



#### UAP appears in the QS Ranking for the first time



University of Asia Pacific (UAP) has been included in the 2024 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia University Ranking for the first time. QS Asia University Ranking is one of the most respected global rankings that ranks a university based on eleven well-defined criteria.

UAP's rankings at regional, sub-regional, and national levels are as follows:

- Asia: 751-800
- Southern Asia: 238
- Bangladesh: 23

In total, 857 Asian universities and 25 universities from Bangladesh are listed in the 2024 QS Asia University 2024.

For details please visit:

<https://www.topuniversities.com/asia-university-rankings>

#### UAP\_ICE\_BREAKERS Secures 1st place in CTF competition at the Dhaka University



"UAP\_ICE\_BREAKERS" team (a team from Cyber Security Club, CSE, UAP) has secured the 1st Place (Champion) in the Cyber Crawlers-Capture the Flag Challenge (CTF) at Institute of Information Technology, University of Dhaka. Students' teams from different public and private universities participated in the competition.

#### Architect Student Achieves 1st place in the 'Escape Space Idea Competition'



Fida Al Mugni, student of Department of Architecture, University of Asia Pacific (UAP) has achieved first place in the 'Escape Space Idea Competition'.

The Department of Architecture, CUET organized the competition as part of the Architecture Day's 23 celebration. The

winning presentation, titled "OUROBOROS (Journey to the beyond and unknown)" stood out among entries from undergraduate architecture students representing other universities.

#### UAP student Asadujjaman Noor placed 3rd in the CSAD-2023 CTF contest

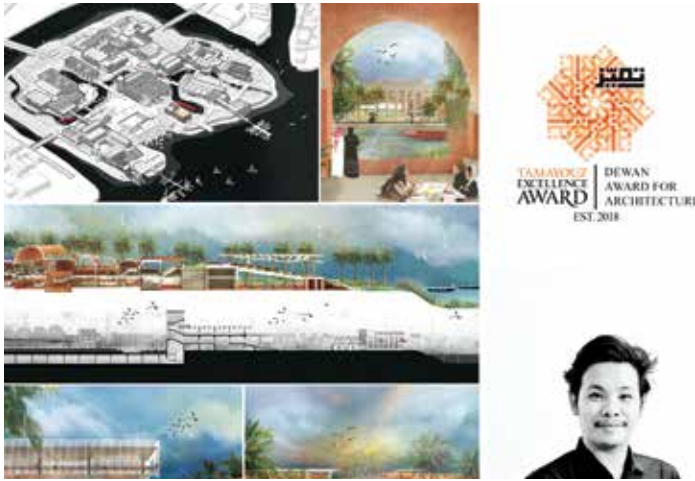
Md. Asadujjaman Noor, a student of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, University of Asia Pacific (UAP) placed 3rd in the CSAD-2023 CTF contest.

Cyber Security Awareness Day (CSAD) 2023, was organized by DIU on 21 October 2023 in Daffodil Smart City, Birulia, Dhaka. The motive of the day was to spread awareness among the attended audiences. In this event, renowned intellects from the cybersecurity domain of Bangladesh participated along with faculty members, students, and IT professionals of the country.

The objective of "CSAD 2023" was to aware the users of the digital system about the upcoming and concurrent cyber threats, to make themselves safe in cyberspace. The CSAD 2023 was comprised of seven events, CTF was one of the seven events.



**Architect Faculty won 3rd prize at the International Design Competition Dewan Award for Architecture, 2023**



Mr. Taorem Rahul Singha, currently working as a lecturer in the Department of Architecture, University of Asia Pacific (UAP), has won 3rd prize at the International Design Competition, Dewan Award for Architecture, 2023.

This year, the award's theme was the New Basra's waterfront, seeking proposals to transform the underused Dakeer Island into a vibrant recreational urban destination for locals and visitors. Taorem's Proposal titled, "ISLE-CITY: Transforming Dakeer Island into a New Waterfront Development" was selected out of 137 submissions from 33 countries this year.

Taorem Rahul Singha graduated from Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology in the year 2022.

**Achievements of students, Faculty and Alumni of the Department of Civil Engineering, UAP**



a) Dr. Shafayet Ahmed, an alumnus of the Department of Civil Engineering, UAP, is currently working as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil and Construction Engineering at Western Michigan University, USA



b) Dr. S.M. Jamil Uddin, an alumnus of the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Asia Pacific, completed his PhD from North Carolina State University. Dr Jamil Uddin, recently joined as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Construction Management, Florida Gulf Coast University, USA



c) Tauhidul Karim, an alumnus of the Department of Civil Engineering, is set to embark on a new academic journey at Western Michigan University (WMU), USA, to pursue his Master's degree (leading to Ph.D.) in Civil Engineering with a fully funded Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA), starting in Spring 2024.

**Shah Murtaza Rashid Al Masud, Ph.D. Secures Research Grant from BAC**



In a commendable feat, Dr. Murtaza Masud, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP), has clinched a distinguished research grant from the Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC). The grant supports Dr. Masud's research initiative, focusing on the assessment of program outcomes within the framework of Outcome-Based

Education across Bangladesh's universities. The selection process, which involved rigorous evaluations and presentations before a panel of experts and BAC officials, underscores not only Dr. Masud's academic prowess but also signifies UAP's unwavering dedication to maintaining high standards in higher education. This achievement solidifies UAP's position as a hub for cutting-edge research, enhancing its reputation for academic excellence. Dr. Masud's success reflects the collaborative commitment of UAP's faculty and administration to advancing the quality of education. The university celebrates this recognition and eagerly anticipates the impactful insights that will emanate from Dr. Masud's research endeavors.

