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Press Briefing held for ICPC World Finals 2022 Dhaka

On 06 November 2022, the Press Briefing on International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) Word Finals 2022 Dhaka was held at the Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC). The Hon'ble State Minister for the ICT Division Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak MP addressed the 'Press Briefing' program as the Chief Guest while Dr. William B. Poucher, President, ICPC Foundation and ICPC Executive Director were present and addressed to the session as well. Among others, Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Vice Chancellor, UAP; Mr. N. M. Zeaul Alam PAA, Senior Secretary to ICT Division; Dr. Michael J. Donahoo, Deputy Executive Director, ICPC; Mrs. Vicky Zhang, President, Corporate Communications of Huawei; Mr. Andrei Ivanov, Vice President, Research and Education of JetBrains; and Mr. Ranajit Kumar, Executive Director, BCC also spoke on this occasion.



Opening ceremony of the ICPC World Finals 2022 Dhaka was held

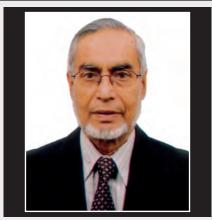
On 08 November 2022, the opening ceremony of the "International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) World Finals 2022 Dhaka" at the International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB). Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen MP graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Hon'ble State Minister for the ICT Division Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak MP was present as a Special Guest. The President of the ICPC Foundation and ICPC Executive Director Dr. William B. Poucher was also present as the Guest of Honor. The Deputy Executive Director of ICPC and ICPC Director of World Finals Contests Dr. Michael J. Donahoo, the Senior Secretary of ICT Division Mr. N M Zeaul Alam PAA, the Vice-Chancellor of UAP and Director of ICPC World Finals Dhaka Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan and the Executive Director of Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) Mr. Ranajit Kumar were also present at the event. The Foundation, by presenting plaque, payed a tribute to late National Professor and former Vice-Chancellor of University of Asia Pacific Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury who pursued the dream of hosting the ICPC World Finals in Bangladesh. Late Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury's wife received the award.



Closing ceremony of ICPC World Finals 2022 Dhaka was held

The Closing ceremony of the 45th "International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC)" was held on 10 November 2022 at ICCB, Dhaka. The contest was hosted by University of Asia Pacific, and was supported by ICT Division and Bangladesh Computer Council. The Minister of the Ministry of Planning of Bangladesh Mr. M. A. Mannan, MP was the Chief Guest of the program. The Hon'ble State Minister for the ICT Division of Bangladesh Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak MP was a Special Guest of the event. Dr. William B. Poucher, President of the ICPC Foundation and ICPC Executive Director was also present at the Program. The Chairman, Board of Trustees, UAP, Dr. Mohammad Alauddin delivered a welcome speech. The Deputy Executive Director of ICPC and ICPC Director of World Finals Contests Dr. Michael J. Donahoo gave a short speech thanking everyone for a successful event. At the end of the program, the Vice-Chancellor, UAP and Director of ICPC World Finals 2022 Dhaka Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan gave the closing remarks. Among others, the Senior Secretary of ICT Division Mr. N. M. Zeaul Alam PAA and the Executive Director of BCC Mr. Ranajit Kumar were also present. The team from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA solved 11 problems out of 12 and became the champion of the 45th ICPC World Finals. By solving 10 problems, Peking University from China in Asia East won second place and The University of Tokyo took third place by solving 9 problems. Eight universities from host country Bangladesh participated in the final round. Among them, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) ranked 51st and Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) ranked 56th by solving four problems each. Besides, the remaining six teams received honorable mentions. These teams are: University of Dhaka ranked 82nd, Jahangirnagar University ranked 98th, North South University ranked 107th, American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) ranked 113th, University of Asia Pacific (UAP) ranked 119th and Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET) ranked 122nd.





Mr. A. K. M. Kamaluddin Choudhury, former Chairman and Member of the Board of Trustees, UAP passes away

Mr. A. K. M. Kamaluddin Choudhury, member and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, UAP, breathed his last on 12 November 2022 at the age of 86. He held many important positions in the Government of Bangladesh including the posts of Home Secretary, Works Secretary, Shipping Secretary and Ambassador (1988 to 1992) to European Union, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg. He was also the former Vice Chancellor (2001), UAP and Chairman (2014-2015), Board of Trustees of UAP. He was also a Member of the National Executive Council. National Heart Foundation of Bangladesh. His namaz-e-janaza was held at Al-Firdaws Madrasa & Mosque, IRCICA, USA, at 12:30 am (Bangladesh time) on 14 November 2022. Later he was buried at a graveyard of Al-Firdaus Memorial Gardens, Maryland, USA. The UAP flag was kept half-masted in front of the campus.



