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Sajjatuz Jumma, Chairman, Board of Trustees addressing the freshers

Orientation Program, Spring Semester 2012

The orientation program of the newly admitted students for Spring Semester 2012 in the different graduate and undergraduate programs of Prime University was held at the University Campus on June 3 2012.

Mr. Md. Sajjatuz Jumma, Chairman, Board of Governors, Prime Foundation and Board of Trustees, Prime University, graced the orientation program as Chief Guest while Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, Vice Chancellor of the University was the Program Chair. Among others Mr. M. Moniruzzaman, Mr. M. Ashraf Ali and Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, Senior Vice Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary General of Prime Foundation and Board of Trustees Prime University Trust respectively, Registrar and Treasurer (In Charge) Professor

Mohammad Arshad Ali, Dean Faculty of Engineering Professor Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar and Faculty Members of different departments attended the ceremony.

About 800 students enrolled in the Spring Semester for different graduate and undergraduate programs attended the occasion with great enthusiasm and got introduced with the teachers, course curriculum of the respective programs, code of conduct and different facilities available in the university.

Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali Registrar and Treasurer (In Charge) made the welcome address to the freshers and discussed the rules and regulations of the university in brief. Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, Secretary General Prime Foundation and Board of

Trustees of Prime University stressed the needs of modern and qualitative education and urged the students to prepare themselves upholding the prestige of the institution. Mr. M. Moniruzzaman urged the students to utilize their stay in the University fruitfully so that they can turn themselves into useful members of their family, society and nation. Mr. M. Ashraf Ali advised the students to utilize the facilities available in the University to gain adequate knowledge to face the challenge of the present competitive world where man will be able to survive by virtue

of their capabilities only.

The chief guest of the program Mr. Sajjatuz Jumma, Chairman, Board of Governors, Prime Foundation and Board of Trustees, Prime University expressed his commitment to provide all sorts of facilities to the students in order to make them prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century. He added that the University will soon be shifted to its own land with all types of facilities.

The Chairperson of the ceremony, Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, in his speech told that the University

is a platform for cultivating, exchanging, and creating knowledge. Research is very important for higher education and as a result research and education must go together in order to enhance the quality of education. He advised the freshers to build up themselves for the competitive world and establish the name of Prime University as a renowned institution of the world. He also told about his initiatives for linking Prime University with the renowned foreign universities for achieving academic excellence.

Closing of Uttara Campus

Consequent upon the closure of its Kishoregonj Campus the Prime University authority in compliance with the directive of the Bangladesh University Grants Commission established its Uttara Campus in house No. 42, Rabindra Sharani, Sector-7 Uttara, Dhaka in 2009.

However, after the enactment of the Private University Act, 2010, the operation of branch campuses was prohibited under its provisions. At the instructions of the Ministry of Education and Bangladesh University Grants Commission, the University authority closed down its Uttara Campus. Now Prime University does not have any outer campus. It has only one campus and that is located at 2A/1, North East of Darussalam Road, Mirpur-1 Dhaka as it has been since its very inception in September 2002.

Prime University Commemorates 21 February



Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.C. Sarker, along with the faculty members, executives, staff and students of different departments on their way to place floral wreath at the altar of 'The Shaheed Minar'

Prime University commemorates 21 February International Mother Language Day every year to show honor for the martyrs of the historic Language movement of 1952. A long procession with utmost solemnity started their journey from the campus towards 'The Shaheed Minar' early in the morning where the martyrs shed their blood for our mother tongue. The Vice-chancellor of

Prime University Prof. P.C. Sarker, Ph.D. along with the faculty members and students of different departments placed floral wreath at the altar of 'The Shaheed Minar' with many other individuals and institutions of proud Bangladesh. They remained silent there for a while to show honor to the great sacrifice of the heroes.

This day was announced as International Mother Language Day by UNESCO on 17 November, 1999. Since then the day has been observed worldwide to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity.

