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A Story: A man asked God to show him how to live his life. God took him to a forest and in the forest he saw a fox that was lame with a badly broken leg. Surely the fox will die of hunger. It cannot run. Then along came a tiger. In its mouth was meat which it placed in front of the fox and went away. Each day the tiger did the same. "Oh," said the man, "I understand, I am to be like that poor lame fox. I will just sit and someone will take care of me". He sat but no one came for three days and he was very hungry. "Oh, God," cried the man, "I understood the lesson you showed me. I sat just like the poor lame fox to be taken care of". God responded, "The lesson was not to be like the fox all your life. Rather be like the tiger." We are learning the lesson in the right way at our University. We are all growing in our "courage to act". The first question is not "what will I get", but "what can I give". President John Kennedy long ago said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but rather what you can do for your country". This is what the motto of our University is all about – The competence to see and the courage to act. We want it to be more than just words, but the way we learn to think and act. This issue of our Bulletin again shows some of our striving in this direction. Yes, we all receive so much, but we also have a lot we can give. Be like that tiger.

Spring

Orientation Program

To welcome the freshers of Spring trimester, Notre Dame University Bangladesh organized orientation program on 5 January 2019 at 3 p.m. where Manzoor Ahmed, Professor Emeritus, BRAC University was the chief guest, and the special guests were Vice Chancellor Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC, Registrar Fr. Adam S Pereira, CSC, Proctor Fr. Lawrence Das, CSC, and Fr. Thomas McDermott, CSC.

The program set sail with flag raising and the singing of the National Anthem. Later, a video projection reflecting on the academic and co-curricular activities of the year 2018 was screened. Dilip Kumar Sarkar, faculty at the Dept. of English, presented the welcome speech. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC, shared his inspiring visions for



(From left to right) Manzoor Ahmed, Professor Emeritus, BRAC University, Fr. Thomas McDermott, CSC, Director of English Language Center, NDUB, Vice Chancellor of NDUB Prof. Dr. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC

the new students along with the history of Notre Dame. Registrar Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, shared the growth of the university till now. Proctor Fr. Lawrence Das, CSC, talked about the rules and regulations of NDUB.

Inauguration of English Language Center

Language Center of the Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) was officially inaugurated on 24 January 2019 by Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC, the Vice Chancellor of NDUB, Fr. Tom McDermott, CSC, Senior Lecturer and Director of the Language Center at NDUB, and Habiba Akter, Lecturer of the Department of English. They were accompanied by three other distinguished faculty members from Notre Dame, Indiana – Brian O’Conchubhair, PhD, Director, Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures (CSLC), Associate Professor of Irish Language and Literature, Maggie Vosters, M.A. Assistant Director, CSLC, and Lisa Joy Oglesbee, M.A., Coordinator of English for Academic Purposes, CSLC.

Before cutting the ribbon, there was a small interactive

session for the students titled ‘Education and Beyond’. The inauguration ceremony of the Language Center took place at the open space of NDUB at 12:30 p.m.. At the beginning of the program, Fr. Tom McDermott, CSC, started with a warm speech emphasizing on the purposes of the Language Center as a tool for upgrading the language skills of the students.



ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

keeps the doctor away!

The Annual Sports Day of Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) took place on 26 January 2019, with great zeal, excitement and frolicsome atmosphere.

The day started off with the national anthem and a colorful inaugural ceremony. Presided over by Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC, the program was graced by Fr. James Cruze, CSC, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, as chief guest. Among other respected persons, the registrar, teachers, office staff and students were present during the ceremony.

Another highlight of the day was the circumambulation of the torch which was carried by Arnab Sangma, a student



of Dept. of Business Administration. Right after that, the participants took the oath administered by Mostakimur Rahman, Lecturer, Dept. of Law. Formally, the program was inaugurated

with the release of a pigeon and balloons by the chief guest and the chairperson of the event.

Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC, in his speech, focused on the importance of sports in the student life and the chief guest praised NDUB saying that NDUB is preparing creative, skilled and worthy manpower though providing standard education and teaching moral values.

In 35 events, almost three hundred and thirty students participated during the whole day program. Apart from the students, the chief guest, teachers, and administration staff took part in some events. A raffle draw was also arranged where 20 lucky winners received prizes. The most attractive part of this event was 'Dress as You Like'.



Career Development Workshop

Organized by the Department of Business Administration



The students of the Department of Business Administration at Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) participated in a workshop on 'Career Development' on 25 January 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Parveen S. Huda, an Academician and HR Consultant, Managing Director, Renaissance Consultants Ltd, CEO and Founder of The Experience Academy was present as the chief guest. She was accompanied by Fr. Joseph S. Peixotto, CSC, Treasurer, NDUB, who was present as the special guest along with Professor Dr. Parimal Chandra Datta, Chairperson, Dept of Business Administration.

The workshop presented ideas to the students about career planning and its importance, self assessment and selection of career path. A total of



(from right to left) Fr. Joseph S. Peixotto, CSC, Treasurer, NDUB, Professor Dr. Parimal Chandra Datta, Chairperson, department of Business Administration, and the chief guest Parveen S. Huda, Founder of The Experience Academy

35 students participated in the workshop which was organized by Afrista Birjis, Faculty, Dept of Business Administration (Convener), Tanzia Rahman, Faculty, Dept of Business Administration and Nazma Akhter, Faculty, Dept of Business Administration.

