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Teachers, students, officers and employees of Dhaka University led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal placed floral wreath at the National Mausoleum at Savar on March 26, 2024 in observance of the Independence and National Day. DU Pro-VC (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar and DUTA President Prof. Dr. Md. Nizamul Hoque Buiyan were, among others, present on this occasion.

Young faculties must equip themselves with modern pedagogical strategies of quality teaching—DU VC



The closing ceremony and certificate giving of a comprehensive 14-day residential training program titled 'Foundation Certificate in University Teaching & Learning' for Dhaka University young faculty members was held on June 6, 2024 at Professor Abdul Motin Chowdhury Virtual Classroom of the university. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal attended the function as chief guest and distributed certificate among the participants. The Institutional Quality Assurance Cell of Dhaka University (IQAC-DU) organized this training program at

Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) in Cumilla. This training initiative, the first of its kind in the history of DU was taken by the Vice Chancellor. Presided over by Director of IQAC Prof. Dr. Sabita Rezwana Rahman the concluding function was addressed by Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed, DU Emeritus Professor Nazrul Islam and DUTA President Prof. Dr. Md. Nizamul Hoque Buiyan as special guests. The function was also addressed by Additional

Director of IQAC Prof. Dr. A.T.M. Shamsuzzoha and two participants of this training program— Bayzid Sumon and Liza Akter. IQAC Additional Director Prof. Dr. Syed Shahrier Rahman conducted the function. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, participants of this training program have been highly benefitted by learning and acquiring knowledge about teaching art, university rules and regulations from resource persons as well as sharing experiences among themselves. Participants of multidisciplines also got an opportunity to establish a network through this training program and must equip themselves with modern pedagogical strategies of quality teaching and learning process. This type of training program for DU young faculties would be arranged regularly at DU, he pointed out. Earlier, DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal delivered a lecture for the participants on 'Ethical Aspects and Plagiarism Guidelines of DU' to create awareness in this regard among faculty members especially young ones.

It may be mentioned here that a total of fifty-eight young faculty members from different departments and institutes of DU successfully completed this training program.



A colorful procession titled 'Mangal Shovajatra' led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal was brought out on April 14, 2024 on the campus from the Faculty of Fine Art in observance of Bangla New Year. Social Welfare Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam, DU Pro-VC (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad and Pro-VC (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar also participated, among others, at the Mangal Shovajatra.

DU VC visits UK and Japan

D h a k a University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal returns from United Kingdom with the authorities of Cardiff University to work together on new academic and research areas of mutual interest and benefit. He also visited to Birmingham City University (BCU) and met with his counterpart Prof. Dr. David Mba. He discussed matters of mutual academic and research collaborations with him. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between DU and BCU in this regard. During his hectic schedule DU VC also got an opportunity to exchange views with the concerned authorities of Cardiff Metropolitan University, University of South Wales, Swansea University, Aston University and other institutions to undertake joint academic collaborations among DU and those institutions. It may be mentioned here that DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal left for UK on May13, 2024.

Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal attended ACU Vice-Chancellor Summit-2024 and actively participated at different important programs on strategic higher education policy, research management, academic collaboration, scholarship programs, employability and skills, digital access, artificial intelligence, SDGs and other issues. He also held fruitful talks with Vice-Chancellors, higher Education Ministers and international higher education stakeholders at the summit. DU VC also attended workshops and research collaboration meetings at the Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction of UCL as a Visiting Professor. He held bilateral discussions to enhance ongoing partnership and academic exchange collaborations between DU and UCL. During this UK tour Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal visited to Net Zero Innovation Institute of Cardiff University and exchanged views



Japan

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal returns home on April 26, 2024 after 11-day official visit to Japan at the invitation of the authorities of Kobe University, Kyushu University and Ehime University. During this visit Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal held fruitful talks of mutual interests with his counterparts and higher authorities of Kobe University, Kyushu University and Ehime University regarding expansion of joint research and academic collaboration programs, exchange of faculties, researchers and students among Dhaka University and these three leading Japanese universities. (Page-7)

Int'l Confce on 'Navigating Development Pathways in Evolving Global Order'



A two-day long 1st Development Studies International Conference on 'Navigating Development Pathways in the Evolving Global Order' has begun on May 05, 2024 in a city hotel. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal presided over the inaugural session while Speaker of National Parliament of Bangladesh Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP addressed it as chief guest. The Department of Development Studies of DU has organized this event. State Minister for Ministry of Finance Ms. Waseqa Ayesha Khan addressed the program as special guest. Former Advisor of Caretaker Government Prof. Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Rector of International

Institute of Social Studies of Netherlands Dr. R.R. Ganzevoort, Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Bath, UK Dr. Joe Devine and Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Khan of the University of London, UK addressed the program as distinguished panelists. Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury stressed the need for conducting pragmatic researches to further develop overall socio-economic condition of the country and ensure the brightened future for our new generation. She urged all professionals and academicians to work together for making Bangladesh as 'Sonar Bangla' which was dreamt by Father of the Nation (Page-7)

Bangabandhu Professorial Fellow Prof. Sonia Amin



Prof. Sonia Amin returned after completing her 6 months tenure as the Bangabandhu Professorial Fellow at the South Asia Institute of Heidelberg University, Germany from October 2023 to March 2024. She gave two public lectures, did research on Bangabandhu's Speech of the 7th March in 1971 and taught a course during this time.

This historic speech, considered by scholars as the culmination of Bangabandhu's philosophical and political career, is analysed against the influences of M K Gandhi and Subhash Chandra Bose on Bangabandhu's early life. At the moment Prof. Amin is working on an in-depth research paper on the topic with the target of publishing it this year.

Two Faculty Members of ISRT Dept. selected for DHS Fellowship

Two faculty members of the Institute of Statistical Research and Training (ISRT), Prof. Dr. Jahida Gulshan and Lecturer Mr. Priom Saha have been selected for the Demographic Health Survey (DHS) Fellowship-2024. Three students of ISRT Mahnaz Ibrahim, Nabil Ahmed Uthso and Shafayet Shafee will receive the prestigious Conference Scientist Award in the conference of the International Society for Clinical Biostatistics (ISCB) 2024 to be held on 21-25 July 2024 at Thessaloniki-Greece. Another student Awan Afiaz has been selected to receive the Student Paper Competition Award in the same conference. The students win the awards for papers submitted to the conference based on their M.S. Thesis (Exam year 2022).

12th Justice P.N. Bhagwati Int'l Moot Court Competition



Dhaka University team participated in the 12th Justice P.N. Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition 2024 held on 21 to 23 March, 2024 at Pune, India. The participants were- Kohinoor Sultana, Mohammad Ibn Alam Ryan and Mst. Faoujia Haque.

