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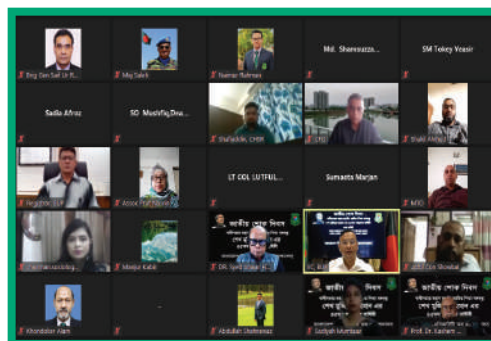


At the beginning, let me extend my heartfelt felicitation to all our esteemed faculty members, adjunct professors and fellow students for successfully continuing the academic programmes. I also acknowledge the support from all the staff who painstakingly responded to all challenges faced so far.

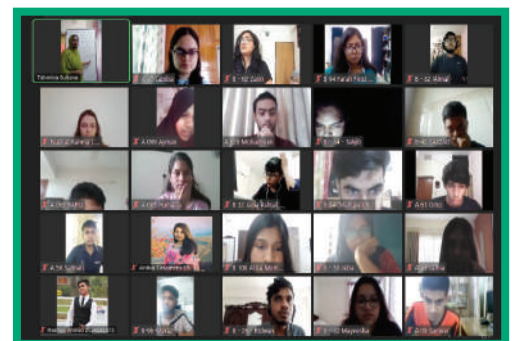
Firmly committed to satisfy our academic goals, we have taken various measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We introduced all necessary health and safety measures to protect all members of BUP and secure a transition to online interactive teaching & learning including preparation for the upcoming exams. To achieve this, we are integrating all our academic activities through a state-of-the-art Learning Management System (LMS). We also continued our progression in holding regular online co-curricular activities, and scientific research. Most notably, one of our ICT research teams successfully obtained a patent of "Contactless Automatic Self-Energized Resistance Drive Shaft." This invention will add to our efforts to secure a green campus.

I am optimistic, this impasse will be over soon, and our campus will be buzzing with students again.

Photo Gallery



BUP Commemorates the National Mourning day Virtually



Glimpse of Conducting Online Classes

BUP Observed National Mourning Day 2020



Bangladesh University of Professionals observed the National Mourning Day 2020 in a befitting manner. The day marks the 45th anniversary of the assassination of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with 18 other members of his family on 15 August 1975. To observe the day, BUP organized various programmes like online discussion programme; screening of documentary; keeping the national flag half-mast; recitation from the Holy Qur'an and special munajat. An online discussion programme was held on the contribution of the Father of the Nation on the making of Bangladesh. BUP Vice-Chancellor Major General Ataul Hakim Sarwar Hasan, SBP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD graced the programme as the chief guest while Pro-VC Professor M Abul Kashem Mozumder, PhD was the special guest. Professor of BUP Bangabandhu Chair Dr. Syed Anwar Husain also took part in the discussion. BUP high officials, faculty members and students also participated in the programme. Vice-Chancellor Major General Ataul Hakim Sarwar Hasan, SBP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD paid homage to Bangabandhu and said “keeping the vision and ideals of Bangabandhu in heart, the young generation should pursue to accomplish the unfinished task of building a Sonar Bangla, the dream of Bangabandhu”. General Hasan also said that though Bangabandhu had the opportunity to run the country only for three and half years, he adopted a far-reaching plan for the overall development of the country. The dream of making Sonar Bangla came to a sudden pause after the brutal and barbaric incident of 15 August 1975. However, the nation has resumed its journey towards the dream under the leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. In a major leap forward, Bangladesh has become eligible to graduate to a developing country from a least developed one as it has met all the three criteria for the first time for getting out of the LDC bloc. The loss caused by the demise of Father of the Nation can only be overcome by nurturing his dream and vision in our heart while moving up the ladder of development. In the afternoon, as 2nd part of the Day’s programme, four Faculties of BUP arranged separate online programmes. A total of 1,200 participants including teachers, officials and students from different departments participated in that programmes. Life of Bangabandhu and his contribution for the nation building were discussed in the programmes. Students paid homage to the Father of the Nation by reciting poems; displaying artwork and took vow to build a Sonar Bangla of Bangabandhu.

Webinar on “Higher Studies in Abroad: Road to Europe and Japan” Held



Bangladesh University of Professionals Disaster Management Forum (BUPDMF) organized a webinar titled “Higher Studies in Abroad: Road to Europe and Japan” on July 27, 2020 under the guidance and supervision of Brigadier General A K M Iqbal Azim, ndc, psc, G+, PhD, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Md. Ashiqur Rahman (Research Fellow, Spanish National Council), Assistant Professor Md Mostafizur Rahman, PhD, and Farzana Rahman, PhD, junior Research Fellow (OIST) joined the webinar as the speakers. The speakers discussed various issues of higher studies in Europe and Japan, and also put recommendations for the students.