Participation in the Second Round of the Cambrian University Victory Day Debate Competition, 2011

Because of the excellent performance in the First Round of the "Cambrian University Victory Day Debate Competition 2011" organized by ATN Bangla, Prime University was promoted to the second round along with fifteen top universities. The second round took place on 3rd March 2012. In that round, the motion of the debate was "এই সংসদ বিশ্বাস করে যে জনপ্রশাসন সঠিক গতিতে এগিয়ে চলছে।" Prime University represented the government side while Green University was in the opposing side. In spite of inspiring confrontation, Prime University was unfortunately defeated by a narrow margin. Former Adviser of the Caretaker Government, ASM Shahjahan congratulated both teams for presenting a pleasant session. Taking the motivation from the second season of the parliamentary debate competition, Prime University Debating Society (PUDS) is thinking of arranging extensive programs like workshops, symposiums and intra-university public speaking and debate competitions in order to find out and train up potential debaters. There is a strong hope that PUDS will come up with some talented debaters who can carry on the pace of PU in the debating arena.

The 42nd Independence Day Observed in PU



Floral wreath is being placed at the national mausoleum at Savar to pay respect to the national martyrs of the Liberation War, 1971

For the last 41 years, we celebrated the Independence Day with due fervor on 26th March, 2012. The day has special significance for the people of Bangladesh because on that day in 1971, we finally decided to opt for a sovereign state of our own independent from the erstwhile Pakistan. This was an inevitable and irreversible response to the Pakistani army's genocidal machination from the people of Bangladesh. It started from this day and lasted for about nine months till December 16. This day reminds its citizens how much sacrifice was made to make this country independent in 1971. Independence Day is commonly associated with parades, political speeches, fairs, concerts, and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, and traditions of

Bangladesh. As a part of celebration, Prime University undertook a program to observe the day in a befitting manner, including paying respects at 'Jatiyo Smriti Soudho', the national mausoleum at Savar with pomp and splendor. This program was held with the participation of the honorable Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker Chairmen of all departments Controller of Examinations faculty members, students, executives and staff of PU. The Vice Chancellor welcomed everyone and told that "Such type of program and study about this will open our minds further and make us more aware and mindful of our responsibilities. Then and then only will we be able to strive to take our country forward to greater peace and prosperity".

Celebrating Women's Day at the Department of English



A female student delivering speech on the women's day celebration program

8th March, the International Women's Day was celebrated in the Department of English of Prime University. The Department organized a short seminar on this occasion. All the students and faculty members of the Department attended the seminar. The Chairman of the Department of English Mr.

Sazzad Hossain Zahid was present in the Seminar. The Vice Chancellor Professor Profulla C Sarker inaugurated the Seminar by his valuable speech wishing women's smooth journey to reach the acme of success in every field. Then he unveiled the wallpaper of Women's Day which was prepared by the youngest students of 29th batch. The whole seminar session was conducted by Ms. Shahanaz Khanam, Asst. Prof. of the Department. The Chairman of the Department delivered his speech regarding the background of International Women's Day. He expressed his hope that the students especially the female students would reach their goals successfully in future. Then Ms. Shahanaz Khanam and other faculty members delivered their speeches. There was an attempt to get opinions from the students as to what they think of 'International Women's Day' in

short. They gave their opinions in few words. Some of those comments were selected and lively discussion was held on this issue. Besides, other interested students opined on Women's Day and shared their views. The Registrar and Treasurer (Acting) of the university, Prof. Mohammad. Arshad Ali adorned the seminar by his belated but inspiring speech. Most of the faculty members and students agreed that women are human being first. We should treat women as human being, not as women. As human being, women have the same rights as men. Only then, women of our country or of the whole world will reach their goal and will be able to make their dreams come true. Hope arose in the seminar that positive changes would solve the prevailing discriminations, and problems like Eve-teasing and others very soon.

Pursuing Higher Education Abroad

Mr. Shams Forroque Ahmed, Senior Lecturer, Department of Business Administration has got prestigious IPRA scholarship for Ph.D. Program from the Australian Government. Recently he has been enrolled as a Ph.D. fellow under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Masud Rana at the Queensland University, Rockhamton, Australia.

Mr. Abdul Halim Miah, Lecturer, Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering, went to South Korea for pursuing Ph.D. degree.

Mr. Mahmudul Hasan, Lecturer Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department has enrolled himself in the M.Sc Program at the university of Malaya, Malaysia in February 2012.

Mr. Mustahsin Adib, Lecturer of the same Department has gone for the M.Sc Program at the university of Hamburg, Germany in October, 2011.

Vice Chancellor Attends a Seminar at Police Staff College as Chief Guest



Vice Chancellor Dr. Profulla C. Sarker along with others poses for photograph at Police Staff College

A seminar was held on 18.04.12 on "The Role of Police and Lawyers in Criminal Justice System in Bangladesh" under the auspices of Police Staff College Mirpur and Department of Law Prime University at the Police Staff College. The Vice Chancellor of Prime University Dr. Profulla C. Sarker and Faculty Members of the Department of Law, Prime University participated in the seminar. The key-note speaker of

the seminar was Dr. Zahid Rafique, Assistant Professor Department of Law. Dr. Profulla C. Sarker spoke of the various aspects of criminal justice system in Bangladesh. Additional Inspector General of Police Mr. Md. Nazmul Haque (PPM) presided over the seminar. Faculty Members of Department of Law, Prime University and Senior Police Officers commented on the issue inquisitively.

Participation in Int'l Postgraduate Conference-2012 by Faculty Members of the Department of English



Faculty Members of Prime University are seen among other participants of the conference

Three faculty members of the Department of English; Mr. Sazzad Hossain Zahid (Asstt Professor and Chairman), Ms. Shahanaz Khanam (Asstt Professor) and Mr. Zahidur Rahman Nahid (Lecturer) participated in an Int'l Postgraduate Conference scheduled from 25 to 26 May, 2012. This conference was organized by the Department of English, Jahangirnagar University with regard to the theme of "Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies in the 21st Century: Translocating/Transgressing Boundaries". The Chairman of English Department, Mr. Sazzad Hossain Zahid presented a paper on "Necessity to Reduce Learners-Teachers Gaps in CLT Approach: Bangladesh Context". In his paper he emphasized to reduce the communication gap between

teachers and students in Communicative Language Teaching Approach especially in Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary level. He stressed on the classroom interaction and the implication of CLTA in the present context. In his speech, he pointed out the problems which are creating the gaps and made some recommendations to overcome this condition. Ms. Shahanaz Khanam and Mr. Zahidur Rahman Nahid combinedly presented a paper titled "Problems faced by the teacher in teaching at tertiary level through the ongoing conflict between CLTA and GTM". In their paper they exposed the ongoing conflict between Grammar Translation Method and Communicative Language Teaching Approach. They studied on tertiary level and recognized the puzzling

condition of English Language Teaching in Bangladesh. In their paper they specified the problems of the teachers in teaching English and gave some further proposals, such as, the beginning of post pedagogic era, improvisation of the teachers and contextualizing ELT in the existing condition. The demonstrations of the papers by these faculty members give a wide range of ELT concepts and their implications according to the Bangladeshi perspective. This paper is expected to leave a specimen for the next ELT researchers with a moderation of the ELT in the present context.

Departmental Freshers' Reception Program during Spring 2012

The freshers' reception program for the newly admitted students of the department of Law was held on February 12, 2012 at the University premises. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. P.C. Sarker and the Registrar Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali were present on that occasion. The freshers and their guardians attended the reception program while a major portion of the faculty members also attended to inspire the future world leaders.

