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## Amar Ekushey and Int'l Mother Language Day observed



President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paying homage to Language Martyrs at 12:01 AM on February 21, 2024 at the Central Shaheed Minar.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina looking at an exhibition comprising 21 rare photos of her 21 times visit at the Central Shaheed Minar for paying homage to Language Martyrs as head of the government at 12:01 AM on February 21, 2024. This event was organised for the first time by Dhaka University.



Dhaka University teachers led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal placing floral wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar on February 21, 2024.

Amar Ekushey February and International Mother Language Day was observed with due respect and solemnity on February 21, 2024.

President Mohammed Sahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid deep homage to the Language Martyrs by placing floral wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar at 12:01 AM on February 21. Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan, Ministers, foreign diplomats and people from all walks of life paid tributes to the Language Martyrs.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. ASM Maksud Kamal along with Pro-VC (Admin) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad, Pro-VC (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Treasurer Prof Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed, DUTA President Prof. Dr. Md Nizamul Haque Bhuiyan, General Secretary Prof. Dr. Zeenat Huda, Senate-Syndicate members, Deans, Provosts, Chairmen, students, officers and employees of DU paid glowing tributes to the Martyrs by placing floral wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar.

Besides, a Probat Ferry led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal was brought out from the premises of the Memory Eternal to the Azimpur Graveyard where they prayed for peace of the departed souls of the Martyrs.

In observance of the day, the national flag was hoisted half-mast at all important buildings of the university.

Besides, special prayer and doa mahfil were held at mosques and temples on the campus seeking eternal peace for the Martyrs.

## DU team led by VC meets Chancellor



Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal along with Pro-VC (Admin) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad, Pro-VC (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Treasurer Prof Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed and Registrar Probir Kumar Sarkar paid a courtesy call on President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chancellor of the University Mohammed Sahabuddin on February 7, 2024 at Bangabhaban. Prof. Dr. ASM Maksud Kamal appraised the Chancellor of the overall academic and research activities of the university. He said, a Master Plan has been undertaken for overall development of the university which will be implemented in 3 phases by next 15 years.

## DU VC felicitates PM Sheikh Hasina



Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal felicitated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by presenting a flower bouquet on January 9, 2024 at Gonobhaban for landslide victory of Bangladesh Awami League at an impartial, free, fair and peaceful National Parliament Election. Pro-VC (Admin) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad, Treasurer Prof Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed and Registrar Probir Kumar Sarkar were present on this occasion.

## Historic Flag Hoisting Day observed

### National Flag was hoisted under visionary leadership and guidance of Bangabandhu: DU VC



Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said that the National Flag of Bangladesh was made and hoisted under the visionary leadership and guidance of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Terming the hoisting of this National Flag on March 2 in 1971 at Dhaka University as one of the most significant chapters in the historical events of our Liberation struggles, he said that Bangabandhu had already decided when, where

and how this flag would be built and hoisted. The Vice-Chancellor said these in his speech as chief guest at a discussion meeting held on March 2, 2024 at the historic Battala of Dhaka University in observance of the 'Flag Hoisting Day' Presided over by Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad the meeting was addressed by Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed,

DUTA President Prof. Dr. Md Nizamul Haque Bhuiyan, General Secretary Prof. Dr. Zeenat Huda, Dean of Arts Faculty Prof. Dr. Abdul Basir, former Dean Prof. Dr. Abu Md. Delowar Hossain and noted freedom fighter & renowned artist Rafiqul Alam.

Senate and Syndicate members, Deans of various faculties, Provosts of various halls, teachers, students, officers and employees of the university were present on this occasion.

DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal further said that the death warrant of Pakistan was voiced and issued by hoisting the National Flag on this day in 1971. He said that Bangabandhu was a visionary leader who united and led us towards our Liberation War and Independence step by step through movements and struggles. New generation must know the colorful and illustrious life, philosophy, ideals, struggles and sacrifices of Bangabandhu as well as the true history of our great Liberation War and Independence, DU VC added.

If the young generation is equipped with the knowledge of these histories correctly, they will never be misled by anti-independence evil forces, he affirmed.

## Researchers and entrepreneurs have to work unitedly to build Sonar Bangla: DU VC



Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal urged teachers, students, researchers and entrepreneurs to work unitedly to build the Sonar Bangla as dreamt by Bangabandhu. The Vice-Chancellor said this in his speech as chief guest at the opening ceremony of a day-long Innovation Fair on March 4, 2024 at Nawab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban.

Pro-Vice Chancellor (Admin) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar and Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed addressed the function as special guests. President of Datasoft Systems Bangladesh M. Manjur Mahmud delivered keynote speech on 'Funding Innovation: How, What and Why of Successful

## Jagannath Hall and Shamsun Nahar Hall become champion in Inter-hall athletics competition



Jagannath Hall (boys group) and Shamsun Nahar Hall (girls group) became champions in the 53rd Inter-hall Athletics Competition. Shahid Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall in the boys group and Kabi Sufia Kamal Hall in the girls group were runner-up in this competition. Khalid

prize distribution ceremony while Advisor of Physical Education Center Prof. Dr. Asim Sarkar, Director of the Center Shahjahan Ali and Provosts, House Tutors and students of various halls were present on this occasion. It may be mentioned that individual



Mohibullah of Shahid Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall and Nusrat Jahan Runa of Kabi Sufia Kamal Hall became individual champions in the competition. Alamgir Hossain of Shahid Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall and Zuairiya Feredous of Shamsun Nahar Hall became the runner-up at the individual level. At the end of this two-day long competition Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad distributed prizes among the winners as the chief guest on February 13, 2024 at the Central Playground.

President of Dhaka University Athletics Committee Prof. Dr. Emran Kabir Chowdhury presided over the

champion Khalid Mohibullah and Nusrat Jahan Runa are 1st year Honours student of the Department of Development Studies and Institute of Social Welfare and Research respectively. Runner-up at individual level Alamgir Hossain is a student of Masters in Banking and Insurance Department while Zuairiya Feredous is a 1st year (Honours) student in Mass Communication and Journalism Department.

Athletes who became champion and runner-up in Annual Sports Competitions of all 19 halls of the university participated at 24 events of this Inter-hall Athletics Competition.



Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad distributed prizes among the winners of Inter-hall Badminton and Table Tennis Competition as the chief guest on February 18, 2024 at the Gymnasium of Physical Education Center. Winners are seen with the guests.