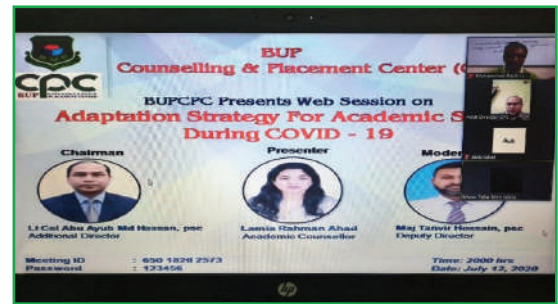
Webinar on “Psychological Resilience During COVID - 19” Held



Counselling and Placement Center (CPC) of BUP arranged a webinar on “Psychological Resilience During COVID - 19” for the students of BUP on 06 July 2020. Lt Col Abu Ayub Md Hassan, psc, Additional Director, CPC was present as the Chairman of the web session. Md. Rakibul Hasan, Socio-emotional Counsellor, CPC was the presenter of the webinar. Officials of BUP, faculty members and students from all departments attended the session. Presenter Md. Rakibul Hasan made the session interactive successively with the participants. The Moderator of the seminar was Major Tanvir Hossain, Deputy Director, CPC, BUP.

Webinar on “Adaptation Strategy for Academic Stress During COVID - 19” Held

Counselling and Placement Center (CPC) of BUP arranged a webinar on “Adaptation Strategy for Academic Stress During COVID - 19” for the students of BUP on 12 July 2020. Lt Col Abu Ayub Md Hassan, psc, Additional Director, CPC was present as the Chairman of the web session. Lamia Rahman Ahad, Academic Counsellor was the presenter of the webinar. Officials of BUP, faculty members and students from all departments attended the session. Presenter Lamia Rahman Ahad made the session interactive successively with the participants. The moderator of the seminar was Major Tanvir Hossain, Deputy Director, CPC, BUP.



Webinar on "Fundamentals of Mooting" Held



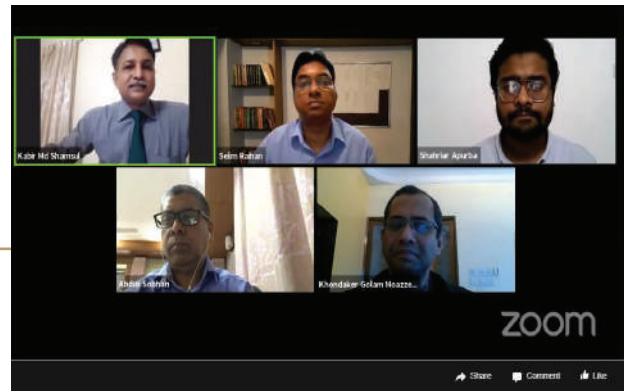
Bangladesh University of Professionals Law and Moot Court Club (BUPLMCC) took the initiative to host webinar on mooting, an essential law school extracurricular activity. Webinar titled "Fundamentals of Mooting" was held on 25 July 2020 with the participation of more than thousand participants from around globe. Barrister Ahmed Ehsanul Kabir, Associate Professor at Jagannath University was present as the keynote speaker. Mooting enthusiasts

from home and abroad enjoyed such illuminating and stimulating webinar. BUPLMCC received huge applause from the students of different universities for such tremendous arrangement.