Inter departmental

CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On 26 January 2019, the inter departmental cricket tournament began at Notre Dame University Bangladesh.

Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC, Vice-Chancellor and Fr. James Cruze, CSC, Chairperson, Board of Trustees were present at the inauguration ceremony of the tournament along with Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, Registrar.

Participating in this tournament were all the

departments which are currently running at NDUB – Department of English, Department of Law, Department of Business Administration, Department of Economics and Department of Computer Science Engineering. Registrar Fr. Adam was present at the inauguration of the tournament. The champion of the tournament was the Department of Business Administration and Department of Law was the runners-up at the end of the tournament.



Blossom by blossom

the spring begins!



NDUB Drama Club celebrates Spring at NDUB

To welcome the Spring, the Drama and Film Club of Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) arranged a colorful program at its campus. Presided over by Ranet John Paul Gomes, moderator of NDUB Drama Club, the program was graced by Professor Dr. Father Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC, Vice Chancellor, NDUB as chief guest. Among the respected persons, teachers, academics, staff, former and current students were present in the ceremony. At the very beginning, Ranet welcomed all saying, “Spring is the season of festivity. Based on the culture and tradition, festivals differ. We celebrate different festivals throughout the year and the celebration

of the spring festival adds new dimension to our happiness.”

He added, “We should not forget our Bengali traditional culture in this modern era.” He urged everyone to increase the practice of Bengali culture. VC of NDUB Fr. Patrick Gaffney said, “Celebration of the 1st day of Falgun is a traditional festival. Every year, after the bitterness of Winter, Spring makes our nature colorful again with its various colors. I feel delighted to see how Bangladesh is celebrating this festival, to welcome the Spring.”

On the program, the students presented various performances such as group dance, recitation, solo singing, *Baul* songs, magic show, Gamvira and *Puthi Path* (traditional way of oral storytelling).



Adda de Poetica

NDUB English Club
organized a poetry
discussion session with
international virtuosos

Notre Dame University Bangladesh English Club (NDUBEC) organised a seminar on contemporary world poetry entitled 'Adda de Poetica' on 2 February 2019 at 11:30 a.m. onwards. This programme was a

part of the Dhaka International Poet Summit 2019 which was organized by Kathak.

Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC, Vice Chancellor of NDUB, Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, Registrar, Fr. Tom McDermott, CSC, Director, English Language Center, Dr. Br. Leo J. Pereira, CSC, Deputy Controller of Examinations were present in the program..

Apart from them, foreign poets from various countries, viz. Kama Kamanda from Congo, Dr. Tianxin Cai from China, Claire Booker from the UK, Dr. Ali Al-Shalah from Iraq attended the





Claire Booker from the UK



Aminur Rahman, prominent poet and President of Dhaka International Poet Summit

programme. Moreover, from Bangladesh, Aminur Rahman, prominent poet and President of Dhaka International Poet Summit, was present as well.

The program was initiated with a few welcoming words from Prof. Dr. Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC. Throughout the seminar, the poets shared their poems based on various contexts such as war, love, poverty, and success. At the end of the poetry session an adda (informal discussion) session was organized where the students voiced their queries

to the poets in a panel discussion and the poets provided answers through their insightful array of inter-cultural knowledge and experience.

The seminar wound down with a vote of thanks on behalf of NDUB and NDUBEC delivered by Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC. It was organized by NDUB English Club moderator and co-moderator Habiba Akter and Ahmed Tahsin Shams respectively who are faculty members of the Department of English at NDUB.





Inauguration of LL.M.

On 15 February 2019 the inauguration of LL.M. program was arranged by the Dept. of Law of NDUB. The program started at 9:10 a.m. At the beginning of the program volunteers welcomed the guests and students of LL.M. with flowers. Honorable Registrar of NDUB Rev. Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC as chief guest, Honorable Chairman of Department of Law of NDUB, Md. Abdul Goffur as a special guest and faculty members of Dept. of Law were present. In his speech the Registrar inspired newly admitted students and also described facilities that NDUB will provide. Md. Abdul Goffur, Chairman of Department of Law of NDUB described in detail information regarding the LL.M. program and also introduced the LL.M. faculty members to newly admitted



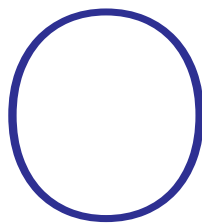
Former Chairman of Department of Law of NDUB, Md. Abdul Goffur and Registrar of NDUB Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC

LL.M. students. From the students, Rashedul Islam expressed his feelings and expectations from NDUB. The program was hosted by Cathrine Gomes.



Department of CSE

@ Mohera Jamidar Bari



On 8 February 2019, the annual picnic of CSE department was held with proper pomp and grandeur. The event was held at Mohera Jamidar

Bari, Tangail.

The teachers and students of CSE department attended the event with enthusiasm and joy. Before the journey, all students and faculty members were provided with hoodies bearing the emblem of the picnic.

