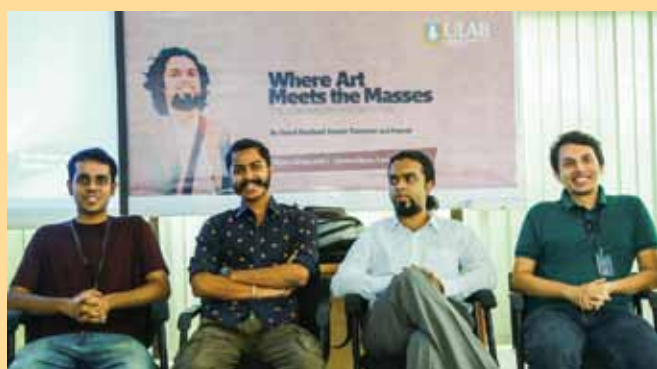
Intra ULAB Football Tournament

The ULAB Field Sports Club organized a 3-day long Intra University football tournament starting from July 21, 2016 at ULAB's permanent campus in Ramchandrapur. The opening ceremony of the tournament was conducted by Mr. Taufiq Aziz, Advisor to the ULAB Field Sports Club and Admin of ULAB External Affairs. This seven side formatted tournament had fourteen teams participating in it, with a squad of 10 men each. Two teams, The Titans 43 of batch 143 and UDK of batch 133 made it to the finals. The final match took place on 23 July 2016.

Where Art Meets the Masses at ULAB

On July 20, 2016, ULAB arranged a seminar, "Where Art Meets the Masses" for providing experts' advice to the students for their "Voiceless Bangladeshi" project. The keynote speaker of this seminar was Syed Rashad Imam Tanmoy, editorial cartoonist at Dhaka Tribune and associate editor of Unmad magazine. Morshed Mishu, editorial cartoonist at The Bangladesh Today and assistant editor of Unmad magazine, was the guest of this seminar. Aquib Ul Wadud Alam and Md. Ata Islam Khan Mojlsh, students of ULAB were the other speakers of the event.

The "Voiceless Bangladeshi" project is an initiative to teach the students of public relations how to apply theory into practical projects and also see the power of their message, leaving a mark in community. It is a student led community outreach project with a social media phase and a street art phase. To learn more visit https://web.facebook.com/Voiceless-Bangladeshi?_rd.



Let's Get Fit by ULAB NWC

ULAB Nutrition and Wellness Club organized a workshop on fitness with the title "Let's Get Fit". NWC focuses on the good health of the students of ULAB. This event was open for all and took place in the Multipurpose Room, ULAB Campus B.

Career Prospects in Development Sector

The ULAB Language club conducted a two-hour workshop on Career Prospects in Development Sector on July 14, 2016. The workshop was conducted by Asif Uddin Ahmed, Assistant Professor, ULAB School of Business.



Cycling Workshop

The ULAB Triathlon Club, in association with the ULAB Co Curricular Office, conducted a cycling workshop for students on July 21, 2016. The workshop took place at the Ramchandrapur Perma-

nent campus in the morning. Quite a few students participated in the workshop and it was conducted by the president of the club.

Daylong visit at Robi

Students of ULAB attended "Robi4You" on April 6, 2016 at the Robi Head Office. It was a daylong event comprised of various interactive sessions conducted by business managers/vice presidents from different departments of Robi. The event began with an introduction session conducted by Ms. Tina Gomes (GM, Talent & Development) and Ms. Rawnak Afroze (Specialist, Resourcing), followed by some interactive departmental sessions conducted by Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed (GM, SOC), Mr. Ekram Kabir (VP, Communications & CSR). The second half of the event was comprised of interactive departmental sessions with by Mr. Khandakar Ashraful Hoque (VP, BMC), Mr. Alauddin (VP, Corporate Finance) and Ms. Sharmin Sultan (VP, Resourcing).

ULAB celebrates UNHCR Information Day

The UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, supported by ULAB Co-curricular Office, organized a lecture for ULAB students to create awareness about the situation of refugees around the world today. Farheen Khan, External Relations of UNHCR, delivered the presentation. The world we live in has more people today who are forcibly displaced by conflict than any time since World War II. Now there are 60 million displaced persons, of which 20 million are refugees. But with more and more people forced to flee, people's anxiety has increased - often resulting in intolerance and misinformation. To help build understanding and solidarity, UNHCR has launched the #WithRefugees Campaign in June. The Campaign brings to light the stories of refugees everywhere, and reminds us all about the common bonds, hopes and dreams we all share.