## Inter-hall Handball Competition



Jagannath Hall became champion in boys group while Shamsun Nahar Hall & Bangmata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall became champion jointly in girls group in the Inter-hall Handball Competition 2023-2024. In this competition Muktijoddha Ziaur Rahman Hall was runner-up in the boys group and Rokeya Hall was runner-up in the girls group. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal inaugurated the competition as chief guest on March 5, 2024. at the Central Playground. After this competition Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest on March 11, 2024.

DU Handball Committee President Prof. Dr. Biman Chandra Barua presided over both the inaugural and prize giving functions while Director of the Physical Education Center Md. Shahjahan Ali, provosts, house tutors and students of various halls were present on this occasion.

## Six projects awarded as best proposals at Innovation Fair

For the first time in its history the 'Innovation Fair-2024' was organized by University of Dhaka on March 3, 2024. More than 100 projects were presented in service and product category and among them 6 projects were awarded as best proposals.

Department of Microbiology won the 1st place in the product category with the project titled "Bacteriophage Based Electrochemical Biosensor for Detection of Typhoid Pathogen". This study was led by Prof. Dr. Munawar Sultana of that department. Vice-Chancellor of Jessore University of Science and Technology Prof. Dr. Anwar Hossain and Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering Md. Javed Hossain Khan were her team members. The subject of their research was the rapid and easy identification of typhoid bacteria using bacteriophages. According to the results obtained by the research team, this method can detect typhoid bacteria from any clinical sample or liquid very quickly. The method is simple and effective compared to conventional methods. The research team claims that this innovative process will contribute to faster typhoid identification and treatment of typhoid fever.



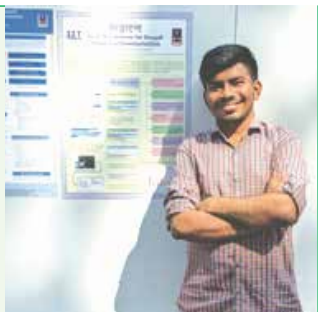
An application titled 'Shikhbe Sobai' to help autistic students in learning has bagged 2nd place in the product category at the Innovation Fair. The use of technology to solve various problems of people's daily life is increasing day by day. With the help of this application, autistic children can get the education they need at home as well as in school, without the help of a personal trainer. By doing this, the high price that a family has to pay for the education of autistic children can be reduced to a large extent. With the help of this application, school teachers can easily teach students, practice and evaluate them properly. On the other hand, students' attention, time spent etc. while taking lessons can be monitored. As a result, the teacher can easily assess the student's learning curve and provide further lessons accordingly. The supervisor of the research was Prof. Mohammad Shoaib and Dr. Ahmadul Kabir of Information Technology Institute. Kamruzzaman Asif and Ishtiaq Ahmed Fahad, students of the same institute, worked on the development of the application. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman and Dr. Asim Das of IER of University of Dhaka has provided expert advice on the learning of autistic children.

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Riazul Islam and his research team discovered the production technique of a new antibiotic called 'Homicorsin' which won 3rd place in the fair. Their current goal is to produce Homicorsin' on a large scale in industrial plants. The research team believes that this technique of making antibiotics will lead to the creation of many newer antibiotics.



Under the supervision of Sharmeen Kabir, Assistant Professor of IER of University of Dhaka, a group of students of the institute won the first place by writing a book titled, 'Golpe Golpe Ganit Shikhi' in the service category. In order to remove the fear of mathematics among secondary level students of Bangladesh and to make mathematics learning fun and easy, the various mathematical concepts of the 6th grade mathematics book prepared by the National Curriculum and Textbook Board have been presented in the form of stories in the book. The book combines mathematical concepts with real-life experiences through 5 lenses – integration, gender equality, collaborative learning, patriotism and cultural diversity.

Under the leadership of Dr. Sumon Ahmed, Associate Professor of Institute of Information Technology (IIT) won the 2nd place in the service category. The research team consists of Fahim Morshed, a post-graduate student of IIT and Abdur Rahman, Principal Computer Scientist of Centre for Advanced Research in Sciences (CARS). Summarizing is a much-needed tool for summarizing Bengali articles, news, blogs and any other large text online. It is a Chrome browser (eg Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Opera etc.) based web extension that can automatically generate very short and informative summaries from any Bengali text available online. In this the user can understand the content of a large text in a short time. This tool does not interfere with the user's other online activities but works seamlessly with the webpage. The tool groups the sentences based on the meaning of the Bengali sentence through a new machine learning algorithm and selects the appropriate sentence from each group to create a summary without repeating any information.



'Dhaka University Telemedicine Program' organized by the Department of Biomedical Physics and Technology won the 3rd place in the service category. Using the invented telemedicine software, people in remote rural areas of the country can get advice from MBBS and specialist doctors in the city. Health care is being provided to common people by setting up service centers at the union level across the country through local entrepreneurs.

Using telemedicine software, patients can talk directly to doctors through video conference and seek health advice. The prescription given by the doctor also goes to the patient through the internet. They have also developed various diagnostics equipment made with its local technology, through the use of which the patient's physical information can be sent directly to the doctor. More than 33,000 patients have already been provided health services through the program. 59% of patients served are women. In addition, the rate of receiving services for children and patients over 60 is 30 percent.

## Prof. Dr. Hamida Khanom gets Honorary Doctorate Degree

Supernumerary Prof. Dr. Hamida Khanom of Dhaka University Zoology Department has been given Honorary Doctorate Degree on January 24, 2024. | The George Washington University of Peace LLC Florida, USA has given this Degree for her outstanding contribution to research and education.



## National Symposium on Research and Innovation held



A day-long national symposium on 'Research and Innovation for Social Impact: IER's Recent Contributions to Education' was held on March 3, 2024 at IER of Dhaka University. Vice-Chancellor of DU 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 Institute of Education and Research (IER) of DU organized this event. Chairman of Bangladesh

Accreditation Council Prof. Dr. Mesbahuddin Ahmed and Professor of IER Dr. M. Wahiduzzaman addressed the inaugural function as special guests. Director of IER Prof. Dr. Md. Abdul Halim delivered welcome address. Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP sought cooperation from experts of IER to implement new curriculum as well as change the traditional mindset of concerned people in this regard. New curriculum has already been

introduced at Primary and Secondary level to produce skilled human resources and make knowledge based society in the country, he added. Teaching and learning systems have been changed through this new curriculum. Therefore, students will be able to learn more and express their creativities, he also mentioned.

