



### UAP Pharmacy Department Distributes Hand Sanitizers To Bangladesh Army

The Department of Pharmacy of the University of Asia Pacific has so far prepared about 2,800 liters of hand sanitizers for use by the Bangladesh Army on seven different occasions as part of the on-going project that has started since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. The students of the Pharmacy Department and lab attendants participated in the process, under the careful supervision and direction of Professor Dr. Swarnali Islam Khandaker, Head of the Department, Professor Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Associate Professor Dr. Mohammad Shahriar and other faculty members. Besides Bangladesh Army, hand sanitizers were also given to Bangladesh Police (Tejgaon thana), Anjuman E Mofidul Islam, Mymensingh Medical College, Comilla



Health Complex, Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh, news organizations working in and around Farmgate area, traffic police at different points of the city, underprivileged people, street dwellers, small traders in UAP neighborhood and UAP staff (security force, engineering section including cleaners and support staff). Professor Dr. Swarnali Islam Khandaker, Head of the Department, Professor Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan and Associate Professor Dr. Mohammad Shahriar handed over hand sanitizers to the Bangladesh Army on behalf of the Department of Pharmacy, University of Asia Pacific

### UAP OIA Organizes Virtual Discussion On "Impact Of Covid 19 On Worldwide Opportunities Of Higher Education And Studying Abroad"

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) of the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) organized a virtual discussion session on "Impact of COVID 19 on worldwide opportunities of higher education and



studying abroad" on 25 July, 2020. Student Ambassadors from different departments of UAP participated in the live (facebook) session with their own queries. Eminent academicians from foreign universities and educational consultants from Bangladesh joined the live discussion and responded to the queries posed by the student ambassadors. The invited panellists were Dr. Sayeef Salahuddin, Professor, University of California, Berkeley, USA; Dr. Zia Wadud, Associate Professor, University of Leeds, UK; Ms. Fareha Begum, Country Director, PFEC Global, Bangladesh and Mr. Razoun Siddiky Tohin, Education USA Adviser, EMK Center, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Responding to the question of a student, Dr. Sayeef Salahuddin said "We are kind of in an uncertain territory now in terms of the whole world itself due to COVID-19, if you receive a funding from your research grant it's wise to accept it without condition.

The pandemic will pass soon but it may affect one or two semesters only.' 'The scholarship opportunities in UK will be lesser not only for COVID-19 but also the impact of Brexit. However, universities of UK may have taken initiatives to sign MoUs with other countries which will help in student exchange programs", said Dr. Zia Wadud. During the discussion, educational consultants provided students with information about application processes, admission requirements and visa processing etc. The session was facilitated by Dr. Nehreen Majed, Director, OIA, UAP and a note of thanks was delivered at the end by Professor Dr. M. R. Kabir, Acting Vice Chancellor, UAP.

### Nishat Tasnim Oyshee, Lecturer, Architecture Awarded Prizes In National Design Competition

Nishat Tasnim Oyshee, Lecturer and an alumnus of the Department of Architecture, was awarded 1st winning entry as a team member in the national Open Architectural Design Competition of "Construction of Landmark Monument: Celebrating 100 years of the University of Dhaka and the Golden Jubilee of Independence of Bangladesh" at Mall area, University of Dhaka. The competition was arranged by the University of Dhaka in association with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB).



The competition received 56 submissions from which, a total of eight projects were awarded by the jurors. An exhibition was held showcasing all submitted entries at IAB Centre on 15,16 and 18 March 2020. Prof. Nisar Hossain, Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts; Prof. Shibli Rubayat Islam, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies; Ar. Nahas Ahmed Khalil, Ar. Mustapha Khalid Palash, and Ar. Marina Tabasum served as the Jurors for this single-stage competition.

## DSW Organizes A Webinar On “Be Aware And Be Productive: Dealing With The New Normal”

On 17 July, 2020, the Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW), in association with Social Awareness Club, arranged a webinar on “Be aware and Be Productive: Dealing with the New Normal”. Ahmed Hossain, PhD, Professor of Public Health and Director, Global Health Institute, North South University was the technical expert while Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Treasurer



and Director, DSW, UAP joined the webinar as one of the discussants. In his presentation, Mr. Hossain showed a comparative statement of COVID-19 cases and death rates of South Asian countries compared to other western and European countries. Mr. Hossain advised the students to continue their regular activities, abide by health hygiene, e.g. i) hand hygiene involves sanitizing and washing hands frequently & ii) respiratory hygiene; wearing mask along with maintaining social distancing. In his presentation, he also made some recommendations to the students to keep well and safe during this pandemic.

He advised them to wake up early in the morning, make a daily to-do list, read books and learn something, nourish the body with healthy food, take some physical exercise, be careful of using the social-media and to limit their exposure to news on COVID-19. Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury depicted a global scenario, especially the neighboring countries of Bangladesh. He also inspired the participants to be productive while maintaining health related protocols. The webinar was also addressed by Ms. Mahzabin Gazi, Assistant Prof, Dept. of Pharmacy, and Advisor, Social Awareness Club, Mr. Tarek Khan, Assistant Director, and Ms. Farjana Yasmin, Social Counsellor, DSW. There was also a Q&A session in which the students participated enthusiastically.

