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The Advisor's Note

The Eastern University Newsletter henceforth to be known as EU Newsletter is a semestral publication. It comes out regularly at the start of a new semester and is presented on the Orientation day of the semester and distributed among newly admitted students and their guardians. The EU Newsletter is basically a broadsheet on the happenings that take place in the previous semester. The Newsletter actually provides a glimpse of what Eastern University stands for and how it functions through the semesters. As a university, EU naturally puts emphasis on the academic grooming of the students, but it puts equal emphasis on the extracurricular activities so that students not only become knowledgeable and scholarly, but they are also groomed to be smart, self-confident and dynamic. The Newsletter records the academic and extra-academic activities of the students, teachers and office staff in order to enthuse all, particularly the students so that they do the same when their turn comes.

I wish the EU Newsletter well and congratulate the members of the faculty and the staff who worked tirelessly to bring it out.

Dr. Nazrul Islam joins as the Dean of Business Administration

Professor Dr. Nazrul Islam has recently joined Eastern University as the Dean of Business Administration. A graduate from the Management Department of Dhaka University, Dr. Nazrul Islam did his MBA and later his PhD from Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand. Starting his profession as a teacher in Khulna University in 1991, he has taught in many private universities. He was the Dean of Faculty of Business and Economics at East West University. He also



taught in North South University. He was the editor of Global Business and Management Forum. Presently he is the editor of the North South Business Review and East West Journal of Business and Social Studies.

Dr. Md. Nurul Islam joins as the Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Technology



Professor Dr. Md. Nurul Islam has currently joined Eastern University as the Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Technology. He is a graduate of the Department of Physics, Dhaka University. Dr. Islam completed his PhD from the University of Glasgow in UK. Before joining Eastern University, he was the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering at Northern University. Dr. Islam spent most of his teaching career at Chittagong University where he was, among other portfolios, the Dean of the Faculty of Science for two terms.

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Eastern University Mathematics Olympiad (EUMO) 2012



On June 29, 2012 Eastern University organized a mathematics olympiad in Brindaban Govt. College in Habiganj. Later in Zilla Parishad Auditorium of Habiganj Prize Giving Ceremony with Cultural Program was held. The chief guest of the ceremony was the eminent writer and educationist Prof, Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal. Prof. Dr. M. Kaykobad, and the Honourable Vice Chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) Prof. Dr. Md. Saleh Uddin graced the occasion as the guests of honour. Prof. Dr. Laek Sazzad Andallah, Secretary Bangladesh Mathematical Society, Prof. Dr. A. K. M. Saiful Majid, Director, IBA, Dhaka University and

Member, BOT, Eastern University, and Mr. Md. Shamsuzzaman, Chairman, Finance Committee and Member, BOT, Eastern University were the special guests. The session was chaired by Mr. Mahmud Hassan, DC, Habiganj. Prof. Dr. Mirza Golam Rabbani, Co-Convener, EUMO gave the vote of thanks.

EU 1st Inter University Essay Writing Competition Organized by EU Social Welfare Club

Eastern University Social Welfare Club (EU SOWCL) organized an essay writing competition on "The Importance of Bangla in Our National Life". Students from different private and public universities across Bangladesh participated in the competition. The final prize giving ceremony of the competition took place on 30th June, 2012 at the Public Library Auditorium. The Professor



Emeritus of DU, Dr. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, the veteran Language Movement leader of 1952, Abdul Matin, Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, Honourable MP, People's Republic of Bangladesh and President of Bangladesh Workers Party, Mr. Morshed Uddin Ahmed, Deputy Director of Bangla Academy, Md. Mustafa Jabbar, Ex-President BCS and Chief Managing Director, Ananda Multimedia, Prof. Bishwajit Gosh, Department of Bangla, DU, Md. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Member, Board of Trustees, EU and Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University spoke on the occasion.