## Researchers and entrepreneurs

(From Page -1) Cases'. Convener of DU innovation team Prof. Dr. Ishtiaque M. Syed gave welcome speech. Associate Prof. Md. Rashedur Rahman of Organization Strategy and Leadership Department conducted the function. DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, several measures have been taken to strengthen the Industry-Academia relationship for new discoveries and innovations at Dhaka University. Discussions will soon be held with various leading companies in the country to market the innovative products of our researchers. He emphasized on spreading innovative ideas among researchers and entrepreneurs. 'Start-up Studio' would be established at DU soon to develop innovative products and gear-up services for researchers, DU VC pointed out. This 'Start-up Studio' will be launched soon by collecting funds from Alumni of the university. It may be mentioned that a total of 101 innovative ideas were presented and products were displayed at the day-long Innovation Fair. Out of these, innovative products were 40 and service innovation ideas were 61. Various innovative ideas and products include production of jute products through the use of smart technology, simple methods of diagnosis of various diseases, sustainable methods to prevent environment and water pollution, increasing the quality of leather through the use of enzymes, methods of preserving fruits and vegetables in a healthy way, chemical free leather processing system, automation of tabulation system, development of mobile apps for security assurance, elimination of problems related to university transport and bus tracking system and student monitoring.

## MoU between DU and PSC signed



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University of Dhaka (DU) and Police Staff College Bangladesh (PSC) was signed on February 06, 2024 at PSC to establish mutual collaboration and cooperation in the shape of training management and exchange of trainers and trainees between the two institutions. Treasurer of DU Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed and Vice-Rector of PSC Md. Rezaul Haq signed the MoU on behalf of their respective institution. Vice-Chancellor of DU Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal attended the MoU signing ceremony as chief guest. Rector of PSC Dr. Mollick Fakrul Islam presided over the function.

According to the MoU, Dhaka University and Police Staff College Bangladesh will jointly conduct researches and organize

seminars, workshops, conferences on new ideas and innovations. Besides, the two institutions will share knowledge and experience for strengthening mutual cooperation.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the authorities of Police Staff College Bangladesh for signing the MoU and hoped that this MoU would play a pragmatic role to enhance academic and research activities between the two institutions. Both sides will be mutually benefitted by conducting short specialized training courses and undertaking collaborative programs, DU VC pointed out.

DU VC further said, this is an era of sharing knowledge and information. This MoU will help both institutions to invent new ideas and give effective solutions, he hoped.

## Research and Publication Fair held



A day-long 'Research and Publication Fair' under the auspices of the institutes of Dhaka University was held on February 11, 2024 at the premises of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of the university. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal inaugurated this fair as chief guest. Presided over by Prof. Dr. Tamanna Howlader, Director of Institute of Statistical Research and Training (ISRT) of DU and convener of the organizing committee of the fair the inaugural function was addressed by Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar and IBA Director Prof. Mohammad A. Momen as special guests. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the organizers for holding this fair successfully and said, researches and publications of DU must be of international standard. Startup of a university is being developed through fundamental researches, publications and innovations. As a result Industry-Academia relations would be strengthened at the university, he hoped.

DU VC further said, researchers, teachers and students will be benefitted by this fair in conducting innovative researches for sustainable socio-economic

development of the country. He urged them to create new knowledge, fulfill the need of the community and contribute to make the country as Smart Bangladesh under the dynamic and outstanding leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Later DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar and guests went round the stalls of the fair.

## Seminar on 'Outcome of WTO Ministerial Confce'



A seminar on 'Outcome of WTO Ministerial Conference MC 13 and LDC Graduation: Bangladesh Perspective' was held under the joint auspices of Development Studies Department and Centre on Budget and Policy of Dhaka University on March 7, 2024 at Prof. Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury auditorium. DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar addressed it as chief guest. Chairman of DU Development Studies Department Prof. Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir presided over the seminar while Director of World Trade Organization Mr Taufiqur Rahman delivered the key-note speech. Prof. Dr. M. Abu Eusuf of Development Studies Department was moderator of the seminar.

## 12 students awarded AF Mujibur Rahman Gold Medal



Twelve meritorious students of the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Applied Mathematics of Dhaka University have been given 'AF Mujibur Rahman Gold Medal' for their outstanding academic results in BS (Hons.) and MS examinations. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal distributed the Gold Medal among the students as chief guest at a function held on February 05, 2024 at AF Mujibur Rahman Ganit Bhaban auditorium.

Chairman of the Department of Applied Mathematics Prof. Dr. Mohammad Ferdous presided over the function while Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Treasurer Prof. Momtaz Uddin Ahmed, Dean of the Faculty of Science Prof. Dr. Md. Abdus Samad and Trustee of the AF Mujibur Rahman Foundation Prof. Dr. Perween Hasan addressed it as special guests. Chairman of the

Department of Mathematics Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidul Islam delivered welcome speech at the function.

Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal congratulated the meritorious students for getting Gold Medal and urged them to utilize their knowledge for the welfare of the human beings and socio-economic development of the country. He said, Mathematics is essential in every sphere of our life. He called upon the students to play an effective role to make Smart Bangladesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The recipients of AF Mujibur Rahman Foundation Gold Medal are Kazi Hafizur Rahman, Najifatun Naher, Ayantika Ghosh, Shobha Islam, Kazi Mehedi Mohammad, Md. Islamul Alam, Trishna Datta, Sadia Anjum Jumana, Md. Anower Hossain, Apurbo Roy Chowdhury, Trishna Datta (MS) and Lamisa Kibria Keka.



Deputy Director of Federal Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia Mr. Shevtsov Pavel called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on February 19, 2024 at the latter's office of the university.



Prof. Dr. Michael S. Steckler of Columbia University, USA called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on February 22, 2024 at his residential office of the university.



South Asian Regional Director of British Council Ms. Helen Silvester called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on February 29, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. She was accompanied by Country Director of British Council Mr. Tom Miscioscia.



Ambassador of Spain in Bangladesh Mr. Gabriel Sistiaga paid a courtesy call on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on March 5, 2024 at the latter's office of the university.

## Foreign visitors call on Vice-Chancellor

### Deputy Director of Russian Federal Agency

Deputy Director of Federal Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia Mr. Shevtsov Pavel called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on February 19, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. He was accompanied by Counsellor of Russian Embassy and Director of Russian House in Dhaka Mr. Pavel A. Dvoychenkov. During the meeting they discussed the possibilities of strengthening ongoing joint collaborative academic and research programs among the University of Dhaka and different universities in Russia. They stressed the need for undertaking more academic and research activities on science, technology, medicine and culture among Dhaka University and different Russia universities. They exchanged views regarding expansion and development of Russian language course at the Institute of Modern Languages of DU. The establishment of Russian Studies Centre at DU was also discussed in the meeting.

