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Orientation Program Summer Semester 2013



BOT Members, Vice Chancellor, Dean and Registrar are seen at the dais in the orientation program

The orientation program of the newly admitted students for Summer Semester 2013 in the different graduate programs of Prime University was held at the University Campus, Mirpur-01 on June 07, 2013.

Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali, the then Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University and Prime Foundation, graced the Orientation Program as the Chief Guest while Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, Vice Chancellor of the University, was the Chair of the program.

Among others, Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, the then Secretary General, Board of Trustees, Prime University and Prime Foundation, Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer (In Charge), Prime University, Mr. Mohammad Liaquat Ali, the then Registrar, Prime University, Professor Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty Members

of different departments of the University were present in the ceremony.

About 500 students newly admitted in the Summer Semester for different undergraduate and graduate programs, attended the occasion with great enthusiasm & festivity, and got introduced with the teachers, course curriculum of the respective programs, code of conduct, norms, and different facilities available in the university.

Mr. Mohammad Liaquat Ali, delivered the welcome address to the freshers. Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer (In Charge) highlighted the rules and regulations of the university and urged them to follow the norms of the University so that they are able to make themselves prepared for the country as well as the society. Mr. Mir Shahabuddin,

in his speech, stressed the needs of modern and quality education, and urged upon the students to prepare them through perseverance keeping the institutional glory intact.

The chief guest of the program Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali expressed his commitment to provide all sorts of facilities to the students in order to help them prepare to face the challenge of the 21st century. Besides, he assured that the permanent campus of the

university would be built very soon at 114/116 Mazar Road, Mirpur - 01, Dhaka-1216 ensuring all types of modern academic facilities in the campus.

The Chairperson of the ceremony, Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, applauded the new students for choosing Prime University as the institution of their higher education. He said, "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 improve as well as enhance quality 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 all about his initiatives for linking Prime University with the renowned foreign universities for achieving academic excellence.

Construction Work Started at the Permanent Campus of Prime University



Vice Chancellor Dr. Profulla C. Sarker along with others watching the beginning of construction work at the permanent campus of the University

It is an immense pleasure that Prime University has started its construction works of Permanent Campus at 114/116 Mazar Road, Mirpur-1, Dhaka-1216. The consultant for building the permanent campus has been appointed. The land use permission from RAJUK has been obtained and the architectural design approved by the authority. This opens the development scenario of Prime University. By this time, the selection of the construction firm is underway. All these make the progress of construction work of the permanent campus a reality long sought for.

Seminar on 'Research Methodology' held at PU

A seminar on 'Research Methodology' was held at Prime University on 15th September, 2013. The Vice Chancellor of the University Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker chaired the program while Dr. Kanchan Roy, Professor and Head, Department of Anthropology, Ranchi University, India was the key speaker. The Treasurer, Prime Foundation and Board of Trustees and the Vice Chancellor of Atish Dipankar



The Chief Guest Professor Dr. Abul Hossain Sikder addressing the audience

University of Science and Technology Professor Dr. Abul Hossain Sikder was the Chief Guest at the seminar. The seminar covered a broad range of topics including comparative and theoretical approaches to research and research methods. The key speaker Professor Dr. Kanchan Roy highlighted that research is a dynamic process and its objective is to contribute to the existing knowledge. He also mentioned how to collect qualitative, quantitative data and the process of writing research report.

The Chief Guest Professor Dr. Abul Hossain Sikder focused on the value of research for the development of University faculties in their advanced studies and encouraged the faculty members to sharpen their observation and thought by involving themselves in the field of research. While delivering the

presidential address Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, Chairperson mentioned that research should be based upon an operational methodology. He added that research and teaching must go together for quality development in teaching. He also added that research methodology plays an important role by contributing new knowledge and research methodology is not static rather it is dynamic by nature. At the end he expressed that the seminar would motivate the young faculties to involve themselves in research for their academic development. The Treasurer of the University Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, the then Registrar Md. Liaquat Ali, Controller of Examinations Professor Dr. Md. Sanaullah, and Chairmen of different departments along with the faculties of the University were present in the Seminar.

Current News

--Orientation of Fall 2013 held

--- Vice Chancellor Chaired a seminar entitled "Higher Education in Sweden @ Jankoping University" on 22.10.13

----Blood donation Program held

--- A discussion program on "উচ্চ শিক্ষায় আইম ইউনিভার্সিটির ভূমিকা" held in Rajshahi University on 22.11.13

---- We mourn the death of former Vice Chancellor Pror. Dr. M. Aminul Islam

Teachers' Training Program Held



BOT Members, Vice Chancellor and Treasurer sitting at the dais in the inauguration of the Teachers' Training Program

Prime University Debate Team Secured 3rd Runner up Position on ATN Bangla Student Parliament

Prime University Debating Society (PUDS) secured the fourth position in the prestigious national parliamentary debate competition "BSB Cambrian Student Parliament" organized by ATN Bangla. Twenty-four prominent government and private universities participated in that battle of logic. Dhaka International University bagged the championship, while Jaganath University and State University secured the second and third place respectively. Earlier, in the quarter-final round, Prime University debate team was triumphant against Dhaka Medical College, the same team that was defeated by PUDS in the second round. The moot topic of the debate was, "এই সংসদ মনে করে যে, মহাজোট সরকারের ব্যর্থতার চেয়ে সফলতা বেশি". With that win PUDS was promoted to the semi-final as an unbeaten team. After putting up a great fight against Dhaka International University, unfortunately PUDS couldn't make it to the final round. But their effort and indisputable logic

The 6th Teachers' Training Program for the faculty members of Prime University was held in Summer semester 2013. With a colorful inauguration program, it started on June 17 in the conference room of the University. Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali, the then Vice Chairman and Mr. Mir Shahabuddin the then Secretary General of the Board of Trustees were the Chief Guest and Special Guest of the program respectively. Professor Dr. Profulla C. Sarker, Vice Chancellor of the University, presided over the program. The program was organized by the Centre for Research, HRD and Publications of Prime University.

A total number of 31 faculty members participated in the training program. There were twenty five sessions in the program including one review class and six presentation sessions of the trainee teachers. The training sessions concluded on the 18th September 2013. The successful participants will be awarded certificates.



Prime University debate team receiving the 3rd runner up trophy from the Chief Guest.

were highly appreciated by the chief guest of the program, Farid Uddin, renowned journalist and also by the speaker of the session, Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron, famous TV personality.

This achievement is considered as a particular accomplishment as the team is frequently performing and achieving victories. Prime University debate team is surely wrapping up this year with the glorious performance in the Transparency International Bangladesh Debate Competition and this dazzling achievement. These types of achievements are the outcome of keen and cordial support of the university authority, determination and hard labor of the debaters and the mentors. Let's hope that PUDS will see more successes as the time passes by.

Promotion of Faculty Members and Officials of Different Departments

In the Summer Semester 2013, eight faculty members of different departments of the University got promotion. Such event will motivate the other teachers to carry out their duties with due professionalism. Mr. Md. Tarek Habib, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Ms. Pragati Das, Department of English, Ms. Nahid Farzana, Mr. Eman Hossain and Mr. Md. Mahedi Hasan, Department of Business Administration, all Senior Lecturers were promoted to the post of Assistant Professor. Whereas Mr. Shamim Mondol, Department of English, Mst. Shahina Ferdousi, Ms. Sabina Yasmin and Md. Nahidul Islam, Department of Law, all Lecturers were promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer. Promotion of all the faculty members became effective from September 01, 2013. In addition, Prime University got new Deputy Registrar as Mr. A. K. M Saifulla was promoted to the post. The teachers and officials, receiving promotion, expressed their gratitude to the authority and desired to work for the betterment of the university.

Prime University Language School Welcomes the Students of 16th Batch

The Prime University Language School has achieved yet another milestone by completing the course of 15th Batch successfully. The students of 16th Batch is welcomed already in the Summer Semester, 2013 to continue its journey. Since its inception in 2007, the School has played a significant role to develop competence in all the requisite skills of English language of a considerable number of students of different disciplines. The four month course of the school generally starts at the beginning of each semester and ends just before the final examination of the particular semester. Everybody concerned with the school believes that the school is in its right track to enhance the competence of the students in English language and will continue to do so in future.

New Faculty Members Joined the University

Prime University extends a warm welcome to the eleven new faculty members who joined in the Semester of Summer 2013. Six new faculty members joined the Faculty of Engineering. Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering welcomed five of them. Among them, Mr. Md. Rashedul Islam, Mr. Ariful Haque, Mr. Md Asaduzzaman and Mr. Saikat Basak joined as Lecturers. Mr. Dipankar Paul joined as Assistant Professor as well as the new Chairman of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Mr. Suman Halder joined the Department of Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering as Junior Lecturer. Professor Dr. Rabiul Hossain joined the Department of Law as the new Chairman of the department in this semester. Ms. Sonali Rani Upadhaya, Lecturer, also joined the same department. In the Department of Education, Dr. M. A. Wahab Miah joined as Professor while Mr. Md. Shahabuddin and Mr. Anup Ratan Das joined the

department as lecturers. All the faculty members expressed their gratitude for the heartiest reception, friendly and professional assistance that would make them highly motivated for the academic environment.

Mourning the Demise of a Versatile Genius

Khondakar Ashraf Hossain, a paragon of genius died on the 16th June 2013. He started working in the Department of English in Prime University on 10.11.2005. He was a mentor, a guide, a guru, an advisor and a well wisher for the students of Prime University and eventually the University itself. He was born on 4th January 1950 in the Joynagar village of Jamalpur Sadar Upazila, Jamalpur. He was a distinguished professor and chairman of the Department of English, Dhaka University. He was serving as the Vice Chancellor, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University while his premature death snatched him away from his dear and near ones.

A leading poet, essayist, translator and editor, he wrote more than eighteen books. His poems have been translated into English, German, French, Telegu and Hindi. He edited and published literary magazine "Ekobingsho."

The members of BOT, the teachers, students and others of the University condoled his death. A mourning meeting was organized by the Department of English, Prime University on 21.6.13.

We also mourn the death of **AZM Nasimuzzaman**, former Deputy Registrar and **Golam Ahad** an LLM student of Prime University. The PU family expresses heartfelt condolence and prays for their departed souls.

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