The Vice Chancellor as well as the Chairman, Department of Law, Prof. Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, welcomed all the newcomers of Spring 2012

semester in the department and suggested the senior students to be kind and helpful to the junior ones. He mentioned that PU is an appropriate centre to learn and acquire knowledge. He hoped that this upcoming journey would be a great one for the freshers of this department.

Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali, Registrar and Treasurer (acting) of PU, in his speech encouraged the students to be ready from now on for their future journey. He said that he expects the students to effectively represent the country as well their institute abroad. He wished

them all success for their upcoming journey and assured them all kinds of help and support at PU.

Department of English also arranged the orientation program for freshers on February 23, 2012 on the fourth floor of the University. The whole event was arranged by the current students of the department who gave warm reception to the freshers of the 29th batch. The Registrar Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali was the chief guest of the program. The chairman Md. Sazzad Hossain Zahid and other faculty members were present as guests

on the cheerful occasion.

The Registrar, Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali, in his speech advised the students to be attentive and positive. "You have to be very alert when you come to studies, do not waste your time as this is the most important time of your life". He advised them to be diligent as hard work is the key to success. As a part of the function a cultural program was arranged where students' and faculty members' spontaneous participation further enhanced the program's festive mood.

Language School Completes Session for 12th Batch Students

Prime University Language School has proved itself as an ideal place to help students improve their English skill. It gives us a unique joy and happiness when we find the successful completion of the course of the 12th Batch students without any interruption. The classes of the students of the 12th Batch started on 19 February 2012 and ended with the Final Examination on 15 May 2012. The lesson plans of language school are prepared suiting to the needs of the students, their strengths and weaknesses. A diagnostic test at the beginning of the session is arranged to discover the potential and problems of the students' Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking skills. The school is aware of the need that the students with the same standard



Students are encouraged to watch English movies in order to develop their listening skill

share the same lesson so that every student benefits from equal treatment.

The Prime University authority is committed to provide every support to see the success of the language school. Meanwhile, the authority has completed rest of the works of the language school installing AC which has contributed to create favorable environment of the classroom. It should be mentioned that

Prime University Language School has been established with a view to helping students improve their English skill. The school is running under the supervision of the Department of English, Prime University. Nearly 1300 students have completed the four months Language Course from the English Language School so far.

Two exciting T-20 cricket matches were held in the Spring 2012 semester. These were Teachers vs. Office Executives and Faculty Members of Faculty of Engineering vs. those of Business Admin & Law. The first match was in between teachers and office executives. On that special day, the Dean Faculty of Engg., Prof. Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar inaugurated this grand occasion. Captain of office executives team, Mr. Md. Maruf Choudhury won the toss and decided to bat first. It was a sunny day suitable for playing a good cricket match. After 20 overs of 1st innings, office executives scored 145 for 7 wickets. Thus the target was set up 146 for teachers' team of PU. Mr. Md. Maruf Choudhury and Mr. Md. Shahinur Islam built up a good partnership to score smoothly through the whole innings. Mr. Md. Shahinur Islam played a good knock scoring 45 runs by showing beautiful exhibition of good cricketing shots. In reply, teachers' team of PU scored 127 for 9 wickets after 20 overs. Mr. Khan Rahmat Ullah and Mr. Golam Sarwar built up a good 5th wicket partnership after falling four wickets quickly in a successive order. Their contribution to repair the whole innings of teachers' team was unbelievable. Both of them played outstanding knocks by exhibiting cricketing shots from their copy books. Hasan Mohammad Titu of Office Executives' team took four wickets for 25 runs. Adjudicators' panel judged Mr. Md. Shahinur Islam man of the match for his patient innings to help his team to win this match. Another exciting friendship T-20 cricket match was held between Law and Business

Cricket Matches Held in Prime University



Dean of Faculty of Engineering along with the players of Teachers vs. Office Executives at the cricket ground

