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A long way has been trodden with highs and lows finally yielding glorious fruits of a full-fledged private university with thousands of students studying with progressing steps towards a prospective future and thousand others having already carved their imprints in different sectors with substantial success. The journey covering long thirteen years had got the blessings of benevolent guardians, the touch of some genius entrepreneurs and the enthusiastic involvement of some



Some special moments of the occasion of the Founding Day on 16th September 2015:
Top: National flag and Prime University flag are being hoisted by the Chairman and Sr. Vice Chairmen, BOT respectively; Middle: Chief guest along with others sitting on the dais;
Bottom: Cake is being cut to celebrate the day.



A student receiving award from the chief guest (left) and a stage performance (right)



energetic persons that left the astounding achievement in Mirpur, the backward area of Dhaka with the largest population. The seed sown earlier in 2002 has now grown into a shady tree sheltering the brilliant students as well as those with lesser calibers steering them to a desired destination and sparking in them the dreams that are dormant.

Advancing steadily with all these glories and successes, Prime University, arranged a grand celebration of its 14th Founding Day-2015 on 16th September in the campus in a befitting manner with day long programs starting from morning till early night. The deliberate plan was made under the able leadership of Mir Shahabuddin, Senior Vice Chairman, BOT and selected teachers, officials, staff and students were assigned their respective responsibilities and the whole process was kept under continuous supervision to make it a flawless success under the supervision of Md. Ashraf Ali, the Chairman, Board of Trustees. Accordingly, all the

incumbent people enthusiastically got themselves involved thoroughly and carried out their responsibilities carefully resulting in the smooth arrangement of all the segments of the functions of the day. The grand occasion started with hoisting flags at 8 am by Md. Ashraf Ali, Chairman, BOT, Mir Shahabuddin, Senior Vice Chairman, BOT and Professor Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan and Treasurer Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali in presence of a host of teachers, staff and students. A grand rally was brought out at 10 am with the participation of Md. Abdul Aziz, Registrar, Md. Eman Hossain, Proctor and large number of teachers, officials, staff and students parading the road starting from the front of the campus to Bangla College, returning to Sony Cinema Hall and ending at the starting point. Delicious lunch prepared throughout the previous night and early morning was served in a very systematic way with energetic involvement of the volunteers from the students. The huge arrangement of lunch came to an end at around 2:30 pm.



A grand rally parading the road

A discussion program was arranged in the nicely decorated ground floor with Prof. Dr. Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor in the chair while M. Azizur Rahman, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Bangladesh National Museum and former Secretary and Chief Information Commissioner to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh graced the program as the Chief Guest and Md. Ashraf Ali, Chairman, BOT, as the Special Guest. Among others, the Senior Vice Chairman, BOT, Mir Shahabuddin, former Pro-Vice Chancellor and former acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mesba-us-Saleheen, Treasurer, Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali, Registrar, Md. Abdul Aziz delivered speeches on the occasion. All the discussants eulogized the arrangements and exhorted the students with instructive speeches.

The award giving ceremony followed the discussion session. The winners of the competitions were given their prizes at the beginning. Then the most contributing teachers, officials and staff were awarded which was followed by awarding the organizers. The Chief Guest was handed over a crest by the VC and in turn a souvenir crest was given to the VC by the Chief Guest. The organizers of different co-curricular activities committees gratefully

handed over a crest to the Advisor to co-curricular Activities, Mir Shahabuddin.

Finally the Cultural Committee with the active support from the Discipline Committee arranged the ever best and very special cultural program with participation mostly from the teachers and students and also some guest artists. The function was divided into three segments titled Emotionally Intellectual, Juvenile Joy and Enjoyment Unbound. The first segment started with the theme song and ended with a graceful tribal dance with songs and other dances in between. Nadira Begum, the renowned folk singer rendered songs in the first part. The second segment started at around 7 pm and added extra flavor with performances like songs, acting and dances. A one act drama was presented by the Drama Club. The final part came with even extra enjoyment with the performers and the audiences dancing on the floor and on the stage. A vote of thanks was offered to all at the end. When the program ended at 9 pm, everybody had a happy mind with sweet smile dazzling their sweating face leaving the campus listening to the theme song "Eikhane, Esho Bondhu Esho, Amader Ei Anginae---"

Freshers' Reception: Summer Semester-2015

Freshers' step in an institution to usher a new lease of life and add extra dimensions to advance the cause of the institution. To offer warm welcome, Prime University organized Freshers' Reception for the newly admitted students of Summer Semester-2015 on 15th June under the supervision of the Cultural Committee on the ground floor of the university campus. The program chalked out included, among others, offering flowers and supplying necessary papers to the freshers showing do's and don't's, discussion session, refreshment and cultural program. The program commenced at 3.30 pm with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan as the chair while the Senior Vice Chairman, BOT, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Prof. Dr. Abul Hossain



Sr. Vice Chairman and Member BOT, Vice Chancellor, Treasurer, Dean and Registrar sitting on the dais on the freshers' reception program on 15.6.2015

Sikder, Secretary General, BOT, was present as the special guest. Among others, the Treasurer, the Registrar, Heads of the departments and faculty members were present to make the program a success. The officials and other staff along with the students swarmed in the venue to enjoy the program. The discussion programs started with the

welcome speech by the Registrar Md. Abdul Aziz. The chief guest in his speech stressed the importance of discipline among the students and their morality. He called upon them to start preparing themselves as the future of the nation. The special guest elaborated the importance of higher education and called upon them to opt for so. The Treasurer Prof. M. Arshad Ali also spoke on the occasion with special emphasis on the need for real education and honest human beings. The discussion segment ended with the instructive and interesting speech by the honorable chair. His scholastic speech was tinged with both graveness and humor. Then refreshments were served while the preparation for the cultural program was in a progress. The much-

awaited cultural program started with the theme song of the university. A special drama titled 'Lal Sabujer Hashi' written and directed by Md. Abdul Aziz and supervised by Dr. Momtaz Begum Momo was staged with the student performers. To the great surprise of all, it was warmly received and applauded for its story, acting and presentation. It was followed by songs and dances performed by the students of different departments. The final part of the program was designed specially with a band of baul. They set the whole stage on fire with their performances. The program came to an end at around 8 pm with the vote of thanks to the university authority, guests, performers, audience and volunteers from the convener of the Cultural Committee.

Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan Appointed Vice Chancellor of Prime University



Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan

Prime University family is pleased to have Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan as the Vice Chancellor (VC) of the University. He was the founder Vice Chancellor of the University. This time he is appointed Vice Chancellor of the University by the honorable President of the

People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chancellor of the University. He joined Prime University on 01 June, 2015 for the second time. After the approval of the honorable Chancellor, he again joined the University on 23rd July, 2015.

Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan brings with him 44 years of experience in teaching, research, administration at home and abroad. Before joining as Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan served in various portfolios as Director, Consultant, Facilitator and head of different research and development projects. He was one of the founders and also the Founder Vice Chancellor of Prime University since its inception from 2002. Besides, he acted as the Founder Chairman of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of Rajshahi University (RU). He worked as a faculty member of the Dept. of Applied Physics and Electronic Engineering (APEE) of RU from 1974 to 2005. He took self retirement from APEE Dept. of

RU and joined the EEE Dept. of School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS) of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) at Bashundhara R/A, in Dhaka, Bangladesh and worked there from October 03, 2005 to May 31, 2015 as a full time professor.

Prof. Sobhan also worked in dozens of capacities for the development of the ICT sector of the country including the following:

- The Executive Director (ED) for five years of the Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) under the Ministry of Science and ICT of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh by the order of the Honorable President of the Country from 16 April, 1997 to 15 April 2002.
- He was the national coordinator for the Year 2000 (Y2K) crisis.
- Member-secretary of the national committee for preparation of the national ICT Policy and worked as the Convener of the Drafting Committee of the national ICT Policy-2002
- The Project Director of the project, "Feasibility Study of Establishment of High Tech Park at Kaliakoir"
- The technical expert for the creation of the D8NET (Developing Eight Muslim Nations' Network) in Tehran in its very first meeting and

worked as the Country Administrator of D8NET until 2002.

- A project titled, 'Development of Infrastructure for IT Applications in Bangladesh' was completed under his supervision in 2000 in which RS 6000 SP2 super computer was installed.
- Another project completed under his leadership was the 'Distribution of Computers to High Schools and Training of High School Teachers', in the country to reduce digital divide in the country.
- Computer Training Institutes in the six divisional head quarters of Bangladesh were established under his leadership to reduce digital divide throughout the country. Now this project has been extended to cover almost all the districts of Bangladesh to spread ICT education in the secondary level education in the country to comply with the implementation of digital Bangladesh.

He has more than 60 International Journal Papers and more than 160 Published Conference Proceedings/ papers to his credit both locally and internationally and supervised several dozens of MSc and MPhil theses and five PhD students in the fields of Electronic Circuit and System Design, Computer Simulation relating to Solar Photovoltaic, Antenna Design, Reliability Engineering, Bangla Speech Processing, Software

Engineering and Cyber Law. His current research interest is in the areas of Wireless and Mobile Communication, 3G and 4G Mobile Networks, Solar Photovoltaic, Digital Governance, Simulation and Modeling, Cloud Computing, Radio Spectrum Management, Mobile Commerce, etc.

Prof. Sobhan was an India Government Scholar and earned the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering from the Dept. of Electronics & Electrical Communication Engineering (E&ECE Dept.) of IIT Kharagpur, India and also got his Post-Doctorate from the Chalmers University of Technology (CTH), Gothenburg, Sweden. He obtained his MSc in Applied Physics and Electronics from Rajshahi University and BSc Honors in Physics from the same university.

Prof. Sobhan received Professional Membership of many organizations locally and internationally including IEEE, Life Fellow of IEB (LF-7539), and Bangladesh Computer Society-BCS (LF-035), Bangladesh Electronics Society (BES), Member, Bangladesh Association for Advancement of Science (BAAS), etc. On his appointment, the Senior Vice Chairman of BOT, Prime University, Treasurer, Deans of different Faculties, Heads of different departments, Registrar, faculty members, staffs and students of the university welcomed him with floral wreaths.

Prof. Dr. Abul Hossain Sikder Joined as Pro-Vice Chancellor of Prime University



Prof. Dr. Abul Hossain Sikder

It is a great pleasure of the Prime University to have Prof. Dr. Abul Hossain Sikder, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies as **Pro-Vice Chancellor** of the University. Before joining in Prime University Prof. Sikder had been serving as Professor, Dean, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Acting Vice-Chancellor in Atish Dipankar University of Science and Technology from 2007 to

2015. Then he joined as Dean, Faculty of Business Studies in Prime University on April 01, 2015. Prof. Sikder joined as Pro-Vice Chancellor of Prime University on August 01, 2015. He also worked in Prime University earlier from September 2002 to August 2007 as Professor of Business Administration.

Prof. Dr. M. Abul Hossain Sikder is a Veteran Freedom Fighter. He has multidisciplinary and admirable educational background and

experiences. Prof. Sikder did his Ph.D from Ranchi University under the Indian University Grants Commission's Center for Advance Studies. He obtained master degree with honors in graduation in Social Welfare from Dhaka University. He has also MBA, with majoring in HRM and Marketing, MPH, LL.B and LL.M degree. He has also Post Graduate Diploma in Personnel Management (Equivalent to MBA in HRM) from Bangladesh Institute of Management (BIM). He has brilliant results in the degrees he achieved. In addition Prof. Sikder has higher academic training diploma on Health Care Financing in Developing countries from Boston University, USA; Advances in Communication Program from Johns Hopkins University, USA; Community Research and Revaluation from Connecticut University, USA; Community based family planning services delivery, Bangkok Thailand; Community Participation in Development and FP activities from BKKBN, Indonesia.