UAP CSE Faculty Receives ICPC Foundation Outstanding International Contribution Award

Four faculty members from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), University of Asia Pacific (UAP) received the ICPC Foundation Outstanding International Contribution Award at the Opening Ceremony of ICPC World Finals Dhaka held on November 8, 2022. The awardees are Dr. Aloke Kumar Saha, Professor and Host Transportation Coordinator of ICPC WF Dhaka; Dr. Shah Murtaza Rashid Al Masud, Associate Professor and Head of CSE and Deputy Director of ICPC World Finals Dhaka; Ms. Tanjina Helaly, Assistant Professor and Host Visas Coordinators of ICPC WF Dhaka; and Md. Akhtaruzzaman Adnan, Assistant Professor and Host Student Volunteers Coordinator of ICPC WF Dhaka.

This prestigious acknowledgement is rendered upon them for their immense contribution to organizing the ICPC World Finals Dhaka successfully. Professor Dr. William Bill Poucher, Executive Director of ICPC and Prof. Dr. Jeff Donahoo, Deputy Executive Director of ICPC, handed over the plaques to the awardees and thanked them.



Mrs. Tasneem Siraj Mahboob Presented a Paper at the 10th BELTA International Conference

Mrs. Tasneem Siraj Mahboob, a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Asia Pacific, presented her research paper at the 10th BELTA International Conference which was held on November 18 and November 19, 2022 at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh. The title of her paper was, "Supervised Student Teaching: An Integral Part of Teacher Education Programme." In her session, Mrs. Mahboob explored the concept of supervised student teach-

In her session, Mrs. Mahboob explored the concept of supervised student teaching and its significance in the curriculum of teacher education program. Besides, she discussed the importance of the supervisor's role in teaching practices. The study also included a comparative study about the existing scenario of supervised student teaching in the neighboring countries with Bangladesh while specifying the inadequacy of the supervisor's role in teaching practice.

Finally, the study proposed some changes in the existing teacher education programs. The presentation ended with a Q&A session.



Faculty members of the English Department
Presented Papers at the 10th BELTA
International Conference

Four faculty members of the Department of English of UAP presented their research papers at the 10th BELTA International Conference which was held on November 18 and November 19, 2022 at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh. The faculty members who presented papers at the conference are – Dr. Zakia Ahmad, Dr. Mehnaz Tazeen Chowdhury, Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury and Ms. Afroza Aziz Suchana.

Dr. Zakia Ahmad, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of English, UAP, presented on 'Engaging Students in Online Classes during COVID-19 Pandemic'. Her paper explored students' problems of participating in online classes. The findings of Dr. Ahmad's study have important implications as the online mode of instruction has become a regular feature in the education arena.

The title of Dr. Mehnaz Tazeen Chowdhury's presentation was 'Rethinking Teacher Development Programmes in Bangladesh'. Her study reviewed the objectives of three teacher education programmes offered to secondary school teachers in Bangladesh. The study advocated the need for training programmes focusing on helping teachers reflect on their beliefs and awareness, which could help them use their newly acquired skills more effectively and convincingly. Dr. Chowdhury is an Associate professor in the department of English, UAP.

Besides, Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury, Associate Professor, Department of English, UAP, presented his paper on 'Use of Bengali in English Literature Classroom: Insights from Bangladeshi University Students' along with his co-presenter Amit Kiron Pal, an alumnus of the Department of English, UAP. Their paper examined student perspectives of an English-taught Bangladeshi University on using L1, which is Bengali in this context, in English literature classrooms. The study provided insights for pedagogical considerations and adaptation of institutional policy regarding medium of instruction.

In addition, Ms. Afroza Aziz Suchana, Assistant Professor, Department of English, UAP, explored the perceptions of the undergraduate EFL learners regarding communication in hybrid classroom in her session. The title of her presentation was 'Hybrid Classroom in the New Normal Life: Communication or Alienation?' The study suggested minimizing the challenges of hybrid classrooms by engaging all learners.

Bangladesh English Language Teachers' Association (BELTA) holds its international conference every two years where participants from Bangladesh and across the globe join and present their research papers. Thus, it offers a platform to learn and connect the practitioners who are engaged in English language education across the borders. The University of Asia Pacific is proud to support BELTA in all its ventures. Several teachers of UAP are closely working with this teachers' organisation including its executive committee.



