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The Advisor's Note

The EU Newsletter is essentially a semestral bulletin. It carries important information of the whole semester. It makes its appearance on the Orientation Day for each semester. The newsletter contains the news of the major academic and cultural events that highlight the defining spirit of the University. It is needless 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 consistent. 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 co-curricular activities. They are meant to bring out and nurture the great variety of talents which the students 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 members and staff who have worked tirelessly to make the timely publication of the Newsletter possible.

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S. M. Bakhtiar Alam Elected Chairman of Eastern University

Renowned industrialist S. M. Bakhtiar Alam has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees, Eastern University. He was the founder treasurer of the university. He established 100 percent export-oriented furniture manufacturing industry 'Prophecy Furniture Ltd'. He was the chairman, vice chairman and head of audit committee of Islami Finance and Investment Ltd. Mr. Bakhtiar was awarded with 'Deshbandhu CR Das Gold Medal'. He is involved with several charity organizations, club and educational institutes.



The Board of Trustees has appointed Md. Azizul Islam, M. Shakil Wahed and Eng. Khondker Mesbahuddin Ahmed as vice-chairman and Rotarian Liaquat Hossain Moghul as treasurer.

EU Pays Homage to Language Martyrs



Eastern University family paid homage to the language martyrs on February 21, 2012. In the morning from the university campus (H#15/2, Rd#3, Dhanmondi) faculty members, students and staff started the procession towards the Shahid Minar. There they placed flower wreath in honour of the martyrs of the Language Movement of 1952.

Eastern University Celebrates "Independence day and National Day 2012"

The "Independence day and National Day 2012" celebration was held on April 3, 2012 under the auspices of the Eastern University Cultural Club in the campus auditorium. The Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nurul Islam presided over the discussion session. Lt. Col. Modasser Hossain Khan (retrd.), Bir Protik, was present as the Chief Guest and Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees was present as the Special Guest on the occasion. In his speech, the



Chief Guest Lt. Col. Modasser Hossain Khan (retrd.), Bir Protik emphasized on the need of self sacrifice and asked the students to use their time, talent and labour for the betterment of the country.

The Special Guest, Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, mentioned that to build a better and prosperous nation we need the right leadership and he invited the students to attain proper education so that one day they may lead the nation. Dr. Kashinath Roy, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, gave the welcome speech. The programme ended with colourful cultural performances by the Eastern University Cultural Club. The event was coordinated by Ms. Tasnuva Rahman, Asst. Professor, Faculty of Business Administration & Ms. Nazla Fatmi, Senior Lecturer, Dept. Of English was the convenor of the programme. Teachers and students from different departments and the staff were also present on the occasion.

Eastern University Welcomes Bangla 1419

To welcome the Bangla New Year 1419, the Cultural Club of EU, staged a fascinating cultural programme in the university auditorium. Eminent writer and poet Syed Shamsul Haque as the chief guest and Chairman Board of Trustees, Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury as the special guest graced the occasion by their presence. At the programme, students and teachers of different departments performed Patriotic songs, Tagore songs, Nazrul songs; they recited



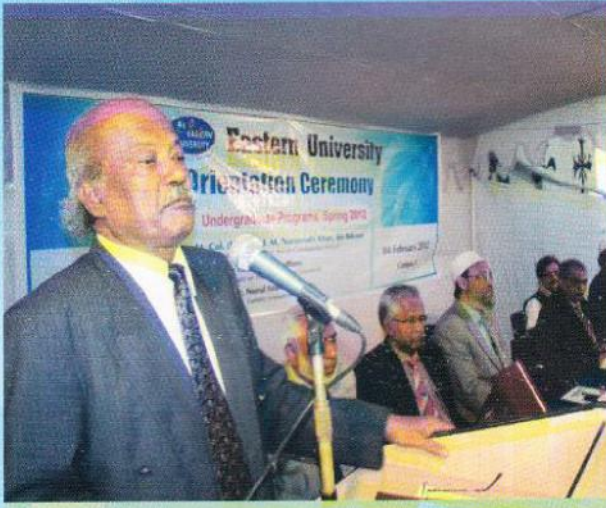
poetry and staged a play and thus welcomed the Bangla year 1419. The event was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam. The Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Serajul Islam, Deans of different faculties and teachers, students and staff enjoyed the programme.