Deputy Director of Russian Federal Agency expressed his willingness to provide scholarship for DU young faculties and students for higher studies in Russia. They also discussed about arranging of workshop, seminar, symposium, conference and training programs on science and technology under the joint auspices of Dhaka University and Russian universities. They have agreed to sign a MoU in this regard soon.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the guest for his visit to Dhaka University and keen interest in its academic activities. He said, the friendly relationship between Bangladesh and Russia has been prevailing for long time. The VC also recalled with gratitude the all-out support and cooperation of Russian government and people during our Liberation War in 1971.

### US Professor

Prof. Dr. Michael S. Steckler of Columbia University, USA called on Dhaka University

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on February 22, 2024 at his residential office of the university. He was accompanied by Mr. Austin Chadwick, a PhD researcher of the same university. During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interests specially the possibilities of strengthening ongoing joint collaborative academic and research programs between the University of Dhaka and Columbia University. The possibilities of undertaking more joint collaborative academic and research programs on climate change, environment, ground water and salinity in coastal area were also discussed in the meeting. They stressed the need for exchange of teachers and researchers between the two universities. They have agreed to sign a MoU in this regard soon.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the guest for his visit to Dhaka University and keen interest in its academic and research activities.

### British Council Regional Director

South Asian Regional Director of British Council Ms. Helen Silvester called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on February 29, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. She was accompanied by Country Director of British Council Mr. Tom Miscioscia.

During the meeting they discussed the possibilities of strengthening ongoing joint collaborative academic and research programs and introducing joint degree programs among Dhaka University and different universities in UK. The VC stressed the need for undertaking more collaborative activities in the fields of research and innovation to enhance the quality of higher education in Bangladesh. He sought cooperation from British Council Regional Director regarding involvement of DU faculty members with renowned universities of UK to conduct innovative researches jointly. He also requested her to provide support and cooperation to DU students for higher study in UK

as well as enroll more students with British Council language course to develop their English language skills. British Council Regional Director assured the VC of providing all possible support and cooperation in this regard. Arranging of seminar, workshop and training programs under the joint auspices of Dhaka University and British Council was also discussed in the meeting.

### Spanish Envoy

Ambassador of Spain in Bangladesh Mr. Gabriel Sistiaga paid a courtesy call on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on March 5, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. He was accompanied by Visiting Professor of Spanish Language Program of the Institute of Modern Languages of DU Ms Maria Amparo Porta Rivas.

Pro-Vice Chancellor (Admin) of DU Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar and Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed 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 as well as cultural exchange programs among the University of Dhaka and different universities in Spain. They also discussed regarding development and expansion of ongoing Spanish Language programs at DU Institute of Modern Languages. Organizing of a Cultural Fair at DU under the joint auspices of the University of Dhaka and the Spanish Embassy in Bangladesh was also discussed in the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor stressed the need for undertaking more collaborative programs at different academic fields including science & technology. He also emphasized on student exchange and student mobility programs among Dhaka University and various leading universities of Spain.

DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the Spanish Ambassador for his visit to Dhaka University and keen interest in strengthening cooperation and collaboration with this university.

## Mitsubishi Scholarship cheque of TK. 0.79 million given to DU



Six meritorious students of the Department of Japanese Studies of Dhaka University have received Mitsubishi Corporation Scholarship for their outstanding academic performances. Country Representative of Mitsubishi Corporation in Bangladesh Mr. Myungho Lee handed over a cheque for Tk. 7 lac 92 thousand to the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on January 31, 2024 at the

latter's office to award scholarship among the students. Each student has been given Tk. 1 lac 32 thousand as scholarship money. Chairman of the Department of Japanese Studies Dr. Md. Jahangir Alam, Associate Prof. Dr. Abdullah-Al-Mamun, Director of DU Public Relations Office Mahmood Alam and high officials from Mitsubishi Corporation were present on this occasion. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M

Maksud Kamal thanked Mitsubishi Corporation authorities specially Mr. Myungho Lee for providing scholarship to DU brilliant students. Terming Japan as one of the largest development partners and friendly country of Bangladesh DU VC said, Mitsubishi is a big Corporation of Japan. Support and Cooperation of Mitsubishi Corporation will continue in the days to come, DU VC hoped. He requested Mitsubishi Corporation Country Representative to organize seminars for DU students.

Country Representative of Mitsubishi Corporation in Bangladesh Mr. Myungho Lee said, DU is a premier and leading university in Bangladesh and our support and cooperation to DU would be enhanced.

The recipients of the scholarships are- Azmir Alam, Shabib Md. Shadakatul Baree, Shanria Jebin, Mohsina Nawaz, Peyas Kumar Paul and S M Rifat Hossain.

## Chinese Spring Festival celebrated



A week-long Chinese Spring Festival titled 'Beautiful China, Colorful Yunnan' has been celebrated at TSC premises of Dhaka University. Vice-Chancellor of DU Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal addressed this colorful event as chief guest on January 17, 2024. Confucius Institute of Dhaka University organized this event in

cooperation with Chinese Embassy in Bangladesh, Information Office and Foreign Affairs Office of Yunnan Province and Yunnan University of China.

Vice-President of Yunnan University Prof. Hu Jinming and Deputy Director General of the Communist Party of China Yunnan Province Mr. Peng Bin also addressed the program. (Page-5)

## Int'l Botanical Confce held



A two-day long 8th International Botanical Conference was held on February 28-29, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban auditorium of Dhaka University. Vice-Chancellor of DU Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal inaugurated the conference as chief guest. Bangladesh Botanical Society and the Department of Botany of DU jointly organized this event with a theme of 'Plant Sciences in Achieving SDGs'. President of Bangladesh Botanical Society Prof. Dr. Md. Abul Bashar presided over the inaugural session while retired Professor of DU Botany Department Dr. AKM Nazrul Islam and President of Reliance Industrial Park Limited Mr. Nurul Haque Chowdhury addressed the inaugural function as special guests. Chairman of the Department of Botany Prof. Dr. Mihir Lal Saha delivered key-note speech. Secretary General of Bangladesh Botanical Society Prof.

Dr. Ashfaque Ahmed delivered welcome address while Prof. Dr. Mohammed Almujaadda Alfasane gave vote of thanks. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal stressed the need for conducting solution based researches to protect biodiversity, environment and natural resources as well as produce adequate vegetables and crops in the country. We have to ensure food security in the country through research and innovation, he added. The Vice-Chancellor urged the botanists to play an effective role in ensuring food safety and reducing risk due to climate change. He also emphasized on sharing knowledge and conducting joint collaborative research among regional scientists in this regard. It may be mentioned that teachers and researchers from different countries including Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Algeria participated at the conference.