Industrial Visit to BARD

The Department of Business Administration (DBA), UAP arranged an Industrial Visit on October 15, 2022, to Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD). The students of the Financial Institutions course participated in the visit to enhance the knowledge of the subject matter and bridge the gap between theory and practice. As a pioneering development institution, BARD has been conducting researches and making a significant contributions towards the economic development of Bangladesh, especially in rural areas. At the beginning of the visit, the students attended a lecture delivered by Mr. Abdullah Al Mamun, Director (Training), BARD, where he introduced the activities and achievements of BARD.

The informative and interactive session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Imroz Mahmud, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration (DBA), University of Asia Pacific (UAP). Following the lecture, the students visited the picturesque 156-acre campus of BARD, where they got hands-on experience with some of their current projects.

The industrial visit was guided by Mr. Imroz Mahmud, Assistant Professor, DBA, UAP and Instructor of the Financial Institutions course in the BBA program.



Pharma Fest-2022 held at UAP

The Pharma Science Club (PSC) of the Department of Pharmacy, UAP was delighted to present the Pharma Fest on October 22, 2022, after a two-year hiatus caused by the Covid-19 crisis. With the view of creating a common platform for the exchange of ideas among pharmacy students from different universities and delegates from renowned pharmaceutical companies, the Pharma Fest is considered one of the major gateways for students to get exposure to the premise outside of UAP.

The day-long program consisted of three main segments: the Inauguration, Stall-Round Research Poster Presentation, and Pharma Olympiad. Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Vice Chancellor, UAP chaired the program while Mr. Lokman Hossain Miah, Executive Chairman (Senior Secretary), Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), Prime Minister's Office addressed the event as the Chief Guest. Dr. Mohammed Alauddin, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, UAP was present as the Special Guest. The Treasurer in charge, Controller of Examinations, Deans of different schools, Heads of the departments, Faculties, as well as guests from various universities and pharmaceutical companies were also present at the event. The event was started by a welcome speech from the Head, Department of Pharmacy, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahriar. Among others, Mr. Md. Nasser Shahrear Zahedee, Chairman, Radiant Pharmaceuticals Limited, Mr. Md. Mahbubul Haq, President of the Ex-Pharmacy Students' Association (EPSA), UAP, and Secretary, Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh (PCB), provided their remarkable opinions on the jubilant event. Participants from over 30 public and private universities across Bangladesh had shown their enthusiasm to join this festival by registering for events such as the Pharma Olympiad and Research Poster Presentation competition.

The winners were handed over their crests and certificates by the Pro-VC, Prof. Dr. Sultan Mahmud; Dean,

School of Medicine, Prof. Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan; and the Head, Department of Pharmacy, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahriar. Finally, the event was concluded with a vote of thanks from the convener of the Pharma Fest 2022, Mr. A. H. M. Nazmul Hasan, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy, UAP.



ECDC organized 'Meet The CEO'- Spring 2022

The UAP Entrepreneurship and Career Development Club (ECDC) organized a program titled 'Meet the CEO' on 18 October 2022 at the UAP Auditorium. Mr. Golam Murshed, CEO of Walton was the keynote speaker of the program. More than 250 students from different departments participated in the session with full enthusiasm.

The program began with a brief welcome address by Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury, Director, DSW. Then, the Chief Guest of the program, honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan addressed the gathering. He thanked the CEO of Walton for his valuable presence. The UAP Vice Chancellor noted that an entrepreneurial mindset and innovative ideas are prerequisites to successful start-ups. He added that incubation is required to have in all university-level educational institutes where interested students will get the opportunity to be groomed properly.

The Keynote Speaker Mr. Golam Murshed shared his inspiring journey from his school life to becoming the CEO of Walton, a Bangladeshi conglomerate. He focused on the power of the subconscious mind and self-confidence to find out the best within every individual. He said that once the right career path is found, life can be changed. Mr. Murshed motivated the students to believe in themselves, and to continue their self-exploration. His presentation was followed by a Question and Answer round. Mr. Murshed awarded three students who responded to the questions he asked to the audience. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. Mohammad Rakiv, Assistant Professor of DBA and the Adviser of ECDC.