**UAP Students receive VC's and Deans' List Award for Fall 2022**

A total of 312 students from different departments of the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) received 'VC's Honor List Award' on 30 October 2023 for their outstanding academic results in Fall 2022, at the UAP auditorium.

Professor Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Vice Chancellor, UAP, distributed certificates among the awardees while, Dr. M. Alauddin, Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), addressed the program as the Chief Guest.



The 312 students of different departments have received the award in different semesters. Among them, 42 were from Business Administration while 34 were from Civil Engineering, 84 from Computer Science and Engineering, 30 from Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 22 from English, 13 from Law and Human Rights, 06 from the Architecture and 81 from Pharmacy department.

Among others, Professor Dr. Swarnali Islam Khandaker, Controller of Examinations, UAP, Deans of schools, Directors, Heads and faculty members of different departments attended the program.

Earlier, 381 students from different departments were awarded Dean's list for their brilliant results. Prof. Dr. Md. Sultan Mahmud, Pro Vice Chancellor, UAP distributed the certificates among the awardees while Prof. Abu Sayeed Mostaque Ahmed, Dean, School of Environmental Sciences and Design; Professor Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Dean, School of Medicine; and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mizanur Rahaman, Dean, School of Engineering were present, along with others.

**UAP trustees attend ISDI Conference in Boston**



The UAP delegation represented by Honorable Members of the Board of Trustees (BoT) Mr. C M Shafi Sami, Mr. Zaki Alam and Mr. Ishtiaque Kamal had a fruitful participation in the International Conference on 'Private Universities in Bangladesh– Challenges, Opportunities and Stakeholder Engagement' held in Boston, USA on Friday, October 6th, 2023.

International Sustainable Development Institute (iSDi), Boston University, arranged the conference. Participants included representatives from top private universities from Bangladesh, officials from the Government of Bangladesh, Bangladeshi and non-Bangladeshi educators and professionals from North America.

The UAP participants made a presentation on the 'State of Private Universities of Bangladesh' in first session of the conference. Besides this, the conference had five more discussion sessions:

- 1) Quality Assurance in Higher Education.
- 2) Role of Technology in Shaping the Future of Higher Education.
- 3) Global Engagement–Opportunities for Private Universities in Bangladesh.

4) Industry Relations and Experiential Learning. 5) Sustainability and Research Collaboration.

The participants and representatives of different organizations discussed significant contributions made by the reputed and law-abiding private universities of Bangladesh, to the spread of quality higher education and consequently to the impressive economic growth in Bangladesh.

They also focused on the imperative need for ensuring sustenance and steady growth of private universities in the country and recommended some policy directions that both the universities and the government need to take for national interest.

**UAPPC organizes the 10th Photo-walk**



The UAP Photography Club arranged its 10th photo-walk on 26th of August, 2023, at the distinguished Kamalapur Railway Station in Dhaka, Bangladesh as its chosen venue.

Kamalapur Railway Station stands as one of the largest and busiest railway terminals within the nation. Functioning as a pivotal nexus for transportation, the station accommodates a multitude of daily commuters, facilitating their journeys spanning the entire country. Boasting an impressive infrastructure, the station boasts no less than eight platforms and an array of amenities, including a hospital, a mosque, and a police station.

The primary objective underlying this meticulously organized photo-walk was the comprehensive exploration and portrayal of the everyday scenes unfolding within the precincts of the station. This endeavor sought to present an innovative and multifaceted perspective, viewed through the discerning lenses of the club's twelve exceptionally talented photographers.

The full-day workshop served as a quintessential platform for participants to glean insights from seasoned photographers, thus fostering the exchange of novel concepts and technical expertise. A total of twelve students from different departments from UAP enthusiastically participated in this enlightening photo-walk, which spanned from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm. Throughout the course of the day, students had the unique opportunity to assimilate fresh insights, acquire advanced techniques, and diversify their photographic perspectives, all under passionate photographers.

**Pharmacy Debating and Public Speaking Club organizes workshop on 'University Life Blueprint'**

The Pharmacy Debating and Public Speaking Club, Tarkik, organized a workshop for the students at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) on October 22, 2023. The event aimed to provide students with valuable insights on making the most of their university life. The workshop was conducted by a renowned educator and public speaker, Mr. Sadman Sadik, and was titled "University Life Blueprint." The workshop commenced with great enthusiasm as students, faculty members, and the Head of the Department, Dr. Irin Dewan, gathered in anticipation of an enlightening session.



Mr. Sadik took the stage by engaging the audience with his charismatic presence. He began by emphasizing the significance of university life and how it serves as a crucial foundation for one's future. The presentation was insightful, engaging, and spanned over an hour. Mr. Sadik's presentation revolved around the theme of "University Life Blueprint," which focused on helping students effectively utilize their time in university. He discussed various aspects of university life, including academic excellence, extracurricular activities, personal growth, and career development.

The Pharmacy Debating and Public Speaking Club at UAP deserves commendation for organizing such a valuable event, and Mr. Sadman Sadik's insightful session has undoubtedly left a lasting impact on the students, equipping them with the tools they need to navigate their university life successfully. This event demonstrated the commitment of UAP to providing a holistic education experience for its students and the dedication of the faculty and students to self-improvement and personal growth.

### The English Language Club organizes a 'Scavenger Hunt, Spelling Contest, and Prize-giving Ceremony'



UAP English Language Club (ELC) organized an extraordinary event, 'Scavenger Hunt, Spelling Contest, and Prize-giving Ceremony' on October 17, 2023, at the UAP auditorium. The event was a huge success, with over 150 participants from all departments.

The event started at 3.00 PM with the scavenger hunt, where participants had to search for notes that were hidden all around the campus. There were clues about the locations of the notes in the form of riddles. While the scavenger hunt was ongoing, the spelling contest began in the auditorium. In the spelling contest, students were given 40 jumbled words, which they had to rearrange correctly.

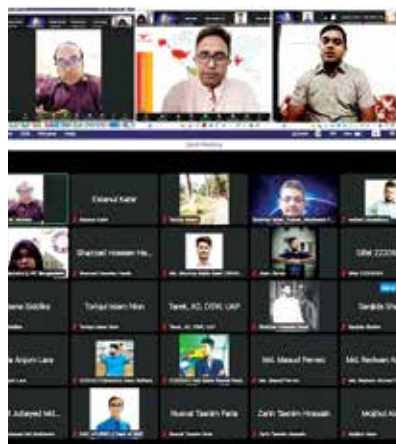
In the last segment, prizes were given for four competitions: a horror-flash fiction contest, a poetry contest, a spelling contest, and a scavenger hunt. Dr. A.S.M. Mohsin, Director, Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW), Ms. Fairouz Zakir Priitha, Lecturer, Department of English, Mr. Tarek Khan, Assistant Director, DSW, Ms. AKtarun Yesmin, AAO, DSW were also in attendance.

The event was an exciting way to showcase the fun side of the English language. It ended with a vote of thanks from the advisor of the English Language Club, Dr. Afroza Aziz Suchana.

### Orientation program of the 7th batch of 'UAP DSW\_Employability Skills Course for UAP Students-Powered by Wadhani Foundation'

In a pioneering collaboration, the Directorate of Students' Welfare at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) and Wadhvani Foundation Bangladesh proudly inaugurated the online orientation program for the 7th batch of the '21st Century Job Ready Skill Course.' This unique program, designed to equip college and university students, as well as entry-level job seekers, with a comprehensive set of 8 core skills, marks a significant milestone in skill development and employability enhancement.

Over 130 students and recent graduates from various academic disciplines at UAP enthusiastically joined the inauguration program on September 26, 2023. The presence of Dr. A. S. M. Mohsin, Director of the Directorate of Students' Welfare, UAP, as the Chief Guest, added prestige to the event. Mr. Md. Tarek Khan, Assistant Director, DSW, extended a warm welcome to the participants as the special guest.



The orientation program was expertly conducted by Mr. Estanul Kabir, Country Programme Manager, Bangladesh, representing Wadhvani Foundation. Additionally, Shahriar Islam, Senior Associate, Job Placement, Wadhvani Foundation, Bangladesh, delivered an informative presentation highlighting the key features of the course, setting the stage for an empowering educational journey.

The collaboration between UAP and Wadhvani Foundation promises to be a game-changer in the realm of employability skills development, equipping students and young professionals with the competencies necessary to excel in today's competitive job market. This remarkable initiative reaffirms the commitment of both institutions to fostering a skilled and capable workforce for the future.

### DSW organizes 'Unlocking Opportunities in the IT industry: A Path for both IT and Non-IT Students'



The joint initiative between the Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW), UAP and Wadhvani Foundation has brought forth an exciting opportunity for students eager to enhance their IT skills and explore promising job prospects in the Information Technology (IT) industry. A remarkable session titled 'Unlocking Opportunities in the IT Industry: A Path for Both IT and Non-IT Students' was conducted on October 1,

2023, via Zoom, featuring Mr. Palash Mallik, the Head of Projects and Customer Success at DBL Digital, as the guest speaker. As the Head of Projects and Customer Success at DBL Digital, his extensive experience and profound knowledge in the field make him an ideal source of insights into the IT job market.

Among others, Mr. Estanul Kabir, Country Programme Manager, Mr. Shahriar Islam, Senior Associate, Job Placement, Wadhvani Foundation, Bangladesh attended the webinar.

The collaborative effort between DSW, UAP and the Wadhvani Foundation succeeded in providing a platform for students to gain insights into the thriving IT industry. With Mr. Palash Mallik's guidance and expertise, attendees were equipped with knowledge on how to unlock opportunities and build rewarding careers in the IT sector. This event is a testament to the university's commitment to fostering skill development and ensuring that students are well-prepared for the future job market. Interested students are encouraged to actively engage in such informative sessions to further their career prospects.

### Department of Law and Human Rights, UAP organizes Court Visit to Bandarban & Cox's Bazar



The Department of Law and Human Rights (L&HR) of the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) organized Court visits to the District and Sessions Judge Courts of Bandarban and Cox's Bazar (Spring-2023) from 23th to 27th September 2023.

The main purpose of Bandarban Court visit was to gather knowledge about the legal system of tribal communities of Chittagong Hill Tracts including Bandarban while students also learned about the issues of alternative dispute resolution, amended provisions of mediation in civil suits, reasons of long duration of civil suits, independence of judiciary, rule of law etc. Apart from that, visiting the District and Session Judge Court of Cox's Bazar enriched their knowledge regarding the present crisis of the Cox's Bazar magistrate and session courts, career in judiciary and challenges thereon; live District Judge Court Proceedings and legal aid.

One faculty member from the department; Md. Saleh Akram, Assistant Professor and Ms. Synthia Gracia Costa, Assistant Account Officer, UAP, accompanied students to visit the courts.

### Pharma carnival 2023 held at UAP

The Pharma Science Club of University of Asia Pacific (UAP) hosted 'Pharma Carnival 2023' on 10 October, 2023. Dr. M Alauddin, Chairman, BoT, UAP and Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Vice Chancellor, UAP inaugurated the carnival.