## Seminar on 'Green Synthesis and Applications of Nanomaterials' held



A day-long seminar on 'Green Synthesis and Applications of Nanomaterials' was held on February 17, 2024 at the Centre for Advanced Research in Sciences of Dhaka University. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal addressed the program as chief guest. Nanotechnology Centre of

DU organized the event. Director of Nanotechnology Centre Prof. Dr. Md. Abu Bin Hasan Susan presided over the function while Dean of Science Faculty Prof. Dr. Md. Abdus Samad addressed it as special guest. Prof. Dr. N.B. Singh of Sharda University, India delivered the key-note speech on 'the prospects of environmentally sustainable nanomaterials' at the seminar. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal in his speech highlighted the importance of nanotechnology in the industry and innovation sectors in Bangladesh. He said, researches related to nanotechnology are conducive to environment. He stressed the need for advancement of eco-friendly production of nanomaterials. Nanotechnology Centre of DU has been playing a pivotal role in flourishing the scope of nanotechnology researches in Bangladesh since its inception, DU VC pointed out. He thanked key-note speaker Prof. Dr. N.B. Singh for presenting a valuable and important paper at the seminar.

## Chinese Spring Festival celebrated

(From Page-4) Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the concerned authorities for organizing this festival and hoped that this type of cultural initiative would strengthen friendly ties between Bangladesh and China as well as people of these two countries. He stressed the need for undertaking more academic and cultural exchange programs among Dhaka University and various universities in China. A large number of photograph reflecting Yunnan's beautiful nature, culture and calligraphy were displayed in the festival.

## 21 Researchers awarded Ph.D. and 12 awarded M.Phil. Degree

A total of 21 researchers were awarded PhD, 4 DBA and 12 M.Phil degrees from Dhaka University recently. These degrees were awarded to them at a meeting of the Syndicate held on 31 January 2024. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal presided over the meeting.

**Recipients of PhD Degree** are: Fahmida Ferdous (Linguistics), MD. Ershadul Haque (Statistics), Fahema Sultana (Psychology), Tarun Kanti Gayen (Clinical Psychology), Mohammad Saiduzzaman (Arabic), Waliullah Hasan (Arabic), MD. Mamunur Rashid (Accounting & information Systems), Md. Muzakkerul Huda (Marketing), Mollika Ghosh (Marketing), Shamima Akter Eti (Soil, Water & Environment), Nusrat Sultana (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology), Jannatul Nayeem (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology), Rahat Hossain Faisal (Electrical and Electronic Engineering), Shital Kumar Nath (Zoology), Md. Kutub Uddin (Finance), Mst. Rawson Ara (Bengali), Md. Rafat Alam Mishu (Bengali), Md. Anis-Ar-Reza (Bengali), Mohammad Abu Bakar Siddique (Islamic Studies), Abu Saim Md. Tofazzal Hossain (Islamic Studies), Md. Abdul Mannan Mondal (Computer Science & Engineering).

**Recipients of DBA Degree** are: Mohammad Hanif (Institute of Business Administration), Shila Mamtaz (Institute of Business Administration), MD. Jahangir Alam Sheikh (Accounting & Information Systems), Muhammad Risalat Siddique (Institute of Business Administration).

**Recipients of M.Phil Degree** are : Taslima Akter (Philosophy), Md. Asraf Uddin (Islamic Studies), Md. Kamrul Islam (Islamic Studies), Md. Askar Ali (Arabic), Laboni Islam Chumki (History), Souraiya Akther (History), Sharmin Nahar (Institute of Social Welfare and Research), Tanzina Yeasmin (Institute of Social Welfare and Research), Md. Fazle Sobhan (Geography & Environment), Mostak Ahamed Imran (Educational and Counseling Psychology), Saima Akther (Clinical Psychology), Mst. Maxim Parvin Mitu (Institute of Nutrition and Food Science).

## Sourav won Gold Medal at National Judo Competition



Samduddoha Sourav, 4th year student of Dhaka University Criminology Department won Gold Medal in the 39<sup>th</sup> National Judo

Competition. Besides, he also won Gold Medal in Inter-university Judo and Inter-hall Judo competitions. He got admission at Dhaka University in 2022-2023 session under national player quota. He called on Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on March 10, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. Director of Physical Education Center Shahjahan Ali and Deputy Director Nayona Chowdhury were present.

## Two-day Int'l Confce on Future Education held



A two-day long International Conference on 'Global Assembly on Future of Education' was held on February 11-12, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal inaugurated the conference as chief guest. The theme of this conference was 'Building Smart Global Education Communities: International Collaboration for Sustainability in Education'. Global Educators Initiative for Sustainable Transformation (GEIST) organized this event in cooperation with ICT Division and UNDP. UNESCO Representative to Bangladesh Dr. Susan Vize, Founder President of GEIST Mr. Biblob Kumar Deb, President of GEIST Global Dr. Sabyasachi Mazumdar and Vice President Mr. Baman Kumar Ghimire addressed

the inaugural session.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal stressed the need for preparing our new generation as global citizen with the combination of knowledge, wisdom and skills. He said, new curriculum has already been introduced in primary and secondary level to produce skilled human resources in the country. This international conference would help create a common platform to exchange views regarding education systems of different countries around the world. Students, researchers and teachers of our country would be highly benefitted by this conference, VC hoped.

It may be mentioned that experts from eight countries including Bangladesh, India, USA, Germany and Sweden participated at the conference.

## Day-long seminar held



A day-long seminar on 'The Magic of the Case Method- Preconditions for Enablers of Harvard Business School Style Teaching/ Learning to Take Effect' was held on February 13, 2024 at Dr. Habibullah Conference Room of Dhaka University. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal addressed the program as chief guest. The Department of Organization Strategy & Leadership of DU organized the event.

Chairman of the Department of Organization Strategy & Leadership Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shariat Ullah presided over the function while Member of National Skills Development Authority of PMO Alif Rudaba and Chief Executive Officer of FBCCI Innovation and Research Centre Dr. Bikarna

Kumar Ghosh addressed it as special guests. Associate Professor Md. Rashedur Rahman conducted the program.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal urged the students to develop their skills and capacities so that they can resolve any problem and take right decision in practical life. He stressed the need for development of skills through participatory approach, group discussion, analytical thinking and community engagement. The VC thanked the key-note speaker for delivering a wonderful speech. Analytical thinking of the students will be enhanced as well as their mental faculties will be widened by this seminar, he hoped.