Seminar on Industry-Academia Collaboration

The Department of Business Administration (DBA) organized a seminar on 'Industry-Academia Collaboration' on November 1, 2022. Among the distinguished invitees, Prof. Dr. Sazzad Hossain, member, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while Dr. M. Alauddin, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Vice Chancellor, UAP, and Prof. Dr. Farid A. Sobhani, President, Bangladesh Society for Private University Academics were the Special Guests on the occasion. The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Baqui Khalily Dean, DBA. Dr. Md. Musharrof Hossain, the Founder President of the Federation of Bangladesh Human Resource Organizations (FBHRO), who has been working as a senior HR professional for more than 30 years with different international organizations both in Bangladesh and overseas was the key note speaker of the occasion. Currently, he is serving as the Head of Human Resources Management at icddr, b. He had also been the past President of BSHRM and the Asia Pacific Federation of Human Resources Management. In his speech, he emphasized on the need for university-industry collaboration as a new means to hoist the country's competitiveness in terms of developing skilled human resources and innovation ecosystem. Finally, crests were presented to the distinguished guests, and the program came to an end with a vote of thanks by the honorable Head of DBA, Dr. Mahbubul Hague. The seminar was attended by respected faculties and a host of enthusiastic students from all the semesters of the DBA.

UAP attends the inaugural program of Digital Bangladesh Day 2022

A delegation team from the University of Asia Pacific, led by Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Vice Chancellor, UAP attended at the inaugural program of Digital Bangladesh Day 2022 on 12 December 2022 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center. The other members from the university were; Prof. Dr. Aloke Kumar Saha, Dept. of CSE, and Director of Institutional Quality Assurance Cell; Dr. Shah Murtaza Rashid Al Masud, Assoc. Professor and Head, Dept. of CSE; Mr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman Adnan, Asst. Professor; Dept. of CSE, and Mr. Md. Nahiyan Uddin, Lecturer, Dept. of CSE. The event was organized by The ICT Division with the theme "Advanced Technology Inclusive Development" while the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was the Chief Guest on this occasion.



Delegation from UAP attended AUAP General Conference held at DIU

Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Vice Chancellor, and Dr. G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Associate Professor, Dept. of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, UAP, and member of the Quality Assurance Committee of AUAP attended the 15th General Conference of Association of the Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP) held at the Daffodil International University and Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka from November 14-16, 2022. Dr. Fernando León-García, President, International Association of University Presidents-IAUP, was the keynote speaker. Prof Dr. Ricardo P. Pama, Secretary General, AUAP, and Dr. Peter P. Laurel, outgoing President of AUAP and President of LPU, Philippines, also spoke on the occasion. On behalf of UAP, Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan signed Mutual of Understandings (MoU) with three foreign universities aiming to explore the possibilities of academic collaboration.



UAP student receives Honorable Mentions in Tamayouz Excellence Award

Ms. Tabassum Sultana, a student of the Dept. of Architecture, received the Honorable Mentions in Tamayouz Excellence Award on 03 December 2022 for International Graduation Projects Award 2022. This prestigious acknowledgement is rendered upon her as in 2022 cycle of Tamayouz Excellence Award out of 534 submissions, representing 147 universities and 56 countries. The title of her thesis project was- "Soliloquy of A City-Kushtia: Exploring the History of Cultural Capital".



The Expert Committee for ICPC World Finals arranges training camp for the participating teams from Bangladesh

The Expert Committee for ICPC World Finals (formed by ICT Division containing four members from UAP) arranged an extensive training camp for the participating teams of the Bangladesh. Total eight participating teams and 2nd team of top three team were trained by the Russian trainer Mr. Ruslan Alkin and his Event Manager Ms. Sobianina Natalia Niklaevna. The training session started on 30 September 2022 through an opening ceremony at Hotel InterContinental. On 08 October 2022, the trainers paid a visit to UAP's CSE department upon the invitation of UAP. Later, a discussion meeting was arranged at the BOT Conference Room to discuss the future collaboration with the presence of the Officials from ICT Division and BCC along with the Chairman, BOT, Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Deans and faculty members from the Department of CSE, UAP. The closing ceremony of the training camp was held on 14 October 2022 at Hotel InterContinental. Participants qualified teams (from AIUB, BUET, DU, JU, NSU, RUET, SUST, and UAP) were present with respective coaches. Everyone appreciated the training initiative and UAP's effort to make it successful. Participating students emphasized on the need for such training.