Four buses filled with the attendants travelled from NDUB campus to the picnic spot at Tangail. The journey was long and arduous. But the festive mood of the students overcame all the monotony of the journey. The students sang and danced to their hearts' content. In this way, nobody felt the hardships of the journey. The busses arrived at the spot at 11:00 a.m. The people disembarked from the busses and started to explore the natural beauties of the magnificent

estate. The venue was an old feudal estate dating back to the 17th century. It was renovated to serve the purpose of a picnic spot and also as a part of police training center complex. The student, later on, disbanded into smaller groups and set out to visit different parts of the complex. Six rooms were rented so that the students and teachers could rest and safely keep their belongings during the period of their stay.

Afterwards, the students went for their lunch and following it a vibrant cultural program was held. The students performed songs and dances and held a raffle draw. Each performance was met with cries of good cheer from the spectators. The cultural program ended after sunset. After that, everyone boarded the busses and began the return journey to Dhaka.

The return journey was equally difficult, if not more so. But once again, the dancing and singing of the students washed away all hardships. The busses returned to the campus late at night.

Workshop on Digital Marketing

On 9 February 2019, Notre University Bangladesh Business Club (NDUBBC) organized a workshop on Digital Marketing with the participation of students from different departments. The workshop was organized in

association with Creative IT Institute.

The Honorable Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC inaugurated the program with a welcome speech.

VC of NDUB Fr. Patrick expressed the importance of digital marketing in today's market place. He also urged that students, intending to build up a career in marketing, should have a robust understanding and the skills of digital marketing. He thanked the Creative IT Institute for their association.

The workshop was conducted by three resource persons, namely Nazib Rafe, Head of Business Development, Creative IT Institute, Golam Mostafa Imon, Head of Digital Marketing Training, Creative IT Institute, and Rayhan Hossain, Co-founder of Seller Success.

The resource persons shared their knowledge of digital marketing, such as YouTube marketing, social media marketing, search engine optimization, affiliate marketing and emailing marketing.

The session was very interactive with the lively participation of students. A short quiz was conducted by Creative IT Institute with an aim to select 35 students for 3 days of free training.

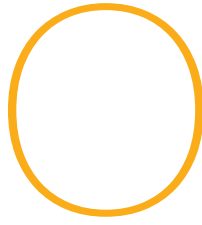


The workshop ended with a vote of thanks by the faculty member of Business Administration Moushumi Haque, Moderator, Notre Dame University Bangladesh Business Club.



A Falguni Eve

Bashonto Baron O Pitha Utsab by NDUB Cultural Club



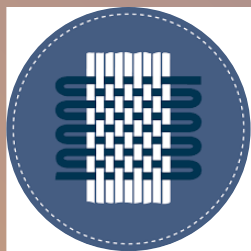
On 13 February 2019, Notre Dame University Bangladesh Cultural Club (NDUBCC) organized a program named 'Bashonto Baron O Pitha Utsab' to bid farewell to winter as well as to embrace and welcome Spring.

The main motive of this program was to uphold our culture of eating *pitha* (traditional cake) in winter and to encourage the *pitha* tradition of our country among the young generation.

The honorable Vice Chancellor of NDUB Prof. Dr. Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC expressed that he was very impressed by this kind of program as well as by knowing the plethora of *pithas* of Bengali culture. In addition, the Registrar Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC thanked NDUB Cultural Club for arranging such an event and hoped to see this kind of program again in the future.

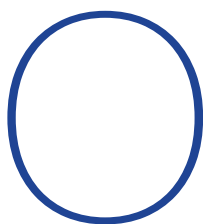
There were almost 30 types of *pitha* for sale in this program and along with the arrangement of a musical session in a corner of the *pitha* stalls which amused the visitors.





PROGRAM ON TEXTILE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

With the Technology University of Dresden, Germany



On 12 February 2019 Notre Dame University Bangladesh arranged a day-long program for two projects on “Gap analysis for curriculum development in textile management education and students project for research to enhance the capacity of mid-level managers in textile industry in Bangladesh” with the participation of representatives from Technology University of Dresden, Germany.

The above two projects are a joint effort of Notre Dame University Bangladesh and Technology University of Dresden, Germany in association with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), University Grant Commission (UGC) and Ministry of Education (MOE). These projects aim to identify the skills gap in sustainability practice in the ready-made garments sector in Bangladesh and to set strategy and action plans to improve the situation.

The day-long program divided into two parts. In the beginning, Dr. Lisa Koep, Research Associate, and Dr. Jon Morris, Research Associate, Technical University of Dresden, Germany attended a formal meeting with the Project team led by Kamol Gomes, Faculty & Project Coordinator. The Project team presented the overall progress of two components namely “Curriculum Gap Analysis” and “Students’ Research”. The teams showed the updated findings based on field level data collected from multi-stakeholders such as garments manufacturers, top and mid-level employees, and Factory Compliance Inspectors. It was followed by an open discussion among the team regarding the findings and plan.

In the 2nd Session of the day, Dr. Lisa Koep,

Research and Dr. Jon Morris, attended a workshop on “Stakeholders Management and Sustainability Engagement” with the presence of the students. Honourable Vice-Chancellor delivered a welcome speech. He pointed out the significance of the garment and textile sector in the economic progress of Bangladesh. He also mentioned that sustainability should be considered in various stages of a garments value chain to ensure the wellbeing of all.

After that, Dr. Lisa Koep and Dr. Jon Morris conducted the session, explaining all details about sustainability practices and their significance. The speakers answered questions of the enthusiastic participants. The whole program was organised by the faculty members of the Department of Business



Administration of NDUB, namely Prof. Dr. Parimal Chandra Datta, Kamol Gomes, Afrista Bijris, Nazma Akter, Samirah Mustafa and Moushumi Haque in association with the research students of the Project. The honorable VC of NDUB Prof. Dr. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney CSC was present in that event.

The final result of gap analysis for curriculum development and students’ research was presented in the workshop for disseminating ideas to finalize the proposed curriculum. Some experts and prominent academicians from UK and EU, top officials of UGC, MoE, GIZ and DAAD were present in the training sessions and workshop.



Notre Dame University Bangladesh organised a program on International Mother Language Day which is 21 February 2019 at 8 a.m. NDUB organized the program to honour the courage of the martyrs who died in 1952 for advocating the freedom of using Bangla language.

The program started with the national anthem and by the hoisting of the national flag. In memory of the language warriors, everybody paid homage.

Later, on behalf of the authority, Fr. Edmond Cruze, CSC, Sr. Shagorica Maria Gomes, CSC and on behalf of the faculty members, Md. Abdul Goffur, Sk. Rezwan Shihab, Kamol Gomes, Tasnuva Sharmin, and all the faculty members and students paid homage with flowers. Fr. Edmond Cruze, CSC, Student Counselor & Director of Maintenance gave his welcoming speech as the Special Guest, "This day has its own beauty for language and it has been the inspiration throughout the globe for those speaking their mother tongue".

On behalf of the faculty members, Kamol Gomes shared the unknown facts of International Mother Language Day and its significance in the contemporary society in his speech.

The keynote speaker Md. Abdul Goffur emphasized on the history of the language movement in his speech.

At the end, Dr. Br. Leo J. Pereira, CSC, Deputy Controller of Examinations, gave his vote of thanks and remembered the departed souls during the protest of 21st of February.





Workshop at Narayanganj High School and College

Notre Dame University Bangladesh has initiated a program entitled 'Developing Youth Academic Skills' around the country where the youth will be trained through a series of workshops in the session 2018-2019. The second offering of this workshop was held on 25 February 2019 at Narayanganj High School and College, which aimed at creative and critical writing skills for essay writing.

The chief guest at the event was Sree Kamal Kanti Saha, Principal of Narayanganj High School and College and special guests were administration and faculty members of Notre Dame University Bangladesh, Fr. Frank Quinlivan, CSC, Br. Leo J. Pereira, CSC, and Lecturer of the Department of English, Ahmed Tahsin Shams.

At the end of the workshop, the best five young writers were awarded with certificates and gifts. After a year, an event for the selected best writers from schools and colleges will be held at NDUB campus where they will be groomed to be better writers by experts. It is to be mentioned that the first episode of this workshop was held on 27 October 2018 at Central Women's College.

EPISODE 2: DEVELOPING YOUTH ACADEMIC SKILLS



Department of Business Administration

@ Neel Komol Resort, Gazipur

The long awaited picnic of Business Administration of Notre Dame University Bangladesh was held on 9 March 2019.

The destination of the picnic was Neel Komol Resort at Gazipur. The place was very serene and soothing to visit.

The arrangements of the picnic were quite simple but very well organized. Four buses were arranged for traveling to the designated place. Two faculty members and three volunteers were assigned to take care of the traveling students of each bus. Students came to the Notre Dame University Bangladesh campus at 7:30 a.m. in the morning. They were very enthusiastic about the tour as it was the first tour for the freshers who were admitted in the spring trimester.

All the buses started at 8:00 a.m. in the morning. The bus journey was very entertaining as students enjoyed their time by doing many recreational activities in the bus. They had their

breakfast and T-shirts and tokens were given to them by the volunteers on the bus.

The buses reached Neel Komol Resort at 12:00 p.m. All the students were assigned their rooms when they reached the resort. The students took rest for a while and then were given time until 2:00 p.m. for recreation and entertainment. After recreational activities the students had their lunch around 2:45 p.m.

After lunch the students attended a cultural program which took place in the resort at 3:00 p.m. for the entertainment of the students. The show consisted of comedy, dance and singing etc.

After the cultural program a raffle draw/lottery session was held.

After the session, all the students got ready to leave the resort at 4:00 p.m. The return ride to Notre Dame University Bangladesh campus was also amusing as the students sang in chorus to some popular music titles along the journey.

The picnic was a success and it had its magical moments. It was enjoyable and memorable to say the least.



Celebrating **International Women's Day**

& Anniversary of NDUB Computer Club



On 5 March 2019, a program to celebrate the International Women's Day 2019 as well

as the anniversary of NDUB Computer Club was held on the NDUB campus. Prof. Dr. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC, Vice Chancellor, as the chief guest and Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, Registrar, as the special guest were present in the program.