Asia Cup Int'l Law Moot Court Competition 2023

The University of Dhaka became Champion in the Asia Cup International Law Moot Court Competition 2023 held on 22-23 August, 2023 in Tokyo, Japan. The team also received the best applicant memorial award and the 3rd best respondent memorial award. Rafid Azad Saumik received the 3rd best applicant oralist award. Teams from all over the Asia participated in the competition. The participants were- Oishe Rahman, Rafid Azad Saumik, Md. Fiaz Rabbani and Tanha Tanzania.



14th Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition 2023



The University of Dhaka became champions in the national rounds of the 14th Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition 2023 held on 5-7 October, 2023. DU team won the best memorial award. The participants were- Kazi Rakib Hossain, Rezwana Rashis and Rezwana Ahmed Refat.

Philip C Jessup Int'l Law Moot Court Competition 2024

The University of Dhaka became the quarter-finalist in the 8th Bangladesh Qualifying Round of the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition held on 1-3 February, 2024. The participants were- Fawziyah Fariha, Md. Fiaz Rabbani and Nawshin Nawal Barsha.

DU VC visits UK and Japan

(From Page 1) Besides, DU VC delivered a series of lecture on 'International Disaster Risk Management' at Graduate School of International Co-operation Studies of Kobe University. He met President of Kobe University Prof. Dr. FUJISAWA Masato and held exclusive discussions with him for strengthening academic, research, innovation, culture and other issues. He visited the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution and exchanged views with its authorities for undertaking joint collaborative academic and research programs. DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal met the President of Kyushu University Prof. Dr. Tatsuro Ishibashi and exchanged views, shared knowledge and held bilateral discussions with him and other high officials regarding further strengthening ongoing joint collaborative academic, research, innovation, culture and other programs between DU and Kyushu University. He also attended the Board Meeting of Kyushu University and held multilateral talks at different meetings there. Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal also visited Ehime University (EU) and held bilateral discussions with its President Prof. Dr. Hiroshige Nishina, Vice-President Prof. Dr. Kazuhiro Mitsunobu and other higher authorities regarding the possibilities of undertaking joint international exchange and research collaboration between DU and EU. DU VC also visited different historical places including Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park of Japan during this tour. It may be mentioned here that Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal left for Japan on April 16, 2024.

Oxford Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition 2024



The University of Dhaka qualified for the international rounds of the Oxford Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition 2024 held on 15-19 April, 2024 at Oxford University, United Kingdom. The participants were- Mst. Sadia Islam Raisa, Fariha Nowshin Tasfia and Taposhi Rabeya.

Disaster Science and Climate Resilience Department Research paper

Researches by the teachers and students of Disaster Science and Climate Resilience Department have been published in leading international journals. Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal and Prof. Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman jointly completed a research on 'Quantitative and Qualitative Assessment of Groundwater Resources for Drinking Water Supply in the Peri-Urban Area of Dhaka, Bangladesh' which is published in Groundwater for Sustainable Development Journal. Another research on 'Modeling Spatial Groundwater Level Patterns of Bangladesh Using Physio-Climatic Variables and Machine Learning Algorithms' is published in the same journal. Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal and Abul Kashem Faruque Fahim,

Lecturer of Disaster Science and Climate Resilience Department have jointly published the article. They have jointly published another article on 'Simplified Equations for Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Estimation in Bangladesh' in International Journal of Climatology. An article on 'Land Subsidence Monitoring Using InSAR Technique in the Southwestern Region of Bangladesh' is published by Department Prof. A S M Maksud Kamal, Prof. Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Lecturers Shahriar Sarker and Abul Kashem Faruque Fahim in Geomatics, Natural Hazards and Risk Journal. Recently, Nishat Sumayia Haque, a 2nd year student of the department has been awarded 'ISWA SWIS Winter School 2024' scholarship.



Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal paid glowing tributes to Russian famous poet Alexander Pushkin on June 06, 2024 by placing floral wreath at his portrait as chief guest at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of the university marking his 225th birth anniversary and Russian Language Day. Counsellor of Russian Embassy and Director of the Russian House in Dhaka Mr. Pavel Dvoychenkov was present on this occasion as special guest.



Environment and Disaster Management Club of Shahid Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall organised a 'Tree-plantation and Cleanliness Program' on June 5, 2024 at hall premises marking the World Environment Day. Hall Provost Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rahim attended the program as chief guest.

DU EEE Dept. Lecturer joined in PhD Program

Dhaka University Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) Department Lecturer Sarah Cynthia Gomes has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing admission to the EECS Ph.D. Program at the University of California, Berkeley.

John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition 2024

The University of Dhaka participated in the Regional Rounds of the 22nd edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition 2024 held on 4-7 March, 2024 at Kolkata, India. The participants were- Jeba Mahin Jhinuk, Adrita Maliat, Akhtar Jahan Akhi and Raad Mahmud.



TIB-DUMCS Anti-Corruption Moot Court Competition 2023



The University of Dhaka became champion at the 3rd TIB-DUMCS Anti-Corruption Moot Court Competition 2023 held on 6-9 March, 2024 in Bangladesh. TIB-DUMCS Anti-Corruption Moot Court Competition is a national moot court competition on corruption issues. DU team members were- Oishe Rahman, Kazi Rakib Hossain and Rafid Azad Saumik.

Dr. Paras Diwan Memorial International Energy Law Court Competition 2024

Dhaka University team participated in the 14th Dr. Paras Diwan Memorial International Energy Law Court Competition 2024 held on 15-16 March, 2024 in the virtual platform. The team members were- Md. Farhan Ahmed Ontor, Rafid Hasan Safwan and Habibur Rahman Al Hasan.



Run Bangladesh Turaag Active Dhaka 25K 2024" Marathon



Wasim Akram, a 3rd year student of DU English Department has successfully completed Run Bangladesh's "Turaag Active Dhaka 25K 2024" Marathon on 8 March, 2024. This is a 10.3 kilometers AIMS-certified international marathon event.

8th Urban Dialogue held



A day-long 8th Urban Dialogue on 'Resilient Cities Towards LDC Graduation' was held on May 28, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban auditorium of Dhaka University (DU). DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal delivered the key-note speech at the inaugural function of the dialogue while Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Atiqul Islam addressed it as chief guest. The Department of Disaster Science and Climate Resilience of DU and Urban INGO Forum jointly organized this event. National Director of Habitat for Humanity International Bangladesh James Samuel presided over the inaugural

function while Country Manager of Global One Raihan Mahmood Kadery, Country Director of Concern Worldwide Manish Kumar Agrawal and Director of BRAC Dr. Liakath Ali addressed it as special guests. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, sustainable development is not possible without innovation. For sustainable innovations mutual collaboration, cooperation and partnership among concerned ones would be enhanced. Addressing the challenges of climate change researchers, stakeholders, city corporations, NGOs, public-private organizations and policy-makers need to work together for urban

development in a planned way. DU VC further said, climate change is a threat to mankind. Developing countries like Bangladesh and poor countries have badly been affected due to this.