A two-day long 37th Annual Conference of Bangladesh Society of Microbiologists on 'Climate Change and Microbes' was held on 26 January 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University. DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal inaugurated this conference as chief guest.

## Foreign visitors call on Vice-Chancellor

### Kyushu University

A 11-member delegation of Kyushu University (KU), Japan led by KU Senior Vice-President Prof. Akira Harata called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on March 06, 2024 at the latter's residence office of the university. Other team members include KU Vice-President Prof. Shuji Shimizu, Prof. Tomohiko Akahoshi, Prof Kazuo Asahiro and Prof. Saha Bidyut Baran.

Provost of DU Amar Ekushey Hall Prof. Dr. Ishtiaque M. Syed was present on this occasion.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest especially the possibilities of undertaking joint collaborative research and academic programs between Dhaka University and Kyushu University of Japan. They stressed the need for exchange of teachers, researchers and students between these two universities. They agreed in principle to hold jointly seminar and workshop between these two institutions to enhance mutual collaboration.

DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked KU delegation for their visit to and keen interest in strengthening academic and research collaboration with DU.

### Japanese Ambassador

Ambassador of Japan Mr. Iwama Kiminori called on Dhaka University Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad on January 15, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. Director of DU Public Relations Office Mahmood Alam and Second Secretary of Japan Embassy Mr. Yamamoto Kyohei were present on this occasion.

During the meeting they exchanged views regarding establishment of a 'Children's Library' at the National Museum of Bangladesh under a project run by internationally renowned Japanese Architect Mr. Tadao Ando. Books of Japan and Bangladesh noted poets, writers and artists will be housed at this Children Library. Japanese Ambassador sought help and cooperation from DU Pro-VC to establish this 'Children's Library' for further strengthening the existing friendly relationship between Bangladesh and Japan.

DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad assured Japanese Ambassador of providing all possible cooperation and support in this regard. He thanked the Japanese Ambassador for his visit to and keen interest to establish 'Children's Library' at the National Museum with support, collaboration and cooperation from Dhaka University authorities.

### Iranian Cultural Counsellor

Cultural Counsellor of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Bangladesh Seyed Reza Mirmohammadi called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on January 16, 2024 at the latter's office of the university.

During the meeting they exchanged views regarding various issues including the possibilities of strengthening ongoing joint collaborative academic and research programs among the University of Dhaka and different universities in Iran. They also

discussed the possibilities of signing a MoU between Dhaka University and Shahid Beheshti University of Iran.

The Vice-Chancellor stressed the need for undertaking more joint collaborative academic and research programs on science and technology as well as cultural exchange programs among DU and Iranian universities. He thanked the Iranian Cultural Counsellor for his visit to Dhaka University and keen interest in its academic and research activities.

The Cultural Counsellor said, an excellent historical relationship has been prevailing between Bangladesh and Iran for a long time. These friendly ties between the two countries will be further strengthened in the days to come, he hoped. He invited DU Vice-Chancellor to visit various universities in Iran.

### Chinese delegation

A 14-member delegation of Yunnan University of China and Communist Party of China (CPC) Yunnan Province led by Mr. Peng Bin, Deputy Director General of CPC Yunnan Province called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on January 17, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. Delegation members include Vice-President of Yunnan University Prof. Hu Jinming, Level 1 Bureau Rank Official of Foreign Affairs Office of Yunnan Province Mr. Hao Kun, Ms. Zou Ying, Ms. Li Weiqing and Ms. Xu Xiaoqian.

Cultural Counselor of Chinese Embassy Mr. Yue Liwen, Director of DU International Affairs Office Prof. Dr. Shamsad Mortuza, Director of DU Public Relations Office Mahmood Alam and Director of DU Confucius Institute Dr. Yang Hui were present on this occasion.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest. They stressed the need for further strengthening on-going joint collaborative academic, research and cultural programs between Dhaka University and Yunnan University.

Welcoming the Chinese delegation DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, Bangladesh and China have been enjoying an excellent friendly relationship for a long time. China has a huge contribution to socio-economic development of Bangladesh. Dhaka University has many joint collaborative academic, research and cultural programs with many leading universities in China especially Yunnan University, DU VC pointed out.

Deputy Director General of CPC Yunnan Province Mr. Peng Bin said, Bangladesh is our trusted friend. Our bi-lateral friendly ties would be further strengthened through undertaking joint collaborative academic and cultural programs. He invited DU VC to pay a visit to Yunnan Province.

DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the Chinese guests for their visit to and keen interest in strengthening on-going collaborative academic and cultural programs with Dhaka University.

### US Embassy

Deputy Director of Public Engagement of US Embassy in Bangladesh Mr. Bren Flanigan

called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on January 24, 2024 at the latter's office of the university.

During the meeting they discussed the possibilities of undertaking joint collaborative academic and research programs on English language skills development, information technology and climate change among Dhaka University and different universities in USA. They stressed the need for 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.

Deputy Director of Public Engagement of US Embassy expressed his willingness to provide academic experts from USA for development of capacity building and enhancement of academic and research activities of DU.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, Dhaka University authorities are relentlessly trying to equip students with knowledge and humanitarian values. He sought cooperation from concerned US authorities for increasing the number of Fulbright scholarship for Bangladeshi students in USA. He also thanked the guest for his visit to Dhaka universities and keen interest in its academic and research activities.

### Malaysian Envoy

Malaysian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Ms. Haznah Md Hashim paid a courtesy call on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal on February 18, 2024 at the latter's office of the university. She was accompanied by Dean of the Faculty of Language and Communication of the University of Pendidikan Sultan Idris Prof. Mazura Mastura Muhammad and Head of Chancery of the High Commission Mr Anis Wajdi Mohd Yusof.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interests specially the possibilities of strengthening ongoing joint collaborative academic and research programs among the University of Dhaka and higher educational institutions in Malaysia. The possibilities of publication of research journal jointly by Dhaka University and University of Pendidikan Sultan Idris as well as exchange of teachers and students among DU and different Malaysian universities were also discussed in the meeting.

Malaysian High Commissioner said, an excellent bilateral and friendly relationship has been prevailing between Bangladesh and Malaysia for a long time. These friendly ties between the two countries will be further strengthened in the days to come, she hoped.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked the High Commissioner for her visit to Dhaka University and keen interest in its academic and research activities.

Later, Malaysian High Commissioner visited the Centre of Malay Studies at the Institute of Modern Languages of Dhaka University.