Dr. Lafifa Jamal, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering, University of Dhaka and Afifa Abbas, Cyber Security and Compliance Lead Engineer, Banglalink Digital Communications Limited were present as the guest speakers.

The program started at 2 p.m. and

at the beginning, the national flag was hoisted in company with the national anthem. The students received the guests cordially with flower bouquets and crests. Afterwards, A.H.M Saiful Islam, Chairman of Department of CSE, NDUB gave the welcome speech. The motivational speeches of Dr. Lafifa Jamal and Afifa Abbas inspired the students. The formal part of the ceremony concluded with a speech from a senior student of the Dept. of CSE, who expressed his feelings as a member of the club and his experiences at the university. Later, the winners of the monthly programming contest were rewarded for their performances. The cultural program started at 3 p.m. which includes songs, dances, recitation and drama that ended at 3:30 p.m.



Nari

NDUB Cultural Club honors Women's Day



On 8 March, NDUB Cultural Club released a short film on International Women's Day. It was released on their official Facebook page and was warmly welcomed by the audience. The six-minute long short film named 'nari' (woman) showed the truth behind the contemporary state of women in patriarchal society

where women do not have their own voice. Even though women are considered as goddesses in some contexts, they are often deprived of their basic human rights. The short film illustrated the standard notion of male dominance in our society. The hopelessness of women who always stay behind the curtain was brought to light in this film. The video was directed by Sadik Haque.

'Boier Arot'

Organised by NDUB Cultural Club and NDUB Debating Club

NDUB Cultural Club arranged a book fair called 'Boier Arot' on 24 March which was co-hosted by NDUB Debating Club. It was a day-long program where the students along with the faculty members had the chance to buy, sell, or exchange their books. There were almost 300 books for selling and exchanging at this fair.

The Vice Chancellor of Notre Dame University Bangladesh Prof. Dr. Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC was very pleased to see the arrangement of this kind of program on the campus and he also commended the club for encouraging students to read books. He also received a book as a token gift from the moderator of NDUB Cultural Club, Sk. Rezwan Shihab.

The students who bought or exchanged books seemed really excited. One of the students said

to NDUB Cultural Club, "I am really proud to be a part of this program. I have bought seven books from here. I wish you would arrange this program frequently and at least for 2 or 3 days instead of a day-long program." The teachers also appreciated the notion of the book fair and all of them suggested to make this event a regular one.



‘Essence from Experts’

Organized by NDUB Business Club

Notre Dame University Bangladesh Business Club (NDUBBC) in association with Dhaka University Career Club organized a peek-in program, ‘DUCC presents Young Professional Summit 2019’ at Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) campus entitled ‘Essence from Experts’ on 12 March 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC, Vice-Chancellor of NDUB, gave the welcome speech where he emphasized the notion of ‘being in the present and looking into the future.’ The young professional summit took

“Being in the present and looking into the future.”---FR. PATRICK D. GAFFNEY, CSC

“We are really thankful to have such discussion program to groom our youth as professionals.”---FR. TOM MCDERMOTT, CSC

place at the Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban, the University of Dhaka on 1 April 2019. The summit was organized to broaden the mindset of the young professionals. In this perspective respected business persons unveiled details to the students about the career opportunities of different companies and how to excel in future professional life in the discussion segment titled ‘Essence from Experts’.

The summit consisted of keynote sessions by renowned professionals, namely — Najmus Ahmed Albab, CEO, Lighthouse Bangladesh, Uzair Hafiz, Assistant Director, Quality Integrated Agro Limited, Ahasanuzzaman Shujan, Manager, Human Resource, IPDC Finance Limited,



Hasnat Kamal, Head of HR, Urmee Group Md Mushfiqur Rahman, Business Development and External Affairs, Mind Mapper, Muhammad Muhymunul Islam, President, Dhaka University Career Club.

The experts groomed the students with experiences from their professional life. The discussion programme came to an end with the thanksgiving note by Father Tom McDermott, CSC, Director, English Language Center, NDUB.

LL.B 2nd batch, Department of Law

The department of law at Notre Dame University (NDUB) had organized a farewell program for the students of LLB 2nd batch. The program was organized at NDUB at 2:00 p.m. on March 19.

Vice-chancellor Prof. Dr. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC was present as the chief guest. Registrar Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, club coordinator Sr. Shagorica Maria Gomes, CSC, Honorable Moderator of NDUB Law Club and Chairman of Department of Law of NDUB, Md. Abdul Goffur, Honorable Co-Moderator and Proctor of NDUB, Fr. Lawrence Noresh Das, CSC, Fr. Frank Quinlivan, CSC and Director of Maintenance, Fr. Edmond Cruze, CSC, and faculty members Tasnuva Sharmin, Tahsin

Khan, Md. Mustakimur Rahman and Annie Christina Rozario from Department of Law also attended the farewell program. A special documentary for the graduating students was screened at the program. Following the screening of the documentary a cultural program was arranged where the students participated by presenting songs and dance performances.

Later on, farewell prizes and certificates were presented to the students of LLB 2nd batch. At the end of the program, Md. Abdul Goffur, Head of Dept. of Law of NDUB and Moderator of NDUB Law Club delivered his words of appreciation to graduating students and to all students of Dept. of Law and members of NDUB Law Club for making the farewell program successful.