## A Panel Discussion on “The importance of Studying Engineering Management”

A panel discussion was hosted by PFEC Global in association with the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) on 12th September 2020. The following panelists from UAP and Macquarie University shared their thoughts and experiences on the topic: Prof M. R. Kabir, Acting Vice-Chancellor, UAP, Dr. Nehreen Majed, Associate



Professor & Director, Office of International Affairs, UAP, Dr Nazmul Huda, Program Director, Engineering Management, Tanveer Shaheed, Associate Director, Alkayet Hossain, Country

Coordinator (South Asia). The session was conducted by Fareha Begum, Country Director, PFEC GLOBAL.

## UAP IQAC Organizes Online Workshop On ‘Capstone Design Projects’

On June 23, 2020, the Institute of Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), UAP organized an online workshop for the faculty members of CE, CSE and EEE Departments on 'Capstone Design Projects'. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Kauser Jahan, Professor and Head, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Rowan University, New Jersey, USA. The program was chaired by Professor Dr. M. R. Kabir, Acting VC, UAP and moderated by G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC, UAP. More than 60 faculty members from the Departments of CE, CSE and EEE attended the program.

## Department Of English Organizes An Online Photography Exhibition On “Shots Soiree” – Spring 2020”

The Film and Photography Club of the Department of English, University of Asia Pacific successfully organized an online exhibition plus workshop titled “Shots Soiree” – Spring 2020” on September 22, 2020 (Tuesday). The event was held on the video platform of Zoom. The exhibition started at 7.30 p.m. 68 photographs were submitted to the online event from which 41 photographs were selected for exhibition during the program. Five photos were awarded as best photographs.

The program was inaugurated by Ms. Arjumand Ara, Head of the



Department of English, UAP. She, in her inaugural speech, appreciated the initiative wholeheartedly. The honorable Treasurer and Registrar-in-charge, UAP, Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury also thanked the event organizers for such a wonderful stratagem to stay connected on-line during this pandemic. The judge of the programme was Sovon Karmaker, a self-taught photographer who has won several awards in different categories of numerous contests. Mr. Karmaker went through all the photos and gave his valuable comments on each picture.

The exhibition was divided into two parts. After the exhibition of all selected pictures in the first segment, the honourable judge talked about the colour theory and how light as well as shadow work together to make a photograph visually stunning and meaningful. The segment was followed by a question-answer session. The event was convened by Ms. Sadia Afrin Shorna, Assistant Professor, Arpita Haque, Lecturer, and Iffat Jahan Suchona, Lecturer at the Department of English, UAP. The session was wrapped up with a vote of thanks from Ms. Sadia Afrin Shorna on behalf of the conveners.

## Debating And Public Speaking Club Organized A Regional Friendly Debate

On 27 September 2020, UAP Debating & Public Speaking Club (DPSC) organized an online regional friendly debate competition titled “My District is the Best”. Mr. Lokman Bin Noor, Assistant

Professor, L&HR, UAP and Adviser, DPSC, directed the event while Shahrian Islam Shovon, Member of DPSC, presided over the event. Six debaters from different districts participated in the debate. Each debater presented a great deal of data and arguments to prove that his/her district was the best.

The debate was all the more interesting and enjoyable because the debaters presented their arguments using their regional languages. Students from all departments attended the event and expressed their opinions and comments through the comment box. At the end of the event, Fouzia Fariba, Joint-Secretary of DPSC, declared all the debaters as joint winners in the closing speech. Among others, Md. Tarek Khan, AD, DSW attended the program.

### **Banglalink's Flagship Digital Ideation Competition Ennovators 4.0 Held At UAP**

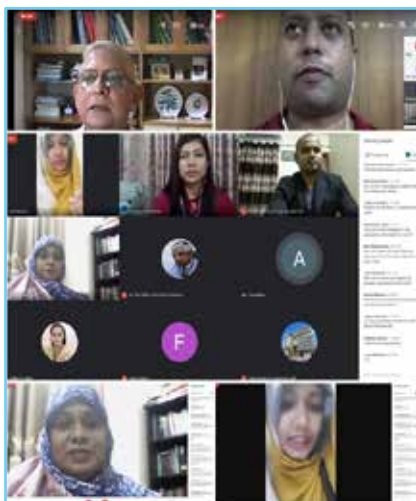
On 30 September 2020, Banglalink's Flagship Digital Ideation Competition, Ennovators 4.0 was held at UAP. Banglalink arranges this talent hunt competition every year for the university students to provide a platform to rethink, restart and recreate digital ideation. This virtual roadshow was organized by Banglalink, in association with DSW and Entrepreneurship and Career Development Club, UAP. Around 100 students from all the departments of UAP participated in the webinar. Ms. Aurthima Naaznoor, Talent Management, Lead Specialist, Banglalink began the show describing the meaning, purpose, awards and benefits of the competition.