Prof. Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Dean, School of Medicine; Irin Dewan, Head, Department of Pharmacy, Md Tanbir Sajib, chief marketing officer, Renata Limited; Md Rezaul Karim, vice president of marketing & sales, Beacon Pharmaceuticals PLC and other faculty members of the pharmacy department were present at the event.

The day-long program consisted of five main segments: Health Awareness Rally, Seminar Session, Poster Exhibition, Pharma Olympiad, and Unveiling of Scientific Booklet "PharmaZine".

The day was called off with a prize giving ceremony where pro vice chancellor Md Sultan Mahmud; controller of examinations Swarnali Islam; secretary of Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh

(PCB) Muhammad Mahbubul Haq were present and inspired the students with their speeches.

The Head of the Pharmacy Department, Irin Dewan, thanked the Convener of Pharma Science Club, Shihab Uddin Ahmad, Co-Convener Samiha Mehnaz and Mohammad Ashraful Islam for organising the resourceful event.

### Farewell Program- 29th batch of the Department of Law and Human Rights



The farewell program for the 29th batch of the Department of Law and Human Rights at the University of Asia Pacific, was held in the auditorium, under the guidance of the Department Head, Mr. Abdur Rahim. The event witnessed the presence of all faculty members as approximately a hundred students engaged in reminiscing, festive cheering, and sharing good wishes. It was a poignant and celebratory occasion, marking the end of an academic journey and the beginning of new endeavors for the graduating students.

### BELTA-UAP-THT 17th Teacher Development Conference 2023 held at UAP



On October 28, 2023 Bangladesh English Language Teachers' Association (BELTA) in collaboration with University of Asia Pacific (UAP) and Teachers Helping Teachers (THT) organized the 17th Teacher Development Conference at the UAP auditorium in Dhaka featuring the theme "Language Teaching: Insights for Changing landscapes". The event was attended by 100 registered participants. Some of the key events of the program are detailed as follows:

The conference started at 9.00 am in the morning and the Convener, Takad Ahmed Chowdhury kicked off the proceedings with a graceful speech thanking BELTA, THT and UAP for their combined efforts in organizing this program. An impactful speech was then delivered by Professor Ahmed Bashir, President of BELTA, signifying the importance of such an event and thanking the respective parties involved in organizing this event. Afterwards, speeches were delivered by the VC of UAP, Dr. Qumrul Ahsan and then the adviser to BELTA, Arifa Rahman.

Prof. Erin Mikulec, Prof. Patrick Dougherty and Prof. Anne McLellan Howard commenced their presentation and discussion on language of teaching, techniques and various issues.

Prof. Dr. M.A. Baqui Khalily, Dean of School of Humanities and Social Science, UAP presided over the panel discussion as the Chief Guest, where Prof. Dr. Patrick Dougherty, Dean of the Faculty

of International Liberal Arts, Akita International University, and Dr. Md. Mohib Ullah, General Secretary of BELTA appeared as special guests.

### Intra-departmental Indoor Games Tournament of the Department of English

The Department of English at UAP effectively coordinated a successful two-day Intra-departmental Indoor Sports Tournament on October 18th and 19th, 2023.

The tournament, featuring four exciting categories—Table Tennis,



Carrom, Chess, and Dart—drew a varied and enthusiastic participant base. With Table Tennis and Carrom hosting five segments each, covering male and female singles and doubles, as well as mixed doubles, and Chess and Dart having two segments each for both male and female participants, the event showcased a spectrum of skills and sportsmanship. The competitive atmosphere peaked as Champions and Runners-Up were recognized across all eleven categories.

The apex moment unfolded on October 30th, 2023, during a prestigious prize-giving ceremony. Dr. Zakia Ahmad, the Head of the Department, inaugurated the ceremony, infusing it with a distinguished ambiance. The presence of esteemed figures such as Dr. Mehnaz Choudhury, Mr. Takad Ahmed Chowdhury, and various faculty members added further prestige to the occasion.

### The Department of EEE organizes seminar and workshop on “Exploring Smart Grids: Shaping the Future of Sustainable Energy”

A seminar and workshop on ‘Exploring Smart Grids: Shaping the Future of Sustainable Energy’ was held on 26th October, 2023 from 2.00 PM - 5.00 PM at the UAP auditorium. The program was jointly organized by the Department of EEE (EEE Project Club & IEEE UAP student branch) and NKsoft Corporation, USA.



NKSoft Corporation has been working with Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC) to plan and build the first Smart Grid in Bangladesh. The project is co-funded by the EU and AFD. As a part of this pilot project, experts from the DPDC and NKSoft team provided this seminar and workshop to disseminate the role of Smart Grid and how it can help the energy sector in Bangladesh. The session began with an introduction to the role of Smart Grid in Bangladesh by Mr. Abdul Alim, Project Director, CSCSG, DPDC. Later, Mr. Edwin Koekkoek, Team Leader- Green Inclusive, EU, Mr. Chassette Benoit, Country Director, AFD, Mr.

John Chowdhury, Managing Director, NKsoft Corporation, USA conducted the seminar and workshop. In the end, Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, VC, UAP delivered his speech as a chair of the event. Undergraduate students of the senior batches (3rd year and onwards) and postgraduate students from the departments of EEE, CSE and BA attended the seminar and workshop with great enthusiasm.

### Intra-departmental Indoor Games Tournament of the Department of English

The farewell ceremony for ONOBODDO 31 was held on 13th December 2023 at Central Auditorium, UAP. Mr. Panna Chand Dugar, Chairman, Super Sign Cable was present as a special guest and encouraged the outgoing students with a valuable speech.