Webinar on "Legal Research and Writing" Held

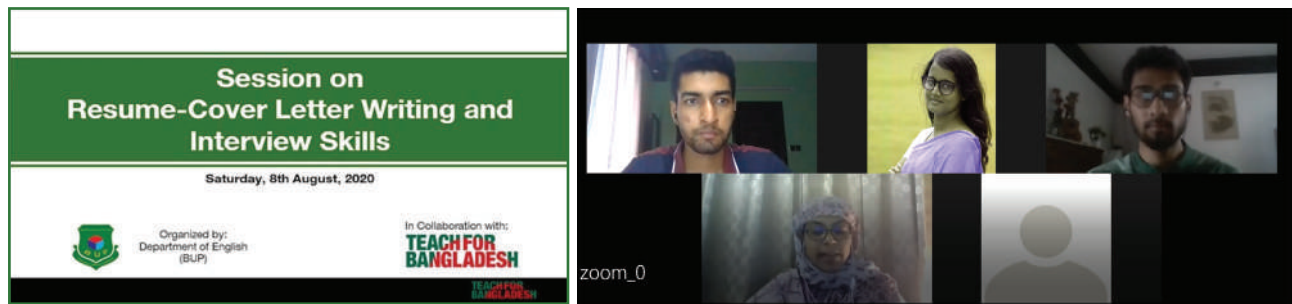
Bangladesh University of Professionals Law and Moot Court Club (BUPLMCC) hosted two webinars in order to enlighten the students across the country about legal research and writing. The first webinar titled "The Art of Legal Writing " was held on 30 June 2020 through Facebook live from the official page of BUPLMCC. Mr. Moniruz Zaman, Lecturer in Law, BUP was the keynote speaker of the webinar. He discussed 15 crucial points to make the legal writing more lucrative. In the later part, the keynote speaker answered numerous questions asked by the audience. More than 500 participants attended the webinar from different parts of the country. The second webinar pertaining to legal research titled "Seven Rules of Legal Research " was held on 20 July 2020 where Mrs. Tashmia Sabera, Lecturer in Law, BUP was present as the keynote speaker. She discussed seven hacks to ace legal research. The vibrant session was quite interactive with the participation of more than 700 students, academicians, practicing lawyers and research enthusiasts from across the country.



EconTalk: A BUPEC Webinar on Labour Market Dynamics in the Post Pandemic World: Global and National Perspective

In the wake of the ongoing pandemic, it is expected that the world will go through a recession and a severe economic downturn which will prompt massive changes in the labour and job market, and for fresh graduates, this is no less than a formidable challenge as the job dynamics are about to go through a major transmutation. In light of this situation, BUP Economics Club (BUPEC) initiated to bring its annual lecture, EconTalk 2020 titled "Labour Market Dynamics in the Post Pandemic World: Global and National Perspective", discussing on how the job dynamics will be altered in the labour market due to the pandemic on national level along with the view of the global perspectives. The aim of the event was to unite young minds from all around the country and have an incisive discussion on the challenges and opportunities due to the alterations of job requirements and job demands of the labour market in the post-covid-19 world. The event not only discussed the difficulties faced but also the appropriate solutions. It was hoped that all young minds together around the nation can bring up some innovative solutions that add value to the labour market dynamics in the post-pandemic world. The webinar took place on two consecutive days from July 28 to July 29, 2020. The discussion focused on six different dynamics of employment including fresh graduates, day labourers in the informal sector, RMG and industrial sector, agriculture, SME, startups and lastly health care. On the first day, EconTalk 2020 was joined by six student speakers from University of Dhaka, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh University of Professionals, BRAC University, Noakhali Science and Technology University and United International University who put forth on the upcoming labor market crisis and challenges. The discussion was quite engaging. As the session progressed some very crucial aspects of the labor market were being analyzed. The unemployment problem in the informal sector due to pandemic is going to hit the worst. Informal sectors played a key role in the economic growth as we know that 80-90% of the jobs of Bangladesh are from the informal sector. In a research of South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) it shows that the poverty rate of Bangladesh may double to 40.9% compared to the time before the pandemic. As a result, the inequality may rise in the economy. Many different questions were raised by the young enthusiasts which were also discussed on the next day session. On the following day, a thorough analysis was presented by three most eminent guest speakers

Workshop on “Resume, Cover Letter Writing and Interview Skills” Held



On 8 August 2020, the Department of English under the Faculty of Arts and Social Science of Bangladesh University of Professionals arranged a virtual workshop titled “Resume, Cover Letter Writing and Interview Skills” for the final year students. Around 50 participants including the final year students, teachers and officer attended the workshop. The facilitator of the workshop was Mr. Sujan Daring, Manager, Recruitment and Selection of Fellowship Programme, Teach for Bangladesh. The purpose of this workshop was to prepare the final year students for their upcoming days in the competitive job market of both country and abroad. “The students gained knowledge on writing resume, cover letter and facing interviews with confidence”, stated Dr. Fahmida Haque, Chairman, Department of English, in her end speech to wrap up the programme.

