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CMO Congress and Fair 2012 held at IUB



To foster a long term sustainability of Protected Area co-management in Bangladesh and to observe National Co-Management Day, Nishorgo Network hosted the Co-Management Organization (CMO) Congress and Fair on 23-24 March 2012 in which IUB was the venue partner.

The inauguration ceremony of the congress was held on Friday, 23 March at IUB. The Honourable Minister of Environment and Forest Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP was present as the Chief Guest. USAID Mission Director Mr. Richard Greene, Ministry of Environment and Forest Secretary Mr Mesbah Ul Alam, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock Secretary Mr Ujjal Bikash Datta, Chairman, Board of Trust, IUB, Mr Towhid Samad and Vice Chancellor of IUB Prof M Omar Rahman were also present at the programme as Special Guests and among others, spoke on the occasion. A good number of forest and wetland dependent community leaders and representatives were present at the ceremony.









Trustee

Anjan Chowdhury

Mr. Anjan Chowdhury is a valiant freedom fighter, a distinguished personality and a prominent and successful businessman of the country. He is a Director of SQUARE GROUP, the pioneer and leading business conglomerate in Bangladesh, engaged in Pharmaceuticals, Textiles, Information Technology, Healthcare, Food & Consumer Products, Organic Tea Plantation, Toiletries, Aviation, banking & Satellite TV Broadcasting having an Annual Turnover in excess of USD 800 million.

Mr. Chowdhury is also associated with quite a few trade bodies, professional and social organizations. Presently, he is the President of Bangladesh Agro processors Association (BAPA), Chairman of Industry Skill Council (Agro-food sector) a USAID Funded Development Project, and Vice President of Bangladesh Cosmetics & Toiletries Manufacturers Association. He serves as an Executive Committee Member of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) and Bangladesh Employers' Federation (BEF) and is also a Director Of Mutual Trust Bank Limited.



Mr. Chowdhury is a Trustee Member of the Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT of Independent University of Bangladesh, Founder Member of The Society for the Promotion of Bangladeshi Art (SPBA) and also President of Annada Gobindo Public Library, Pabna. He is a Councilor of Bangladesh Olympic Association and Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) also having served as Vice President at both these organizations previously. He is an Executive Committee Member of Bangladesh Golf Federation, and Kurmitola Golf Club and a Director of Abahani Limited. He is also a Member of Pabna District Sports Association and a former President of Pabna Press Club. Mr. Chowdhury was awarded the National Sports Award 2009 for his outstanding contribution in the sporting arena of the country by The Ministry of Youth & Sports. He is also a member of the elite social clubs of the city namely Dhaka Club, Gulshan Club and Uttara Club Limited.

Mr. Chowdhury is also well known as a film producer having produced many feature films, short films, telefims, single dramas and drama serials. He received the National Film Award 2010 as Best Producer in the year 2011 for his widely acclaimed feature film "Monpura" by the Ministry of Information, Government of the people's Republic of Bangladesh.

Apart from business, Mr. Chowdhury is involved in various philanthropic activities particularly focusing on the sustainable economic and educational development of the under privileged. He was recognized by the Government of Bangladesh as a Commercially Important Person (CIP) since 2005 and Very Important Taxpayer since 2008 for his continuous contribution to the economic development of the country. He is a business graduate from the US and also completed different advanced courses on Business Management.

Mr. Anjan Chowdhury was born on July 17, 1954.

Faculty

Mahady Hasan



Assistant Professor Dr. Mahady Hasan graduated from the School of Engineering and Computer Science of IUB in 2001. After his graduation, he worked in Brac Information Technology Institute as Course Coordinator. He went to the University of Sydney, Australia for Master's in Information Technology, completed his Master's in 2004 with distinction and joined IUB as Lecturer. He worked as an active member for Educational Software Development Project, funded by European Union and collaboration with Bremen University Germany. He also engaged himself with micro-controlled based research work and published satisfactory number of research papers.

In 2006, Mr. Hasan received Australian Postgraduate Award, one of the most prestigious and merit-based scholarship for Australian scholars to undertake his proposed doctoral (PhD) program at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). In his work he proposed a new data structure to store spatial objects and many algorithms to compute spatial queries. Mr. Hasan also worked at UNSW as tutor and grader, James Cook University as Lecturer, Information Technology Training Institute as IT Consultant (to update IT curriculum) and Lecturer, and Australian Pacific College as Lecturer. Mr. Hasan has professional affiliation with many Database communities. Mr. Hasan's research interests include Spatial Databases, Continuous Spatial Queries, Geometrical Computation and Data mining.

Alumni

Rashid Ahmed Bin Wali



Mr Rashid Ahmed Bin Wali (Caesar) obtained Bachelor of Business Administration (Major: Marketing, Minor: Development Communication) from Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) scoring CGPA 3.45 (on a scale of 4). At present he is working with Mutual Trust Bank Limited as Head of Privilege Banking. He also worked for Beximco Padma Textile Mills Limited as Probationary Officer under Marketing Division, BRAC Bank Limited as Management Trainee Officer (MTO) & ICB Islamic Bank Limited as Branch Manager in the past.

Seminar on *Sensitizing the Youth & Young Entrepreneurs on CSR and UN Global Compact for Sustainable Business*



The Business Students' Society (BSS) of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organized a seminar in association with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Centre on "Sensitizing the Youth & Young Entrepreneurs on CSR and UN Global Compact for Sustainable Business" on the 1st March, 2012 at the Lecture Theater of the academic block of the university. Prof. M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, IUB in his welcoming speech thanked the guests and CSR Center. Dr. Tanvir A Khan also gave a motivational speech and welcomed Mr. Ejaj Ahmed, CEO of Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) and Korvi Rkshand, Founder of Jaago Foundation to share their experience on building their organization and leadership.