One of the notable alumni of EEE Engr. Majedur Rahman (7th Batch), Deputy Manager, Sales and Marketing, Swift Technologies Ltd. shared a motivational real-life experience and challenges of his personal job career. A student on behalf of the junior batch expressed heartfelt sentiments to the outgoing students. Finally, a student on behalf of the outgoing batch shared their university life experiences. The ceremony concluded with a deep insightful speech from the Head, of the Department of EEE, Dr. G. R. Ahmed Jamal.

### ECDC organizes ‘Meet the CEO’



UAP Entrepreneurship and Career Development Club (ECDC) organized an extraordinary event under the banner of ‘Meet the CEO 3.0’ on October 9, 2023, at the UAP auditorium. Mr. Yasir Azman, CEO of Grameenphone, attended the event as the distinguished keynote speaker, and it witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 250 students from different departments of UAP.

The event began with a warm welcome by Dr. A.S.M. Mohsin, Director of the Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW). Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, the esteemed Chief Guest, expressed gratitude for Mr. Yasir Azman's presence and highlighted the transformative impact of such events on students' aspirations.

The event concluded with a token of appreciation presented to Mr. Yasir Azman, bestowed by Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Vice Chancellor while Dr. A.S.M. Mohsin, Director of DSW, Mr. Mohammad Rakiv, Assistant Professor at DBA and ECDC Adviser, and Mr. Md. Tarek Khan, Assistant Director, DSW, University of Asia Pacific were present. Among others, the event was attended by faculty members and officials of different departments.

The event's success was further enriched by the support of valuable partners, including The Daily Star, The Business Standard, and Jugantor as news partners, Channel I and Jamuna TV as media partners, marketUP as the advertising partner, and Aragga as the gift partner.

## DSW organizes career-session titled "Preparing for Success in the 21st Century Job Market"



The Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW) at UAP, in collaboration with the Wadhvani Foundation, presented an enlightening session entitled "Preparation for Success in the 21st Century Job Market" on October 9, 2023, from 4.00 PM to 6.00 PM in DBA Room No. 403. The session featured Mr. Nazar-E-Zilani, CEO of Sharpener and former Executive Director (Ops) at Akij Food & Beverage Ltd., as the distinguished resource person.

Dr. A. S. M. Mohsin, Director of the Directorate of Students' Welfare at UAP, graced the event as the Chief Guest, bestowing it with further distinction. Mr. Md. Tarek Khan, Assistant Director at DSW, extended a warm welcome to the participants as a special guest.

The collaboration between DSW, UAP, and the Wadhvani Foundation culminated in the provision of a platform for students to gain profound insights in preparing themselves for the job market. Notably, the session also welcomed the presence of Mr. Estanul Kabir, Country Programme Manager, and Mr. Shahriar Islam, Senior Associate in Job Placement, from the Wadhvani Foundation, Bangladesh.

## Exclusive spot recruitment opportunity at UAP



In a collaborative effort between the Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW) at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) and the Wit Institute, an exclusive two-day recruitment event was organized on October 17-18, 2023, at the UAP Plaza. The event served as a unique platform for UAP students and recent graduates to partake in interviews for various positions, creating valuable career opportunities.

The primary objective of this event was to empower UAP students in their career development by providing access to a diverse array of opportunities. Eight distinct positions were available for interviews, including Accounts Executive/Internship, Business Development Executive/Internship, Digital Marketing

Executive/Internship, and Content Writer Executive/Internship.

This recruitment opportunity was thoughtfully designed to offer students a platform to showcase their skills, accumulate real-world work experience, and potentially secure positions with the Wit Institute. It served as a unique occasion for students to interact with industry professionals and explore a multitude of career options.

With over 100 students and recent graduates enthusiastically submitting their applications for various positions, the selection process shortlisted over 30 candidates for on-spot interviews, ensuring the identification of the most deserving individuals for the available positions.

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## UAP Cultural Competition 2023

UAP Cultural Club, in a vibrant showcase of talent and creativity, presented UAP Cultural Competition 2023 featuring two key dates: the primary selection on 7th October and the final round on 12th October 2023 at the UAP auditorium.

The competition promised to offer a captivating experience for all who attended. The UAP Cultural Club's goal was to unearth the finest talent and creativity among the university's students.



The final competition started with the welcome speech delivered by Dr. A. S. M. Mohsin, Director, DSW while Mr. Anhar A. Chowdhury, a Member of the Board of Trustees, was present as an esteemed guest. The competition encompassed six diverse categories, e.g., Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, Folk Song, Modern Song, Dance and Recitation. Two winners from each field were selected by the esteemed panel of judges. The gathering also included heads and faculty members from various departments, demonstrating the broad support for this cultural celebration.

The UAP Cultural Competition 2023 reached its culmination as prizes and certificates were presented to the winners. The Adviser of the Cultural Club, Ms. Layeqa Bashir concluded the programme by giving prizes to the champions and runners-up of the competition 2023 and certificates to the winners of the previous annual competition 2022.

### Celebration of World Mental Health Day-2023



University of Asia Pacific (UAP) has celebrated the "World Mental Health Day -2023" this year. As mental health is now a global priority, the purpose was promoting mental health and well-being among all the students, faculty and staffs of UAP. To make this purpose successful, Social Counselling Center, DSW arranged a

three days mental health awareness program in the month of October.

10th October, 2023 was the first day of celebration. Mental health awareness campaign was arranged. Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, Vice chancellor of University of Asia Pacific (UAP) inaugurated the campaign. The program was bestowed by Prof. Dr. Sheikh Anwar Hossain, Treasurer of UAP, Dr Md. Naimul Hakim Khan, Medical Officer, Dr.A.S.M Mohsin, Director of DSW and Md. Tarek Khan, AD, DSW. Dr. Nehreen Majed, Head of the Department of Civil and Dr. Zakia Ahmad, Head of the Department of English attended the program. Ayesha Islam, Socio Counselor of UAP was the in-charge of the whole campaign. Students from different departments visited the campaign and took mental health services.