Department of Law & Economics

The 17th of March 2019 was the day chosen for the picnic of the Law and Economics Department of Notre Dame University Bangladesh.

The place was Chuti Resort in Gazipur very near to Dhaka City. The students and faculty members reached the bus stop on time as they were thrilled to go the picnic. Everybody was excited but on they were not sure what they are going to do at the picnic spot but all the questions and doubt went away when they reached the spot. The weather was very pleasant.

At the first glance the place was so colorfully decorated with the proper combination of urban and rural touches. Everyone's first expression of the place was of its beauty as it

has all, including park, playground and a swimming pool, as well as different kinds of swings which attracted the students. All were astounded to see multiple rows of beautiful flowers and the lush green grass there. There were some duplex buildings made of wood, there was also a tree house. . A lovely small breeze was blowing through a small house which was also made of wood. Some students played cricket some were in the pool and some were just exploring the place. After finishing lunch all got a little more time so many went to a corner of the resort where there was a pond with lots of trees. By then it was evening and there was a cultural program organized by the committee. Different batches of students of our law department took part in it.

Faculty members of NDUB Tasnuva Sharmin and Annie Christina Rozario and others conducted the event successfully.



Visit of Sup. Gen. Fr. Epping

Mourns for the recent New Zealand tragedy, discussion on 'true education'



Father Robert Epping was born on 13 August 1944, in Burlington, Wisconsin, in the United States. As a seminarian with Holy Cross, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. After studying theology for two years at the Pontifical Gregorian University, he returned to Notre Dame and graduated with his Master of Theology in 1970. Fr. Epping was serving there as Pastor when the 2016 General Chapter elected him the Congregation's 13th Superior General. He is a member of the United States Province (Notre Dame, Indiana).

The Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross Father Robert Epping, CSC, visited Notre Dame University Bangladesh on Thursday 21 March 2019 where discussions on

the purpose of education and the role of Notre Dame in society took place which concluded with deep mourning for the victims of New Zealand 'terror-attack'.

Registrar of NDUB Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, Director, English Language Center Fr. Tom McDermott, CSC, Treasurer of NDUB Fr. Joseph S Peixotto, CSC, Student Counselor Fr. Edmond Cruze, CSC, Jyoti F. Gomes, PS to Vice-Chancellor of NDUB, were present along with academics of various departments for the discussion.

Fr. Epping focused on the true mission of education which the missionaries always attempted to serve: "education of the mind and the heart".

The academics and guests emphasized on humane education along with technical education so that the future generation can be "turned into productive citizens to serve humankind".

Thereby, the students can be taught to be "liberal, progressive" and "extremism" can be eradicated, concluded Jyoti F. Gomes.

The discussion session ended with an expression of grief and prayer for the victims' souls who died in the recent 'terror-attack' in New Zealand.



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Agartala

A place of **natural beauty**

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Agartala the capital of the state of Tripura is an unforgettable name. During the War of Independence of Bangladesh in 1971 countless Bangladeshi refugees took shelter in this small stretch of land. Numerous training camps for freedom fighters and refugee camps were full of life at that time. The Agartala Conspiracy case expedited the struggle for independence among the Banglaeas. Besides this, Agartala is a portraiture of natural beauty and serenity which has made it a historically significant site and a place of tourists' attraction. Considering all this, the authority of Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) organized an excursion for the administrative staff lasting from March 14-17, 2019. The city of Agartala and the area around it have a number of mesmerizing places to visit.

On 12 noon of March 14 the group started for India by bus. After a short while the fun started. It was nearly 5:30pm when the bus reached Akhaura land

port. It takes only 15 minutes to reach India from there after taking care of customs and immigration and it takes nearly the same time to go through the procedures after crossing the border. After finishing the immigration it is just a minute's walk to the capital of Tripura, Agartala.

After crossing into India and finishing the immigration procedures we met up with Fr. Benny K John, CSC and Fr. Emmanuel, CSC who welcomed us to India. From the immigration center in India we all got into a Holy Cross bus waiting for us there and started for the Asha Center. Agartala city is just across from the Indian immigration center land port. Our group reached the Asha Center within half an hour. The roads were beaming with life and people. The scenario didn't change at the dead of the night. After reaching there, everyone got busy in fixing the time on their watches. After having dinner at 7:30p.m, everyone went to their designated rooms for the night's rest.



The next day after finishing the breakfast we all started to explore the city's beauty. The city was surrounded by small hills full of tea gardens. At 9:00a.m. the group started for Holy Cross College by bus. After touring Holy Cross College, the staff participated in an open discussion with the staff of Holy Cross College in the auditorium. The staff from Holy Cross College at Agartala talked about how they help the government and how Agartala was the capital of Tripura which is the second smallest state by area in India.