IUBDC Organizes Debate

IUB Debating Club (IUBDC) organized a debate on 'This house would send women as ambassadors to the countries that oppress women' on Wednesday, 28 March 2012. The debaters who spoke for the motion were Sajidur Rahman, Hashmi Rafsanjani and Nafiur Rahman (the Government team) and those who opposed them were Sarfaraz Khan, Christopher Sangma and Moqtadir Raihan (the opposition team). The debate was adjudicated by Professor Razia Sultana Khan, Head Department of English and Modern Languages, Dr. Tanvir A Khan, Registrar, IUB and Mr Md Shaiful Islam in which the Government team defeated the opposition. A number of students were present to enjoy the debate.

Independence Day celebration











To mark the 41st Independence Day the Division of Students Affairs (DoSA) of IUB organized a series of events through out the month of March. On 16th March 2012 a football match titled IUB Independence Day Football Tournament where Lucky Strikes the champion team defeated Power Lords by 3-0 goals. In the same week DoSA and Quantum Method Foundation organized a two day voluntary blood donation programme at the university campus where, students, faculty members and other staff members of IUB donated blood. Prof. M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, IUB was present at the programme to motivate the students. In the following week DoSA organized a food carnival and observed the Independence Day on 26th March 2012 through a cultural programme in which students participated in many activities such as musical performance, fashion show, fire spinning and fireworks. To entertain the students; bands like Shunno and Shironamhin also performed in the cultural programme.

Environmental Science Colloquium at IUB





The Department of Environmental Science organized a day-long Environmental Science Colloquium titled Scientific Thinking to Combat Future Challenges on 28 March, 2012 at its permanent campus at Bashundhara, Dhaka. Prof. M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, IUB was present as the Chief Guest on the occasion. Prof. M Ali Hossain, Head, Department of Environmental Science and Chair of Organizing Committee, delivered the welcome speech and said that the colloquium was organized to nurture the student's interest in science and environment. After the opening ceremony the Vice Chancellor inaugurated the project based poster exhibition designed by freshman students of Environmental Science. A total of three hundred students participated in the project based poster exhibition.

The best poster announced was based on Air Pollution done by Mr. Naumus Sabit, Ms. Ana Kashfia, Mr. Md. Ali Hasib, Mr. Sheikh Imam Sharif, and Mr. Noore Alam Siddiqi under the supervision of Dr. Md. Hafizur Rahman.

Art Exhibition: A trilogy of 41st Independence Day

The Art Club commemorated the 41st Independence Day through three weeks long painting exhibition at the academic premises of the Liberal Arts Faculty on 28th March, 2012. Prof. Nazrul Islam, Dean School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Dr. GM Shahidul Alam, Head Department of Media and Communication were present at the opening ceremony. The displayed paintings were based on based on two renowned songs of Tagore, done by students of Arts and Aesthetics 101, Autumn 2011, representing the war and peace of 1971. Among others, the exhibition was visited by Dr. Razia Sultana Khan, Head, Department of English and Modern Languages, Dr. Tanvir A Khan, Registrar, IUB.





Chief Information Commissioner talks at IUB





To sensitize the young students about the Right to Information (RTI) and Information Commission, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organized a talk on `Right to Information, Good Governance and Accountability' on Thursday, 15 March 2012, at its permanent campus at Bashundhara, Dhaka. Ambassador (Rtd.) Muhammad Zamir, the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), Information Commission, Bangladesh, was the key-note speaker. The CIC talked about Information Commission and cited a number of instances to describe the role of the commission. He informed the audience that the Information Commission achieved mentionable success in the last nine months after its inception. He invited all to come and get services from the commission. The Chief Information Commissioner encountered a few questions from the audiences after his talk.

The Vice Chancellor of IUB Prof M Omar Rahman attended the programme and delivered the welcome address while Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB, delivered the formal vote of thanks.





SECS organizes Inter College Math Olympiad

IUB and Bangla News 24.com jointly organized the National Innovative Project Competition and Inter College Math Olympiad on 15th March, 2012 at the university's campus at Bashundhara, Dhaka. Vice Chancellor Professor M Omar Rahman, inaugurated the competition and mentioned in his welcome speech 'one should not have interest in mathematics just for professional purpose but to enjoy it'. Prof. Md. Anwer, Dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS) mentioned in his welcome speech that such competition will be organized every year. Many reputed school, colleges and universities of Dhaka took part in this event.

Robi & IUB Young Journalist contest



To highlight potentials of the students of media and journalism, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) and Robi Axiata Limited organized a contest on journalism titled "Robi and IUB Young Journalism Contest 2012". The launching ceremony of this contest was held at IUB's permanent campus on 21st March, 2012. Prof. M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, IUB made his presence at the ceremony as Chief Guest.

Teamed up students were told to submit a story on how the youth of Bangladesh are bringing positive change and submit in a video format of 2 minutes which were checked by eminent journalists. The winners were rewarded with cash money and exclusive workshops at media houses with senior journalists. Also present at the ceremony were Dr. GM Shahidul Alam, Head Department of Media and Communication, Mr. Mohiuddin Babar, Vice President, Corporate Communication & Media Relations, CRL, and other senior officials of Robi Axiata Ltd.

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