### Inter-Department Indoor Games Tournament, held at UAP

The Inter-Department Indoor Games Tournament for the Spring of 2023 took place from 12-15 October, 2023 at the UAP Indoor Games Room.

The tournament commenced with a magnificent opening ceremony on the 12th of October at 3:30 PM. The distinguished Vice Chancellor of UAP, Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, presided over the inauguration, accompanied by Treasurer Prof. Dr. Sheikh Anwar Hossain and Director of the Department of Student Welfare (DSW), Dr. A. S. M. Mohsin, thus bestowing a sense of grandeur upon the occasion. The Departments



engaged in fierce competitions encompassing table tennis, carom, and chess on the 13th and 14th of October, showcasing exceptional skill and cohesive teamwork. The participants competed not only for the sake of glory but were also awarded specially designed jerseys, which added a vibrant dimension to the tournament. Each department, represented by a distinctive colour, symbolized unity and companionship.



The culmination of the tournament transpired during a prestigious prize-giving ceremony on the 15th of October at 4:00 PM. The Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Md. Sultan Mahmud, graced the closing ceremony as the Chief Guest, accompanied by the presence of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mizanur Rahaman, Dean of the School of Engineering, and Dr. A. S. M. Mohsin, the Director of DSW, who attended as esteemed special guests. Champions and Runners-up in the categories of table tennis, carom, and chess were accorded the honour of receiving crests and certificates, thus recognizing their exceptional accomplishments.

The coordination of the tournament was skilfully executed by Mr. Samen Bairagi, Lecturer in the Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities and Adviser to the UAP Central Indoor Games Club.

### UAP Drama Club organizes 1st Inter Department Drama Competition 2023

The Drama Club of UAP made history on October 14, 2023, by hosting its 1st Inter-Department Drama Competition at the UAP Auditorium. The event drew an enthusiastic crowd, with participants from various university departments eagerly awaiting their turn in the limelight.



The competition's grand opening was graced by the presence of UAP's Vice Chancellor, Pro. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan, who set the stage for a day brimming with extraordinary talent and creativity. Adding glamour to the event was the special guest, renowned Bangladeshi Actress Ms. Naznin Hasan Chumki. A distinguished panel of judges, consisting of Mr. Fahim Maleque Evan from the Department of Theatre & Dramatics at Jahangirnagar University, Mr. Kazi Safikul Islam, a

noted Actor & Director, and Mr. Mahmudul Alam Shuvo, a former Adviser of UAP Drama Club, lent their expertise to assess the performances.

The Department of English secured the championship, displaying unparalleled acting skills and a compelling storyline that held the audience captive. The Department of Computer Science Engineering claimed the first runner-up position, their performance resonating deeply with the audience. The Department of Architecture secured the second runner-up spot, their act leaving an enduring impression. The title of Best Performer was awarded to Prasenjit Barna Prince, a student from the Department of Business Administration, whose astounding performance left the audience in awe.

Among others Dr. A. S. M. Mohsin, Director, DSW; Ms. Tasmiah Aktar, Advisor, UAP Drama Club were present.

### Photo Story Hunt- S01: Dhaka Dreamscape

The UAP Photography Club, with an unwavering commitment to fostering artistic excellence, orchestrated an extraordinary competition titled "Photo Story Hunt- S01: Dhaka Dreamscape." This event served as a captivating odyssey through the discerning lenses of 29 impassioned teams, each meticulously capturing the singular essence of the vibrant metropolis, Dhaka.

Following a rigorous and meticulous selection process, seven teams emerged as luminaries, celebrated for their exceptional prowess in the art of photographic storytelling. It is with great

pleasure that we announce the laurels of the Photo Story Hunt-S01 as follows: Team Kuhak, distinguished as the Champions; Team Negative, attaining the esteemed title of 1st Runners-up; and Team Photo Explorers, securing the honor of 2nd Runners-up.



On October 12, 2023, a prize-giving ceremony was convened to bestow accolades upon these gifted photographers. This ceremonious event further incorporated a captivating "photo-adda" session, which provided an invaluable opportunity for all enthusiasts to immerse themselves in the profound realm of visual storytelling, thereby enriching their appreciation for the art and craft of photography.

### UAP Social Awareness Club Organizes Blood Donation Campaign



UAP Social Awareness Club in collaboration with Quantum Foundation organized a "Blood Donation Campaign" on 19th October 2023. The event was inaugurated by Dr. A.S.M. Mohsin, Director of the Directorate of Student Welfare (DSW), University of Asia Pacific.

The campaign started at 9:30 AM in the morning and continued up to 4.00 PM. A total of 90 students were screened for donating blood but 52 were able to donate blood in this campaign from the Department of Pharmacy, CE, English, DBA, EEE, Architecture, CSE, and Law and Human Rights. With the endless diligence, dedication, and cooperation of all the volunteers, the event concluded successfully.

Donors who have donated blood in this campaign three consecutive times were awarded a crest as an expression of our gratitude for their kindness. A total of five donors have been awarded crests by Prof. Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Dean of the School of Medicine, University of Asia Pacific. He also donated blood to inspire the students.

Mahjabeen Gazi, Advisor, UAP Social Awareness Club said that the event was a success because of the tireless enthusiasm and team effort of all the members, volunteers, and donors of the club.