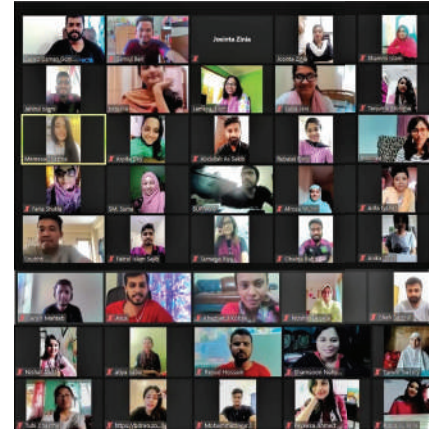
Webinar on “Career Prospects of Disaster Management Students in the Public Health Sector in Bangladesh” Held



On 19 August 2020, the Department of Disaster and Human Security Management under the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences organized a webinar titled “Career Prospects of Disaster Management Students in the Public Health Sector in Bangladesh” as part of the course. Lecturer Musarrat Zaman hosted the webinar. Sheikh Towhidur Rahaman, Project Management Consultant of World Bank and Former Deputy Manager – Management Information System, USAID’s MaMoni Maternal and Newborn Care Strengthening Project, Save the Children International joined as the invited guest. In the webinar, the speaker talked about the general concerns of public health, his experiences of working, the scope and challenges of working in public health sector, the academics and higher study issue and finally about the concern and role of public health workers in Covid-19 pandemics. Among others, students from other batches of DHSM were also joined the webinar.

Webinar on “Higher Studies” Held

A webinar arranged by the batch-2017 (SOC 1) of the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, BUP on “Higher Studies” was held on 11 July 2020 via Zoom meeting. Associate Professor Josinta Zinia, Chairman, Department of Sociology of BUP joined the webinar as the chief guest while Ms. Sumaia Islam, Senior News Caster of NTV, OFID scholar and Master degree student of Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands joined as the guest speaker in the webinar. The aim of the session was to let students enlighten with the prospect and guideline for pursuing higher studies in European countries as well as the possibility of ensuring scholarship for social science background students specially. The session was much interactive, enlightening and effective for the students of sociology, BUP.



Live Adda series on "Legal Research, Writing, and Beyond"



BUPLMCC has formed an online learning platform named "BUPLMCC Skill Development Hub" for the aptitude development of the club members. First programme of the Hub titled "Live Adda series on Legal Research, Writing, and Beyond " was held on 9 July and 13 July 2020 respectively where experienced alumni and senior members of the club shared their legal research experiences and provided suggestions for enthusiastic young legal researchers. More than 100 students and faculty members of Department of Law were present in both sessions.

BUP’s Sensational Achievements in 1st Professor Shah Alam Constitutional Law Virtual Moot Court Competition 2020

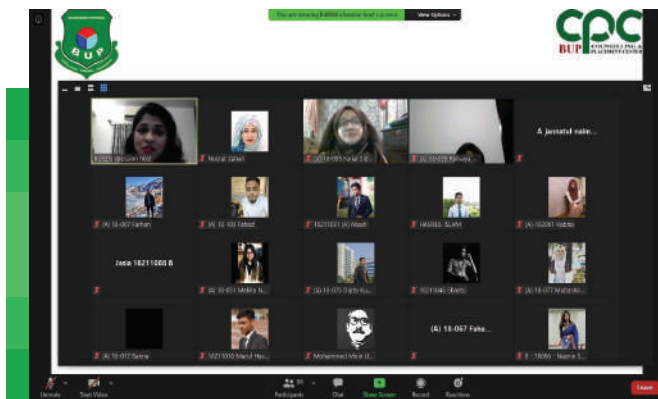
BUPLMCC Team, consisting of Md. Ikra, Fahmin Chowdhury and Mayesha Afiya Jarin, became one of the semi-finalists after an intense competition against 16 teams in the 1st Professor Shah Alam Constitutional Law Virtual Moot Court Competition 2020, organized by Empowerment through Law of the Common People (ELCOP). Another accomplishment is that Team BUP won the 3rd Best Respondent Memorial Award for its outstanding legal research. BUP’s achievement is not yet over! Md. Ikra from BUP was also awarded to the Best Mooter Title in the competition. All the three members performed extraordinarily well throughout the competition, and the coach Lecturer Emraan Azad worked incredibly hard and phenomenally supported the team to achieve such success.



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Webinar on Socio-emotional Counselling, Academic Counselling and Career Guidance

Counselling and Placement Center (CPC) of BUP arranged a total number of 20 webinars on “Familiarization of Counselling and Placement Center & Adaptation Strategies for Educational Stress During Covid-19”, “Familiarization of CPC & Psychological Resilience during COVID-19” and “Familiarization of CPC & Career and Guidance” for the students of BUP starting from the month of July to September 17, 2020. Lamia Rahman Ahad, Academic Counsellor; Md. Rakibul Hasan, Socio-emotional Counsellor; Major Tanvir Hossain, Deputy Director and Mahmuda Akter, Assistant Director were the presenters of the webinars. The coordinator of the webinars was Nusrat Zahan, