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## Fall Semester-2009 Orientation Program



Sajjatuz Jumma, Chairman, Governing Council and Chief Guest addressing the Freshers of 22nd Batch (Fall Semester-2009)

On the 15th of October, 2009, an orientation and reception program for the newly admitted students of Fall Semester 2009 was held at the University campus.

Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Samad, Vice-Chancellor chaired the occasion. Mr. Sajjatuz Jumma, Chairman of the Governing Council of the University graced the program as the Chief Guest while Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali and Mr. Anowar Kamal Pasha, member of the Prime Foundation and Prime University Governing Council were present as distinguished guests. Prof. Dr. M.A. Jalil, Dean, Faculties of Arts, Social Science and Business Studies, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abdul Halim Shaikh, Dean, Faculty of Information Technology, Prof. Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Registrar, Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali, respected teachers from Dhaka & Rajshahi Universities along with other renowned persons attended the program. Almost one thousand students including 500 newly enrolled students were present in the occasion.

The Registrar of the University, Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali delivered the

welcome speech. Mr. Ashraf Ali advised the student to acquire modern and quality education. He also welcomed the students to uphold the image of the University through study.

The chief guest Mr. Sajjatuz Jumma assured the freshers of all facilities and amenities required to make them well equipped to face the challenges of the 21st century. He also held out the prospect of job facility in Shah Jalal Islamic Bank and other institutions for those students who would acquire the desired competence & skill.

The Chairperson Prof. Dr. M. A. Samad, Vice Chancellor of the University welcomed the new students to prepare themselves well to face the competitive world successfully and at the same time establish Prime University internationally. He urged them to earn knowledge in English and computer side by side with regular studies. He also reminded that education is the backbone of a nation and teachers are its builder. Laying stress on this point Prime University arranges higher training for its faculty members.

I believe in you my soul, the other I am must not abase  
itself to you,  
And you must not be abased to the other.

In perfect consonance with what Walt Whitman, the great American poet aptly compared to our national poet Quazi Nazrul Islam, says above, the Prime University lays due emphasis on the development of both soul and body i.e. the full physical, mental, intellectual and spiritual development of the students to enable them to shoulder the responsibility they will be entrusted with by the motherland. The works are many and the goals are long, 'miles to go' making all role players – the teachers, executives, staff, and above all, the management keeping from 'sleep' in order to cater to the needs of the learners.

Ours is a solemn commitment to bring into full florescence of the talent that our students are gifted with so that each of them is shaped into a full man with balanced personality. To this end, various activities, both conforming to the syllabi and curricula on the one hand and transcending them on the other, are carried out – beginning from class-room lessons, tutorials, weekly tests, midterm and semester final exams to games and sports, cultural functions, debate and quiz competitions, recitation sessions, musical soirees, dramatic performances, observance of national days and events of historical, literary and cultural importance, outing like picnics and excursions and so on and so forth. All these are aimed at investing the student with the capability of successfully crossing the hurdles and facing the challenges that beset his way in order to adorn him with laurels that move him on and on to newer horizons, thus bringing continuous improvement and amelioration not only in his own life but in the lives of his fellow beings as well. Not all the events and items that figured in our programs of activities

during the Fall Semester spanning the months of November 2009 to February 2010 have been contained herein, nor is it possible to do so for the obvious reason of space constraint compelling us to nutshell even the more prominent ones. Kindly lend your eye for a few minutes and suggest ways of improvement, for we are ever accommodative with, and appreciative of, such gestures.

### Language School: Inauguration of the 5th Batch

At the beginning of every semester Prime University Language School conducts English Language Course for the students who need to be proficient in four language skills. On 26th October, 2009 the inaugural session for the 5th batch was held in the campus. The session was attended by Prof. Dr. M Abdus Samad, Vice Chancellor, Mir Shahabuddin, Director of the School and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans of all Faculties, Chairpersons of all departments, instructors of the School and about one hundred and fifty enthusiastic students who enrolled for the course in Fall'09 Semester. They participated in intensive training sessions on four

language skills for four months. The programme began at 10:00 o'clock in the morning with the welcoming speech from Sheikh Mehedi Hasan, Coordinator of the School and Lecturer, Department of English. Prof. Dr. M A Jalil, Dean, Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences & Business Studies, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abdul Halim Shaikh, Dean, Faculty of Information Technology and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abdul Mannan Sardar, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Registrar Prof. M. Arshad Ali delivered their inspiring speeches for the young learners who were on a challenging voyage of learning English. Prof. Mustafizur Rahman, Chairman, Department of English also invigorated their young spirits with his pragmatic advice of do's and don'ts of learning English. Prof. Dr. M Abdus Samad, Vice Chancellor expressed his expectations about the course and urged the students to apply their acquired skills in practical fields. Mir Shahabuddin, Director of the School and Pro-Vice Chancellor introduced the students to the instructors of the School and welcomed them to the domain of learning English. He also informed the students of their duties and activities as required for the course. He then declared that after the completion of the course, each successful participant would be awarded a certificate.