UAP attends Martyred Intellectuals Day event of UGC

On 12 November, 2022, the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) arranged a special discussion and commemoration program on the occasion of Martyrs Intellectuals Day 2022 at the UGC Bhaban, Agargaon. The meeting was live streamed where a number of officials from different public and private universities joined the meeting in person and virtually. Dr. Dipu Moni addressed the program as the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Vice Chancellor, UAP joined the meeting in person while a number of officials from UAP joined virtually.

Seminar on 'Impacts of Digital Transformations to the Pharmaceutical Industry of Bangladesh'

The Department of Business Administration (DBA), UAP arranged a seminar on 'Impacts of Digital Transformations to the Pharmaceutical Industry of Bangladesh' on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at the DBA Seminar room. Dr. Md. Abu Zafor Sadek, Assistant General Manager, of UniMed UniHealth Pharmaceuticals and Former Short-term Consultant of the World Bank conducted the seminar.

He discussed the findings from his recent research on the use of digitalization and social media e-detailing and virtual meetings as an alternative promotional platform for Pharma industries that are replacing the conventional business models and revisualizing the business practices across the globe.

Dr. Mahbubul Haque, Head, DBA, ended the program with a vote of thanks and a crest to the guest speaker for his enlightening session and all the faculty members and students for their enthusiastic participation. The seminar was a concerted effort of the MBA and EMBA Business Club under the guidance of Dr. Jesmin Sultana, the Coordinator of the MBA and EMBA program, DBA.













Department of BS&H organizes a talk initiated by NRB

The Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities successfully organized a talk on "Nature and role of Mathematics in human development and upgrading of national skills" via the Zoom platform on 20th December 2022. The main speaker of the session was Professor Saleh Tanveer from the Ohio State University, USA. The talk was initiated by NRB (Non-Resident Bangladeshi)- a forum formed to build networks within Bangladeshi communities worldwide. Honorable Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dr. M. Alauddin, honorable Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Sultan Mahmud were present in this two-hour-long session. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology also attended the session. Many faculty members and students (almost 100 in number) actively participated in the session.



Department of English, UAP, hosts a workshop titled Sustainable Teaching: Engagement Beyond Classroom Walls, organized by BELTA and sponsored by the American Centre, U.S. Embassy, Dhaka

The Department of English and the University of Asia Pacific hosted a workshop titled "Sustainable Teaching: Engagement Beyond Classroom Walls," organized by Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association (BELTA) and sponsored by the American Centre, U.S. Embassy, Dhaka. The facilitator, Dr. Wendy Ashby, is a Professor at Faculty Support Center, Cochise College, Arizona, USA. Dr. Wendy is a classroom instructor, teacher trainer, curriculum developer, materials designer, and program evaluation specialist in academia (the University of Arizona, University of Missouri, and the University of Arkansas) and civil service (Department of Defense and Department of State) both in the U.S. and overseas. The workshop started at 02:00 pm and continued on to 4:30 pm on 23rd November 2022 in the Board of Trustees conference room with participants from the Department of English, UAP, and other renowned private universities and colleges. The workshop was conducted via Zoom. The honorable member of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Tasneem Siraj Mahboob, graced the program with her presence from the very beginning.

The Director of the Office of International Affairs (OIA) and the advisor, Seminar Committee, Department of English, Ismat Zarin, welcomed everyone and introduced the facilitator, Dr. Wendy Ashby, to the participants and guests. After Ms.Ismat Zarin's welcome speech, Dr. Wendy started the workshop. The workshop intended to introduce how English Language teachers can adopt a task-based approach to connect language learning to real-life scenarios. Using task-based products in lesson plans would engage learners better while teaching them how to communicate effectively and in a meaningful way.

The interactive workshop was very engaging, with group discussions and activities. There was a thought-provoking question-and-answer session. Dr. Wendy Ashby appreciated our participants' innovative ideas for creating a task-based lesson plan.

The Head of the Department of English, Dr. Zakia Ahmad, thanked the honorable BoT member Tasneem Siraj Mahboob, organizers, the facilitator and participants for joining and actively participating in the event. The event successfully ended by giving certificates and souvenirs to the participants and the facilitator.

The Club of Finance & Accounting organize a seminar titled "Treasury Management of Bangladesh: Practical Overview"

The Club of Finance & Accounting (CFA) of the Department of Business Administration (DBA), UAP organized a seminar titled "Treasury Management of Bangladesh: Practical Overview" on 13th October 2022. The seminar primarily focused on the treasury management activities of banks and non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) in Bangladesh.