Mr. Abdullah Al Nahian, Strategic Assistant, Banglalink described the process of registration for the competition and the method of competing along with the advantages of using the possible elements to win. The most interesting part was that students could always register through playing a game Named "C Factor". They also arranged a quiz competition. Thus, the webinar came to an end and the students of all departments felt motivated towards greater involvement in these kinds of competitions. Mr. Md. Tarek Khan, Assistant Director, DSW, UAP was also present to encourage students' participation.

### **DSW Organizes A Webinar On "From Flight To Face: Post-covid Career Choices 1.0"**

On July 24 2020, The Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW), in association with Entrepreneurship and Career Development Club (ECDC), UAP and WSDA New Zealand, organized an interactive webinar on "From Flight to Face: Post COVID Career Choices 1.0 with a tagline Unlock your true Potential". Mr. Ahmed Bari, Life Coach and Vice President, WSDA New Zealand addressed the webinar as the leading resource person while Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Treasurer and Director, DSW, UAP joined the webinar as the Chief Guest.

In his welcome remarks, Mr. Choudhury thanked the panelists, participants and volunteers of ECDC and DSW who put their efforts to make the event successful. He urged the students to adapt to the new normal situation with a positive mindset and hoped that we would overcome the pandemic



situation and get back to our classrooms soon. Mr. Bari, in his speech, advised the students to deal with all the problems and challenges that they are facing during this pandemic situation with discipline, integrity and high level of enthusiasm.

In every step of this journey, competency and self-assessment are important factors to consider. The webinar was also attended by Mr. Sheikh Manzoor-e-Alam, Director, Outreach and Communication, TIB. The webinar was also addressed by Ms. Shayla Binta Sayeed, Assistant Professors, and convener of the Placement Committee, Department of Business Administration, and Mr. Md. Tarek Khan, Assistant Director, DSW. Ms. Zannatul Eshita, WSDA New Zealand, was the moderator. More than one hundred students enthusiastically joined the interactive webinar and took part in the Q&A session. The Post-COVID Career-related webinar ended with a vote of thanks by the Club Adviser Ms. Sisili Rahman, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration, UAP.

### **UAP Indoor Games Club Organized An Online Chess Tournament**

The Indoor Games Club, University of Asia Pacific, organized an online Chess Tournament from 17 September 2020 to 28 September 2020. It was divided into 3 categories: Students-Male, Students-Female and Staff. After multiple rounds of play, the champion for the male category was Mohammad Kabir Sadi, Student, Department of CSE and Runner up was Joy Dhar of the Department of CSE. The champion for the female category was Homaira Adiba, Student, Department of CSE and Runner up was Sumaya Akhter, Student, Department of English. In the faculty and staff category- Mr. Sabbir Ahmed Dibbo, Lecturer, Department of English and Mr. Molla Rashied Hussein, Assistant Professor, CSE were champion and runner up respectively. The event was conducted through an online chess playing platform. The executive members of the Indoor games club were responsible for the smooth running of the event. A total of 82 students from all the departments participated in the tournament.

### **International Webinar Series On 'Doing English Studies Post-colonially' held By The Department Of English University Of Asia Pacific**

With a motto of embracing the "new normal" that academia is experiencing amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the Department of English at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) inaugurated an international webinar series on "Doing English Studies Postcolonially" on 29th September, 2020. The month-long webinar series began on September 29, 2020 and continued till October 31, 2020. The English Department of UAP promoted the webinar series as a platform on which eminent academics, scholars and students could share their knowledge and generate ideas about postcolonial perspectives in English studies in our time, in the era of 'globalization', redefining the notions of postcoloniality. This event brought together international scholars from Bangladesh and India to discuss their insights and researches on the current scenario of postcoloniality in English studies and academia.

The chief guest of the inaugural ceremony was Professor Dr. Fakrul Alam, UGC professor, Department of English at the University of Dhaka, while the special guest of the inaugural ceremony was Air Cdre Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury (Retd), acting vice chancellor of the University of Asia Pacific. The first webinar of the series was titled "Revisiting Mythological Plays: A Postcolonial Enquiry" with Professor Dr Prakash Balikai from the Central University of Karnataka, India, as speaker of the session. The next session of the series titled; "Translating the Local into Global in the Postcolonial Indian English Fiction" was held on October 4, 2020. Professor Dr.

G K Badiger from Karnataka, India was the speaker. The series ended on October 31, 2020 with its last session having Prof Dr. Fakrul Alam as the speaker. The event was coordinated by Ismat Zarin, Assistant Professor of the English Department, UAP.

#### **UAP'S English Department Presents Online Workshop On "Introducing Metacognitive Strategies In EFL Class"**

An online workshop on "Introducing Metacognitive Strategies in EFL Class" was conducted by Dr. Shravasti Chakravarty, Assistant Professor, Lovely Professional University, India on 26 July, 2020. The webinar was held on google meet at 7 pm (BDT). The workshop was mostly student-oriented where Dr. Chakravarty talked on different teaching methodologies, raising the learners' awareness of learning strategies and helping them utilize these tools. The workshop was inaugurated by Ms. Arjmand Ara, Assistant Professor, Head of the English Department, UAP and after the welcome speech, the session was handed over to Dr. Chakravarty. The event was ended with a vote of thanks by the Head of Department of English.