Prof. Dr. Abul Hossain Sikder has diversified job experiences in academic management, research, training, evaluation and financial management positions in National and International arena mentioned below in a nutshell:

- Executive Director in Local Initiatives Program (LIP), a joint venture project of USAID and Govt. of Bangladesh from July 1998 to August 2007.
- Served as Program Director, Program Coordinator and Senior Program Specialist in Family Planning Management Development (FPMD) Program, an international program of USAID and Management Sciences for Health, Boston, USA which was implemented in 120 countries in the world. Prof. Sikder provided management and technical assistance to implement the program at home and abroad. He also provided Technical Support for Health Sector Reform Programs in different countries, such as Kenya, Iran, Egypt, Indonesia and Bangladesh from November 1989 to June 1998.
- Prof. Sikder worked as Head (Director) of Research and Evaluation Unit, Training and Program Unit and finally Deputy Executive Director in Family Planning Services and

Training Center (FPSTC), a project of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning Welfare, Govt. of Bangladesh from July 1984 to October 1989.

- He served as Program Officer in USAID Project, Use of Voluntary Agencies in Population Activities from July 1982 to June 1984.
- Prof. Sikder worked as the Member Secretary of Family Planning Council of Voluntary Organization (FPCVO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Bangladesh from July 1984 to October 1989.
- He also worked as the Member Secretary of National Steering Committee for subvention grant of World Bank in the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Govt. of Bangladesh from July 1984 to October 1989.
- Prof. Sikder was the Head of the Team for conducting the evaluation of all the sub grantee projects of FPSTC and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Bangladesh from July 1984 to October 1989.
- Prof. Sikder was the Coordinator for preparing the County Paper to present in the ICPD held in Cairo, Egypt in 1994.
- He has participated in various education exchange visits in different universities in the world and delivered lectures in classes, seminars and workshops. Among major universities so far he attended are; Harvard University, Boston University, Brandies University, Connecticut University, University of South Florida, George Washington University, Columbia University, John's Hopkins University, Michigan University, University of North Carolina, Saint Johns University, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, Morgan State University, Towson State University and City University, New York, USA; Cambridge University, London University, Metropolitan University, London, East London University, University of Wales, Cardiff University, University of Gloucestershire, Luton University, Greenwich University and Starling

University, UK; Istanbul University, Turkey; Al Azhar University, Egypt, Tehran University, Iran; King Abdul Aziz University, Riyadh University, Saudi Arabia; Monash University, Australian National University, Sydney University, University of New South Wales, Australia; University of Beijing, University of Nanjing, University of Shanghai, China; Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Mahidol University, University of Chiangmai, Thailand; University of Jakarta, University of Bandung, University of Medan, University of Yogyakarta, Indonesia; University of Kuala Lumpur, University of Malaysia, University of Melaka, Malaysia; Delhi University, Aligarh Muslim University, Kolkata University, Mysore University, Jadavpur University, Ranchi University, North-Bengal University, Kalyani University, University of Bangalore, Ghandigram Rural University, Patna University, IIT, IIM etc. India; and Singapore National University, Singapore.

- Prof. Sikder has been performing the responsibility of the Executive Secretary General for Asia and Pacific region in International Resource Development and Management (IRDM), Washington DC, USA since 1993 to till date.

- Prof. Sikder has been a Member of NGO Affairs Committee of the United Nations (UN) since 2002 to till date.
- Prof. Sikder is the Secretary General of South Asian Forum for Research, Education and Development (SAFTED), based in India from January 2010.
- He has been working as Advisor of Atish Dipankar University of Science and Technology.
- He is a regular Visiting Professor of Atish Dipankar University of Science and Technology.
- Prof. Sikder is Life member of American Public Health Association, World Anthropology Association, Bangladesh Population Association, Social Welfare Alumni Association, etc.

Prof. Dr. Abul Hossain Sikder has a good number of articles published in national and international journals. He has conducted a good number of research work and numerous research works have been done under his leadership. He is a member of the Editorial Boards of several international journals. He is also the Editor and Publisher of a weekly newspaper, namely, *the Agnikon*.

Professor M Arshad Ali Appointed Treasurer of Prime University



Professor M. Arshad Ali

Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali has been appointed Treasurer of Prime University by the honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chancellor of Prime University and accordingly, he joined on 23 July 2015.

Professor Ali has double master's degree in English and in Applied Linguistics.

His long academic and administrative career, spanning over nearly five decades, includes

teaching in the Department of English, Shahid Shohrawardy College, Magura. He served as the Principal of Pirgonj College, Dinajpur and Pangsa University College, Rajbari for long nineteen years. He had been Dhaka University's Inspector of Colleges for eighteen years upto 2005. Besides, he served as Registrar, Prime University as well as Professor and Chairman of its Department of English. Prior to his appointment by the hon'ble Chancellor, he had served as acting Treasurer since 27.10.2010 to 04.03.2014 and then as Treasurer (designate) since 05.03.2014 to 22.07.2015 with proven ability.

As founding Principal of Pangsa University College he pioneered to elevate it to the status of a master's level college by dint of sincerity, devotion, honesty and industry. His ability and expertise for acquisition of funds and their proper maintenance, management and administration worked wonder, thank Allah, for the rapidly steady growth of the institution. The legacy still lingers so that it exists as one of the very few smoothly running big colleges of the country free from evils that plague our academic arena.

During his long eighteen years' service as Inspector of Colleges, Dhaka University he contributed to the affiliation of a huge number of colleges most of which have now developed into large institutions particularly catering to the educational need of the backward people, especially womenfolk.