The seminar was conducted jointly by Mr. Arequl Arefeen, Senior Executive Vice President & Head of Group Treasury, Bank Asia Limited; and Ms. Nahid Ahmed, Senior Vice President & Head of Treasury, DBH Finance PLC. Both speakers introduced the participants to the diverse field of treasury management and money market operations. The seminar was inaugurated by the head of DBA, Dr. Mahbubul Haque. Following the inaugural speech, the keynote speakers were invited to deliver their speeches. The session ended with an interactive Q/A session with the participants. Finally, Dr. M. A. Baqui Khalily, Professor and Dean, School of Business, UAP thanked and awarded crests to the keynote speakers.

UAP Football Club Organized The Inter-Departmental Football Tournament, 2022

The UAP Central Football Club organized the 'Inter-Departmental Football Tournament, Spring 2022, from 28 October 2022 to 29 October 2022 at the Dhaka Residential Model College Playground. The teams from all eight departments took part in the tournament. The Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Qumrul Ahsan inaugurated the tournament at 8:30 AM on 28 October 2022 as the Chief Guest and enjoyed the opening match. Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury, Director, DSW joined the inauguration as the Special Guest. The final match of the tournament and prize-giving ceremony was attended by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Sultan Mahmud and Treasurer (In-Charge) Professor Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan as the Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively on 29 October 2022 at the same venue. In the final match, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering defeated the Department of Business Administration by 1-0 in a thrilling match.

The tournament was coordinated by Mr. Md. Moshiur Rahman, Lecturer, Department of Civil Engineering, and Adviser, UAP Central Football Club.

Prize Giving Ceremony of Intra-Department Debate Competition

TARKIK (Pharmacy Debate and Public Speaking Club) has organized a grand prize giving ceremony of Intra-Department Debate Competition, Spring 2022 on 18 October 2022 at the UAP Auditorium. The event was adored by the presence Professor Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Dean, School of Medicine, Professor Dr. Mohammad Shahriar, Head, Department of Pharmacy, Professor Dr. Swarnali Islam Khandaker, Advisor of TARKIK as well as all the respected faculty members of the Department of Pharmacy.



UAP Participated in the 3rd 'Bangabandhu Inter-University Sports Championship 2022'

University of Asia Pacific participated in the 3rd 'Bangabandhu Inter-University Sports Championship 2022' organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The Directorate of Students Welfare (DSW) made all necessary arrangements for the training of UAP players under the supervision of the advisors of respective sports clubs to take part in the championship of cricket (male), football (male), table tennis (male & female), badminton (male & female), chess (male & female) and cycling (male). The Director of DSW Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury joined the event along with the representatives of 125 public and private universities of Bangladesh.

Mohiuddin Rifat from the Department of English achieved 7th position in cycling, while Shohana Islam Sraboni from the Department of Law and Human Rights achieved 9th and Ashaduzzaman Shawon from the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering achieved 13th position in female and male categories respectively.



Grand Finale of the Debate Competition, Photography Exhibition, and Prize-Giving Ceremony on "Think Covid-19"

The Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW), UAP completed a series of inter-departmental and departmental co-curricular activities participated by all the departments in various categories on the theme of 'Think COVID-19'. The program was wrapped up through the grand finale of inter-departmental debate competition, exhibition of selected photographs of the central photography competition and a prize-giving ceremony on 11 October 2022.

The department-based co-curricular activities with the theme of 'Think COVID-19' were held throughout Spring-2022. The departmental activities included skit competition, post-pandemic design idea competition, idea competition on the impact of COVID-19 on ICT, poster presentation on COVID-19 and human rights, quiz competition, competition on business plans during COVID-19, and competition on project plans. In addition, UAP central Debating and Public Speaking Club (ECDC) organized an inter-departmental debate competition and UAP central Photography Club organized an intra-university photography competition. All the events were focused on the theme of 'Think COVID-19'.

The final round of the debate competition, held in front of a packed audience at the UAP auditorium, was enjoyed by the UAP Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Sultan Mahmud, Treasurer and Dean, School of Medicine, Prof. Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, DSW Director Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury, Heads and members of UAP faculty, and a large number of students. The Department of Architecture won the debate competition after a close final round victory over the Department of English. Both teams received loud cheers from the audience, who liked their oratory immensely. The day-long photography exhibition of the selected 50 photographs was jointly inaugurated at the UAP Plaza by Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Treasurer and Dean of the School of Medicine, and Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury, Director, DSW.