#### **G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, UAP-IQAC Attends Workshop At USTC**

Upon invitation from the Institute of Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC), Chittagong, G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC, UAP talked on 'Online applications for teaching, learning and assessment at Higher Education Institute' as the keynote speaker in an online workshop organized by IQAC, USTC, Chittagong, on August 25, 2020. The program was chaired by the Pro VC, USTC, moderated by director.

#### **UAP OIA Signs Mou With Sharda University, India**

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) at UAP signed an MoU with Sharda University, India on research and academic collaboration on September 21, 2020. Professor M. R. Kabir, the then Acting Vice Chancellor of UAP was invited and participated as a panellist in the Vice-Chancellors Round Table Webinar organized by Sharda University on the topic "COVID-19 and Higher Education: Challenges & Responses" on July 2, 2020. Vice-Chancellors and renowned educationalists of top universities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka participated in the discussion and shared their experiences.

#### **UAP Architecture Department Organises Grand Jury Of Final Theses Of Fall 2019**

The Grand Jury of the Final Thesis of Fall 2019 was held online from 13-17 June 2020. The jury sessions were very interactive, 23 projects were presented and many current issues discussed which was beneficial for the students. A Celebration of Trade and Tradition by Umme Tahmina Haque, Rehabilitation Center for street children by Nishter Jahan Trisha, Facilities Considering Ecotourism at Tanguar Haor by Nusrat Jahan Khan Labanya were among the most notable projects.

#### **UAP Pharmacy Department Organizes Webinar On "Hospital Pharmacy, Covid-19 And The New Normal"**

On the occasion of World Pharmacists Day, the Pharma Science Club (PSC) of the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Asia Pacific organized a webinar titled "Hospital Pharmacy, Covid-19 and The New Normal" on 22nd September, 2020 at 7 p.m. Mr. Mohammad Abdur Rahman, Senior Manager of Pharmacy, Evercare Hospital Dhaka was present as the speaker, and the program was moderated by the President of the Club, Saiyara-E-Nawar and Vice-President, Sreeya Debnath. Online promotion was led by the PSC General Secretary, Jannatul Nasrin Tushi with the assistance of the whole club committee. Mr. A. H.

M. Nazmul Hasan, Assistant Professor of the Department of Pharmacy and Convener of PSC, and Ms.

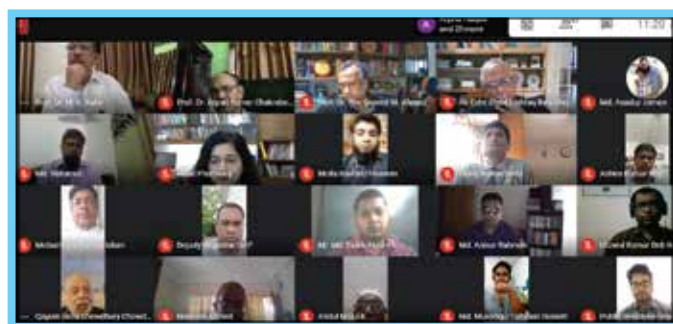
Taposhi Nahid Sultana, Lecturer of the Department of Pharmacy and Co-convener of PSC were also present in the seminar. The webinar consisted of an open discussion between the moderators and the respected speaker about the importance of Hospital Pharmacy in our country followed by a Q&A session, where the speaker answered some questions from the audience as asked in the comment section of the webinar. The webinar ended with a vote of thanks to the speaker, led by the respected Club Convener and Co-Convener. The webinar was well received by the audience, with over 7000 views, 200 reactions and over 80 comments from the audience.

#### **UAP Architecture Department Develops Studio Project For Online Education**

Spring 2020 semester was a challenging one for teachers and students alike as classes moved online, but it was a particularly daunting challenge for the students of Level-1 term-1 who began online classes without any prior architectural education. But they rose to the task and performed their studio projects successfully. A website was created to exhibit the online studio work done by the students of Level-1, Term-1. The online studio was conducted by Asst. Professor Masrur Mamun Mithun and Wakilur Rahman. The website can be found here: <https://oneonetwentytwentyspring.wordpress.com/>

#### **Observance Of National Mourning Day 2020 At The University Of Asia Pacific**

The University of Asia Pacific observed National Mourning Day on 15th August 2020 over the online platform to pay homage to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on his 45th martyrdom anniversary. The discussion was presided over by Professor Dr M. R. Kabir, Acting Vice-Chancellor, UAP. A short video message was delivered by Mr. C. M. Shafi Sami, Hon'ble Chairperson, Board of Trustees (BOT), UAP. The meeting was addressed by the Hon'ble members of the Board of Trustees of UAP - Mr. Qayum Reza Chowdhury and Al-haj Abdul Malek Mollah who recalled their memories and associations with Bangabandhu. Later the Treasurer, Heads of different



departments and the Registrar spoke on the occasion. The speakers highlighted the leadership qualities of Bangabandhu that continues to inspire the nation. The meeting ended with prayers for Bangabandhu and his family members who embraced shahadat on the day. Prayers were also offered for the martyred National Leaders, and martyrs of the Liberation War, and for continued peace and progress of the nation. The national flag, along with UAP flag, was hoisted half-mast to commemorate the day.