### ECDC host a webinar on Unlocking Finance for Non-Finance Professionals

In a knowledge-driven era, bKash, the leading mobile financial service provider, has teamed up with four esteemed Bangladesh universities, including the University of Asia Pacific (UAP). Together with the Entrepreneurship and Career Development Club (ECDC), they present an exclusive webinar titled "Finance

for Non-Finance Professionals" to benefit UAP, BUBT, DIU, and SEU students and alumni.



Scheduled for 12th November 2023 on Zoom, the webinar features Mr. Md. Fuad Hasan, FCA, ACMA (UK), and CGMA, the Executive Vice President and Head of Management Reporting & Planning at bKash Limited. This forward-thinking initiative acknowledges the importance of financial

literacy for professionals across various fields and aims to empower individuals to make informed decisions and contribute effectively to their organizations.

Mr. Hasan's extensive qualifications and professional journey uniquely position him to demystify finance for all, regardless of their prior financial background. By participating in this event, attendees gain practical insights to enhance their financial acumen, making it invaluable for their careers.

In conclusion, this webinar is a testament to the commitment of bKash and the partner universities including UAP to foster a culture of lifelong learning and provide their students and alumni with essential skills to thrive in a competitive job market. As the world continues to evolve, the ability to comprehend and navigate the financial landscape becomes increasingly important. By participating in this event, attendees can take a significant step towards achieving financial literacy and positioning themselves for success.

### UAP Celebrated the Victory Day of Bangladesh, 2023



UAP observed the Victory Day of Bangladesh 2023 with profound reverence and commemoration. The Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW) meticulously curated an online tribute on December 18, 2023, via Zoom at 11:00 am, heralding the nation's historic milestone in a stirring assembly.

During Mr. Nasiruddin Yousuff's poignant address, he meticulously recounted his experiences as a courageous member of a crack platoon during the Liberation War. His vivid narrative depicted a tapestry of sacrifices woven by countless heroes. He articulated, "Each day on the battlefield was a testament to our unyielding courage and fervent belief in the righteousness of our cause. The trenches symbolized our unwavering resolve, while the resonance of gunfire echoed our collective pursuit of freedom.

In the darkest hours, the sky illuminated not just with artillery but also with the resolute hope for a liberated nation."

As a filmmaker, Mr. Nasiruddin Yousuff has strived to immortalize these tales of valor, ensuring that the narratives of sacrifice and triumph remain etched in the chronicles of our nation's history.

Furthermore, Ms. Anua Afsana, a young faculty member of Basic Sciences and Humanities, UAP and Mr. Issac Apurba Sarker, a student from the Department of English, UAP shared their reflections on Bangladesh's liberation war. The event garnered attendance from esteemed dignitaries including the Registrar of UAP, Professors from diverse departments, faculty members, officials, and students. Ms. Layeqa Bashir, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities hosted the event with finesse and expertise.

In conclusion, Dr. A. S. M. Mohsin, Director of DSW, conveyed a heartfelt vote of thanks, underscoring the profound significance of the occasion and its unifying impact on the UAP community.

### CFA organizes seminar on Personal Finance Management and Professional Excellence



The Club of Finance & Accounting (CFA) of the Department of Business Administration (DBA), University of Asia Pacific (UAP) successfully organized a seminar titled "Personal Finance Management and Professional Excellence" on October 16, 2023, at the UAP Auditorium. The seminar primarily focused on empowering students with the indispensable knowledge and skills needed for personal financial management and professional success.

The seminar was jointly conducted by Mr. Jane Alam Romel, Chief Marketing Officer at Shanta Asset Management Limited, and Mr. Md. Rakibul Hassan, CFA, Research Analyst at Shanta Securities Limited. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. M. A. Baqui Khalily, Professor and Dean of the School of Business at UAP. Following the inaugural speech, the keynote speakers were invited to deliver their presentations, and the session concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session with the participants.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Imroz Mahmud, Assistant Professor (DBA, UAP) and Convener of CFA, expressed gratitude to the keynote speakers for sharing their insights and wisdom. Professor Shahriyar Anam (DBA, UAP) awarded crests to the honorable keynote speakers.

### DBA Fest 2023-A Spectacular Night

With the aim of giving a platform where students can unleash their inert talent and celebrate our heritage and tradition, the DBA Cultural club organized the DBA Fest led by Mr. Md. Abul Mohaimen, Advisor and Ms. Soiloor Nandini Arunima, Convener of the club with the dedicated club members.

It was a celebration of talent and collaboration, showcasing over 22 outstanding performances given by DBA students as well as

some notable alumni like Aniqah Tahsin, Niloy Shahriar, Rabiul Islam David, Najmus Sakib, Anwar Sadad, and Intiaj ul Islam, who have reached amazing heights in their professional careers, made the occasion a night to remember. The occasion demonstrated how abilities and enthusiasm can unite members of the academic community via culture and creativity.



The fun-frolic event was a much needed and awaited break from the academic pressure as talents from several semesters enthralled the audience with amusing songs, power packed dances and other engrossing performances.

### Workshop on “Crafting your Competitive Edge: Integrating Extra-Curricular Activities in Job Sector”



On October 18, 2023, the HR Excellence Club of the Department of Business Administration, University of Asia Pacific (UAP) organized a workshop with Parveen S. Huda, Managing Director of Consulting and Research Gateway (CnRG) Bangladesh. She discussed ‘Crafting your Competitive Edge’, emphasizing the identification of transferable skills through extracurricular activities to enhance one’s professional profile.

The event commenced with an opening address by Farzana Elahi, Assistant Professor and Advisor of HR Excellence Club followed by Tasneem Tarannum, Assistant Professor, who introduced the keynote speaker, Parveen S. Huda to the platform.