Oli Ahad Thakur, Chief Coordinator of EU SOWCL and Md. Khorshed Alam Novel, President of EU SOWCL were also present at the programme. The competition was under the direct supervision of Bangla Academy, Bangla Department of DU and Bangla Department of JU. Tanzia Ahmed, a student of DU won the 1st prize, a Laptop. Zinat Rehana, a student of IIUC won the 2nd prize, a Desktop Computer. And Khairul Islam, a student of DU won the 3rd prize, a Digital Dictionary. As a consolation prize, valuable books were given to all the top 13 participants. Amin Mohammad Group was the prize sponsor for the competition.

Orientation Ceremony: Summer 2012



The Orientation Ceremony for the undergraduate students of Summer 2012 was held on May 26, 2012 on the premises of the Faculty of Business Administration. The chief guest was the Chairman, Mohammadi Group and former Chairman, FBCCI and SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Anisul Haque. In his speech, Mr. Anisul Haque asked the students to concentrate on their studies and said, "Strong perseverance is needed to acquire knowledge. I hope that today's students will be well-educated and good persons to lead in future." The chair of the ceremony

Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam highlighted the goals and visions of the university and said that from the very beginning Eastern University is uncompromising in case of maintaining the standard of the education. The Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Serajul Islam, Prof. Borhan uddin Khan, Advisor, Faculty of Law and the Deans of different faculties also addressed on the occasion.

The orientation Ceremony for Master's Programs was held on May 29, 2012 in the university auditorium. The programme was presided over by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam and Mr. Niaz Ahmed, Director, National Bank Ltd. was the chief guest. M.A students from all departments were present at the event. Alhaji Shaikh Saidur Rahman, Member Board of Trustees, Prof. Borhan uddin Khan, Advisor, Faculty of Law, Ms. Iffat Ara Nasreen Majid, Advisor to the ELT Program and the Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. Kashinath Roy also addressed on the occasion.



ELT Workshop on "Techniques of Teaching Grammar Communicatively to Large Classes"



On 8 June, 2012 an ELT workshop on "Techniques of Teaching Grammar Communicatively to Large Classes" was held in the Department of English. Ms. Iffat Ara Nasreen Majid, Associate Professor, Institute of Modern Languages, DU and the Advisor to ELT Program, EU conducted the workshop. Different ELT practitioners and students of ELT attended the workshop. The workshop was designed keeping in mind the growing necessity of applying Communicative Approach in a large grammar classroom. At the end of the workshop, the participants were awarded with certificates.

Admission Fair - Fall 2012

Eastern University organized an Admission Fair with a view to facilitating the aspiring students wanting to get admitted in the Fall Semester providing them with necessary information about the university. It was held from 16 to 18 September 2012 in the University Campus-5 (H# 26, Rd# 5, Dhanmondi). 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.



EU Law Students Visit Court



The students of the Faculty of Law visited the Judges Court, Dhaka on September 4, 2012 along with their course teacher. The visit was part of the procedure to gather practical knowledge regarding the functioning of a court which included preparing of a plaint, determining the jurisdiction of the court, filing a suit, following the different stages of the suit, adjudication by the court, the pronouncement of the judgment and decree and their enforcement, etc. Every semester the Faculty of Law arranges such visits for the beneficial of the students.

EU SOWCL celebrates its 7th Foundation Day at EU

Eastern University Social Welfare Club (EU SOWCL) celebrated its 7th foundation day on June 9, 2012. Prof. Dr. Ashraf Hossain, Chairman, FBA, Eastern University, inaugurated the program. Oli Ahad Thakur, the chief Coordinator of EU SOWCL, and Ms. Kursia Jahan, one of the Coordinators of EU SOWCL were present. Md. Khorshed Alam Novel, President of EU SOWCL, Khandokar Lutfor Rahman, Vice President, Mamoon Rashid, General Secretary, Ibrahim Nasim, Organizing Secretary and all the members of executive committee and general members were also present. Students shared their experiences of working



in different social and academic programs of the club, not only inside the university but also across the country. Formed on 7th June, 2005, EU SOWCL is one of the most vibrant clubs of Eastern University. The motto of this club is "Serve Beyond the Boundary". Though the formal date of foundation of the club is 7th June 2005, the activities of this club began in 2003.

Eastern university celebrates "Borsha Utshob -1419"

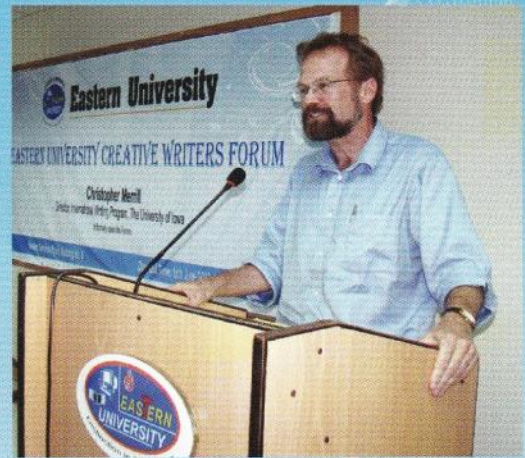


A discussion session followed by a colorful cultural function was held to celebrate the rainy season-1419 on July 4, 2012 under the auspices of Eastern University Cultural Club. Eminent recitationist and actor Mr. Bhasshwar Bandhpadhaya was present on the occasion as the chief guest and Prof. Dr Nurul Islam honourable Vice Chancellor of Eastern University chaired the session. The function was also attended by Prof. Kashinath Roy, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Eastern University. Afterwards, an attractive cultural program

was organized by the students of Eastern University. The faculty members, students and staff of the university enjoyed the program.

Launching Eastern University Creative Writers Forum

On June 18, 2012 Eastern University Creative Writer's Forum was launched with a view to promoting budding writers from among the students and faculty members. The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Eastern University. The eminent poet and the current Director of the International Writer's Program, University of Iowa, the USA, Christopher Merrill graced the occasion as the chief guest and formally opened the forum. Among others were present the eminent academic and writer Dr. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, সব্যসাচী লেখক Syed Shamsul Haq, Prof. Harun-or-Rashid, Prof. Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan, Prof Niaz Zaman, Prof. Kaiser Haq, Prof. Dr. Khondoker Ashraf Hossain, Prof. Kashinath Roy, the writer and renowned psychologist Prof. Anwara Syed Haq, Prof. Sauda Akhtar, the prominent short story writer and poet Mahbub Talukder, the novelist Mr. Anisul Haq, Manju Sarker and representatives from the American Centre. Teachers of Eastern University and the writers present read from their own writings. In the end, Christopher Merrill, recited and read out from his own writings.



Korean IT Team Trains at Eastern University



Recently a South Korean training representative team "Korea IT Volunteers" conducted a one-month training program for Eastern University students on advanced information technology. The Ministry of Public Administration and Security of South Korea jointly organized the program. The training was specifically on advance graphics and multimedia technology. At the end of the training the trainee students were given with certificates on 13th August 2012. The Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam ceremonially gave the certificates.

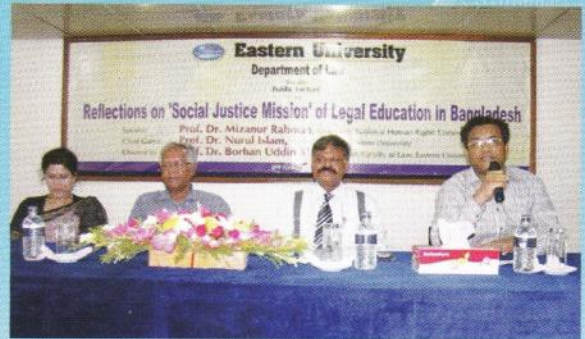
Seminar on 'Higher Education in twenty first Century'

The admission and public relation department of the University organized a seminar on "Higher Education in twenty first Century" and a quiz competition at Eastern University's Seminar room on 5 August 2012. The seminar was conducted by Dr. A. B. M. Shahidul Islam, Professor of Dhaka University and member of Eastern University's Board of Trustees. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam was present as the Chief Guest at the event. Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan, Advisor of the Faculty of Law, Eastern University and Prof. Kashinath Roy, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Eastern University were among the discussants. Selecting a Subject for Higher education and getting admission were amongst the topics discussed during the seminar. In his inspirational speech Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam said, "In today's world the opportunity are world-wide and sky-high but competition is also stiff and hard. You have to keep vigil about the opportunities as well as challenges." The seminar ended with a quiz competition organized for the students.



