

## Eastern University

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### The Advisor's Note

The EU Newsletter is essentially a semestral bulletin heralding a new semester and addressed primarily to freshers to the University. That is obviously the reason why it makes its appearance on the Orientation Day for each semester. The aim is to introduce the new members of the EU family - the freshers and their guardians in particular - to the major academic and cultural events that highlight the defining spirit of the University. It would be a pointless pleonasm to say that Eastern University is by its name and nature a seat of learning at the highest level to which its commitment has always been faultless. However, Eastern University also believes that the highest seat of learning, regardless of whatever 'local habitation and name' it bears, can not remain high unless it fosters a throbbing cultural life to crown its academic achievements. This belief has led to the formation of a number of clubs worked jointly by teachers, students and officials through which EU organizes and promotes a wide range of extra-curricular activities. They are meant to bring out and nurture the great variety of talents which freshers bring with them to Eastern University. We do want them to emulate big names in the academic and cultural life of the land.

Much more than thanks are due to those among the faculty and staff who have worked tirelessly to make the timely publication of the Newsletter possible.

### Professor Dr. Nurul Islam Joins as the Vice Chancellor of Eastern University

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has appointed Professor Dr. Nurul Islam Vice Chancellor of Eastern University for a term of four years and he has taken over recently. Prior to his appointment as Vice Chancellor he had been Professor of English and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the same University for the last eight years.

Dr. Islam was the founder Chairman of the Department of English of Jahangirnagar University. At Jahangirnagar, he was Dean, member of the Syndicate, Senate, Finance Committee at different times. He was also President, Vice President and General Secretary of Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association and in that capacity he was also on the executive committee of Bangladesh University Teachers' Associations Federation. He was Vice President of Bangladesh College-University Teachers' Association. He was the founding General Secretary of the English Teachers' Association of Bangladesh.

Professor Dr. Nurul Islam was educated at Dhaka University, the University of Leeds, Birkbeck College, London University and the University of Ulster (U.K.), and he was Fulbright Senior Scholar at Michigan State University, USA. He was awarded the 1988 UGC Prize for his research in English Studies. His publications include: *Graham Greene: an Inverted Humanist*, *D.H. Lawrence: His Early Writings*, *Tales of Human Endeavour*, *The State of English in Bangladesh Today* (ed.). Prior to joining Eastern University in October 2003, Dr. Islam was at King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia where he taught English for about a decade.



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## Farewell Ceremony of the Outgoing Vice Chancellor

Recently a Farewell Ceremony was held in the University Auditorium in honour of the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Eastern University, Professor A.K.M. Saiful Majid. The program was presided over by the Chairman, Board of Trustees, Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury. Members of the Board of Trustees, Dr. ABM Shahidul Islam, Mesbah Uddin Ahmed and Al Haj Sheikh Saidur Rahman and the new Vice Chancellor, Eastern University, Professor Dr. Nurul Islam, spoke of the achievements of the outgoing Vice Chancellor. At the end of the ceremony, Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, EU, handed over a crest and a flower bouquet to the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Professor A.K.M. Saiful Majid. He also welcomed the new Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Nurul Islam with a crest and a flower bouquet.



### Professor Dr. Md. Serajul Islam Joins as the Pro-VC of Eastern University

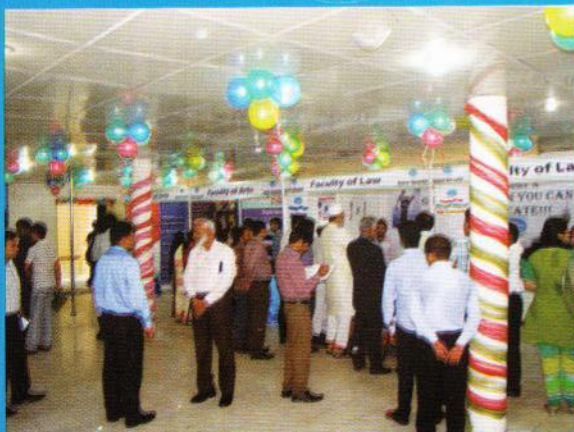
Prof. Dr. Md. Serajul Islam has recently joined as the Pro-Vice Chancellor of Eastern University in addition to his normal duties as Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, EU. He was former Dean, Faculty of Business Studies and Chairman, Department of Management Studies of Dhaka University. He was a member of Finance Committee & Senate of Dhaka University and a Syndicate Member of BUET.