His publication includes more than forty articles and three text and reference books. He performs the responsibilities of editing Prime University Newsletter, and Prime University Journal. He was a member of the Editorial Board of Dhaka University Annual Report. He has also edited publications of research organizations like INNOVATORS and Bangladesh Centre for Policy Research and Response and text-book of National Curriculum

and Text Book Board.

Prof. Ali is a Life Member of the prestigious and scholarly organizations like the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh and the Bangla Academy. He is Vice Chairman and Advisor to the Organization for Advancement of Learning and Bangladesh Centre for Policy Research and Response respectively.

Professor Ali has to his credit involvement with a good number of educational, social and legal organizations in various capacities e.g. Advisor, Machpara Degree College, Rajbari, Member, Governing Body, Pangsa University College, Rajbari, Founding Member of Hossaindanga High School, Rajbari, Member, Pangsa Thana Education Authority, Rajbari, Advisor and Life Member, Pangsa Thana Association, Dhaka, Assessor (Jury), Session Judge's Court, Faridpur, Member, Pangsa Thana Law and Order Committee, Founder, Gopalpur Mohammadia Orpharange, Pangsa, Rajbari, Chairman, Gopalpur Eidgah and Graveyard Committee, Chairman, Bait-ul-Monir Mosque Committee.

He was the Chairman, Arbitration Court, Pangsa set up immediately after the Liberation of Bangladesh.

40th Death Anniversary of Bangabandhu and National Mourning Day Observed

Prime University observed Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's 40th death anniversary and National Mourning Day with due solemnity on 15th August 2015. The University organized a number of programmes including hoisting black flags, holding discussions, milad mahfil and offering special prayers to commemorate the great leader and his family members who were killed on August 15 in 1975. Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Treasurer, Registrar, teachers, officials and



A view of Doa Mahfil for Bangabandhu on the National Mourning Day 2015

students of the University attended the Doa-mahfil. Later on a discussion on Bangabandhu's life and work was held at the ground floor of the University at about 10:00 am. Professor Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan, Vice-Chancellor of Prime University said, "Today's Bangladesh would not have been created without Bangabandhu". The Chief Guest Md. Ashraf Ali, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University said Bangabandhu was

endowed with all qualities of head and heart. He urged all to pursue the ideology of Bangabandhu for the welfare of the country. Amongst others, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Treasurer, Registrar, Deans, Heads of different Departments also spoke on the occasion. The program ended with Doa for Bangabandhu and other martyrs as well as for the welfare of Bangladesh.



Flags are being hoisted at 6:00 am on the National Mourning Day by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. M.A. Sobhan and Treasurer Prof. M. Arshad Ali

A Courtesy Call on the Honorable President of Bangladesh

A team, consisting of four members, from Prime University called upon the honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chancellor of the University His Excellency Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid on the 22nd September, 2015. In absence of Md. Ashraf Ali, Chairman, Board of Trustees because of his tour abroad, the team, led by the Sr. Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BOT) of Prime University Trust Mir Shahabuddin, included Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan, Treasurer, Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, both appointed by the hon'ble President, and Registrar, Md. Abdul Aziz. Discussion on different issues of the University took place during their visit. The



A four member delegation of Prime University with the hon'ble President Md. Abdul Hamid on 22.9.2015

team briefed the hon'ble President regarding the different academic programs together with various aspects of the University, The hon'ble Chancellor gave a patient hearing and emphasized the improvement of quality of education. The

team earnestly requested the hon'ble President and Chancellor of Prime University to grace the Convocation Ceremony of the University as its Chief Guest and his Excellency very kindly reciprocated.

Progress of Construction Work of Prime University Main Campus Building

The Prime University main campus building is located at 114/116, Mazar Road, Section-1, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216. The grand structure is designed to be a 10-storied building in addition to one basement. The magnificent building, currently under construction, is planned to be an area of 15,650 sq.ft. at the basement and 1,30,000 sq.ft. floor space on the 10-storieds approximately.

The construction work of the building is running in full swing. The piling work has already been completed by the contractor. New civil contractor has also been appointed. Now floor casting of the basement has been completed.

The new building has been well-designed to ensure modern facilities and amenities for the quality education and research in the university.



Prospective Building of Prime University (left); Senior Vice Chairman, BOT and Vice Chancellor visiting the construction site (right)

Discussion Meeting Held in Prime University

A discussion meeting on “ CEDAW for Sustainable Development” was held at the Department of Law,

Prime University on 02 September, 2015. The discussion meeting was jointly organized by the Department of Law, Prime University and Central Committee, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad. The Vice Chancellor of Prime University Professor Dr. M Abdus Sobhan was the Chief Guest and Mir Shahabuddin, Sr. Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Professor Dr. M



A speaker of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad addressing the audience on 2.9.2015

Abul Hossain Sikder, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prime University and Aysha Khanom, Chairman, Central Committee, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad were the Special Guests in the discussion. The Head of the Department of Law Dr. Noor Mohammad chaired the session. Professor M. Arshad Ali, Treasurer, Prime University and Md. Abdul Aziz, Registrar, Prime University were present in the meeting. Moreover, faculty members of different departments, students of different programs attended the discussion. The discussion meeting started with an opening speech by

Md. Mostafijur Rahman, Sr. Lecturer, Department of Law, Aysha Khanom. She emphasized on "CEDAW for Sustainable Development" to stop all kinds of violence against women and girl child and to establish equal rights of women and men to property and resources. The Chief Guest and Special Guests also identified obstacles for empowerment of women in Bangladesh. They urged to change patriarchal attitude towards women. They pointed out some valuable measures for prevention of violence against women as well as empowerment of women in Bangladesh.

PU Organized View Exchange Programs on 'Enhancement of Quality of Higher Education'

To add a contribution to higher education in the country, Prime University organized view exchange programs on 'Uchcha Sikshar Maan Unnayan' (Enhancement of quality of higher education) in some areas of the country.

On June 6, 2015, such a view exchange program was organized in the Aid Complex Bhaban, Modern More in Jhenaidah. The Chairperson of the program was Mir Shahabuddin, Sr. Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University Trust. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Deputy Commissioner, Jhenaidah was the Chief Guest while Md. Tobarok Hossain, former Principal, Jhenaidah College and Aminur Rahman (Tuku), Chairman, Principals' Council, Jhenaidah were present as special guests.

On the other hand, two view exchange programs on 'Uchcha Sikshar Maan Unnayan' (Enhancement of quality of higher education) were organized by Prime University on June 11, 2015. The first one was held at the 'Principal Arshad Ali Library' auditorium in Pangsha University College, Pangsha in a joyful and congenial environment. This program was chaired by the Principal, Pangsha University College AKM Shafiqul Morshed Aroze. Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer, Prime

University was the chief guest of the program. The program was attended by principals and teachers of all the colleges of Pangsa and Kalukhali Upazilas. Salim Uddin, Assistant Registrar of Prime University welcomed all participants on behalf of Prime University.

The second view exchange program took place on the same day at Baliakandi Degree College. The chief guest of the program Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali was given a warm reception by the Principal of Baliakandi college as well as the Chairperson of the program, Mr. Md. Golam Mostafa along with his colleagues assembled from all the colleges of the Baliakandi Upazila. The Chairman of Baliakandi Upazila, Mr. Abul Kalam Azad graced the program by his presence as special guest.

In all the programs free and fair discussions were held among the participants where valuable opinions were expressed for improvement of the quality of higher education in Bangladesh.

In short, the view exchange programs at these venues may be deemed to have built a good rapport between the Prime University and the colleges of the aforesaid areas.



From left: Speakers addressing the audience in the discussion programs in Jhenidah on 6.6.2015 (left) and in Pangsha on 11.6.2015(right)

Learning Languages at PULS

Speakers at a seminar on 01 July 2015 emphasized on language learning to achieve an international standard in career development. Prime University Language School organized the seminar to make an orientation about the newly introduced language courses (Japanese, Korean, Chinese, French, Arabic) among the students. The speakers: S.M. Khaleque-Uzzaman projected different scholarship facilities through learning Japanese, Swadesh Kumar Roy showed the economic growth of Korea within a very short time and the positive aspects of learning the language, Md. Zikrul Alam Mondol described the rising China and revealed job opportunities at home and abroad by learning Chinese and Mst. Shahanz Khanam informed the audience that PULS was offering Advanced English Language Course besides basic English Course to help them get prepared for IELTS, TOEFL or other

competitive examinations for various jobs. The Chief Guest, Dr M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor of the Prime University, said that he himself knows several languages and is still interested to learn more. He shared his experience and inspired students to learn multiple languages. Treasurer of the University Prof. M. Arshad Ali was present as special guest in the seminar. He mentioned the importance of learning language to be fit for the global context. Prof. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor attended the seminar as chairperson on request in absence of Mir Sahabuddin, Director, PULS since he was outside the city on that day. He emphasized presenting practical aspects e.g. presenting some sparks of respective language in seminar to create more interest among audiences. In the open forum, the students became curious to know about the fee and other relevant official procedures to get admission.

A Workshop on 'Developing Skills in Drama' Held in Prime University

A four day workshop on “Developing Skills in Drama” was launched by Prime University Drama Club on June 7, 2015 in the campus. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, presided over the inauguration ceremony. It was also graced by the Treasurer and the Registrar. The guest trainers of the workshop, Mr. Golam Habibur Rahman Madhu, Film & Drama Producer, Bangladesh Betar & BTV and Mr. Md. Mosharrof Hossain, Drama Producer, Bangladesh Betar, were present there.

At the outset, the convener of the Drama Club Dr. Momtaz Begum (Momo) made a welcome speech and offered thanks to all for being cooperative in organizing the workshop. The Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of such workshops. He

recalled some of his fond memories and expressed his enthusiasm for such activities.

The four day workshop covered two batches each of which got training for two days. Each batch got training in two phases. One emphasized the state of the art, necessity of harmony, presentation, pronunciation and recitation for the acting. The second phase focused on the participants' active involvement on the stage. The training included using audio and video clips to involve the students mentally and physically.

About 60 participants successfully completed their training with great satisfaction. The workshop program was concluded on June 10, 2015. The successful participants will be awarded certificates.



Trainers, guests and organizers sitting on the dais at the inauguration of the workshop on 07.6.2015

Refreshers' Course for the Senior Faculty Members

As part of the regular training programs, Centre for Research, HRD and Publications of the University organized a training program entitled 'Refreshers' Course for the Senior Faculty Members' in September 2015 in the University. The inauguration of the program was held on the 8th September 2015. Mir Shahabuddin, Sr. Vice Chairman of Board of Trustees of Prime University Trust graced the program as chief guest while Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor of the University was the chairperson of the program. Prof. M. Arshad Ali, Treasurer of the University spoke on the occasion emphasizing the importance of such training course. Around five topmost senior faculty members including heads of every departments of the University participated in the training. The four



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan addressing the audience during the inaugural program on 08.9.2015

session program was designed to prepare the participants to face the challenges of the 21st century, which range from handling students to preparing lesson plans that suit tomorrow's employability needs, while implementing techniques to ensuring academic standards and supporting colleagues who are in pursuit to improving quality of education.