Sumon moves students with story of battling cancer

ULAB Media Club and the Department of Media Studies & Journalism organized a program on July 19, where renowned rock star Saidus Salehin Khaled Sumon, widely known as "Bassbaba" was invited to talk and share some of the key turning points of his life. The musician shared the inspirational story of his fight against cancer with the students of ULAB.

To answer how he lived so happily despite being a cancer victim, Sumon said, "Happiness lies in you. Happiness is like an option and you have to choose it and I choose to stay happy. It is very important that everyone takes the responsibility to motivate their surroundings, it might be your friend, colleague, beloved ones or whosoever. Will power and motivation can make any impossibility into a possible achievement." After the talk he sang two of his songs for the students who were deeply moved by his stories.



Educator of the Term

Mr. Shawkat Kamal

Associate Professor, School of Business
Director, Admissions

Growing up in various small towns of Bangladesh, Mr. Kamal studied in nine different schools around the country. He completed his MBA and BBA both in Finance from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka. He also has a M.Sc. in Strategy & Policy from NUS Business School, National University of Singapore, and he is a proud alumnus of Notre Dame College.

Joining ULAB in January, 2015, he is currently an Associate Professor of ULAB School of Business and Director, Admissions of the university. Before joining ULAB, he worked for more than 10 years at BRAC University as Lecturer and Assistant Professor; and at Green University Bangladesh as Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of Business for one year.

Mr. Kamal also worked as a full time employee in various capacities at British American Tobacco Bangladesh, Standard Chartered Bank and Infrastructure Development Company Limited between February 2001 and May 2003.

He has many publications in refereed journals at home and abroad. He was awarded an NUS Research Scholarship from 2007 to 2009 and was selected for the Fulbright Scholarship in 2006.

Mr. Kamal believes that with good campus facilities, supportive higher management and excellent teaching staff, ULAB is heading in the right direction to achieve its vision. He



Photo : Mohammad Arifull Islam

strongly believes that ULAB will be one of the top three Business Schools in the country. He appreciates the extracurricular activities of ULAB which give students the opportunity to communicate effectively, allow them to be successful in their professional and personal life, and help them become citizens of the world.

He has a great interest in reading books on history and traveling to new countries. He loves to spend his time with his family and his only daughter.

Employee of the Term

Sazia Afrin

Senior Officer, Registrar Office



Photo : Shaharia Sompā

Born and bred in Dhaka, Sazia Afrin has been working at ULAB since June 1, 2015, as Senior Officer, Registrar Office. She also served Victoria University of Bangladesh (VUB) in charge of the Admission Office from August 2009 to May 2015.

Ms Afrin completed her MBA and BBA both in Finance from Victoria University of Bangladesh and H.S.C and S.S.C in Business Studies from Viqarunnisa Noon School and College.

She believes that ULAB is a great platform for both academic and creative development for students. On the other hand, it is also an amazing workplace for its employees with a blend of strong professionalism and cooperation as well. She is hopeful that ULAB will lead the private education sector of our country and also achieve greater heights by being globally recognized as a prestigious university of Bangladesh within 2023. She added ULAB will lead the private education sector of our country and also achieve greater heights by being globally recognized as a prestigious university of Bangladesh.

Apart from her job, she enjoys designing clothes therefore aspires to open her own apparel brand in the future. She has a keen interest in arts and crafts. When she gets the time she makes different home décor items by herself. She loves capturing random photos of objects, people, and places.

Faculty Achievements/Publications:

MSJ Faculty Sumon Rahman's story shortlisted for Commonwealth Prize 2016

The short story "Niroporadh Ghum" (Innocent Sleep) by Din M. Sumon Rahman (Associate Professor, Department of Media Studies & Journalism) has been shortlisted for the Commonwealth Short Story Prize 2016, along with 25 others, from about 4000 entries from all over the world. It is the first translated story (from any language) that has ever made it this far in the history of this prize.

The story was translated by Arunava Sinha, a Delhi-based writer and translator who works with ULAB's Dhaka Translation Center. Dr. Rahman offers his thanks to the DTC for their excellent works and the significant impact of this center in promoting the vernacular literature of Bangladesh at the global level.

You can learn more about the Commonwealth shortlist here: <http://www.commonwealthwriters.org/2016-commonwealth-short-story-prize-shortlist/>



Kaiser Haq at Alchemy Festival in England

For the Sonnet Exchange event at Alchemy Festival 2016, Bangladeshi poet Kaiser Haq was commissioned to write a response to Shakespeare. Prof. Haq chose to

take as his starting point Sonnet 66, 'Tired with all these, for restful death I cry'. His poetic response can be found here: <https://literature.britishcouncil.org/blog/2016/kaiser-haq/>

GED Faculty to participate Training Workshop on Writing and Publishing in the U.S.

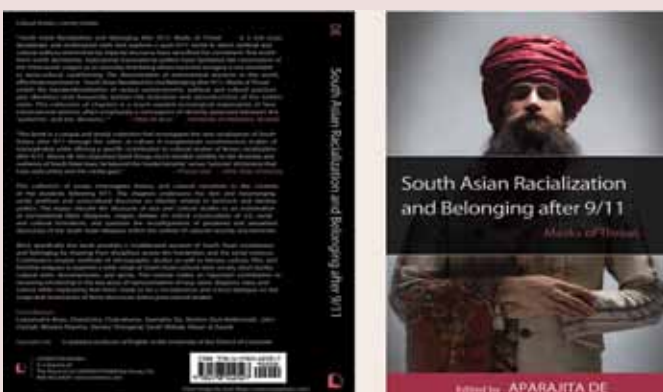
South Asian Institute of the University of California Berkeley has selected Mohammad Jalal Uddin Sikder, PhD, Assistant Professor of General Education Department (GED) for the Faculty Training Workshop on Writing and Publishing in the U.S. The selection process from the applicants more than 10 prominent universities in Bangladesh.

DEH Faculty chapter published in a book titled "Masks of Threat"

S Hasan Al Zayed, Assistant Professor of Department of English and Humanities (DEH) has published his chapter "The city's changed": Home Boy, The Reluctant Fundamentalist and the Post 9/11 Urban Experience" a book titled Masks of Threat: South Asian Racialization and Belonging after 9/11. The publisher of the book is Lexington Press. It is available on Amazon at: <https://www.amazon.com/South-Asian-Racialization-Belonging-after/dp/1498512526/>

Faculty Shahnoor Hasan selected as a Florida Earth Young Scholar

Ms. Shahnoor Hasan, a Senior Lecturer and Research Associate at ULAB and PhD fellow at Water Governance Chair group in UNESCO-IHE Institute of Water Education has chosen as a Florida Earth Young Scholar. Shahnoor is affiliated with the Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies of the University of Amsterdam under a joint doctorate program. Her research explores what participatory planning tools do in strategic delta planning processes. Florida Earth Foundation initiated a program titled Florida Earth Young Scholar Program to provide opportunities to PhD fellows to leverage research with resources in the form of relevant expertise or first-hand experience.



ULAB Runners Up in Red Bull Campus Cricket in Sri Lanka

ULAB Cricket Team, representing Bangladesh, became runners up of the Red Bull Campus Cricket World Finals 2016 against Business Management School (BMS) of Sri Lanka. BMS became champion beating ULAB by 24 runs at the Galle International Stadium on September 11, 2016.

ULAB bested University of Sydney, Australia; Assupol Tuks Cricket, University of Pretoria and finally the University of Central Punjab, Pakistan to become finalists in the 5th World Final of Red Bull Campus Cricket.

ULAB, reigning Twenty 20 private university champion of Bangladesh, were invited by the tournament organizers as they earlier participated in the same tournament twice in Sri Lanka and England previously.

Eight cricket playing nations took part this year to battle it out for the World Championship: University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), Bangladesh; Business Management School (BMS), Sri Lanka; University of Sydney, Australia; Loughborough University, England; Marathwada Mitra Mandal College of Commerce (MMCC




College), India; University of Central Punjab, Pakistan; Assupol Tuks Cricket, University of Pretoria, South Africa; Heriot Watt University, Dubai, UAE.

The ULAB cricket team was feted by the Bangladesh Cricket Board on September 26, 2016 for their achievement.



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