### Professor Kashinath Roy Joins as Dean, Faculty of Arts

Prof. Kashinath Roy has recently joined as Dean, Faculty of Arts and he is also Dean-in-Charge of the Faculty of Law in addition to his normal duties as Professor of English from 14 September 2011. He is one of the most outstanding and experienced teachers of English Literature in Bangladesh.



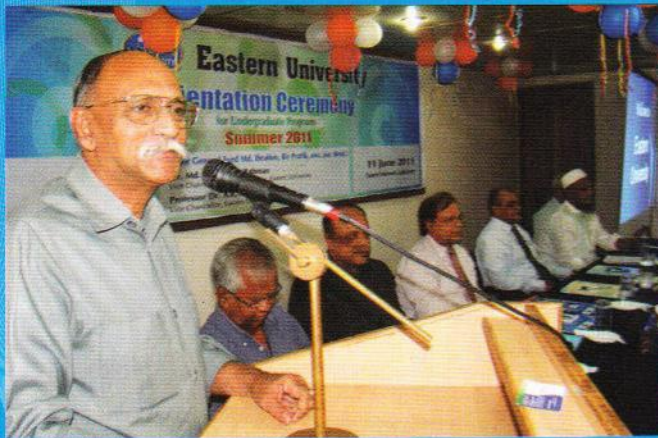
## Admission Fair - Fall 2011



With a view to facilitating the aspiring students wanting to get admitted in the Fall Semester providing them with necessary information about the university, Eastern University organized two Admission Fairs. The first one was held from 12 to 14 September and the second one started from October 1 and continued till October 3 in the University Auditorium. In the fair, the aspiring students got an opportunity to have a face-to-face discussion with experienced and senior professors regarding higher education and career options. The fair proved to be the right platform for them to get all the information they needed. The university also

offered concessions and gifts for the students upon their collecting admission forms.

## The Orientation Ceremony: Summer 2011



An Orientation Ceremony for the new undergraduate students of Summer 2011 was held on June 11, 2011 in the University Auditorium. Major Gen. (retd.) Syed Md. Ibrahim, Bir Protik, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. A.K.M. Saiful Majid, Vice-Chancellor, Eastern University, presided over the ceremony. In his speech, the Chief Guest, Major Gen. (retd.) Syed Md. Ibrahim, Bir Protik, spoke of the significant contribution by the private universities including Eastern University in the educational sector.

Orientation Ceremony for Master's Programs was held on June 14, 2011 in the University Auditorium. Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Honourable State Minister for the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest. Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Eastern University, was present as the Special Guest of the program. The Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University Professor Dr. A. K. M. Saiful Majid presided over the ceremony. M.A. students from all departments were present at the ceremony. Registrar Brig. Gen. Shafaat Ahmad, ndc, psc (Retd.), welcomed the freshers to the University. Deans from different faculties introduced their respective departments to the new students on the occasion.

## Eastern University Signs MOU with Yunnan University of Finance and Economics

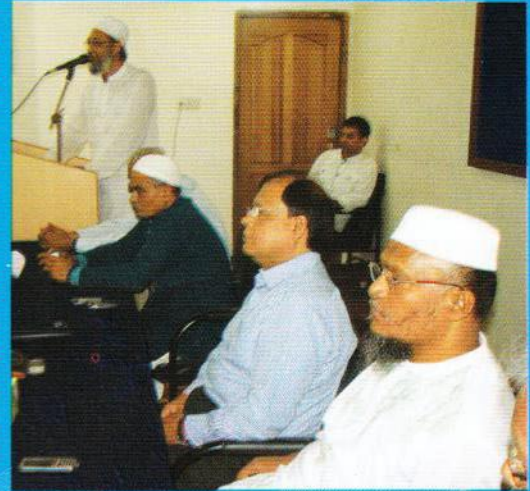
With the motto to excel in education, research and training, recently Eastern University has signed an MOU with Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, China. Both universities will be jointly organizing various workshops, research programs, training etc. under this MOU. Also, from now onwards the students of the Eastern University will be able to transfer their credits to the Yunnan University of Finance and Economics. Vice Chancellor, Eastern University, Professor A.K.M. Saiful Majid and Professor



Wang Rong, Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, signed the MOU on behalf of the universities. Vice President of Yunnan University of Finance and Economics graced the occasion with his presence. Deans, Advisors, Chairpersons and Faculty members and executives of Eastern University were also present on the occasion.