Talent Hunt Program for Debating



Vice Chancellor addressing the audience during the Talent Hunt program on 10.8.2015

Prime University has a great fame in the arena of debate. The debaters of Prime University have brought glories for the university from the very inception. Recently Prime University Debate and Quiz Competition Committee and Prime University Debating Society have jointly organized "Talent Hunt Program for Debating" in an aim to give the students the stage to show their potentials in debating. The whole program was segmented into three different parts as workshop, debate competition and prize giving ceremony. Students' participation was really surprising as almost one hundred and fifty students of various departments completed their registration to attend the program and show their talents. The

workshop was held on August 10, 2015. The Vice Chancellor of Prime University, Engineer Prof. Abdus Sobhan, Ph.D, was the chairperson of the workshop while Md. Ashraf Ali, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University was the Chief Guest and Mir Shahabuddin, Sr. Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University was the Special Guest. Treasurer, Prof. M. Arshad Ali and Registrar Md. Abdul Aziz were also present on the occasion. Heads of departments and faculty members also attended the program. In the inauguration program, Mir Shahabuddin inspired the participating students to build their future with the spirit of logic and truth. The Vice Chancellor, Engineer Prof. Abdus Sobhan, Ph.D, announced the opening of the program. After the inauguration, the workshop began. At first, Mafin Muntasir Rahman, Lecturer, Dept. of Electrical & Electronic Engineering delivered his lecture on Debate and Life focusing the presence of debate in every stage of our lives and the importance of learning formal debate. Md. Jahidul Azad, Lecturer, Dept. of English concentrated his speech on the significance of debate in career. He described how debate can help to build a better career. Shuvodip Das, Sr. Lecturer, Dept of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering and Moderator of

PUDS, showed different forms of debate and explained the rules and regulations of upcoming debate competition. There was an arrangement of a mock debate session for the students at the end of the workshop. All the students and faculty members enjoyed the session very much.

One day after the workshop, the debate competition began. The competition went on for two days. Finally top fifteen potential students were selected for the award. The winning students received their awards on September 16, 2015.

Students Participated in "Quiz Competition, Summer - 2015"



Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, delivering his speech in the quiz competition inauguration ceremony on 03.9.2015

teams -- Aniruddho, Anneson, Avipray and Jonantik. On 3rd September 2015, four teams participated in a bowl quiz competition. In the inauguration ceremony of the bowl quiz, Vice Chancellor of Prime University, Prof. M. Abdus Sobhan, PhD, Senior Vice Chairman, BOT, Mir Shahabuddin, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Md. Abul Hossain Sikder,

Quiz Competition is often considered as the pursuit of imperative knowledge. It encourages students to achieve academic excellence and increases their awareness of the world around them. With the apperception of the objectives, Prime University debate and quiz competition committee organized a quiz competition involving the students of all departments. The event was segregated into two segments. First part of the competition was the selection round which was held on 27th August 2015. About 160 students of all departments enrolled themselves for the competition. On the very day, during the competition, twelve students were selected through two written quiz competitions. Later on, these twelve students were divided into four

Registrar of the University, Md. Abdul Aziz and faculty members were present. A good number of students from all departments were also there to witness the astonishing contest. Bowl quiz competition started after the inauguration ceremony. That part of the competition comprised of five rounds, selected questions, rapid fire round, audio visual round, questions from favourite topic and googly round. All the teams put in strong effort and finally Anneson won the battle of intellect by becoming champion. Team Avipray became runner up. Honourable guests and audience thoroughly enjoyed the contest and finally congratulated the champion and runner up teams for their magnificent performance.

Mathematics Quiz Competition

Engineering Faculty arranged a Mathematics Quiz Competition on the occasion of celebrating the 14th Founding day, 2015 of Prime university. To judge the students' mathematical skills and inspire them to concentrate on the practically essential subject, Professor Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering & IT initiated the concept and put it forward. Accordingly, the Quiz Competition Committee was formed with Professor Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor as the convener and Dr. Momtaz Begum (Momo), Assistant Professor, Department of ETE as the co-convener.

A large number of students from different departments of the university swarmed in the particular rooms. The students enthusiastically participated in the competition in the form of a written test of one hour. The question paper was reasonably standard and the competition among the students was evenly balanced. The scripts were examined by the faculty members of the Engineering Faculty. Many of the participants did fairly well while some of them showed excellence. Finally three of them were declared winners in the competition.

Cultural Competition

To harness the students' creative zeal, Prime University always patronizes the enthusiasts to whet their mettle and flourish their dormant faculties with a view to creating a lively atmosphere in the campus. As such, a cultural competition was held on August 24 and 25 in the campus under the supervision of the Cultural Committee and the Drama Club. The whole competition was arranged in four segments in two days. On the first day, recitation and song competitions were held and in the latter the students showed their performance in accompaniment with musical instruments. The three hour long session was full of enjoyment. A huge number of students and teachers were present to inspire and enjoy the renderings of the competitors. The judge teachers were amazed in deciding the winners as many of them did extremely well and

scored very close to one another. However, the winners of the two events were declared at the end of the day amidst applause from the audience. The second day was even more enjoyable and full of entertainment as the events were thought provoking. On August 25, Acting and Dance competitions were arranged and the registered competitors participated with seriousness to impress the judges. A large number of students competed in both the events. Everybody present was astonished to witness the excellence of the students. The judges were again happily confused to sort out the winners. Despite the difficulties, the winners were declared unanimously and all the competitors and audience left the spot with the zest and zeal to compete even further with extra strength.

Moot Court and Mock Trial in the Department of Law

While mock trial simulates the trial level proceeding, moot court simulates the appellate level proceeding. Mock trial involves witness testimony, with statements and arguments, whereas moot court involves attorneys making arguments to and answering questions directly from, a panel of judges only. The department of Law of Prime University devotes its utmost sincere effort to involve the law students in both of these advocacy practices with a view to building their persuasive legal skills.