Administration faculties vs Faculty of Engineering at "Buddhijibi Golartek" play ground. Captain of BBA and Law warriors team, Mr. Shams Forruque Ahmed won the toss and was elected to bat first. That was a sunny day and gentle breeze was blowing. BBA and Law warriors team scored 140 for 7 wickets in the 1st innings. In reply, Kings XI Engineering team lost 2 wickets rapidly at the 1st over. As a result, the batting order of Engineering team collapsed temporarily. Mr. Feroz Ahmed and Mr. Nazmul Hossain Shuvro tried to repair the innings of Kings XI team. Mr. Feroz Ahmed was the top scorer to score 32 runs by recovering the initial collapsed condition of batting. Finally King XI Engg. team scored 121 all out at 9.5 overs. BBA and Law warrior won the match by 19 runs. Mr. Shams Forruque Ahmed was judged man of the

match of this memorable friendship T-20 cricket match.

Study Tour of Department of Law

The Department of Law, Prime University arranged a study tour on 26/3/2012. It was a wonderful moment for all students, teachers and staffs. Actually almost 200 students and a handsome number of staff participated in the study tour. Five buses were hired. The destination of tour was Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla, Shalbagan Bihar, Comilla. The students of Department of Law enjoyed through visiting the interesting place. Actually traveling broadens the mind.

Hopefully, this study tour would enhance the depth of knowledge and vigor of mind of students of the Department of Law.

New Faculty Members Joined the University

In every semester new teachers are recruited in Prime University to fill up the need in different departments. Most of the time the vacancies are created as teachers quit for getting jobs in different government Universities or in other government services. Some teachers leave for higher education at home or abroad. Prime University is always in search for talented teachers to provide the students quality education.

In the spring semester 2012 several teachers were appointed in different departments of the University. In the Department of Business administration Mr. Ibrahim Khalil, Ms. Saima Sultana and Mr. Yasir Arafat joined the department. Ms. Aysha Alam Talukder, Mr. Abdul Awal and Mr. Jahidul Azad joined the Department of English while Ms. Anjuman Ara Begum, Ms. Jannatul Rafin Sultana, Mr. Mahdi Hasan Khan and Ms. Sarmistha Biswas were welcomed in the Department of Law. In the Faculties of Engineering and Information Technology nine teachers joined in this semester. Among them Mr. Md. Abu Faisal, Mr. Ehesanul Hoq Fuad and Ms. Momtaz Begum Momo joined the Department of ETE; Mr. Md. Abdus Salam, Mr. Abu Obaida and Ms. Sharmin Akter in the Department of CSE and Mr. Md. Tanvir Rahman, Mr. Abdullah Al Bashit, Mr Shaikh Nazrul Islam in the Department of EEE. All the teachers joined as Lecturer in their respective departments.

Rag Day celebrated by 18th Batch, BBA Program



The outgoing students of 18th Batch of BBA Program poses for photograph wearing special Rag Day dresses

The students of the 18th Batch of BBA Program recently celebrated rag day in a rejoicing mood on the campus. The entire occasion was organized by the Business Administration Department. The students gave a festive look to the department by decorating the premise with colorful festoons and balloons with various emotional slogans and sermons. The outgoing students attended the function wearing special Rag Day dresses. The occasion was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Dr. P. C. Sarker accompanied by the Chairman of the Business Administration Department, Prof. Dr. ANM Jahangir Kabir and the Registrar and Treasurer (In-charge) of the university, Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali. It was a day of thrilling, merry-making and great fiesta to everyone especially to the outgoing students. This eventful day was the teacher-student collaborated outcome which added more attraction to it. As a part of it, a

colorful procession with fanfare of music brought out by the outgoing students and teachers rallied the campus and area around. The program also included luncheon, a pompous cultural evening comprising drama, fashion show and a cheerful DJ party.

We Mourn

Abdullah-Al-Mamun, a student of 29th batch, died on 16.02.2012. He was from Tungipara, Gopalganj. He was a brilliant student of the Department of Law, Prime University. The Department of Law condoles his death. His premature death is a great loss for the department. We pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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