A view of the Language School

## Victory Day Celebration



Victory Day rally to the National Mausoleum at Savar

Prime University arranged a colourful 'Victory Day Celebration' on December 16, 2009. Professor Dr. M Abdus Samad, Vice Chancellor, Mir Shahabuddin, Pro-Vice

Chancellor, Deans of all Faculties, Chairpersons of all Departments, Faculty Members from different Departments, Registrar, Assistant Registrar and other staff members along

with 200 students from different departments participated in the Victory Day Rally to the National Mausoleum at Savar to observe the 38th Victory Day, paying rich tributes to the heroic sons of the nation who had sacrificed their lives in achieving liberation for the motherland.

On this day in 1971, Bangladesh came into being as an independent sovereign country when the Pakistan occupation forces surrendered after a nine-month bloody war of liberation.

The rally bearing banners, festoons and flower wreaths approached the Mausoleum reverently and paid their respects by laying floral wreaths there and remained silent for one minute as a mark of respect to the nation's independence architects.

## Picnic



Every where cheers and festivity in the picnic party

Every winter Prime University arranges pleasure trips for which the whole year everybody eagerly waits. This year, despite the cold wave and dense fog, students and faculties of different departments separately organized picnics which were wonderfully enjoyable for

them recreating everybody after the tight packed midterm examination schedule.

The Department of English arranged the picnic on the 25th December, 2009 at Sripur, Gazipur, while the Department of Law visited the Bhawal National Park,

Gazipur on 3rd January, 2010. On the other hand, departments of ETE, CSE and EEE went together at Mainamati, Comilla on 2nd January, 2010. In every trip faculty members, students, executives and staffs of the departments concerned enjoyed together the whole journey with the fascinating beauty of nature and far from the maddening crowd. They participated in various games, cultural program, horse riding, boat journey, lottery and many more things. Prizes were distributed among the winners. They enjoyed the delicious breakfast, grand lunch and evening snacks at the picnic together. Everything was really exciting and interesting. These picnics build up the relationship between the faculty members, students, executives and staffs stronger and they remain memorable for all.

## Program of BBC Janala



A view of the English Teaching Program of BBC Janala

BBC world Service Trust organized BBC Janala Activation Program as part of their campaign of learning English through mobile and internet at the Prime University premises on 29th December, 2009. A large number of students of different departments participated in the program. Mir Shahabuddin, Pro-

Vice chancellor, Prime University, Professor Dr. M. A. Jalil, Dean, Faculties of Arts, Social Science and Business Studies, Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Chairman, Dept. of English, Dr. Helaluzzaman, Chairman, Dept. of Business Administration and other faculty members from different departments were also

present on the occasion. The program was full of quizzes and games for the students as well as the teachers present. Everybody enjoyed the program with immense pleasure. Prizes were distributed among the winners by the visitors. At the end, the visitors paid deep regards to the authority of Prime University for their support in the program. In his speech, Mir Shahabuddin, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Prime University also thanked BBC World Service Trust who had taken all their troubles to organize such an English Learning Program for the students of Prime University.

## Pitha Festival-2010



Pitha Utshab brought festive mood among the students

The Pitha Festival Organizing Sub-Committee of Prime University organized Pitha Festival-2010 at the ground floor of the university premises on 15 January, 2010. Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Samad, Vice Chancellor, Mir Shahabuddin, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans of all faculties and Chairmen of all departments were present at the

opening ceremony at 9:00 am. Faculty members, executives and students participated in this grand occasion. There were sixteen stalls participating in this Pitha festival, offering various kinds of traditional rice cakes, local and exotic Pithas. The artistic presentation and spontaneous participation of the students in this festival turned the

whole arena into a rendezvous of vivacity and virtuosity. In this festival, five best entries were awarded among the sixteen stalls.

## Inter Department Debate Competition

The final round of Inter Department Debate Competition-2009 was held on 16th November, 2009. The topic was "Proposed National Education Policy is not feasible in the present socio-economic context of Bangladesh". The Department of English was in favour of the motion while the Department of Law spoke against it. A lively debate session was witnessed by the presence. The Vice Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellor along with the Registrar, Deans of faculties and Chairmen of departments attended the program to encourage the participants and audience. After a tough competition, Department of English was declared Champion and Sarmin Jahan Sorna of the same department the best speaker.