Social Business Campaign



Eastern University in collaboration with Yunus Centre (YC) Social Business Team organized a workshop on Social Business on April 25, 2012 in the university auditorium. Prof. Dr. Ashraf Hossain, Chairman Faculty of Business Administration, inaugurated this programme. Along with other members of YC, Mr. M.F.M. Amir Khashru, CFO & Social Business Coordinator of YC was also present on the occasion. Career Service and international office of Eastern University provided total assistance to Yunus Centre to arrange this programme at Eastern University. Faculty members from different departments of EU attended the workshop.

Orientation Ceremony: Spring 2012



The Orientation Ceremony for the undergraduate students of Spring 2012 was held on February 4, 2012 on the premises of the Faculty of Business Administration. Lt. Col. (retd.) S. I. M. Nurunnabi Khan, Bir Bikram, Member, Advisory Committee of the Sector Commanders' Forum, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, EU was present as the Special Guest. Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, presided over the ceremony. In his speech, Lt. Col. (retd.) S. I. M. Nurunnabi Khan, Bir Bikram, spoke of his experience in the

Bangladesh Liberation War and asked the students to utilize their time, diligence and talent for the betterment of the country. Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury in his speech asked the students to work hard for the country to bring a positive change. Brig. Gen. Shafaat Ahmed ndc psc (retd.), Registrar of the university, gave the welcome speech. 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 February 7, 2012 on the premises of the Faculty of Business Administration. Mr. Farid Uddin Ahmed, Managing Director and CEO, Exim Bank Ltd., was present as the Chief Guest. Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Eastern University, was present as the Special Guest of the programme. The Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Nurul Islam presided over the ceremony. M.A students from all departments were present at the event. In his speech, the Chief Guest Mr. Farid Uddin Ahmed reminded the students of the tough



competition of life and asked them to educate themselves properly to meet the challenge of the era. The Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Serajul Islam, Prof. Borhan uddin Khan, Advisor, Faculty of Law, Ms. Iffat Ara Nasreen Majid, Advisor, Department of Applied Linguistics and ELT and the Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. Kashinath Roy also addressed on the occasion.

EU Faculty Member in Norwich Showcase: A Rare Literary Escapade in UK



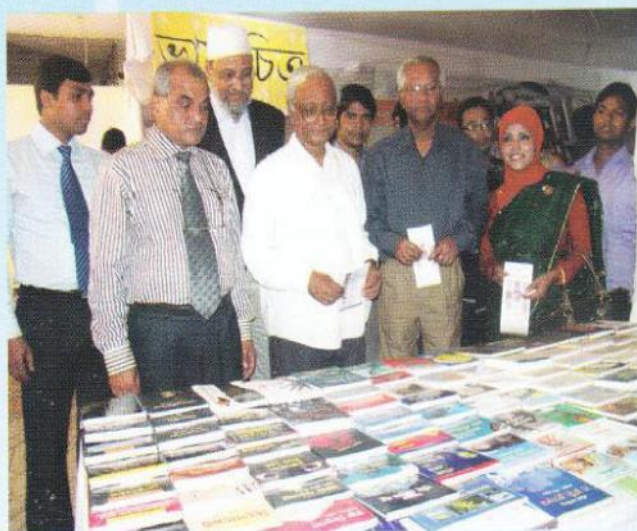
From 9 to 13 March, 2012, Theotonius Gomes, Senior Lecturer, Department of English participated in the literary showcase held in Norwich, UK. As a teacher delegate he was selected by the British Council due to his affiliation with Brine Pickles, a creative team based on performing literature and due to his attachment with the creative writing scenario of Dhaka. Thirty delegates from around the world participated in the week long event.

EU English Department Launches its Alumni Society

The English Department of Eastern University has formed its Alumni Society through a get-together at Arunapalli, Savar on February 25, 2012. Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, Vice Chancellor of the university, inaugurated the event. Ms. Sureya Huda, Chairperson of the department, was also present there. The purpose of forming the Alumni Society is to engage the graduates in their dear Alma Meta's betterment. The graduate forum will discuss the ways to remain connected across batches and to share in the development and enhancement of the Department through regular interaction. Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam announced the 11 member executive committee of the Alumni Society.