#### **Intra UAP Programming Contest, Spring 2020**

UAP Programming Contest Club along with Batch - 40 of the

Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) organized the Intra UAP Programming Contest, Spring 2020 on July 24, 2020. The competition was open for all undergraduate students of the department. The competition was divided into two groups: Juniors (for 1st and 2nd year students) and Seniors (for 3rd and 4th year students). Competing with more than one hundred participants, Md. Imran Nazir from 2nd year 2nd semester became champion of the Junior group. Ashrafal Islam, a student of 3rd year 2nd semester defeated his seniors to become the champion of the senior group. The winners received awards from the sole sponsor of the event, Batch - 40 of CSE department. The club shows its gratitude to the sponsor for supporting this event and arranging prior training for the new participants.

### UAP Sports Club Organizes Online Gaming Contest

The Sports Club of the department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) organized several online sports like Ludo, Chess, PES Mobile, PUBG, Call of Duty including being host to the Central Chess Tournament in collaboration with UAP Indoor sports club. The contest continued for three months from 24th July to 4th September. More than 250 students from all semesters and alumni participated in these events with great enthusiasm.

### Social Awareness Club Organized A Webinar On "Smile Healthy In Changed Routine"

UAP Social Awareness Club organized a webinar titled "Smile Healthy in Changed Routine" in association with Unilever Bangladesh on 21 September, 2020. The programme was live on the university official Facebook page. The keynote speaker of the webinar was Dr. Tahsin Raquib Abonti, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthodontic, Pioneer Dental College and Hospital. Air Cdre (retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Treasurer and Director, DSW was present as a special guest.

In this webinar, Dr. Tahsin Raquib Abonti focused on the changes in our daily routine because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Abonti demonstrated different oral hygiene methods and described how to maintain an ideal food habit for proper oral hygiene. Faysal Ahmed, Senior Executive of Social Awareness Club, UAP described the regular activities of Social Awareness Club. Ms. Mahjabeen Gazi, Adviser, Social Awareness Club expressed thanks to the energetic members of the club for making this event successful. Students from different departments joined the webinar.

### Online Cultural Evening Organized By UAP Cultural Club

On 28 September 2020, UAP Cultural Club organized its first online cultural evening to lighten up the tedious environment of the covid-19 pandemic and disseminate much-needed recreation to the students of UAP. Members of the Board of Trustees of UAP attended this captivating cultural event. Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Acting VC, UAP attended the program as the Chief Guest. Eight students from different departments performed beautiful classical songs, traditional dance and Bangla poem recitation which were appreciated by the viewers. The program was live on UAP Official Facebook Page where more than 150

students, faculty members, and staffs attended with joy. In his speech, Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury congratulated all the members of the club and its adviser for making the online event a success. He also appreciated the renditions performed by the students of UAP. To keep the mental well-being, Mr. Choudhury also advised the students to engage in art, creativity and recreation. Ms. Layeqa Bashir, Assistant Professor, Department of Basic Sciences & Humanities, and Adviser, UAP Cultural Club ended the program with a vote of thanks. Among others, Md. Tarek Khan, AD, DSW and members of the UAP cultural club were present.

### Department Of English Organizes Webinar On "Teaching And Assessing Literature Online: A Preamble"

The Department of English, University of Asia Pacific (UAP) successfully organized a webinar titled "Teaching and Assessing Literature Online: A Preamble" on Saturday, 11 July, 2020, at 8.00 p.m. The session was held on Zoom video. The event was conducted by Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Haque, a faculty member of the Department of English, St. John's University, New York. All the faculty of the English Department, UAP joined the session. The webinar was held to provide some valuable insights on how to ease the online teaching and learning process in the ongoing "Spring 2020" semester. In the webinar, Dr. Haque talked about the differences between distant learning, online learning and onsite learning. He discussed what a teacher could do when he/she switched from a physical setting to a virtual setting. To present his ideas vividly, Professor Haque utilized Power Point slides to differentiate between an in-person classroom syllabus and an online syllabus for this current situation.

The resource person put emphasis on a well-defined assessment system and grading procedure while teaching online. He reminded the educators to act as community builders in order to keep the students engaged in a virtual setting. Moreover, he encouraged the teachers to make the students familiar with the facts about plagiarism in an online platform. After the discussion, Dr. Haque responded to the queries of the participants. Ms. Arjumand Ara, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English, UAP, highlighted the importance of the webinar. She wrapped up the event with a vote of thanks.

### Webinar On The "Status Of Involuntarily Displaced Persons In International Law: A Case Study On Rohingya In Bangladesh"

The Department of Law and Human Rights of the University of Asia Pacific in collaboration with the Institute of Energy, Environment, Research and Development (IEERD), University of Asia Pacific organized a webinar on the "Status of Involuntarily Displaced Persons in International Law: A Case Study on Rohingya in Bangladesh" on 28th July, 2020. Four researchers from the Department of Law and Human Rights, namely Dr. Chowdhury Ishrak Ahmed Siddiky, Associate Professor, Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim, Mr. Md. Lokman Hussain and Mr. Md. Saleh Akram, Assistant Professors conducted a research on the



said topic with funding from the Institute of Energy, Environment, Research and Development (IEERD), University of Asia Pacific.

On behalf of the researchers Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim, Assistant Professor presented the report before the discussants and participants. Prof. Dr. M. R. Kabir, Honorable Acting Vice-Chancellor, UAP was present there as the Chief Guest. Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Dhaka & Former Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh was present there as the Chief Discussant. Other discussants were Air Commodore Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, ndc, psc (Retd.), Treasurer, University of Asia Pacific, Dr. Abdullah Al Faruque, Professor, Faculty of Law and Director, Research and Publication Cell, University of Chittagong, and Dr. Shuvro Prosun Sarker, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, India.

The discussants said that as Bangladesh is not a party of international treaty, the Rohingyas are not refugees. On the other hand, Rohingyas fulfill all the criteria of refugees. As a result, according to the current International Law they are refugees. They said we need to develop diplomacy, and voluntary repatriation would be can be the only solution to this problem. Among others, Professor Dr. Mohammed Alauddin, former Vice-Chairperson, Board of Trustees, UAP, Professor Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman, Director IEERD, UAP, faculty members, and students of the Department of Law & Human Rights, UAP were present there as the key participants. Dr. Chowdhury Ishrak Ahmed Siddiky acted as the moderator and Mr. Md. Asaduzzaman, Head of the Department gave the vote of thanks to all.

### **UAP IQAC Director Attends Online Workshop In UGC**

Upon invitation from UGC, G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC, UAP attended an online workshop on 'The Role of IQAC to Ensure Quality in Online Higher Education' organized by UGC, on September 03, 2020. The Chairman of UGC was the chief guest in that event. Other UGC members also talked in that event. The program was chaired by UGC member Prof. Dr. Mohammad Alamgir and moderated by Dr. Sultan Mahmud Bhuiyan, Director, SPQA, UGC. The program was attended by IQAC Directors of different public and private universities. The Director of IQAC, UAP talked on behalf of UAP to present the online academic activities of UAP during the pandemic.

### **UAP IQAC Organizes Online Workshop With Faculty Members**

On September 30, 2020, the Institute of Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), UAP organized an online workshop for the faculty members of CE, CSE and EEE Departments on "CO/PO Assessment and Complex Engineering Problems: BAETE Requirements". The workshop was conducted by Dr. Sarah Tahsin Noor, Associate Professor, Department of CE, UAP and Dr. Nehreen Majed, Associate Professor, Department of CE, UAP. Both of them are closely associated with BAETE, IEB. The program was chaired by Air Commodore (Retd) Ishfaq Elahi Chowdhury, Acting VC, UAP and moderated by G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC, UAP. More than 60 faculty members from CE, CSE and EEE departments attended the programme.

### **UAP Pharmacy Department Organizes Bentham-buchheim Friendly Debate**

The Debating and Quiz Club of the Pharmacy Department called Tarkik, participated in "Bentham-Buchheim Friendly Debate", organized by UAP Law Orators, Department of Law and Human Rights, supported by Tarkik, Department of Pharmacy on September 10, 2020 using an online platform. The discussion topic of the debate was "The parliament proposes that there is no option other

than to make an eco-friendly world after this COVID-19 pandemic". Khondoker Tashya Kalam, Nawshin Islam and Tamanna Sarkar represented the Department of Pharmacy in the opposition team. After a highly competitive debate, the opposition team, Tarkik, was announced the winner of the friendly debate.

### **UAP Pharmacy Department Organizes Friendly Debate On World Pharmacists Day 2020**

On the occasion of World Pharmacists Day, 2020, an online debate competition was held via e-media entitled, "Transforming global health" on 25th September 2020. EPSA (Ex. Pharmacy Students Association), the alumni association of the Department of Pharmacy, University of Asia Pacific arranged this debate program between the former and current students of the Department of Pharmacy. "Implementation of law can be more beneficial to prevent COVID-19 rather than raising awareness" was the discussion topic on which the debaters presented their arguments. Mr. Ananta Saha, International Business Manager, Renata Limited, Bangladesh, who also happens to be a part-time faculty member of the Department of Pharmacy at UAP was the judge of the event.

### **Online Orientation Of UAP Architecture Department Held**

An online Orientation program was held for the incoming students of Batch 46 (Spring 2020) on June 25, 2020. The program was attended by Mr Shafi Sami, Chairman, Board of Trustees, UAP and Prof. Dr. M.R. Kabir, Acting Vice-Chancellor, UAP along with the Head of the Department, Prof. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed and all faculty members of the Department of Architecture. The teachers officially welcomed the new students into the Department and discussed various aspects of studying architecture, and the student culture of this department. The orientation was very lively as students shared their opinions regarding their reasons and expectations from the department spontaneously.