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## 52nd anniversary of withdrawal of Indian troops from Bangladesh observed



Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has said that India is Bangladesh's tested and proven friend. The alliance between Bangladesh and India is unconditional. India always stood by Bangladesh during our tough times. Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal made the above remarks while addressing as chief guest a program at Dhaka University on 'the 52nd anniversary of the withdrawal of Indian troops from Bangladesh'. The event organised jointly by Dhaka University and Valient Freedom Fighter A K M Bazlur Rahman Foundation was addressed by Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma, Quarter Master General of Army Headquarter Lt. Gen. Md. Mojibur Rahman and DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bacher as Guests of Honor. Independence Award winner Freedom Fighter Lt. Col. (Retd.) Sazzad Ali Zahir and Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Hossain of DU History Department presented the key-note speeches. Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal

recalled that the then Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi pulled out Indian soldiers from Bangladesh on 12 March 1972 on request from Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal also talked about the invaluable cooperation and support that India extended to Bangladesh during the Liberation War of 1971. Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said that a large number of Indian soldiers sacrificed their lives for Bangladesh's independence in 1971. He expressed gratefulness to India for supporting Bangladesh during the Liberation War. Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma said that the pullout of Indian soldiers from Bangladesh in March 1972 was a reflection of the profound friendship and reciprocal honour between India and Bangladesh. He expressed hope that the brotherly affiliations between the two countries will flourish more in the days to come.

## 'Climate Change and Public Health' course certificate given



Certificate giving ceremony of three-month long Certificate Course on 'Climate Change and Public Health' was held on January 30, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal distributed certificates among the participants as chief guest. The Department of Disaster Science and Climate Resilience (DSCR) of DU and Climate Change and Health Promotion Unit (CCHPU) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare jointly organized the event in cooperation with UNFPA and UKaid. Dean of the Faculty of Earth and

Environmental Sciences of DU Prof. Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman presided over the function while president of Public Health Association of Bangladesh Prof. Dr. Shah Monir Hossain and Leader of Human Capital Team of FCDO Ms. Fahmida Shabnam addressed it as special guests. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal urged the researchers and policy makers to work together for making Bangladesh a climate-resilient country. He stressed the need for strengthening collaboration among industry, academia, ministry and different research organizations to reduce the vulnerabilities due to climate change.

## Siddique attends Scout Friendship Camp in India

Noore Alam Siddique, a Master's student in the Department of Geography and Environment of Dhaka University, participated in the '2nd Indo-Bangladesh Scout Friendship Camp-2024' held on February 26-March 3 at the 'National Adventure Camp' in Darjeeling, India. This event was jointly organized by 'Bangladesh Scouts' and 'India Scouts and Guides'. He represented Dhaka University Rover Scout Group in the camp and exchanged views with participants.



## Alumni must contribute to DU overall development: VC

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, Alumni have an important role for the overall development of their own university. He urged the alumni to provide more scholarship to underprivileged students of Dhaka University and extend cooperation for the development of quality education and research of the university. DU VC was addressing a view-exchange meeting with the leaders of DU Central Alumni Association, departments, halls, institutes and other alumni associations as the chair on 29 February, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building Auditorium. DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bacher, Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed and different Alumni Association leaders spoke at the meeting. Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, DU authorities have already taken initiatives to provide scholarship to all first year Undergraduate students. Our alumni must come forward with help and cooperation for implementation of this initiative. We need to strengthen our relationship with alumni and enhance their contribution to make our initiatives successful. Alumni will donate to the DU Endowment Fund for the overall development of education and research activities, DU VC hopped.

## Pro-VC Muhammad Samad's poetry evening held

Ekushey Padak winner poet and Pro-Vice Chancellor (Admin) of Dhaka University Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad's poetry evening was held on March 10, 2024 at Osman-Jamal auditorium of Fine Art Faculty of the university.

Noted actor Asaduzzaman Noor, MP presided over the program while Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal addressed the function as chief guest. Renowned poet and fiction writer Anisul Haque delivered a speech on poet Muhammad Samad's poems. Besides, noted reciters-Rupa Chakraborti, Shimul Mustafa, Shahadat Hossain Nipu, Mahidul Islam, Naila Tarannum Chowdhury Kakoli and Tamanna Sarwar Nipa recited Muhammad Samad's poems. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal thanked and greeted Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad for getting prestigious Ekushey Padak. He said, Dr. Samad is a distinguished scholar, teacher, researcher and poet. He earned wide reputation as a poet from home and abroad, DU VC pointed out. Asaduzzaman Noor congratulated Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad for winning Ekushey Padak and said, he is a brave and outstanding poet of Bangladesh.

## Int'l Women's Day observed

# Seminar on 'Empowering Future: Invest in Women towards Smart Bangladesh'



Dhaka University Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Centre for Gender and Development Studies organized a seminar on 'Empowering Future: Invest in Women towards Smart Bangladesh' on March 13, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban marking the International Women's Day. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal presided over the seminar while Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP attended it as chief guest. Bangladesh High Commissioner in UK Ms. Saida Muna Tasneem and DU Social Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Zia Rahman addressed the seminar as special guests. President of Bangladesh Alliance for Women Leadership Nasim Firdaus delivered key-note speech. Director General of BIDS Binayak Sen, Director of Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Centre for Gender and Development Studies Prof. Dr. Tania Haque, Honorary Prof. Dr. Nazmunnessa Mahtab of DU Women and Gender Studies Department, Founder of Bibi Productions Bibi Russel, Managing Director of Dhansiri Communication Ltd. Shomi Kaiser

and Country Director of Action Aid Farah Kabir were, among others, spokes on this occasion. Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Bangladesh has made a tremendous progress in empowering women in social, political and economic sectors. Bangladesh has set an example in the world by empowering women at all levels. Women should be empowered intellectually and economically. Besides, they should be equipped with technological knowledge for advancement of the country, he added. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal emphasized on more involvement of women with decision-making process in the country. He said that in absence of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib gave directives to Awami League leaders and activists. She also advised Bangabandhu in taking major political decisions. The contribution of women to our socio-economic development is remarkable, he pointed out.