Mock trial is regularly organized at the department by final semester students for the partial completion

of their Clinical Legal Education course. In Summer Semester 2015, Golam Sarowar, Senior Lecturer and the course teacher along with the students endeavoured very hard throughout the semester for holding the trial successfully. Sachchidananda Ballav, Lecturer of the department played the role of judge.

Moot Court and Mock Trial in the Department of Law bear an invaluable contribution for this University for a long time as a part of the academic program. It has an international impact as well.

Study Tour of Dept. of EEE in Kaptai

Kaptai dam is the one and only dam that is used to generate hydro-electric power in Bangladesh. The only hydropower plant in the country is located at Kaptai about 50 km from the port city of Chittagong. This plant was constructed in 1962 as part of the 'Karnafuli Multipurpose Project', and is one of the biggest water resources development projects of Bangladesh.

At its commission in 1962, the plant capacity was 80 MW of electricity. In later years, the generation



Kaptai Power Plant

capacity was increased in two phases to a total of 230 MW.

The students of 28th and 29th batches of the Dept. of EEE went on a tour to the Karnafuli Hydro Power Plant to gain practical knowledge. Fifty students with two faculty members started the journey with a hired bus from the varsity premises. The students reached the power plant early in the morning. The students were very much interested. At first they visited the Kaptai dam and the spill-ways. Thereafter the students visited the turbine and generation

system. Furthermore, they observed the transmission process. A number of engineers of the power plant accompanied the students and made them everything clear. They also answered all the questions of the students.

After visiting the plant, the students went to visit the beautiful scenery of Kaptai Lake. They enjoyed a charming boat journey through the lake. The students also visited Rangamati later. It was a pleasant and instructive journey for all.

Rag Day In Different Departments

The students of 29th Batch of BBA Program celebrated rag day on 01.09.2015 in a rejoicing mood on the campus. The students gave a festive look to the department by decorating the premises with colorful papers 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. M Abdus Sobhan, accompanied by the Head of the Business Administration Department, Prof. Dr. Abdur Rahman along with the other faculty members of the department. It was a day of thrilling, merry-making and great fiesta to everyone especially for the outgoing students. This eventful day was exciting to

the teachers, students and other stakeholders of the university and that added more attraction to it. As a part of it, a colorful procession with fanfare of music brought out by the outgoing students and others rallied the campus and area around. The program also included luncheon, a pompous cultural evening comprising drama, fashion show and a cheerful DJ party.

On the other hand, the outgoing 28th Batch of the Department of Law arranged a rag day on 7 September, 2015. It was a gala day for the students of 28th Batch to commemorate their 4 year student life in the University. The Head of the Department of Law Dr. Noor Mohammad was present as the Chairperson



Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Treasurer, Registrar and Proctor among the students in the rag day of BBA students on 01.9.2015

of the program. The Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. M Abdus Sobhan inaugurated the program as the Chief Guest of the program. Among others, Treasurer of the University Professor M. Arshad Ali, Professor Md Amzad Hossain, Head of the Department of English, Md Mostaque Ahmed, Head of the Department of EEE and the faculty members of the Department of Law were present in the program. Many of them delivered their speeches to stimulate the students

for their better future. The entire program consisted of many different events was divided into such sessions as opening session, discussion session and cultural function, etc. Cultural functions consisted of various types of songs and melodies, dances, fashion show, reciting poems and so on. The students shared their feelings of university life with a great affection. The program ended by crest distributing ceremony to the student.

Semester Completion Ceremony Organized by Faculty of Engineering

It was September 20, 2015, the scheduled date for the last examination of the semester final examination of Summer-2015. The Faculty of Engineering, Prime University took the opportunity to arrange a get-together with all the students of the faculty. As the semester final examination was over for the students, they were in a joyous mood. Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan, Vice-Chancellor of the University was the chief guest of the program. Treasurer, Prof. M. Arshad Ali, was the special guest. Md. Mostak Ahmed, Head, Department of EEE, presided over the event. All the faculty members of the Faculty of Engineering were also present at the program. At first, Md. Abu Zaman, Asst. Professor, Dept. of ETE, delivered the welcome speech on behalf of the faculty members of the Faculty of Engineering. Then, one of the students shared his experience and his feelings towards the university with the audience. Prof. M. Arshad Ali, Treasurer, shared some of his good

experiences with the students. He advised the students to become good human being first. He expressed best wishes for the coming Eid to the faculty members as well as the students. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan, also made valuable speech to the students. He instructed the students how to make good use of the leisure hours. The Vice-Chancellor also encouraged the students to move in such a way that they might be able to glorify the Prime University with their future works. Besides, he expressed his strong determination to deliver quality education to the students. At the end, Md. Mostak Ahmed, Head, Department of EEE, delivered his presidential speech. He wished the students for religious festivals Eid and Puja. Finally, snacks were distributed among all the audience. The semester completion ceremony was really an event of joy for all.

Prime University Language School

Now-a-days multilingualism has become more than just 'important'; knowing a foreign language other than the native one has evolved to be extremely beneficial. Whether viewed from the financial or social aspect, being able to communicate in a foreign language helps to make 'real' connection with people and provides a better understanding of the present world. The reasons for learning a new language are varied, but the importance of learning foreign languages is universal: it is always helpful for someone to exist in this competitive world. Having this fact in view,

Prime University has been running English Language Course since 2007. Recently Prime University Language School has initiated new measures and has been providing the facility to learn foreign languages (Japanese, Korean, French, Arabic and Chinese) for the students of Prime University and others. The designs of these courses mainly focus on the communicative skill of the students. Prime University Language School tries to build competence of the learners and make them efficient while dealing with all these foreign languages.

“Projonmo Agami” at Prime University

A program named “Projonmo Agami”, was held at Prime University on 28-29 June, 2015 with the collaboration of Expression Ltd. Channel i and Radio Today was the media partner of this colorful event. The entire event consisted of three different sessions comprising of opening ceremony, discussion session and cultural function. The program was formally inaugurated by Professor Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor of the university on 28th June, 2015 at 10 am.