Mayor Atiqul Islam said, the developing and poor countries have suffered immensely due to corona epidemic, climate change and ongoing wars in different countries. Developed countries are mainly responsible for carbon emissions and climate change. They must take responsibilities and give compensation to affected countries. We are also largely responsible for the pollution of our environment. Terming Dhaka city as one of the most densely populated one in the world he said, we are polluting environment of this megacity in many ways. He urged city dwellers to be more conscious for protecting our environment and work collectively to face the challenges arising due to climate change.

It may be mentioned that experts and professionals from different government and non-government organizations participated at the dialogue.

Workshop on 'Intellectual Property Fundamentals for Brand Designing'



A four-day long national workshop on 'Intellectual Property Fundamentals for Brand Designing' was held on June 2-5, 2024 at Osman Jamal auditorium of the Faculty of Fine Art of Dhaka University (DU). DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal inaugurated this workshop as chief guest. Faculty of Fine Art of Dhaka University, Department of Patent, Design and Trademarks of the Ministry of Industries and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) jointly organized this event with the assistance of Japan Patent Office (JPO).

Presided over by Dean of the Faculty of Fine Art Prof. Nisar Hossain the inaugural function was addressed by Director of Division of Asia Pacific of WIPO Mr. Andrew Michael Ong, DG of Foreign

Ministry Faiyaz Murshid Kazi and Director of Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks of the Ministry of Industries Dr. Kaisir Mohammad Moinul Hasan as special guests.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, we are living in an era of knowledge economy, innovation, new concept and new product. He stressed the need for giving more attention to fundamental research and innovation. He further said, DU faculties, researchers and students need to be equipped with knowledge of laws and policies of intellectual property rights to protect our innovation and idea.

It may be mentioned that faculties, alumni and students of the Faculty of Fine Art participated in this workshop.

Foundation training for DU teachers at BARD



The Institutional Quality Assurance Cell of Dhaka University (IQAC-DU) organized a comprehensive 14-day residential training program titled 'Foundation Certificate in University Teaching & Learning' for young faculty members of DU. DU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal inaugurated this training program as chief guest on May 24, 2024 at the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) in Cumilla. This training initiative, the first of its kind in the history of DU was taken by the Vice Chancellor.

Presided over by Director of IQAC Prof. Dr. Sabita Rezwana Rahman the inaugural function was addressed by Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed, Prof. Dr. Gulshan Ara Latifa and DG of BARD Saif Uddin Ahmed as special guests. DU Emeritus Professor Dr. A. K. Azad Chowdhury and UGC Member Prof. Dr. Haseena Khan delivered the key-note speeches at the inaugural function. The event was attended by deans, chairmen, directors and other faculty members.

DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal in his speech lauded the role of IQAC in enhancing academic and professional developments of DU teachers. He highlighted the importance of teaching as an art that helps students learn effectively. He

urged DU young faculties to equip themselves with latest academic knowledge and teaching skills. Participants of this training program would be highly benefitted by learning and sharing knowledge and experiences from resource persons, he hoped.

Fifty-eight faculty members from different departments and institutes of DU participated at this training program. The training program featured 14 specific modules including topics such as professional ethics and dispositions, academic program

and curriculum, teaching learning in higher education, assessment and evaluation, professional skills and practices, professional growth and development, ICTE and ICT-based instruction, quality assurance in higher education, well-being of students, facilitating research, emerging issues in university teaching, professional knowledge as DU faculty members, professional understanding of the Dhaka University Order of 1973, essential professional norms, policies and practices at DU.

Two-day long Int'l Confce concludes

A two-day long 1st Development Studies International Conference on 'Navigating Development Pathways in the Evolving Global Order' concluded on May 06, 2024. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal presided over the concluding session while Cabinet Secretary Md. Mahub Hossain addressed it as chief guest. The Department of Development Studies of DU organized this event in a city hotel.

Vice-Chancellor of Islamic University Prof. Dr. Sheikh Abdus Salam and Vice-Chancellor of Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University Prof. Dr. M. Kamruzzaman addressed the program as distinguished panelists. Chairman of the Department of Development Studies Prof. Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir delivered welcome address while Prof. Dr. M Abu Eusuf gave vote of thanks. Prof. Dr. Kazi Maruful Islam conducted this program.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal stressed the need for making environment free from all sorts of pollutions to ensure sustainable development as well as improve human health condition in our country. He urged all to work comprehensively for the betterment of the society as well as making Bangladesh as developed country. He also emphasized on development of need based curriculum at all disciplines in all public and private universities in the country through producing holistic approach.

A total of 34 papers were presented at 9 sessions in two-day long international conference. Besides, 4 key-note speeches were delivered and 4 policy dialogues were held.

Special lecture on Carbon Emission at DU

A special lecture on 'China's Carbon Market: Development, Evaluation and Ways Forward'

Maksud Kamal urged the leaders of developed countries to take immediate measures to reduce



was held on 07 May 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University (DU). Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal was present as chief guest on this occasion. The Centre for China Studies of DU organized this program.

Director of the China Academy of Energy, Environmental and Industrial Economics of Tianjin University Prof. Dr. Zhong Zhang Xiang delivered the special lecture. Prof. Dr. Shamsad Mortuza of DU English Department conducted the event. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M

carbon emission across the world. China has responsibilities to play a vital role in this regard, he added. The Vice-Chancellor stressed the need for undertaking joint collaborative academic and research programs as well as sharing knowledge on climate change and environment to make sustainable solution of these burning issues.

Prof Dr. Zhong Zhang Xiang in his lecture highlighted different China's policies for reducing carbon emission as well as taking measures for implementation of these policies.

Navigating Development Pathways...

(From Page 1) Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Terming Bangladesh as one of the fastest growing economic county in the world, she said Bangladesh has made tremendous progress in various fields including poverty reduction, women empowerment, gender equality and food security under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. She called upon all to come forward for making Bangladesh a developed and prosperous country.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M

Maksud Kamal stressed the need for strengthening collaboration among industry and academia to make inclusive society as well as ensure sustainable development. He urged the international community to work unitedly to face various global challenges including climate change, environmental pollution, economic instability as well as social and regional conflict. This conference will create a common platform for academicians and researchers around the world to conduct further research in this regard, he hoped.



A four-member delegation of Japan-Korea Industrial Technology Co-operation Foundation led by Mr. Lee Myung-Ho, high official of Global Planning & Coordination Dept. of Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on May 30, 2024 at the latter's office of the university.



Vice President of Yunnan Minzu University (YMU) of China Prof. Dr. Shao Weiqing called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on May 11, 2024 at the latter's office of the university.



Country Director of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Mr. Taeyoung Kim called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on May 09, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. He was accompanied by Deputy Country Director of KOICA Mr. Yang Hyunwoo.



Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of BATH, UK Prof. Dr. Joe Devine called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on May 7, 2024 at the latter's office of the university.



Public Affairs Counselor of US Embassy in Bangladesh Mr. Stephen Ibelli called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on April 29, 2024 at the latter's office of the university.

Foreign visitors call on Vice-Chancellor

Japan-Korea Foundation team

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Chairman of DU Japanese Studies Department Dr. Md. Jahangir Alam and Director of DU Public Relations Office Mahmood Alam were present on this occasion.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest especially the possibilities of undertaking joint collaborative training and exchange programs between DU and Japan-Korea Industrial Technology Co-operation Foundation.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, we have a huge number of youths but there is a scarcity of skilled human resources in the global markets. He stressed the need for development of need-based human resources and sought cooperation from Japan-Korea Industrial Technology Co-operation Foundation in this regard.

Yunnan Minzu University Vice-President

Vice President of Yunnan Minzu University (YMU) of China Prof. Dr. Shao Weiqing called on Dhaka University (DU) Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on May 11, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. He was accompanied by Dean of the School of Literature and Media Studies Prof. Wang Guoxu, Director of the Office of International Exchange & Cooperation Mr. Liu Chang, Vice Dean of the School of Physical Education Prof. Hu Yingguo and Prof. Gao Ruihong of the same university.

DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Director of the Institute of Modern Languages (IML) Prof. Dr. Sayeedur Rahman and Registrar Probir Kumar Sarker were present on this occasion.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest specially the possibilities of strengthening ongoing joint collaborative academic and research programs between the University of Dhaka and Yunnan Minzu University. They also discussed the possibilities of undertaking '3+1' students exchange program between these two universities. Under this program, students of YMU Bangla Department will pursue their study in 3 years Undergraduate Program in China and 1 year at DU. Besides, students of DU Chinese Language Department will pursue their study in 3 years Undergraduate Program in Bangladesh and 1 year at YMU. Introducing of International Tai Chi Course at DU and expansion of Bangla Language Program at YMU were also discussed in the meeting.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal apprised the delegation members of a brief history of Dhaka University as well as its academic and research activities. He thanked the guests for their visit to Dhaka University and keen interest in its academic activities.

KOICA Country Director

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Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abdul Moyeen, Chairman of the Department of Organization Strategy and Leadership Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shariat Ullah and Executive Director of Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship Center (ICE) Associate Prof. Md. Rashedur Rahman were present on this occasion.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest especially regarding overall development and progress of ongoing pilot project titled "Capacity Building of Universities in Bangladesh to Promote Youth Entrepreneurship" at Dhaka University. It may be mentioned that this project is being implemented with the financial assistance from KOICA to promote education and research as well as innovative skills. Under this project, various development works including infrastructural development, curriculum development as well as research, training, dialogue, seminar and workshop on entrepreneurship education will be conducted. Besides, academicians, policy makers and some students will get the opportunities to visit Korea for acquiring practical knowledge and sharing experiences regarding entrepreneurship.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the KOICA Country Director for providing support and cooperation to implement the pilot project at DU. This project will produce skilled entrepreneurs in the country, he hoped. He stressed the need for undertaking more collaborative academic and research projects on science and technology among Dhaka University and different universities in Korea.

UK Professor

Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of BATH, UK Prof. Dr. Joe Devine called on Dhaka University (DU) Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on May 7, 2024 at the latter's office of the university.

Dean of Earth and Environmental Sciences Faculty Prof. Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Registrar Probir Kumar Sarker, Director of Public Relations Office Mahmood Alam and Dr. M Saiful Islam of Development Studies Department of DU were present on this occasion.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest especially regarding enhancement of research and academic

collaboration between Dhaka University and BATH University. Prof. Dr. Joe Devine expressed his willingness to provide all out support to strengthen research culture and environment at DU. He informed DU VC that he would share his knowledge, research and academic activities on social sciences with faculties and students of DU especially of the Department of Development Studies.

DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal stressed the need for creating academic and research network between DU and BATH University. He sought support and co-operation from Prof. Dr. Joe Devine for enhancing DU ranking globally.

DU VC thanked Prof. Dr. Joe Devine for his visit to and keen interest in undertaking academic and research collaboration with Dhaka University.

US Embassy Counselor

Public Affairs Counselor of US Embassy in Bangladesh Mr. Stephen Ibelli called on Dhaka University (DU) Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on April 29, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar was present on this occasion.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest especially the possibilities of undertaking joint collaborative academic and research programs on English language & literature, Climate Change & Disaster Management, Information Technology and other subjects among Dhaka University and different universities in USA. They stressed the need for expanding and strengthening ongoing joint collaborative academic and research programs as well as teachers, students and researchers exchange programs among Dhaka University and various universities of USA.

Public Affairs Counselor of US Embassy Mr. Stephen Ibelli expressed his willingness to enhance academic collaboration with DU. He apprised DU VC of increasing the number of prestigious Fulbright Scholarship for Dhaka University teachers, researchers and students. He sought cooperation and support from DU VC for holding 'US Education Fair' at DU campus in September next.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal assured the Counselor of providing support for holding this Education Fair at DU campus. He sought cooperation from the concerned US authorities for mutual exchange of information on Climate Change & Disaster Management, Gender Equality, Data Science, Social Science, Public Health and other sectors. He thanked the guest for his visit to Dhaka University and keen interest in enhancing academic collaboration with DU.

Palestinian Ambassador

Ambassador of the State of Palestine in Bangladesh Mr. Yousef S.Y. Ramadan called on Dhaka University (DU) Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on April 30, 2024 at the latter's office of the university.

Dean of Earth and Environmental Sciences Faculty Prof. Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Registrar Probir Kumar Sarker, Director (Page-5)

Foreign visitors call on Vice-Chancellor

(From Page -4) of International Affairs Office Prof. Dr. Shamsad Mortuza and Director of Public Relations Office Mahmood Alam were present on this occasion. During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interests and exchanged views regarding various issues especially admission of Palestinian students at Dhaka University. Palestine Ambassador requested DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal for allowing admission, granting scholarship and providing accommodation to Palestine students especially female ones. He said, Father of the Nation of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman took initiative to establish friendly relationship between Bangladesh and Palestine since the Independence of Bangladesh in 1971. His daughter Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina always voiced supports for Palestine and stood beside Palestinian people in the national and international arena, Ambassador added. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal assured the Ambassador of enrollment of at least 20 Palestinian meritorious students at Dhaka University every year and providing scholarship and accommodation facilities to them. He said that DU authorities would extend all sorts of support to Palestinian students during their studies at Undergraduate and Masters level at DU. DU VC strongly condemned Israeli brutal attacks and killings of Palestinian people. These Israeli brutalities, genocide and inhuman activities in Palestine territory must be immediately stopped, he pointed out. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the Palestinian Ambassador Mr. Yousef S.Y. Ramadan for his visit to and keen interest in getting

admission of Palestine students at Dhaka University.