## Observance of Saraswati Puja



Devotees before the goddess of learning, arts and crafts

With devotion and religious fervor pervading the environment Saraswati Puja Organizing Sub-Committee of Prime University organized Bani Archana (Saraswati Puja) on the ground floor of the University premises on January 20,

### Training of Teachers for Tomorrow

Training of Teachers for Tomorrow is a regular program of the Centre for Research, HRD and Publications of Prime University which has been initiated with a view to developing the skills and qualities of the Faculty Members, especially the fresh lecturers who joined in teaching for the first time. Unquestionably the programme has achieved admiration from all corners for its significant success. The 3rd training programme commenced on 6th September, 2009 and finished on 29th October, 2009 with the grand certificate distribution ceremony to the participants who had successfully completed the programme.

As many as 35 faculty members participated in the programme, and 28 of them were considered eligible to be awarded certificates. The closing session was held on

2010. The Hindus worship Saraswati as the goddess of learning, arts and crafts. The most significant part of the Saraswati Puja is that no Hindu touches books on that particular day. This signifies that the goddess is blessing the

17th November, 2009 with the presence of the Chief Patron of the Centre and Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Samad, the Director of the Centre and Pro-Vice Chancellor Mir Shahabuddin, the Deans of different faculties, Registrar and the Chairmen of the departments along with trainers.

### Publication of 4th Issue of Prime University Journal

Prime University Journal is published twice a year by the Centre for Research, HRD and Publications of the University. Recently the 4th issue of the Journal has been published. It contains scholarly articles from faculties of Prime University as well as other universities. The Journal has been distributed among all private and public universities and colleges in Bangladesh to be placed in their library shelves for reader's use. It

books placed in front of her that day. It is a festival celebrated by the youth, particularly students who invoke the blessings of the goddess for success in learning. It was really a day of auspicious celebration. Faculty members, officers, executives and students of all departments of the University were present on the occasion Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Samad, Vice-Chancellor and Mir Shahabudin, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, also attended the function. The Puja ceremony was performed by students in an atmosphere of profound devotion and solemnity, followed by "Pushpanjali" and chanting of "Saraswati Bandana". Above 500 students participated, and got involved in various activities including Puja preparations, proshad distributions, making sweet dishes as well as prolonged "adda".

is believed that the journal will be very much useful to the readers all over the country.

### Prime University Drama Club

Recently in a meeting of the Drama Committee of Prime University the Prime University Drama Club (PUDC) was formed with the registered students. The main objectives of the PUDC are to stage drama of all forms along with arranging of workshop/training on theater performance for grooming the members. In the mean time, the Drama Club has selected 100 general members from the students of the University. The membership of the Club is open to all students of the Prime University. The Club has already started rehearsal to stage "Sajano Bagan" a comedy written by Monoj Mitra. A veteran theater activist Mr. Bakar Bokul is directing the play in cooperation with the members of the Drama Committee. The

rehearsal of the drama is going on in full swing and waiting for performance in the 4th week of April, 2010.

### Australian Bar Association Delegates Visit Prime University

On 19th December, 2009 a delegation consisting of 4 members of the Australian Bar Association visited Prime University. The distinguished delegates included Barrister Bob Reed, Professor Greg Reinhardt, Barrister David Curtain QC and Ms. Cate Heyworth-Smith. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Samad, Pro-Vice Chancellor Mir Shahabuddin and Registrar Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali along with faculty members, executives and students welcomed them with full zest. The delegates visited the Library, Laboratories and the departments of the university and



A member of the Australian Bar Association speaking on the occasion

showed their keen interest. The department of Law accorded a reception for them and gave university crests as token of respect. A brief discussion session was held where the Deans and Chairmen of different faculties and departments along

with Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Registrar were present. The delegation from Australian Bar Association expressed their whole hearted support to the Prime University in different education related activities.

### Winter Clothes Distribution



Md. Zafrul Hannan, Lecturer, Business Administration with his team in action

Recently Prime University distributed winter clothes among poor people. The students of

Prime University collected a lot of winter clothes from students, teachers and staffs of Prime

University. All of these clothes were distributed among road side poor people who had not sufficient clothes to face the winter. These clothes were distributed in Mirpur zone and the adjoining areas. Students also collected some money from among themselves and provided those to the poor people. The authority of Prime University was very helpful in this matter and encouraged the students to do these types of social work. Students were very active in this work. Indeed, this is a very good work in the context of Bangladesh. Students of Prime University are very much willing to do such types of work in the context of various natural disasters of Bangladesh. It will be encouraging for Bangladeshis if all the societies of students extend their hands to the poor people of Bangladesh.