### **9th Meeting Of The IEERD Working Group Held**

On 10 September 2020, Institute of Energy, Environment, Research and Development (IEERD), UAP organized "The 9th Meeting of the IEERD Working Group (IWG)" in an online platform through Google meet. The meeting was attended by Dr Mohammed Alauddin, Professor Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, Professor Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Dr Mahbubul Haque and Professor Muhammad Mizanur Rahaman, Director IEERD. The status of the ongoing IEERD funded research projects and the external review process of the research project proposals submitted under Spring 2020 IEERD Internal Research Grant call were discussed in the meeting. The meeting proposed that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference registration fee could be considered for virtual presentations in online conferences.

### **Afroza Aziz Suchana, Assistant Professor Publishes Her Book Chapter In The Routledge Handbook Of English Language Education In Bangladesh (1st Edition).**

Afroza Aziz Suchana, Assistant Professor of the Department of English, has recently published a chapter titled 'Investigating Gender Equity in a Primary Level English Language Textbook in Bangladesh' in The Routledge Handbook of English Language Education in Bangladesh (2020). The Handbook is an all-inclusive synopsis of English language education in Bangladesh which explores a wide range of assorted endogenous and exogenous topics, associated with English language teaching and learning in Bangladesh, and familiarizes readers with diverse perspectives, operating from the macro to the micro levels.

### **A Glimpse Of The Handbook And The Chapter Written By Afroza Aziz Suchana**

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The handbook is an invaluable reference source for students, researchers, and policy makers interested in English language, ELT, TESOL, and applied linguistics. Ms. Suchana's chapter specifically aims at investigating gender equity in an English language textbook at primary level of education in Bangladesh and also suggests ways to adapt gender equitable materials to eliminate the unfair account of gender.

### **'Voice Of Law Career' Organized By The UAP Law Department**

A weekly program titled "Voice of Law Career" was conducted by the students of the Department of Law and Human Rights, throughout the month of July 2020. There were a number of episodes conducted during the program. The first episode was held on 3 July, 2020 on "Careers in Judiciary" and the guest speakers were Mr. Sekander Zulker Nayeem, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tangail and Mr. Md. Soyebur Rahman, Senior Judicial Magistrate, Rangpur.

The second episode on "Legal education in Bangladesh: Theory and Practice" was held on 10 July 2020 and the guest speakers were Mr. Justice Moeenul Islam Chowdhury, Honorable Justice of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and Dr. Md. Rahmat Ullah, Professor and Dean (Acting), Faculty of Law of the University of Dhaka. The third episode on "Law career in corporate sector" was held on 18 July, 2020 and the guest speakers were Barrister Rasheed Ahmed, Head of Legal and Recovery Division, BRAC Bank Limited And Sk. Tareq Nawaz, Head of Litigation Management & Vice President, Legal and Recovery Division, BRAC Bank Limited.

The fourth episode on "Law Career in Non-Governmental Organization" was held on 26 July, 2020 and the guest speakers were Dr. Mizanur Rahman Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Dhaka & Former Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh and Mr. Shahariar Sadat, Programme Head, Human Rights and Legal Aid Services, BRAC.

### **UAP IQAC Organizes Online Workshop On Teaching Learning Assessment**

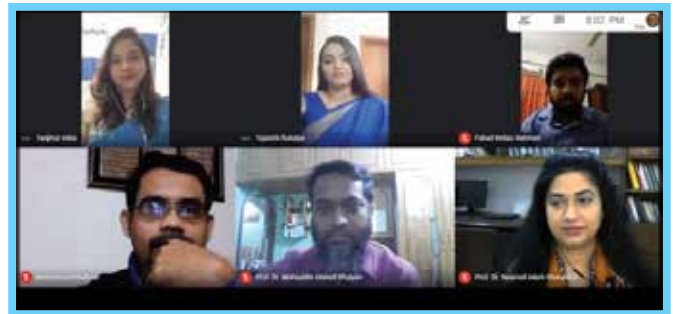
On June 20, 2020, the Institute of Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), UAP organized an online workshop with Heads of the Departments and PSAC members of nine departments at UAP and presented 'The IQAC guideline for teaching-learning-assessment for Spring-2020 online semester'. The workshop was conducted by G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC, UAP and Chaired by Professor Dr. M. R. Kabir, Acting Vice Chancellor, UAP. All departments devised their assessment methods for online semester according to the presented guideline.

### **G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, UAP -IQAC Attends Webinar At NSU**

Upon invitation from the Institute of Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), North South University (NSU), Dhaka, G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC, UAP talked on 'Role of IQAC in ensuring quality of education in the current pandemic situation' in a webinar organized by IQAC, NSU on August 22, 2020. He was selected as one of the 6 (six) panelists from both public and private universities. The program was chaired by the Pro VC, NSU, and was moderated by the Director, IQAC, NSU. It was attended by IQAC Directors of different public and private universities. Dr. Sultan Mahmud Bhuiyan, Director, SPQA, UGC also attended the program as special guest.