From there the group went to visit the Our Lady of Holy Cross School and met with the children who came to welcome us. From there at 1:00 p.m, the group again returned to Asha Center. From there after finishing lunch everyone started for Museum Palace at 2:00 p.m. This is the palace of the king of Tripura. The white colored palace which is called Ujjayanta Palace has a couple of huge lakes inside it and covers a 20 acre area. The palace was quite clean with flower bushes all around and just beside it was Jagannath Temple. From there the group visited Uzanda Palace, Capital Complex and Heritage Park and then regrouped at Asha Center. After the dinner a cultural program was organized by the staff.

On 16 March, at 8:00 a.m. we started for Nirmahal which is considered by some to be the best tourist spot in Tripura and not visiting it might mean wastage of the trip. It is nearly 53 kilometers away from Agartala in the middle of a lake called Rudra Sagar. Seeing it from afar is like witnessing something out of a fairytale. This made the trip to Tripura end with a treat to the eyes. This marked the end of the trip but before returning to Bangladesh there was a whole lot more to see at the ancient Hindu and Buddhist temples, Abhayaranya Eco Park, and the ruins of the old capital, all of which made that land a great tourist attraction.



IN MEMORY OF FR. BENJAMIN

Inter-University Basketball Tournament



Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) organized a four day-long basketball tournament, titled Father Benjamin Inter-University Basketball Tournament 2019, inaugurated on March 20. The final match was held on Saturday 23 March 2019.

Present at the inauguration ceremony as chief guest was honourable Registrar of NDUB Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC. Also present at the event was Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Father Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC along with Father Tom McDermott, CSC, Director, English Language Center, Dr. Br. Leo J. Pereira, CSC, Deputy Controller of Examinations, Fr. Edmond Cruze, CSC, Student Counselor & Director, Maintenance, Sr. Shagorica Maria Gomes, CSC, Asst. Director, Student Affairs, Fr. Paschal Sarker, CSC, Assistant to Registrar, Sk. Rezwon Shihab, Asst. Professor, Department of English and Md. Mustakimur Rahman, Lecturer,

Department of Law.

Fr. Adam expressed his thoughts about basketball being an internationally renowned sport. And, in order to increase the popularity of the sport among Bangladeshis and to commemorate Fr. Benjamin Costa, CSC, NDUB decided to organize this tournament. Moreover, during the inaugural ceremony Vice-Chancellor of the university and Director of English Language Center gave speeches to the participants from the various universities.

During day one of the tournament, North South University snatched their victory against Islamic University of Technology with a score of 42-40. In the next match NDUB triumphed over BRAC University with a score of 77-25. And, lastly Jahangirnagar University won against Islamic University of Technology with a score of 58-29.

On the second day, the NDUB home team gained a massive score and secured their victory against American International University-Bangladesh



with a score of 83-39.

The first semi-final teams were Notre Dame University Bangladesh and Independent University, Bangladesh, and the second semi-final teams were North South University and Islamic University.

On Saturday at 4 p.m., the final match was held between Islamic University and Independent University Bangladesh. The Champion of the tournament was Islamic University, 1st Runners-up was Independent University, Bangladesh, and 2nd Runners-up was Notre Dame University Bangladesh. The prize giving ceremony ended at 5:30 p.m.

Present at the final match event as chief guest was Dr. Br. Leo J. Pereira, CSC, Deputy Controller of Examinations of NDUB. Other guests at the event were Sr. Shagorica Maria Gomes, CSC, Asst. Director, Student Affairs, Sk. Rezwan Shihab, Asst. Professor, Department of English and Md. Mustakimur Rahman, Lecturer, Department of Law.

A total of 11 renowned universities took part in this inter-university basketball tournament, namely – Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, Islamic University, North South University, BRAC University, East West University, Independent University Bangladesh, American International University-Bangladesh, Bangladesh University of Professionals, Islamic University of Technology, and Notre Dame University Bangladesh.



& Celebrating Independence Day Birth Anniversary of Bangabandhu



Notre Dame University Bangladesh observed Independence Day and the 99th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on 27 March 2019 at 4:30 p.m. onwards.

The chief guest of the event was Professor Dr. Fakrul Alam, Pro Vice-Chancellor, East West University (EWU). The program set sail with the national anthem and hoisting of the national flag. The special guest of the event was Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC, Vice-Chancellor, NDUB, Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, Registrar, NDUB, Br. Leo J. Pereira, CSC, and faculty members and students of the university.

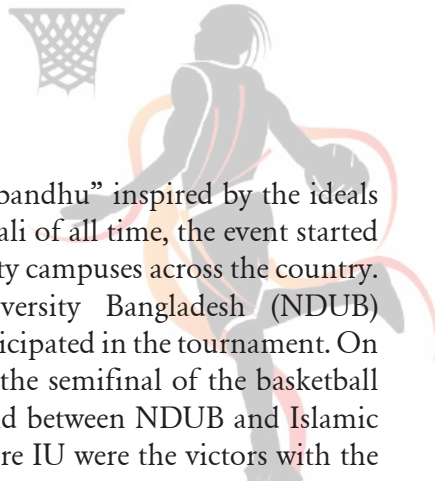
Chief guest Prof. Dr. Fakrul said, "Bangabandhu has gifted us this country, and now it is our duty to make the country feel proud in the global arena."

"For many other countries, Bangladesh has become a role model now which is really inspirational for us to step ahead," shared VC of NDUB Fr. Patrick.