## Eastern University Observes National Mourning Day

National Mourning Day marking the 36th anniversary of the death of the Father of the nation Bangobondhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed in the Auditorium on August 21, 2011. Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Eastern University, presided over the program. Professor Dr. A.K.M. Saiful Majid, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Deans, chairpersons, faculty members, coordinators, officials, advisors and students from different departments were also present at the program. With deep respect the speakers recalled Bangobondhu's contribution to Bangladesh's independence struggle, adding that Mujib was the architect of independent and sovereign Bangladesh. They also said that he suffered torture and imprisonment to establish people's rights.



## EUDTF Stages its 4th Drama - Shuronga: again a colossal accomplishment



Eastern University Drama and Theatre Forum (EUDTF) staged a Bangla drama Shuronga of Syed Waliullah as its annual drama project for Eastern University on 20 July 2011 at the National Museum. Eminent film maker Mr. Morshedul Islam graced the occasion as Guest of Honor. Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Eastern University, inaugurated the event and Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University Professor Dr. A. K. M. Saiful Majid, and Mr. Mostafizur Rahman, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, were present as special guests. The play was directed by Shatil Kabir and the whole program was put together by Ms. Nazla Fatmi, Co-ordinator of EUDTF.

## Iftar Party

Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Eastern University, hosted an iftar party at the Auditorium on August 24, 2011. A munajat was offered before the iftar, seeking divine blessings for peace and progress of Eastern University. Deans, chairpersons, faculty members, coordinators, officials and advisors attended the iftar party.



## Seminar on "Emerging Technology towards IT Career"

A seminar entitled "Emerging Technology towards IT Career" was jointly organized under the auspices of Seminar Club, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Eastern University and New Horizons CLC on 21 September, 2011 in the University Auditorium. Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Eastern University, graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Professor Dr. Nurul Islam, Vice Chancellor, Eastern University, was the Guest of Honor at the seminar. The key note speech was presented by Mr. Monir Ahmed, GM (sales), New Horizons CLC. Dr. Mahfuzur Rahman, Chairperson, Dept. of CSIT, Eastern University, presided over the seminar while Professor Dr. Mirza Golam Rabbani, Chairperson, Dept. of EEE, was present as Special Guest.



## Srabon Dhara - 1418



Eastern University Cultural Club (EUCC) celebrated the Rainy Season with a discussion session and cultural program titled 'Srabon Dhara' on 25 July 2011 at the University Auditorium. Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Eastern University, was present as Chief Guest and Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University Professor Dr. A. K. M. Saiful Majid chaired the celebration. Music, dance and recitation highlighting the different aspects of the rains were performed with great zeal by the students. This program was organized by Muntasir Mamun, Co-ordinator, EUCC.

## Meditation program on Success and Spirituality

A Meditation program on Success and Spirituality was organized by the EU Social Welfare Club on 7 August 2011 in the University Auditorium. Mr. Sanjay Kathuria, Lead Country Economist, The World Bank, was present as Chief Guest and Mr. Ashok K. Singh (Meditation Speaker), Country Head, Aditya Birla Group, was the Special Guest at the program. The Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University Professor Dr. A. K. M. Saiful Majid chaired the occasion.

## Certificate Giving Ceremony of the IT Training Course



A certificate giving ceremony was followed by an IT Training Course on August 10, 2011 at the University Auditorium. The program was chaired by Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University Professor Dr. A. K. M. Saiful Majid. Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Eastern University, was present as Chief Guest at the program. Deans of all the faculties were also present at the program. This program was jointly organized by the Korea Internet Volunteers and Eastern University. The month long training program specially focused on Graphics and Multimedia to develop students' skill in IT.