Law Faculty Lecture series Program

As part of the regular Lecture series program of the Faculty of Law, the second lecture was given on June 9, 2012 by Prof. Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh, on "Reflections on Social Justice Mission in Legal Education of Bangladesh". He dwelt on the redundancy of the current obsolete legal education system, what he termed "in house system of learning, overwhelmingly textual and extensively legalistic" which he said are the blights of legal education system. Prof. Rahman argued that the graduates passing every year are nothing more than mere legal technicians lacking the sensibility to read between the lines therefore rendering the legislations "black letter laws". He added that at the end of the day all these efforts, programs and talks are a way of reminding us, the actors in the legal education system, both student and teachers alike that, this is a discipline that entails social responsibility with it, a responsibility that can not be shaken off or be ignored. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan, Advisor of the Law Faculty and Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, the Honourable Vice Chancellor of the university graced the occasion as the chief guest. The Chairperson, Department of Law, Ishrat Azim Ahmad gave the vote of thanks.



EU hosts Iftar Party



Eastern University hosted a Central Iftar party on 12 August 2012 (Sunday) in the auditorium of the university. Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, Professor Kashinath Roy, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Brigadier General Shafaat Ahmad ndc, psc (Retd.), the Registrar, were present on the occasion. Most of the faculty members and office staffs were also present in the program.

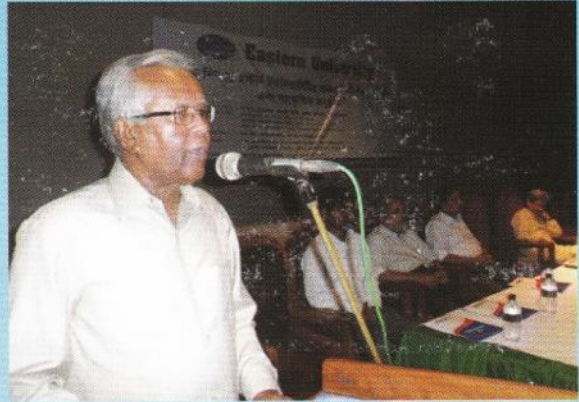
Visual Archive celebrates 1 year of its visual journey

Visual Archive, a visual club of Eastern University, celebrated its one year visual journey on 18 July 2012. In its one year journey, the club has organized two film shows, an inter-department photography competition, a photography exhibition and a workshop on photography. A photo wall magazine portrayed the events during one year journey of Visual Archive. The anniversary was celebrated with a lot of festivity. There was a photography exhibition with photos from the last photography competition. The whole day program was divided into many segments. A film show screened two movies and one telefilm. Then, there was a musical adda where both students and teachers performed and enjoyed a rainy musical afternoon with free jhalmuri. In the evening a presentation and discussion on the genre of passport photography by Quamrul Abedin was followed by a passport size photo session for the teachers and students. The occasion ended with a cake and fun karaoke songs. The program was funded by Eastern University, organized by Arpana Awwal, Senior Lecturer of the Department of English and Coordinator of Visual Archive and made successful by the passionate hard work of the club members.