Cultural performances of patriotic songs, dance, and recital were held. The event ended with a prize giving ceremony for the wall magazine competition themed on 'Independence' led by Br. Leo J. Pereira, CSC, Deputy Exam Controller, NDUB.

Bangabandhu Inter University Sports Champs

NDUB REACHES THE SEMI-FINAL



The 'Bangabandhu Inter-University Sports Champs 2019' kicked off on Friday, March 29, marking the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

With participation of more than 3,500 students from 70 public and private universities the event was held across the country.

The mega sports event was organized under 10 disciplines of sports – Football, Cricket, Swimming, Athletics, Table Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Cycling and Badminton.

With the theme “Let’s build a Bangladesh in

cognition of Bangabandhu” inspired by the ideals of the greatest Bengali of all time, the event started at different university campuses across the country. Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) basketball team participated in the tournament. On Sunday, March 31, the semifinal of the basketball tournament was held between NDUB and Islamic University (IU) where IU were the victors with the score 64-50.

Later on, NDUB home team went against East West University team where NDUB won with a score of 33-19, securing them the third position. The organizers then presented the team the bronze medal.



Department of English

@ Srimongol, Sylhet

Notre Dame University Bangladesh's Department of English organized a picnic on 30 March 2019 to Srimongol, Sylhet. All the faculty members and students took part in the tour along with Fr. Edmund Cruze, CSC, Student Counselor & Director, Maintenance, and Dr. Br. Leo J. Pereira, CSC, Deputy Controller of Examinations.

A total of three train compartments were reserved at Kamalapur Railway Station. The train was supposed to leave on 6:40 a.m. and all the students and faculty members of Department reached within the designated time and the journey to the lands of tea gardens started.

On the way there a number of volunteers and overseers were chosen from the students who ensured the smooth travelling of the students. Breakfast was served on the train and soon the students started enjoying themselves in the swaying train ride and with their own enthusiasm in the picnic they all enjoyed a great time on the train.

It was nearly 12:00 p.m. when the train reached the station at Srimongol. From there the students were put into five buses and taken to a local restaurant nearby for lunch. It was nearly 2:00 p.m. when everyone had finished their lunch and the main part of the picnic could begin.

From the restaurant the students again travelled by bus to Lawachara National Park. The students passed a great time roaming and exploring the place. The natural serenity and greenery teeming with the presence of monkeys made the students really happy.

Spending about an hour there, the group then started for their next destination, Bangladesh Tea Research Institute. The green, grassy field by the research compound and the field beside it made for an excellent place for relaxation. But as all things must come to an end, the day too was nearing its twilight.

From there, the group again made their way by bus to the Srimongol Railway Station for the return trip to Dhaka. As there was still some time to kill, the students participated in mixing with the local children and people until it was time for the train to leave at 6:40 p.m.

On the way back the students were served snacks and drinks. Although the day was over the students were still quite energetic and participated in singing and recreation in the train compartments.

The journey wound down with the train entering Tongi area and the students began to prepare for stepping off of the train. The group reached the Kamalapur Railway Station at 11:30 p.m., marking the end of a day well spent and memories to be treasured.



Rhetoric of a MUN-ER

Prithwi Agnes Rozario



All around the globe, many countries devise MUNs not only at the national level, but also internationally. Delegates around the globe come over, participate and resolve current issues, allowing a diverse exchange of ideas, enabling globalization and multilateral diplomacy.

I was blessed and lucky enough to attend one such international MUN held in Bali, Indonesia, from 22 March to 25 March. This was one of the most beautiful times of my life; discovering places, meeting new people, exchanging ideas, exploring new culture, and most importantly, developing myself and my skills of diplomacy and public speaking. Bali Asia International Model United Nations has encouraged me to challenge myself to face and embrace the fears that held me back.

Being a delegate of Maldives in the committee of World Health

Organization, we talked on the issue of how to achieve Universal Health Coverage, emphasizing the third world countries. Different opinions, different ideas, rounds of debate, enabled me to realize the seriousness of the problem that the world is facing, without even realizing that we are facing such phenomena every day; we sat there brainstorming for the people who are victims 'underprivileged' looking for a miracle for a better life.

More people should be encouraged to join MUN, as it broadens the knowledge of the world, as well as helps to unleash the potentials one might not be even aware of! Let your inner voice speak, and speak for thousands of people and for their betterment. Make yourself proud. It's now, or never!

Benefits of cultural activities in university life



Fr. Babu Paschal Sarker, CSC, Assistant to Registrar:

We are Bangalis and we inherently follow the Bangali culture. But, as students we often fall into dilemmas about the differences of culture in the cities and culture in the villages. As a result, when a student from a village comes to study in the city he/she gets baffled by the difference in culture. This scenario arises from the differences in experiences and differences in cultural upbringing. Here, at Notre Dame University Bangladesh, the students are given support in getting themselves involved with all types of cultural activities.

Being Bangalis, we have our own rich heritage and culture mixed into our spirit. Through cultural activities the students get to connect in a better way to their own culture and also get a platform to show their creativity. Through such creativity in the cultural activities the students can learn about global culture and in the future they may represent the Bangali culture in the global arena.



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