### **UAP Pharmacy Department Organizes Online Discussion On "UAP Pharmacists All Around The World"**

On the occasion of World Pharmacists Day, the Department of Pharmacy, UAP organized an Open Online Discussion entitled, "UAP Pharmacists all around the world" on Friday, September 25, 2020 where 12 UAP graduates working as pharmacists (in clinical, community, industrial, marketing/business settings), and academics, researchers, consultants, entrepreneurs, and govern-



ment officials from 5 different continents participated and shared their valuable experiences. The programme was moderated by Associate Professor Dr. Mohammad Shahriar. Professor Dr. Swarnali Islam Khandaker, Head of the Department and Professor Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan were also present in the open discussion to share their views.

### **Ismat Zarin Spoke At The International Online Lecture Series, India**

Ismat Zarin, Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of Asia Pacific was invited to deliver an honorary online lecture as part of an International Online Lecture Series organized by Midnapore University College, India. Ms. Zarin gave her lecture on "EFL Teaching Online: Activating Critical Thinking Skills" which was held online (Zoom) on August 28, 2020 at 7.30 pm (BDT).

### **UAP IQAC Director Attends An International Seminar**

Upon Invitation from the Board of Accreditation for Engineering & Technical Education (BAETE), IEB, G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC, UAP attended a two day long 'International Symposium on Quality Assurance in Engineering Education through Accreditation-II' as the keynote speaker.

The online workshop was organized by BAETE, IEB from 26 to 27 August, 2020. Elizabeth Taylor, Chair of Washington Accord, International Engineering Alliance, chaired the opening ceremony. Several distinguished speakers from different countries and different international engineering accreditation bodies spoke on a wide range of topics.

### Department of English Arranges Freshers' Fiesta – "Spring 2020"

The Department of English, University of Asia Pacific (UAP) organized its first online reception program titled "Freshers' Fiesta" for the newcomers of the "Spring – 2020" semester. The program was held on the video platform of Zoom on August 14, 2020 (Friday). The one and half hour event started at 7.15 p.m. on Zoom where the honorable faculty members and the students from the English Department joined to enjoy the program. Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Treasurer and Director, DSW, UAP graced the event with his virtual presence.

### Ismat Zarin Spoke at International Online Seminar in Japan

Ismat Zarin, Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of Asia Pacific was invited as a speaker at the International Seminar titled, "Tsugaru Ideas for Language Education Seminar (TILES 2020)" organized by the Japan Association for Language Teaching (JALT), Japan.

Ms. Zarin's presentation titled "Teaching EFL Online: Unveiling the Power of Collaborative Adaptation Projects" was held online (Zoom) on September 26, 2020 at 12.40 pm (BDT). The event started at 10.00 am (BDT) and continued till 2.00 pm (BDT). The seminar provided a wonderful opportunity to for exchange of ideas between the scholars and academicians.

### English Language Club organizes an Online 'Extempore Speech Competition'

The English Language Club, University of Asia Pacific organized an online 'Extempore Speech Competition' on September 11, 2020, in association with the Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW). Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Treasurer and Director, DSW graced the event as the chief guest. A total of fifteen students from different departments of the university participated in the competition.

Ms. Afroza Aziz Suchana, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Adviser of the club picked up the topics randomly for the participants. Each contestant talked for three minutes. Tasneem Mahmood from the Department of English secured the first position.

Mohammed Ashraf Bari from the Department of Law and Human Rights, and Shajedur Rahman from the Department of Business Administration secured the second and third positions respectively. The contestants were judged on parameters like grammatical accuracy, pronunciation, confidence and overall presentation. Dr. Chowdhury Ishrak Ahmed Siddiky, Associate Professor, Department of Law & Human Rights, Mr. Mohammed Farman Ullah Bhuiyan, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Ms. Arpita Haque, Lecturer, Department of English were present as adjudicators.

At the end of the event, Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury congratulated the winners and all the

participants. Among others, the programme was attended by Ms. Arjumand Ara, Head, Department of English and Mr. Md. Tarek Khan, Assistant Director, DSW. The session was moderated by the Adviser of the English Language Club Ms. Afroza Aziz Suchana.

### DSW Organizes a Career Development Related Webinar Titled "From Flight to Face: Post COVID Career Choices 2.0"

On 25 September 2020, The Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW), in association with Entrepreneurship and Career Development Club (ECDC), UAP and WSDA New Zealand, organized an interactive webinar on "From Flight to Face: Post COVID Career Choices 2.0 with a tagline "Unlock your true Potential".

Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Acting Vice Chancellor, UAP was present as Chief Guest and delivered the welcome speech. Mr. Ahmed Bari, Life Coach and Vice President, WSDA New Zealand; Ms. Hosne Kadri, CEO, Awazdotcom; Mr. Azharul Alam Rabbi, Co-founder and CEO, Orbit 360 and Ms. Zannatun Eshita, Life Coach Trainer and Business Development Manager, WSDA NZ were present as resource persons of the programme.

Among others, the programme was also attended by Ms. Sisili Rahman, Assistant Professor, DBA and Adviser, ECDC; and Md. Tarek Khan, AD, DSW, UAP. This event was organized for students and recent graduates of UAP so that they could understand the Post COVID Career Choices and Entrepreneurial activities, and be motivated to hone their soft skills for professional development. More than one hundred students joined the webinar from different departments of UAP with great enthusiasm and took part in the Q&A session.



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