Ambassador of France

Ambassador of France in Bangladesh Mrs. Marie Masdupuy called on Dhaka University (DU) Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on March 31, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Director of Alliance Francaise Mr. Francois Grosjean and Visiting Professor of DU Oceanography Department Dr. Tonia Astrid Capuano were present on this occasion. During the meeting they discussed matters of various mutual and bi-lateral issues including the possibilities of strengthening ongoing collaborative academic and cultural programs among Dhaka University and universities in France. They emphasized on pursuing higher education of more DU students and young faculties in France. They stressed the need for expansion of French language program at Dhaka University and enhancement of collaboration at DU Oceanography Department. France Ambassador Mrs. Marie Masdupuy expressed her willingness to provide more scholarships for DU students and young faculties of different academic fields including science, social science, environmental science, medical science and engineering. Besides, scholarships will also be given to French Language learning students of Dhaka University. She also apprised DU VC of providing adequate support and cooperation to French language program at DU Institute of Modern Languages. We also want to develop cooperation and collaboration with young artists of DU. In this regard a workshop will be organized in October next at DU Fine Art Faculty where French artists are

expected to attend, Ambassador added.

DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, we like to enhance our collaboration and strengthen our friendship with France through joint educational and cultural exchange programs. He sought more support and cooperation from France to foster education and research activities of Dhaka University. He thanked France Ambassador for her visit to and keen interest in strengthening collaboration with DU

After the meeting the Ambassador visited the 'Animation Lab' which is established at DU Fine Art Faculty under a project of Alliance Francaise Dhaka. Dean of Fine Art Faculty Prof. Nisar Hossain was present there.

Chinese delegation

A four-member delegation led by Mr. Pan Junfeng, Regional President of Huawei Technologies Limited of China called on Dhaka University (DU) Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on April 8, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. Other team members were Mr. Li Zongsheng, Director of the Board of Huawei Technologies Limited. Mr. Allen Liu, Vice President and Mr. Authur Zhou Quan, Account Director of the same company. During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest specially the possibilities of undertaking joint training programs on Financial Technology, Information and Communication Technology and Smart Education between the University of Dhaka and Huawei University, China. They agreed to sign a MoU in this regard soon. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal apprised the delegation members of brief history of Dhaka University as well as its academic and research activities. He thanked the guests for their visit to Dhaka University and keen interest in its academic activities.



Ambassador of the State of Palestine in Bangladesh Mr. Yousef S.Y. Ramadan called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on April 30, 2024 at the latter's office of the university.



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Centre for China Studies inaugurated at DU



A new centre named 'Centre for China Studies' has been formally inaugurated at Dhaka University (DU). DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal presided over the inaugural ceremony of the centre. Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Mr. Yao Wen was present at the function held on March 24, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of the university. DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Vice-Chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology Prof. Farid Uddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of

Noakhali Science and Technology University Prof. Dr. Md. Didar-ul-Alam, President of Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) Prof. Dr. Chen Dongxiao, Vice President of East China Normal University Prof. Dr. Gu Hongliang and Vice President of Yunnan University Prof. Dr. Hu Jinming spoke on this occasion. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, Dhaka University has been contributing immensely to education, research, political, economic, social and other sectors in Bangladesh since its inception. He said, an excellent friendly relation has been prevailing between Bangladesh and China

for a long time. These friendly ties and bilateral relationship between the two countries would be further strengthened through undertaking various joint collaborative academic and research activities at this Centre, he hoped.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Dhaka University and Shanghai Institutes for International Studies was signed at the function. DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal and President of Shanghai Institutes for International Studies Prof. Dr. Chen Dongxiao signed the MoU on behalf of their respective institute. Besides, some 'Letter of Intent' were also signed on this occasion.

Int'l seminar on Development and Governance Experiences



A day-long international seminar on Development and Governance Experiences in China and Bangladesh was held on March 25, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University (DU). DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal presided over the inaugural session while Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Mr. Yao Wen addressed it as special guest. The Centre for China Studies of Dhaka University and the Centre for China Studies of Shanghai Institutes for International Studies jointly organized this event. President of Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) Prof. Dr. Chen Dongxiao, UNESCO Country Representative Dr. Susan Vize, FAO

Country Representative Dr. Shi Jiaoqun and UNDP Resident Representative Stefan Liller delivered key-note speeches at the inaugural session. Besides, Vice-Chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology Prof. Farid Uddin Ahmed presided over the special report session while Prof. Dr. Yao Yang of Peking University presented paper on China's economic situation. Vice-Chancellor of Noakhali Science and Technology University Prof. Dr. Md. Didar-ul-Alam, Vice President of East China Normal University Prof. Dr. Gu Hongliang and Vice President of Yunnan University Prof. Dr. Hu Jinming also spoke. (Page-7)

MoU between DU and Portsmouth University signed



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University of Dhaka (DU) and the University of Portsmouth Higher Education Corporation, UK was virtually signed on March 21, 2024 to foster international cooperation in education and research. Vice-Chancellor of DU Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal presided over the program.

Treasurer of DU Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed and Deputy-Vice Chancellor of the University of Portsmouth Prof. Chris Chang signed the MoU on behalf of their respective university. Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Dean of the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences Prof. Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman and founder Chairman of the Department of Oceanography Prof. Dr. Kawser

Ahmed, among others, addressed the program.

According to the MoU, Dhaka University and the University of Portsmouth will work together to undertake academic and research activities. Besides, the two universities will exchange faculty members, students and information as well as share knowledge. They will conduct joint researches and promote study abroad programs for the students. The two universities will jointly organize conferences, seminars, workshops and training programs.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the Portsmouth University authorities for signing this MoU. He hoped that the teachers, students and researchers of these two universities would be highly benefited by this MoU.

40 students given Sumitomo Corporation Scholarship

A total of 40 meritorious under-graduate students from different academic years of Dhaka University (DU) have been given Sumitomo Corporation Scholarship of Japan on March 18, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of the university. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor

Corporation Mr. Shinichi Nagata addressed it as special guests. General Manager (Corporate Affairs) of the Sumitomo Corporation Mr. Shofi Ullah declared the names of awardees. DU Registrar Mr. Probir Kumar Sarker conducted the program. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M

(French Language and Culture), Mohammad Jainal Abedin (Islamic History and Culture) and Jahidul Haque (Social Welfare) Second Year (Hons.)- Md. Shajal Hossain (Nuclear Engineering), Shimu Saha (Finance), Sheikh Shakil Hossain (Political Science), Tasnim Zuairiah Binti (Japanese



Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal distributed this scholarship among the students as chief guest.

Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) of DU Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar presided over the function while Minister of the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh Mr. Machida Tatsuya and Country General Manager of the Sumitomo

Maksud Kamal congratulated the awardees for receiving this prestigious scholarship. He also thanked the Sumitomo Corporation authorities for providing scholarship to DU meritorious students. He urged the brilliant students to prepare themselves as skilled human resources to make Bangladesh a prosperous country. The VC said, a friendly relationship between Bangladesh and Japan has been prevailing for a long time. He recalled all-out support and cooperation of Japan government for socio-economic development of Bangladesh since our independence. These support and cooperation will be continued in the days to come, he hoped.

Awardees of different academic years are: First year (Hons.)- Md Morshed Alam Shafiq (Mathematics), Md. Shakibur Rahman (Computer Science and Engineering), Priya Kunddo (Disaster Science and Climate Resilience), Tayeba Binte Hannan (Public Administration), Nomol Umama Chowdhury (Botany), Soma Rani (Philosophy), Md. Faridul Islam (Management Information Systems), Md. Abu Solaiman Shanto

Studies), Golam Mostafa (Marketing), Sadia Chowdhury (Mathematics), Lesmi Rani (History), Mahmuda Khatun (Political Science), Ibrahim Sarker (Accounting & Information Systems) and Tanzina Akter (Law). Third year (Hons.)- Matia Noor Raisa (Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology), Ahmed Adnan (IIT), Mazharul Islam (Islamic Studies), Md. Redwanul Islam (Mathematics), Arifa Haq (Physics), Michael Sagar Sarker (Law), Md. Kamrul Hasan Rabby (Accounting & Information Systems), Trisha Nandi (Accounting & Information Systems), Abdul Mohaimen (International Relations) and Apel Chandra (Psychology).

Fourth year (Hons.)- Bushra Jahan (English), Reshma Akter (Islamic History & Culture), Nuzhat Nueri Khan (Mathematics), Rubaiya Islam (Law), Fazle Azam (Law), Salma Akter Jhuma (Accounting & Information Systems), Md. Touhidul Islam (Economics), Farhadi Anwar (Soil, Water & Environment), Azfa Touhida Doibi (Disaster Science & Climate Resilience), Most. Sifat-E-Sultana (IER).

MoU between DU and Yuxi Normal University signed



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University of Dhaka (DU) and Yuxi Normal University, China was signed on May 29, 2024 at DU VC Office Lounge. Vice-Chancellor of DU Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal and President of Yuxi Normal University Prof. Duan Hongyun signed the MoU on behalf of their respective university.

DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Treasurer of DU Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed, Dean of DU Faculty of Science Prof. Dr. Md. Abdus Samad and Dean of DU Faculty of Arts Prof. Dr. Abdul Bashir were present on this occasion. Besides, Yuxi Normal University Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science Prof. Li Zhouhong, Dean of School of International Culture and Study Prof. Yang Chun, Deputy Director of Office of Academic Affairs Prof. Tang Jinli, Deputy Dean of Faculty of Teacher Education Prof. Yin Sumei and Director of DU Confucius Institute Dr. Yang Hui were also present at the MoU signing function.

Yuxi Normal University will jointly conduct collaborative academic and research activities. Besides, two universities will jointly organize seminar, symposium, workshop, conference and training programs. The two sides will also exchange faculty members, students and researchers as well as information and research materials under this MoU.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the Yuxi Normal University President Prof. Duan Hongyun for signing the MoU and hoped that the two universities would be highly academically benefited by this initiative. He appraised the President of Yuxi Normal University of DU history and academic programs in brief. This MoU will play an effective role to promote academic and research collaboration between DU and Yuxi Normal University. The bi-lateral existing friendly relationship between Bangladesh and China will be further strengthened through these joint academic and research collaboration, he hoped.

DUNMUN confce

A four-day long DUNMUN conference titled 'Sustainability Beyond Conflict: Forging Equitable Peace Through Unified Actions' was inaugurated on May 30, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University (DU). DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal inaugurated the conference as chief guest. Dhaka University Model United Nations Association (DUMUNA) organized the event.

Secretary General of DUNMUN SM Nahian Islam presided over the inaugural session while Moderator of DUMUNA Prof. Dr. Md. Delwar Hossain, Registrar of BRAC University Dr. David Dowland and ex- President of DUMUNA MJ Sohel addressed it as special guests. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal urged the youth community to utilize their knowledge and capacities properly for sustainable development and raise their voice for upholding peace in the world. He said, youths can play an effective role in building Bangladesh through innovative ideas and knowledge. He emphasized on analyzing of scientific data to develop strategies, formulate policies and take right decisions. He stressed the need for finding ways to promote sustainable practices.

About 500 students from home and abroad participated at the conference.



A workshop under a joint project of Dhaka University and Ehime University of Japan to develop a pollution load management system to mitigate waterborne health hazards in Dhaka Metropolitan area was held on May 29, 2024 at the seminar room of Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal attended it as chief guest. Dhaka University Professor Dr. Anwar Hossain and Ehime University Professor Dr. Kozo Watanabe delivered key-note speeches in this workshop.



Sultan Ahmed Memorial Conference-2024 was held on May 03, 2024 under the auspices of Dhaka University Physics Department. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal as chief guest inaugurated the conference held at departmental seminar room.



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Nat'l Confce on Renewable Energy



A two-day long 24th National Conference and Green Expo on 'Policy Frameworks for Enabling Renewable Energy Investment: A Global and Regional Perspective' was held on May 22-23, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban Auditorium of Dhaka University (DU). Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal presided over the inaugural session while Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP addressed it as chief guest. The Institute of Energy of DU in cooperation with Greentech Foundation organized this event. The inaugural function was addressed by Principal Coordinator of SDG's Affairs of Prime Minister's Office Md. Akhter Hossain, CEO of Infrastructure Development Company Ltd. Md. Alamgir Morshed, President of Bangladesh Solar Renewable Energy Association Engr. Md. Nurul Aktar and Chairman of Sustainable & Renewable Energy Development Authority Munira Sultana ndc as special guests. Advisor of Greentech Foundation Bangladesh & Faculty Member of BIBM Khondkar Morshed Millat delivered the key-note speech. Associate Professor of the Institute of Energy of DU Dr. S M Nasif Shams delivered welcome address while Executive Director & CEO of Greentech Foundation Bangladesh Lutfor Rahman gave vote of thanks.

Mahmud MP urged the leaders of developed countries to come forward with financial support for reducing disaster risk in the most vulnerable countries like Bangladesh due to global climate change. The developed countries are mainly responsible for carbon emission. Therefore, they have responsibilities to play vital role to protect global environment, he added. He said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has set goal for producing 40 percent renewable energy in the country by 2041. He urged the professionals and researchers to work together to achieve this goal. He stressed the need for updating energy policy to attain more success in this sector. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal stressed the need for formulating short-term and long-term policy to increase production of green energy as well as make our environment free from all sorts of pollutions. He emphasized on strengthening public-private partnership to achieve more success in this regard. He urged the students to play pioneering role to make our environment clean. The VC expressed his willingness to provide training on renewable energy and environment at DU for youths to make them skilled human resources. He sought cooperation from both the public and private sectors for arranging training program.

Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan

Eight students awarded AQM Mohiuddin Scholarship



Eight students of the Department of Geography and Environment of Dhaka University (DU) have been awarded A Q M Mohiuddin Memorial Scholarship on May 26, 2024 at VC Office Lounge for their outstanding results at B.S. (Hons.) examination. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal distributed scholarship cheque among the recipients as chief guest. The recipients of the scholarship are Monojit Saha, Maliha Haque, Md. Minhajul Islam, Munira Nusrat, Khadiza Ahsan, Md. Suvo Tamim, Rihana Parvin Nipa and Abir Mahmud.

DU Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed, Emeritus Prof. Dr. Nazrul Islam, Registrar Probrir Kumar Sarker and Donor of the A Q M Mohiuddin Memorial Trust Fund Prof. Dr. Naznin Afrose Haq were present on this occasion.

DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the donor of the trust fund and said, late A Q M

Mohiuddin was a brilliant student and veteran bureaucrat. He is an exemplary personality for our students. The aim of the scholarship is to provide financially support to the meritorious students as well as give them a message that DU will stand beside them during their studies at the university. He wished them grand success in life and urged them to come forward with financial support in future for DU students as an alumni.



The final round and prize giving ceremony of the 13th Bangladesh Chemistry Olympiad-2024 was held on 17 May 2024 at TSC auditorium of Dhaka University. DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar attended it as chief guest. In the picture winners are seen with the guests.

Int'l seminar on Development and Governance Experiences

(From Page 5) Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal stressed the need for undertaking joint collaborative academic and research activities, sharing knowledge and exchanging information among regional and international experts to resolve social problems as well as establish peace and harmony in the world. The Centre for China Studies of Dhaka University will create a common platform for people of the two friendly countries to uphold values and knowledge, he hoped. Chinese Ambassador Mr. Yao Wen said, China and Bangladesh are working together to maintain social stability, develop socio-economic condition and modernize the two countries. He emphasized on enhancing cooperation and holding dialogue in the fields of education and research among scholars of the two friendly countries. Chinese Embassy in Bangladesh will provide all possible support and cooperation in this regard, he said.

Bangladesh Chemistry Olympiad

The final round and prize giving ceremony of the 13th Bangladesh Chemistry Olympiad-2024 was held on 17 May 2024, Friday at TSC auditorium of Dhaka University (DU). The Department of Applied Chemistry and Chemical Engineering of DU and Bangladesh Chemical Society (BCS) jointly organized this event. Presided over by BCS President Md. Rajiour Rahman Mollick the function was addressed by DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar as chief guest. Dean of DU Faculty of Engineering and Technology Prof. Dr. Hafiz Md. Hasan Babu and Dean of the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences Prof. Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman also addressed the function as special guests. Chairman of the Department of Applied Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Prof. Dr. Md. Nurnabi delivered welcome speech as Convenor of the Olympiad. Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar congratulated winners of the Olympiad and said, for invention of new drugs chemists have to play a pivotal role. The participants have been highly benefited by the Olympiad for acquiring the latest knowledge in the field of Chemistry, he pointed out. A total of 655 students took part in the Olympiad from all over Bangladesh. Among them top 20 students are the winners and have been given prizes.

Int'l Confce on Language Movement and Emergence of a Bangla-Speaking State



A two-day long International Conference on 'Language Movement and the Emergence of a Bangla-Speaking State in the World' was held on April 29-30, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban Auditorium of Dhaka University (DU). Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal presided over the inaugural session while Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP addressed it as chief guest. The Centre for Advanced Research in Arts and Social Sciences (CARASS) of DU organized this event marking the Diamond Jubilee of the Language Movement.

Head of the Department of History of King's College, London Prof. Dr. Jon Wilson delivered the key-note speech. Convener of the Conference Organizing Committee Prof. Dr. Fakrul Alam delivered welcome address while Director of CARASS Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Hossain gave vote of thanks. Member of Executive Committee of CARASS Prof. Dr. Shamsad Mortuza conducted the program.

Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury urged the researchers

to conduct comprehensive researches on our history, culture and language to make Bangladesh a secular country. He said, Language Movement is the symbol of Bangali identity and self-determination. Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman wanted to make Bangladesh a secular and inclusive country by upholding the ideology of Bangali nationalism and pluralism. But anti-liberation forces tried to make Bangladesh a communal state distorting the real history after killing Bangabandhu in 1975.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, Language Movement is related to the concept of Bangali identity and national aspirations. It upholds the spirit of secularism, democracy and pluralism. He urged the new generation to learn more about the history of Language Movement as well as the outstanding and heroic contributions of our great leader Bangabandhu to make an inclusive society. This international conference will generate new knowledge and create enthusiasm among the new generation for making Bangladesh a prosperous and developed country, he hoped.

Int'l Confce on Sustainable Futures and Economic Stability



A day-long International Conference on 'Sustainable Futures: Ensuring Economic Stability & Inclusive Social Development' was held on May 09, 2024 at Prof. Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium of Dhaka University (DU). Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal inaugurated the conference as chief guest. Bureau of Economics Research (BER) and Department of Economics of Dhaka University jointly organized this conference.

BER Chairman Prof. Dr. M M Akash presided over the inaugural session while Director of BER Prof. Dr. Selim Raihan and Chairperson of Economics Department Prof. Masuda Yasmeen addressed the function.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, economy is an important and integral part of development of a country. Bangladesh is now an exemplary

role model in the world in terms of socio-economic development. Bangladesh has to face various global challenges including climate change, environmental pollution, food security and economic instability due to Russia-Ukraine War and Israel's genocide in Palestine. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is rapidly moving forward with the goal of becoming a developed country from a middle-income country, he pointed out. The Vice-Chancellor called upon the faculties, researchers, students and concerned others to conduct researches and innovate new ways and ideas to resolve various economic crisis. It may be mentioned that 7 sessions and 2 panel discussions were held in this day-long conference. Faculties, economists and researchers from home and abroad presented a total of 21 research articles in this conference.

National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's birth anniversary observed



The 125th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was observed on May 25, 2024 at Dhaka University. Dhaka University teachers, students, officers and employees led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal placed floral wreath at the Mazar of the poet. Later a discussion meeting on 'Non-communal sprits and Nazrul' was held at the premises of the poet's Mazar.

Presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal the meeting was addressed by Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad, DUTA President Nizamul Haque Bhuiyan and granddaughter of the poet Khilkhil Kazi. Teacher of Bangla Department Prof. Dr. Serajul Islam (Seraj Salekeen) delivered the key-note speech while Chairman of Bangla Department Prof. Fatema Kawsar conducted the program.