## Innovative Enthusiasm Fair 2011

A fair titled 'Innovative Enthusiasm' organized by the Entrepreneurship Club was held on 24 July in the University Auditorium. The fair was initiated as part of the entrepreneurship development. Mainly the BBA students learnt how to set up tangible business in the light of their books and knowledge. Fifteen groups participated in the fair in a festive environment. Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Eastern University, inaugurated the fair. Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University Professor Dr. A. K. M. Saiful Majid was present as the Special Guest of the fair. The Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration Prof. Dr. Md. Serajul Islam along with other faculty members and staff was also present at the program.



## Eastern University Language Club organizes Language Competition



Though the Language club is an old club, its activities were clogged for sometime. This club got back to its activities with a Prize Distribution Ceremony held on 14 July 2011 followed by a Language Competition program. The new Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University, Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam chaired the Prize Distribution Ceremony and Ms. Sureya Huda, Chairperson, Department of English, inaugurated the Competition program. This time the competition was limited to Faculty of Arts only. From the Fall Semester the club will start its activities fully. This club has been activated once again with the aim to develop the students' English.

The club will regularly organize competitions, movie sessions, reading sessions, discussion sessions etc.

## Department of English Presents its 9th Literary Reading Session



Recently on the 20th of September the Department of English of Eastern University put together its 9th Literary Reading Session in the University Auditorium. Special recitations were presented by Progga Laboni on the occasion. Vice Chancellor, Eastern University, Professor Dr. Nurul Islam, graced the session with his kind presence and his recitation of Patrick Kavanagh. Dean, Faculty of Arts, Professor. Kashinath Roy, recited one of his early poems entitled "Apuerno Babu" on the occasion. Ms. Surya Huda, Chairperson, Department of English, also recited some of her favourites while other Faculty members recited their own poems. Md. Moniruzzaman Akand, one of the Faculty members of the Department of English, was the 'Poet in Focus'. The program was moderated by Sharif Rakib Hasan. Some of the students of the Department of English also recited their own poems while two of the faculty members of the Dept. of English rendered songs on the occasion. Guest poets also graced the session with their recitations. The literary session was an effort to provide a platform to the aspiring poets for sharing their talent. The whole event was coordinated by Tanvir Hasan Malik, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Eastern University.

## Seminar on 'Contribution of Eastern University in Higher Education' in Pabna



Recently a seminar entitled "The Contribution of Eastern University in Higher Education" was held in Pabna. Four local colleges were awarded for their contribution in Education on the occasion. Professor Dr. Md. Serajul Islam, Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, Eastern University, presided over the seminar. Deputy Commissioner of Pabna, Mr. Mostafizur Rahman, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Md. Nurunnabi Mollah, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, EU, was present as discussant in the seminar.

The seminar was rounded off with a cultural program by the Eastern University Cultural Club (EUCC) and the famous music band 'Synthesizer' from Dhaka. Teachers and students of various educational institutions of Pabna attended the program.

## Achievements of Eastern University Debating Club



Eastern University Debating Club is going to participate in World Universities Debating Championship (WUDC), 2011 which will be held in Manila, Philippines on December 27, 2011-January 04, 2012. The University will send a team consisting of two members, an adjudicator and an independent observer. In order to form the team representing Eastern University in WUDC, EUDC undertook a selection process. For primary selection, EUDC arranged a Public Speaking Competition which was held on July 21, 2011 at Eastern University Auditorium. EUDC is now providing a thorough and intensive training for the final selection.

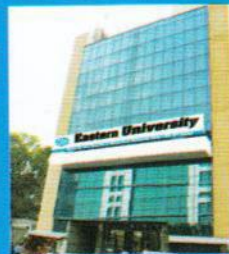
Throughout the semester, EUDC has participated in various debate competitions held at different universities and achieved great success. EUDC has also been invited by ATN Bangla Campus Parliament to participate in 'Bijoy Dibosh Bitarka Utshob' for its outstanding performance in the last session of Campus Parliament, Round 2.

Kazi Tahmina (Senior Lecturer, English Department, Eastern University) has been working as the Coordinator and Humaira Shegufta Chowdhury (Lecturer, English Department, Eastern University) has been working as the Treasurer of Eastern University Debating Club since October, 2010.

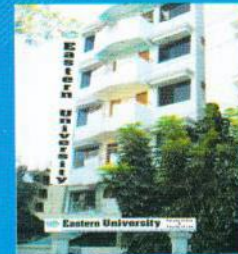
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