## Seminar on Arsenic in Groundwater held



In commemoration of twenty-five years of fruitful cooperation between Dhaka University and the KTH Royal Institute of Sweden, a seminar on 'Arsenic in Groundwater--Sustainable Mitigation and System Strengthening for Enhancing Drinking Water Safety in Bangladesh,' was held at DU Department of Geology auditorium. The seminar, inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. ASM Maksud Kamal, was addressed by Departmental Chairman Prof. Dr. Subrata Kumar Saha, Dean of the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences Prof. Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman and Miss. Maria Streidshman, Head of

Development Cooperation at the Swedish Embassy in Dhaka. Highlighting the significance of collaborative efforts, speakers emphasized the critical importance of addressing arsenic pollution to ensure clean and safe drinking water for the people. Prof. Dr. ASM Maqsood Kamal said, arsenic pollution is a natural disaster and the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has taken pragmatic measures to combat this issue. He stressed the need for expansion of more joint research programs between DU and KTH. The seminar was attended by departmental teachers, researchers, students and representatives from various institutions.

## Remain alert against anti-liberation forces: DU VC



Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal said, the anti-liberation evil forces and their followers do not acknowledge the great contribution of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The young generation must stand against their conspiracy and ill motives. DU VC was addressing a discussion meeting as chief guest on 'The Importance and Significance of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Historic 7 March Speech' on March 7, 2024 at TSC auditorium of the university.

DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Samad presided over the function while Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar and Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed spoke as Guests of Honor. DUTA President Prof. Dr. Nizamul Haque Bhuiyan, General Secretary Prof. Dr. Zeenat Huda, DU Alumni Association Secretary General Mollah Mohammad Abu Kawser and leaders of different DU associations spoke on this occasion. Registrar Probir Kumar conducted the program.

Upholding the global importance and significance of the historic 7 March Speech DU VC said, this speech is relevant for all countries, all nations and all ages. It inspired and united all Bangalees in 1971 for the Liberation War. This historic speech will be inspiring all neglected, deprived, oppressed and suppressed people of the world. That is why UNESCO recognized the historic 7 March Speech as a World Documentary Heritage in 2017, DU VC added.

He urged all to spread the spirit and significance of 7 March Speech and true history of our Independence among the new generation. We should work together for building a prosperous Smart Bangladesh following the ideals of Father of The Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Earlier, DU VC Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal placed floral wreath on Bangabandhu's portrait at Dhanmondi 32. DU Pro-VC (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar and Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed, teachers, officers and employees of the university were present there.

## DU 8 faculties given Dean's Award



A total of 8 teachers of various departments under the Faculty of Biological Sciences have been awarded 'Dean's Research Award' for their extra-ordinary contributions to fundamental research. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal handed over this award to the awardees as chief guest at a function held on February 15, 2024 at International Mother Language Institute.

Dean of the Faculty of Biological Sciences Prof. Dr. AKM Mahub Hasan presided over the function while Former Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Prof. Dr. Anwar Hossain and Former Pro-Vice Chancellor of DU Prof. Dr. Shahid Akhtar Hossain addressed it special guests. Deans of different faculties, Chairpersons and teachers of the various departments were present on this occasion. Chairperson of the Department of Zoology Prof. Dr. Shefali Begum gave vote of thanks. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M

Maksud Kamal urged the teachers and researchers to conduct pragmatic research which play an effective role in our socio-economic development. DU authority will encouraged researchers in this regard, he pointed out. He emphasized on industry-academia relationship to foster academic and research activities. A long-term action plan is being adopted to develop DU as a research-based educational institution, DU VC added.

Awardees are: Prof. A.H.M.Nurun Nabi of Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; Prof. Dr. Gawsia W. Chowdhury of Department of Zoology; Associate Prof. Dr. Munawar Sultana, Associate Prof. Dr. Md. Mizanur Rahaman and Lecturer Md. Rafiul Islam Ranga of Department of Microbiology; Assistant Prof. Dr. Anwar Hossain and Lecturer Nusrat Jahan Punom of Department of Fisheries and Assistant Prof. Dr. Tahmina Islam of Department of Botany.

## Saraswati Puja celebrated



Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal visited the Pujamandap of Jagannath Hall on February 14, 2024 in observance of Saraswati Puja. Provost of Jagannath Hall Prof. Dr. Mihir Lal Saha, former Provost Prof. Dr. Asim Sarkar, President of DU Teachers'

Association Prof. Dr. Md. Nizamul Hoque Buiyan, Registrar Probir Kumar Sarkar, Proctor Prof. Dr. M. Maksudur Rahman, Deans of various Faculties, Provost of various halls, teachers, students and guests were present.

Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal

greeted Hindu community and others on the occasion of Saraswati Puja.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the Jagannath Hall authorities and all concerned for organizing the puja festival peacefully and smoothly at different halls of Dhaka University.

## DU two students awarded Trust Fund Scholarship



Two meritorious and financially challenged students of the Department of Economics have been awarded 'Dhaka University Economics 1976 Memorial Trust Fund Scholarship' for their outstanding academic performances. The recipients of the scholarship are Md. Abdullah Al Sakib and Sadia. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M

Maksud Kamal handed over this scholarship to the recipients as chief guest at a function held on February 11, 2024 at VC office lounge of the university.

It may be mentioned that students of batch 1976 of DU Economics Department had donated money to establish this Trust Fund for providing scholarship to financially challenged first year

Undergraduate students of the department.

DU Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed presided over the function while Registrar Probir Kumar Sarker, Director of DU Public Relations Office Mahmood Alam, donors' representatives— former Information Commissioner Suraiya Begum, Romendro Chandra Basak, Golam Hafiz Ahmed and Ameer Abdul Wahab were present on this occasion.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal congratulated the awardees and urged them to equip themselves with humanitarian and moral values. He called upon other alumni of different batches of the university to come forward with their helping hands for financially challenged students following the example of batch 1976 of DU Economics Department.

## DU 48 students awarded Earth & Environmental Sciences Dean's Award



Forty Eight meritorious students from different departments under the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences have been awarded "Dean's Award" for their excellent academic results in BS (Hons.) examinations of 2018, 2019 & 2020. Besides, a total of 6 teachers of various departments under this Faculty have been awarded 'Dean's Research Award' for their extra-ordinary contributions to fundamental research. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal handed over this award to the awardees as chief guest at a function held on 10 March, 2024 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of the university.

Dean of the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences Prof. Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman presided over the function while Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof.

Dr. Muhammad Samad, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar and Treasurer Prof. Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed addressed it as special guests. Chairmen of different departments declared the names of awardees. Prof. Dr. Kazi Matin Uddin Ahmed of the Department of Geology gave vote of thanks. Deans of different faculties, teachers and students were present on this occasion.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. A S M Maksud Kamal urged the students of this faculty to play an effective role for well management and extraction of natural resources. He stressed the need for conducting researches on nature, climate, environment, underground and sea to explore natural resources. Awardees would contribute to socio-economic development of the country, DU VC hoped.