Paying glowing tributes to the memory of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, Kazi Nazrul Islam is not a poet of a specific period. He has depicted the future in his poetry, songs and literature. He is a humanitarian poet of all ages to come. He wrote poems and composed songs for emancipation of the people and inspired all irrespective of caste and creed. DU VC called upon the world community to stop the discrimination of the society, division of the state, Israel's genocide, brutalities, killings and inhuman torture on Palestinian people and Russia-Ukraine War following Nazrul's works and ideology. The Vice-Chancellor also urged the world community to play an effective role for recognizing Palestine as an independent sovereign state. The teachers and students of DU Music Department performed Nazrul Sangeet on the occasion.

DU IBA Graduation Ceremony



The Graduation Ceremony of BBA 27th batch, MBA 63rd batch, EMBA and DBA programs of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University (DU) was held on May 4, 2024 at a city hotel. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal attended it as chief guest.

Director of IBA Prof. Mohammad Abdul Momen presided over the function while Senior Fellow of Harvard Kennedy School Iqbal Quadir attended it as the Graduation Speaker. The function was also addressed, among others, by IBA Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Kabir. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, DU has long held IBA in high esteem, recognizing it as a bastion of academic brilliance and forward-thinking innovation. With steadfast dedication, IBA continues to cultivate exceptional graduates who are not only knowledgeable, but also exhibit vital attributes like

critical thinking, creativity and ethical leadership which are essential for navigating the complexities of our evolving global landscape.

Terming IBA graduates as the torchbearers of the future DU VC urged them to play a pivotal role to contribute to the growth and prosperity of Bangladesh.

DU VC further said, as ambassador of our nation's dreams and aspirations, it is expected that IBA graduates will give their best efforts towards achieving the SDGs by 2030 and forwarding Bangladesh to the status of a developed nation by 2041 as envisioned by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the proud daughter of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He thanked the graduates for completion of their respective program successfully.

A total of 215 students of different batches of IBA were awarded degree in the ceremony.

30 students get Trust Fund Scholarship



Sixteen meritorious students of Dhaka University have been awarded 'Mustafizur Rahman Khan--Saleha Khanam Memorial Scholarship' and fourteen other brilliant students have received 'Prof. Mahfuza Khanam-Barrister Shafique Ahmed Scholarship' for securing the highest CGPA in BBA, BSS, BS and LLB (Hons) examinations of different academic sessions. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal distributed certificates among the recipients of scholarship as chief guest at a function on March 28, 2024 at the VC's Lounge of the university.

Treasurer of DU Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed, Dean of the Faculty of

Science Prof. Dr. Md. Abdus Samad, Dean of the Faculty of Law Prof. Dr. Shima Zaman, donor of the trust fund Prof. Mahfuza Khanam, chairpersons of different departments and DU Registrar Probir Kumar Sarker were present on this occasion.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal congratulated the recipients of scholarship and said that this scholarship would help them in attaining more success in their life. He also thanked the donor of this trust fund.

The recipients of "Mustafizur Rahman Khan--Saleha Khanam Memorial Scholarship" are- Md. Johir Rayhan, Fabliha Fairuj, Afrin Rahman Mili, Khondokar Jilhajj,

Anika Afroz, S.M Abrar Rashid, Jannatul Naima, Md. Abdul Rahman (Banking and Insurance) and Rifatur Rahim, Athoy Zaman, Liya Teresa Costa, Sabit Hasan Suman, Atia Sanjida Sushoma, S.M Mashrur Arafin Ayon, Tasnim Nowshin Fariha and Md. Abdullah (Women & Gender Studies).

The recipients of "Prof. Mahfuza Khanam-Barrister Shafique Ahmed Scholarship" are- Sumit Biswas, Sumi Akter, Suptajoy Barua, Rabeya Sultana, Maisha Fahmida (Physics) and Abdur Rahman Mojumder, Afrida Noshin, Shahrina Tanjin Arni, Tahseen Lubaba, Ali Mashraf, Rubiaat Hasan Sawon, Suraya Ferdous, Tasnim and Helal Morshed Omiyo (Law).

Six students get Trust Fund Scholarship



Six financially challenged and meritorious students of different academic years from six different departments of Dhaka University (DU) have been awarded 'Aminur Rahman Khan Memorial Trust Fund Scholarship'. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal distributed scholarship cheque and certificate among the recipients as chief guest at a function held on May 30, 2024 at VC Office Lounge of the university.

Treasurer of DU Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed, Dean of the Faculty of Arts Prof. Dr. Abdul Bashir, DU Registrar Probir Kumar Sarker and Director of DU PR Office Mahmood Alam, Chairman of different departments, family members of donor of the trust fund--Prof. Shaheen Ahamed,

Aminur Reza Khan and Kazi Anower Ahamed were present on this occasion.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal congratulated the recipients of scholarship and hoped that this scholarship would help them in attaining more success in their life. They would work and contribute to the welfare of the society in future, he hoped.

The recipients are Hussain Ahmed (History Department), Nurezannat Afris (Music Department), Md. Abdul Alim (Department of Political Science), Sabbir Hosain (Department of Fisheries), Md. Shah Jamal Hossain (Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology) and Sheikh Nafis Haider (Department of Nuclear Engineering).

Prof. Shaheen Ahamed & Kazi Anower Ahamed Trust Fund established at DU



A new trust fund titled 'Prof. Shaheen Ahamed & Kazi Anower Ahamed Trust Fund' has been established at the University of Dhaka (DU). Retired teacher of DU Anthropology Department Prof. Shaheen Ahamed & her spouse Kazi Anower Ahamed handed over a cheque for Tk. 20 lac to DU Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed on May 30, 2024 at the Vice-Chancellor's Office Lounge

to set up this trust fund. Vice-Chancellor of DU Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal was present as chief guest on this occasion. Dean of the Faculty of Social Science Prof. Rasheda Irshad Nasir, Registrar Probir Kumar Sarker, Director of DU PR Office Mahmood Alam and donor's family members were present on this occasion.

Out of the income of this donation,

every year one financially challenged and meritorious student of the Department of Anthropology and another from the Department of Economics of DU will be given scholarship.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the donors for their donation and hoped that philanthropists and Alumni would come forward with their helping hands for our meritorious and financially challenged students.

5 students get Trust Fund Scholarship

Five meritorious students of different departments of Dhaka University have been awarded 'Dr. M o h a m m e d Shahidullah Family Trust Fund Scholarship'.

DU Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed distributed scholarships among the students as



the chief guest at a function on March 20, 2024 at VC's Lounge. Science Faculty Dean Prof. Dr.

Md. Abdus Samad was present on this occasion.

The recipients of scholarship are Md. Halim Badsha (Mathematics), Md. Mehedi Hasan (Mathematics), Hridita Bhowmick Arna (Statistics), Md. Asib

Hossain (Applied Mathematics) and Shams Tanal Toha (Applied Statistics and Data Science)