Ms. Parveen S. Huda, Managing Director of Consulting and Research Gateway (CnRG) is a renowned personality in Bangladesh with more than 27 years’ of experience in the fields of Human Resources Management and Development, Project Management, Entrepreneurship.

Ms. Parveen S. Huda addressed different clubs, including HR, Finance, and Marketing, while encouraging participants to enhance their organizational skills and cultivate innovative thinking. Ms. Parveen further introduced three pivotal concepts: “Pay, Favor, Forward,” and encouraged attendees to construct their personal branding around essential skills such as

communication, problem-solving, leadership, and teamwork. Ms. Praveen’s speeches ended with an interactive question and answer session with the enthusiast participants about their skills and SWOT analysis on them.

Finally, the program came to an end with a vote of thanks by Md. Abul Mohaimen, Assistant Professor and provision of refreshments to all participants and volunteers.

### Achievement of a DBA student



Prosenjit Barua Prince won the title of ‘Best Performer’ in the Inter Department Drama Competition on October 16, 2023, outperforming all other UAP departments.

### UAP team placed 8<sup>th</sup> at Flag Hunt 2023 final round by IT Directorate, Bangladesh Army

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- BANQ\_POLICE
- 4GUN7UK
- JKXNU C7B3R K9IGHTS
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- STUXN3T
- BLACK\_SHADOW
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- TEAM JAILBREAKERS
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- JKXNU CRACK3RS
- BISK\_RESOLVER
- KICUNAI
- NETNINJAS
- CRYPTO KNIGHT
- SHADOWSTORM SYNDICATE

“UAP\_ICE\_BREAKERS” team was placed 8<sup>th</sup> at the Flag Hunt 2023 Final Round. The event took place on 4 November, 2023 at MIST. 30 teams were selected from 100+ teams based on the preliminary contest.

### Panel Discussion on “Project Management and Implementation in Bangladesh” held at UAP

The Department of Civil Engineering, University of Asia Pacific (UAP) organized a Panel Discussion on “Project Management and Implementation in Bangladesh: Lessons in Infrastructure, Water, and Environmental Management for Future Project Managers” on 25 October, 2023 at UAP Auditorium.

Mr. Siddique A. Jafar, Former Chief Operating Officer, SMEC International; Mr. Liaquat Al Faruque, Former Additional Director General, Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB); Mr. Zahir Uddin Ahmad, International Resource Person, Water Resource Management, Former Head of Water Resources Division, ADB Bangladesh Resident Mission and Former Advisor on Water Resources, Royal Dutch Embassy, Bangladesh; Dr. Sayeed Ahmed, Former Country Director, SMEC in Bangladesh graced the program by their presence as Panel Experts who have immense expertise in the field.

The opening session started with a welcome speech from Dr. Muhammad Mizanur Rahaman, Dean, School of Engineering, UAP. Then the chief guest, Professor Dr. Abu Siddique, Head, Dept of CE, BUET delivered a short speech about the glorious journey of UAP and explained the importance of this type of event for Future Project Managers. After that, the program was inaugurated by Dr. Md. Alauddin, Chairman, Board of Trustees, UAP.



The closing session started with the speech of Special Guest Professor Dr. M. Feroze Ahmed, Emeritus Professor, Stamford University Bangladesh. He also shared his experiences during the Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project and blessed UAP by gifting some of his recently published books. Then Professor Qumrul Ahsan, Vice-Chancellor, UAP, delivered the vote of thanks and announced the closing of the event. The Panelists, Chief Guest, and Special Guest were awarded Crest and UAP Souvenirs from Dr. Md. Alauddin and Professor Qumrul Ahsan as a token of appreciation.

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### UAP Civil Engineering Students visits River Research Institute (RRI), Faridpur



On 5 October 2023, registered students of UAP CE 4-1 semester's course (CE 461: Irrigation and Flood Control) made a day-long study visit to River Research Institute (RRI) located at Faridpur (<http://www.rri.gov.bd>) to learn about its various activities related to the water resources development of Bangladesh. In total, 95 students participated in the study visit. Course Teacher Professor Muhammad Mizanur Rahaman (Dean, School of Engineering), Head of the Department Professor Nehreen Majed, Lecturers Md. Nazmul Alam and Q. M. Arefin Bin Zaman Nelay accompanied the students during the study visit.

### Study Trip of the Department of Civil Engineering (Batch 45)

The department of CE arranged study trip on 1 October. During the trip students visited hydro power plant in Kaptai, cycloneshelter, solar panels etc.



### “শরতের শুভতায় পুরনো সেই দিনের কথা” by Pharma Cultural Club



In the embrace of autumn's pure serenity, the Pharma Cultural Club, UAP, Department of Pharmacy, hosted a delightful event titled “শরতের শুভতায় পুরনো সেই দিনের কথা” on October 11, 2023.

This four-hour extravaganza, spanning from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M., unfolded at the UAP Auditorium and featured five captivating segments: the faculty segment, a retro-themed ramp show, Pharma News 2.0, a Music and Dance extravaganza, and a heartwarming certificate-giving ceremony. The event was inaugurated by esteemed guests, including Md. Mahbulul Haq, Secretary of Pharmacy Council Bangladesh (PCB), Prof. Dr.

Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Treasurer and Dean of the School of Medicine at UAP, and Dr. Irin Dewan, Head of the Department of Pharmacy, UAP. The guests were thoroughly delighted by the performances presented throughout the program. The UAP Auditorium buzzed with excitement as teachers and students from the Department of Pharmacy gathered to witness this cultural event. The event started with an opening address by Ms. Ramisa Anjum, Convener, and Tanjina Akter Suma, Co-Convener of the Pharma Cultural Club. Subsequently, Dr. Irin Dewan, the department's Head, delivered a welcome speech.