EU organized a Seminar on "Contribution of EU to higher Studies" in Cox's Bazar

A seminar on "Contribution of EU to higher Studies" followed by giving accolades to a number of colleges and a cultural program was held at Cox's Bazar Cultural centre, Cox's Bazar on June 7, 2012 under the auspices of Eastern University. The seminar was presided over by Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, Vice Chancellor of EU. Prof. Kashinath Roy, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Dr. Md. Shafiullah psc. , Director of MBA Program were the discussants. Prof. Sirajul Mostafa, Pricipal, Cox's Bazar Harvard In't College, was present as the chief guest and the welcome speech was delivered by the Judicial Magistrate of Banderbans district, Mr. F. M. Shefayet Salam, a former student of EU. During the program, Cox's Bazar Commerce College, Cox's Bazar City College and Cox's Bazar Harvard Int'l College were awarded with crests and books for their extraordinary contribution to education in Cox's Bazar.



In his welcome speech, Mr. Salam shared his experiences as a proud student of EU. The discussants emphasized on the pragmatic and quality education based on technology and befitting the 21st century in order to build up the students at EU as competent citizens and complete man. They also discussed the success of EU at different levels so far. The seminar was attended by the teachers and students from various institutions of Cox's Bazar. In the end, 'Green' a band group from Dhaka performed for the audiences.

EDAS-EU hosts Iftar Party



English Department Alumni Society-Eastern University (EDAS-EU) hosted an Iftar party on 10 August 2012 (Friday) in the seminar room of the Department of English, Eastern University. Professor Dr. Nurul Islam, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, graced the occasion with his presence. Professor Kashinath Roy, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Professor Sauda Akhtar of Department of Bangla, Jahangirnagar University, were also present on the occasion. There were

around fifty alumni present at the program. They all were delighted to see their old class mates and teachers at their alma mater. Badiuzzaman Bay, President of EDAS-EU and Zahirul Islam, General Secretary of EDAS-EU were also present in the program.

Meeting of Eastern University Board of Trustees (BOT)

77th meeting of Eastern University Board of Trustees (BOT) was held on 8th September 2012 in the Board room of the university. The meeting was presided over by Mr. S. M. Bakhtiar Alam, Chairman, Eastern University Board of Trustees. The meeting was also attended by the members of the Board of Trustees along with the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam. A number of decisions, taken by different committees of the university, were reviewed in the meeting. Over and above this, various important decisions were made in the meeting for the overall development of the university.



Visual Archive Photography Workshop, Summer 2012



A two-day photography workshop was arranged by the Eastern University's visual club, Visual Archive, on 21 and 22 June, 2012 on campus 5 of the university. The first day of the workshop was conducted by Tanvir Murad (Photographer and tutor at Pathshala, South Asian Media Academy), on techniques of photography. The second day of the workshop was conducted by Arifur Rahman, (Photographer and tutor at Pathshala, South Asian Media Academy), on composition of photography. Around 50 participants took part in the two-day interactive training sessions. Everyday the

workshop began at 10 in the morning and continued till 5:00 in the evening. At the successful completion of the workshop, students were given certificates. The workshop was funded by Eastern University and organized by Ms. Arpana Awwal, Coordinator of Visual Archive and Senior Lecturer at the Department of English. The hard work of twenty members of the club and the enthusiasm of the participants made the workshop a grand success.

Human chain for conserving the environment in Dhaka on World Environment Day



Eastern University Earth Care Club organized a human chain on 5 June, 2012 on the occasion of World Environment Day. It was aimed at making the citizens of Dhaka aware of the risks of climatic change and also of the preventive measures involved therein.

The human chain covered a great length of the Mirpur road. The program was inaugurated on campus no 5 of Eastern University (Dhanmondi, R# 5, H # 26). Most of the faculties and a great number of students of the university were present on the

occasion.

It is worth mentioning that, for the year 2012 United Nations Environment Project (UNEP) has set the slogan - 'Green Economy: Does it include you?' which connotes - be a proud participant in the process of environment friendly development. This year the Environment Day was all the more significant because of its proximity to the United Nations Lasting Development conference (RIO+20) held in June 2012.

EU Pays Homage to Late Humayun Ahmed



We feel sad at the demise of the eminent novelist and writer Late Humayun Ahmed. On behalf of the Eastern University we offer our deepest condolences and pray to Almighty Allah for the eternal peace and salvation of his soul.