Finally, the prizes and accolades were distributed to the winners of the series of events by the Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Treasurer, and Director, DSW.

Day Long Photography Exhibition

Photophilic, the photography club of the Department of Pharmacy, UAP organized a two-day long photography exhibition (both Mobile and DSLR/SLR category) on the 12th and 13th of October at the UAP plaza. The program was inaugurated by the honorable Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Qumrul Ahsan on 12th October 2022. The event was glorified by the presence of Professor Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Adviser of Photophilic and Dean, School of Medicine, Professor Dr. Mohammad Shahriar, Head, Department of Pharmacy, Professor Dr. Swarnali Islam Khandaker, Takad Ahmed Chowdhury, Director, DSW, UAP and Club Coordinator, Dr. Zabun Nahar, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy as well as all the respected faculty members of the Department of Pharmacy. The Vice Chancellor spoke about the importance of this type of event and also advised arranging an inter-university photography competition. The Head and Adviser talked about different aspects of photography.

Out of 400 photographs 62 were selected by the Judge Mr. Md. Tanvir Murad, Head of Photography Department, Pathshala and among those he listed the names of winners. The final event began with the announcement of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners in both categories and a combined winner at 3:00 pm on 13th October. The prize giving ceremony was joined by honourable Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Sultan Mahmud, Prof. Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Dean, School of Medicine, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahriar, Head. Department of Pharmacy, Dr. Irin Dewan, Associate Professor and also the respected faculty members of the Department of Pharmacy. Pro Vice-Chancellor also shared his thoughts in the prize-giving session. Club coordinator Dr. Zabun Nahar thanked the President, Vice President and all the club members in her concluding speech.



The Grand Finale And Prize-Giving Ceremony of The "Intra-Department Oral Presentation Competition"

The Grand Finale and Prize-Giving Ceremony of the Intra-department Oral Presentation Competition, organized by the Entrepreneurship and Career

Development Club (ECDC) of the Department of Pharmacy, was held on 16th October 2022 at the UAP Auditorium. The theme of the competition program was "Pharmacist: Contributing to Global Health".

The event was attended by Prof. Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Dean, School of Medicine, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahriar, Head, Department of Pharmacy, Prof Dr. SM Ashraful Islam, and faculty members and students of the Department of Pharmacy. Ms. Nishat Jahan, Assistant Professor and the Club Advisor started the program with a welcome speech on behalf of the ECDC. In her speech, she gave a brief introduction and thanked the Club Convener, Faisal Abdullah Emon and all the members of ECDC for organizing the program. Then the final round of the presentation competition began where the five finalist teams, previously selected from a preliminary round, presented their ideas. Ms. Waheeda Nasreen, Assistant Professor, Dr. Syed Masudur Rahman Dewan, Assistant Professor and Md. Robin Khan, Lecturer, was present in the judges' panel. After the presentation session, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahriar spoke about the importance of presentation and discussed some ways students can improve their presentation skills. Prof. Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan also shared his thoughts about the program and highlighted the importance of such programs and workshops for students' career development. A brief prize-giving ceremony then took place where Prof. Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahriar and Prof Dr. Ashraful Islam announced the names of the winners and handed over crests and certificates to them.



DPSC organized a Workshop on Parliamentary Debate, Spring 2022

The UAP Central Debating and Public Speaking Club (DPSC) organized a workshop on Parliamentary Debate on 12 October 2022. This program was specially focused on training different aspects of parliamentary debate to the newly recruited members. Each of

the new members were cordially welcomed with a greeting card. Mr. Rafid Al Bukhari Talukder, Vice President of DPSC delivered a welcome speech, while Mr. Md. Abdur Rashid, President of DPSC briefed the purpose of the event. Ms. Anuva Afsana, Lecturer, Basic Science and Humanities and Adviser, UAP DPSC, who is also a former debater of the University of Dhaka, shared valuable ideas to the workshop participants. She also shared her own experiences of debating in her student life which encouraged the beginners. Finally, the executive committee of DPSC introduced themselves to the participants. A total of 50 enthusiastic students from different departments participated in the event.



Film Making Competition Titled 'Film Festival Against Corruption' at UAP

The UAP Film Club and UAP Youth Engagement and Support (YES) jointly completed a short-filmmaking competition titled 'Film Festival against Corruption' through awarding three best films through a prize giving ceremony on October 19, 2022 at the UAP Auditorium. The festival showcased nine short films directed and acted by the students of UAP. The event was co-sponsored by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB). More than 250 students from different departments of UAP enjoyed the program.

Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury, Director, DSW, and Mr. Syed Ahmed Shawki, Director and Story Writer attended the program as the Chief Guest and Special Guest, respectively, while Prof. Dr. Fahmida Akhter, Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University and Mr. Mohsin-Ul-Hakim, a renowned journalist and Special Reporter, Jamuna TV attended the program as Judges.

The theme of the film competition was 'Film Festival against Corruption,' and all the short films were related to different perspectives on Anti-Corruption. Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury, Director, DSW formally welcomed the guests, faculty members, students and the audience to the event and thanked everyone for the support. The Special Guest of the program,

renowned film maker, Syed Ahmed Shawki said that filmmaking is a pure form of art that can be learnt if a person has passion and the right mindset to keep trying. All the selected films were displayed.



Short-film competition titled 'Jiboner Golpe Nagad'

On 20 October 2022, UAP Central Cultural Club organized a short-film making competition titled 'Jiboner Golpe Nagad' at the UAP auditorium. The program was sponsored by Nagad, a Bangladeshi Mobile Financial Services Provider (MFSP). The competition was open to all the students of UAP where students from different departments enthusiastically showcased their creative talents.

The program was attended by Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury, Associate Professor of English and Director, DSW as the Chief Guest. Ms. Layeqa Bashir, Assistant Professor and Adviser, Central Cultural Club, UAP presided over the program. Among others, Mr. Md. Tarek Khan, Assistant Director, DSW, Mr. Ahsan Habib Anoy, Deputy Manager and Ms. Samia Sharmin, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications, Nagad, and a large number of students were present.

The competition was divided into three segments: registration, short-film submission, and winner selection by the organizers. The program was concluded by awarding prizes to the champion, the first runner-up and the second runner-up teams.

ERDFB nominates UAP Faculty member as its Joint Secretary

Prof. Dr. Tanveer Ferdous Saeed, Dept. of Civil Engineering, UAP, has been nominated as the Joint Secretary of Education, Research and Development Forum of Bangladesh on 15 November 2022. The aim of this organization is to work with the Government on the 4th industrial revolution in Bangladesh and to promote research.

Shekh, PRO, UAP were present.



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UAP Celebrates Victory Day 2022

University of Asia Pacific paid rich tributes to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the father of the nation, the liberation war heroes, and the martyrs of our glorious liberation war by offering a floral wreath at the altar of the National Martyrs' Memorial at Savar on Friday, 16th December 2022 marking the Victory Day of Bangladesh. A team of students and officials led by Mr. Md. Tarek Khan, Assistant Director, Directorate of Students' Welfare, UAP paid homage to the martyrs of the Liberation War at the

National Martyrs' Memorial in Savar by placing the floral wreath. Among others, Mr. Molla Rashied Hussein, Assistant Professor, Department of CSE, and Mr. Bachchu

Prof. Dr. Md. Sultan Mahmaud Pro Vice Chancellor

Mr. Md. Asaduzzaman Registrar in-Charge

Prize-Giving Ceremony of The Essay Writing Competition

The UAP History and Heritage Club organized the prize-giving ceremony of the Essay Writing Competition on October 18, 2022. The title of the Essay writing Competition was "The Indigenous People of Bangladesh" which took place on September 28, 2022. The competition was open to all the UAP students studying in various departments. The competition aimed to promote the heritage and culture of the indigenous people of this country.

The Chief Guest of the ceremony was Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury, Director of the Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW). Treasurer in Charge Prof. Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan also attended the program to express his good wishes and support. Both the Treasurer and the Director of DSW handed over crests, certificates, and gifts to the winners and tokens of appreciations to the judges of the competition. Ms. Mumtaheena Binte Ahmed from the CSE department secured the first position in the competition. Ms. Nithua Serezing from the Department of English, Mr. Md. Sajid Hossain from the Department of English, Mr. Abdullah Al-Kawser from the Department of Law and Human Rights, and Ms. Sanjida Hossain Tuly from the Department of English secured 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th positions respectively.

Later, the Adviser of the History and Heritage Club, Mr. Wahid Kaiser, Lecturer, Department of English, handed over a crest to the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest gave a speech appreciating the Club Advisor and the members for their hard work and dedication for the success of the event.

History and Heritage Club, UAP was established with the aim of promoting the traditions and history of Bangladesh. The Club organizes a variety of programs annually.

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