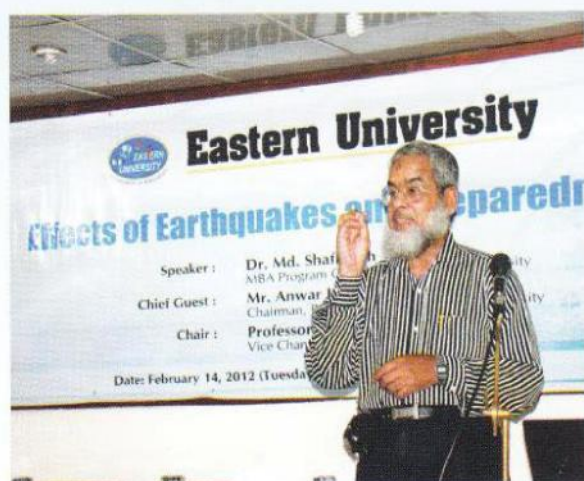
Book fair at Eastern University



A two-day long book fair was held from 7 to 8 March 2012 under the joint venture of Eastern University Debating Club and Eastern University Language Club. The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, honourable Vice Chancellor. Prof. Dr. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Professor Emeritus, University of Dhaka, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, was present as the special guest. A total of ten nationally acclaimed publishing houses took part in the fair. The opening ceremony was also attended by Prof. Dr. Serajul Islam, Pro Vice Chancellor, Eastern

University, along with the teachers, students and the staff of the university.

Seminar on "Effects of Earthquake and Preparedness"



A seminar on "Effects of Earthquake and Preparedness" was held in the university auditorium on February 14, 2012. Dr. Md. Shafiullah, MBA Programme Coordinator presented a paper on the topic. The chief guest of the event was Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees and the programme was presided over by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam. Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Serajul Islam, Registrar of the university Brig. Gen. Shafaat Ahmed ndc psc (retd.), all the faculty members, students and staff attended the session.

Workshop on "Integrated Library Systems: Koha and Green Stone Digital Library Software for Building Digital Library"

The Eastern University Library organized a week-long workshop on "Integrated Library Systems: Koha and Green Stone Digital Library Software for Building Digital Library" from 11-17 April 2012. The workshop dwelt on: installation overview of Koha and Green Stone Digital Library Software, Koha systems preference, Koha tools, introduction to MARC21, OPAC module, patron management, circulation on Koha and collection building, adding metadata, collection design, formatting, advanced collection configuration, etc. on Green Stone Digital Library Software. The workshop was conducted by the East West University Library team.



A total of nine participants among whom five library personnel and one IT professional were from Eastern University and three graduates from Information Science and Library Management, Dhaka University took part in the workshop.

At the end of the day, the Honourable Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nurul Islam, Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Serajul Islam, Registrar Brigadier General Shafaat Ahmed, ndc, psc (Retired) and key resource person Ms. Dilara Begum, Country Coordinator of Digital Library Network South Asia (DLNETSA), distributed certificates among the participants.

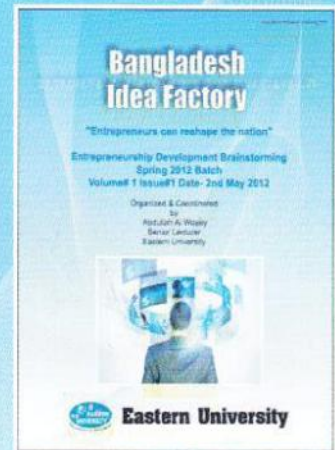
Public Lecture on Torture in the Discourse of Human Rights

Eastern University Faculty of Law has initiated a Public Lecture Series programme from the last semester. The first Lecture of the Series was held on 28 April, 2012 in the university auditorium. Professor Salimullah Khan of University of Liberal Arts delivered the lecture on 'Torture in the Discourse of Human Rights' in the first session. Professor Khan emphasized the need to construct the definition of 'human rights' in the International Law. He stated that though human right is inalienable by nature, the modern idea of human rights has made it transferable. He also mentioned that the latter character of the human rights has made a space for the international agency to intervene in the domestic affair of a country in the name of protection of human rights. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan, Advisor, Faculty of Law. Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of the university joined the session as Chief Guest. Teachers and students from different departments of Eastern University and faculty members of other universities attended the lecture.



EU Launches Bangladesh Idea Factory

A semester magazine titled "Bangladesh Idea Factory" was launched by the students of Spring 2012 Entrepreneurship Development course of EU on May 17, 2012. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam at the launching ceremony said, "Extra curricular activities start where the academic exercise ends. I appreciate the business and entrepreneurship themes, thoughts and activities discussed in this magazine". Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Serajul Islam and Dr. Md. Ashraf Hossain, Chairman, Department of Business Administration were present at the event. The magazine contains about 180 entrepreneurship ideas and also contains pieces of creative writing.



Admission Fair - Summer 2012



Eastern University organized an Admission Fair with a view to facilitating the aspiring students wanting to get admitted in the Summer Semester providing them with necessary information about the university. It was held from 9 to 11 April 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.

Eastern University Picnic

Eastern University Picnic-2012 was celebrated on February 26, 2012 at Military Dairy Farm, Savar. Teachers, students, and staff started for the venue at 8 am from Manik Mia Avenue and reached the destination at 9 in the morning. Throughout the day they enjoyed different sports and games. The programme ended with a raffle draw and a band show. Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nurul Islam, Prof. Dr. ABM Shahidul Islam, member of the Board of Trustees, Prof. Dr. Md. Serajul Islam, Pro Vice Chancellor and the Deans and Chairpersons of the different departments were also present at the picnic.



Training on Outsourcing at Eastern University

A training programme on outsourcing was held on March 8, 2012. About 300 students took part in the programme. The training was organized by the collaboration of Eastern University and Bangladesh Institute of Design and Development (BIDD). The training programme was inaugurated by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Serajul Islam. Dr. Md. Mahfuzur Rahman, the chairperson of the Department of C.S.E., the chairman of BIDD, Mr. Subrata Saha and the Managing Director of BIDD, Mr. Motiur Rahman, were also present on the occasion.

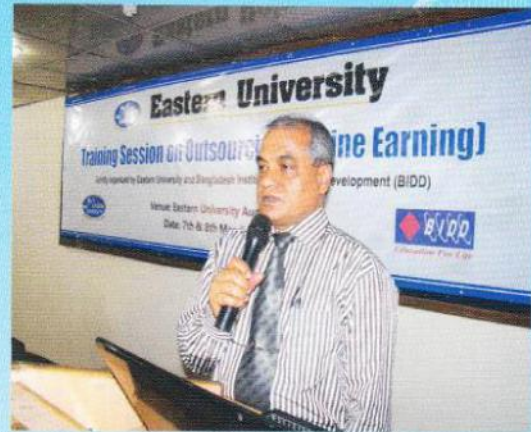


Photo Exhibition and Film Show Spring, 2012



Visual Archive, a visual club of Eastern University, organized a two days photo exhibition from 4 to 5 April 2012. The photographs in the exhibition were submissions for Visual Archive Photography Competition Spring 2012. Awards for three best photographs were given to Zubair Hossain and Noushadul Islam of Faculty of Business Administration and Fatema Tuz Zohra of the Department of English on the 5th of April 2012. The awards were presented by the Chairman, Board of Trustees of Eastern University, Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, who was present as the Chief Guest and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, who

was present as a Special Guest in the prize giving ceremony. The judge of the competition, Tanveer Murad and the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Serajul Islam were also present as the Guests of Honour.

Alongside the two days photo exhibition, Visual Archive Film Show Spring 2012 was organized in the Eastern University auditorium. The film show was opened on 4th of April 2012 by a speech by Nahid Masud, brother of late film maker Tarek Masud and Coordinator of Tarek Masud Memorial Trust. The first of the two days film show screened three shows of Tarek Masud directed film "Runway". The two-day-programme ended with screening two films- 'Children of Heaven' and 'August Rush'.

Eastern University Earth Club's initiative to protect the environment of Dhanmondi Lake

Eastern University Earth Club takes an initiative to protect the environment of Dhanmondi Lake. The club members set ten dustbins on the lake premises on April 21, 2012. Eastern University Earth Club is formed as a response to the growing concerns over climate change. During the inauguration ceremony at the Faculty of Business Administration (FBA), Prof. Dr. Md. Serajul Islam, Pro Vice Chancellor, was present as the Chief Guest. Dr. Md. Ashraf Hossain, Chairman of the Department of Business Administration, Rajib Das, Lecturer, FBA and Coordinator of the club, teachers and students of different faculties, were also present on the occasion.



Inter Faculty Debate Competition - Spring 2012



Inter Faculty Debate Competition - Spring 2012 organized by the EU Debating Club was held in the auditorium on April 19, 2012. Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees was the chief guest and the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam presided over the prize giving ceremony. In Bangla Debate, Faculty of Engineering and in English Debate, Faculty of Business Administration became the Champion. Brig. Gen. Shafaat Ahmed ndc psc (retd.), Registrar of the university, Kazi Tahmina, Coordinator of the club, faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

Meeting of Eastern University Board of Trustees (BOT)



72nd meeting of Eastern University Board of Trustees (BOT) was held on 7th April 2012 in the Board room of the university. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, 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.



Obituary

We feel sad at the sudden death of Mr. Din M Rana, husband of Ms. Latifa A Rana, Member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern University. On behalf of the Eastern University we offer our deepest condolences to his family and pray to Almighty Allah for the eternal peace and salvation of his departed soul.