First day, the discussion session was held at 10:30am by showing highlighted activities of Expressions Ltd with multi-media. During the discussion session, they took students' opinions regarding Vision Bangladesh 2050 and Patriotism. In this regard, students shared their opinions and gave recommendations on the subjects. The session was conducted by Expressions Ltd. with media partner Channel i and Radio Today.

Second day, again Expressions Ltd. and media partner Channel i and Radio Today organized the



Sr. Vice Chairman, BOT and Vice Chancellor are seen during the program 'Projonmo Agami' on 29.6.2015

discussion session with students. In the discussion session students provided feedbacks on different current social issues of Bangladesh. At the end of this session, the students enjoyed a cultural program performed by popular band singers.

The closing ceremony of the event was arranged on 29th June, 2015 at 12:00pm with the speech of Mir Shahabuddin, Sr. Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, and Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan.

Iftar Parties in Prime University

Ramadan is the holy month during which Muslims all over the world fast, pray and refrain from all evil

deeds, thoughts and words. Iftar is one of the significant rituals of the holy Ramadan. Iftar at the sunset gives enormous pleasure and heavenly gratification to the fasting Muslims. That is why, Iftar party is considered as a vital tradition in the month. In the holy month of Ramadan this year like every precious year, different departments of Prime University e.g. English, Law, Business Administration, Computer Science & Engineering, Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering, and Electronic & Electrical Engineering organized Iftar parties with great festivity in a befitting manner. Besides, Prime University



Vice Chancellor addressing at the iftar and Doa Mahfil on 13.7.2015

administration arranged a central Iftar Party on July 13, 2015 at the ground floor of the campus. Prime University Drama Club also arranged an Iftar party on July 5, 2015 at the conference room of the campus. In the Iftar parties Doas and Munajats were offered seeking forgiveness of the Almighty Allah and future prosperity of the Prime University and the country.



Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor with others at the iftar organized by drama club on 05.7.2015

Prime University Welcomes New Faculty Members

In the Summer Semester 2015 twelve faculty members joined in Prime University in different departments of Prime University. In the department of EEE seven faculty members joined as Lecturers. They are: Md. Monirul Islam, Tanvir Ahmed Tarique, Md. Mamunur Rashid, Md. Tahin Hossain, Allama Tasnim Irtiza, Abdullah Al Nooman and Ayon Mazumder. On the other hand, three faculty members

joined as Junior Lecturer in the department of CSE. They are Ferdousi Barira, Md. Khairul Islam and Shekh Mohammad Nazmul Huda. In the department of Business Administration, Syada Ammul Aowara Suchana joined as a Lecturer while Rokeya Sarker Rita joined in the department of English in the same post. All the new comer teachers were cordially welcomed in their respective departments.

PU Cricket Team Glazed in the Clemon Indoor Uni Cricket-2015

The Prime University Cricket Team participated for the 2nd time in the second edition of Clemon Indoor Uni Cricket-2015 along with other thirty two public and private universities held in the Shaheed Sohrwardi National Indoor Stadium, Mirpur from September 01, 2015 to September 08, 2015. All the matches of the tournament were live telecast in the GAZI TV. Prime University showed their cricket talents by winning two out of three matches.

In the First match, Prime University Cricket Team was unexpectedly defeated by Stamford University by 19 runs.

In the 2nd match, Prime University Cricket Team beat Bangladesh University of Textile by 1 wicket. Bangladesh University of Textile Cricket Team scored 128 runs for 6 wickets and Prime University easily reached the target with 1 wicket remaining and 2 balls still to be played. S. Saha, a student of the

29th batch, BBA program was man of the match for his outstanding batting performance. He scored 53 runs just from 16 balls.

In the last group match, Prime University Cricket Team also kept the winning race by beating Atish Dipankar University of Science and Technology (ADUST) by 7 runs. Prime University Cricket Team was all out for 121 runs while Atish Dipankar University of Science and Technology (ADUST) could manage only 113 runs. Rafiul Islam Rafi, student of 38th batch, BBA program of Prime University was announced as the man of the match for his entertaining knock scoring 52 and brilliant bowling performance 2 wickets for 16 runs.

Prime University authority, management and all other stakeholders congratulated and thanked the Prime University Cricket Team for their memorable performances, victories and successes in the tournament.



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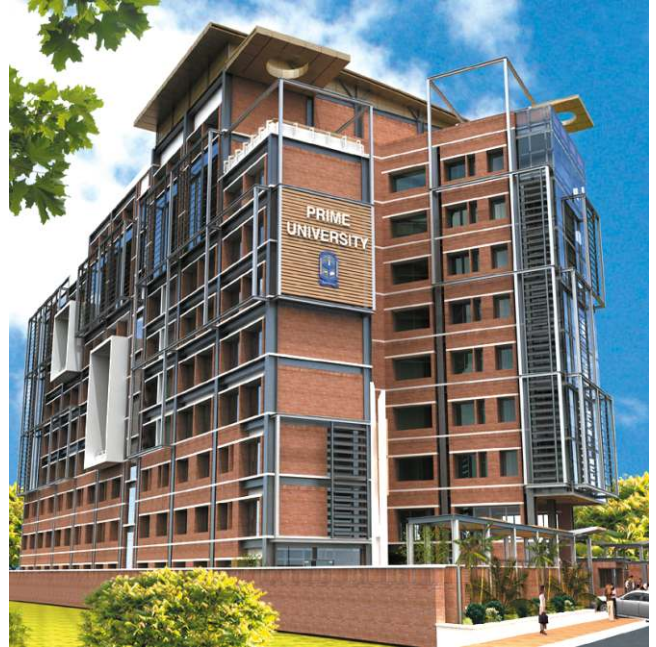
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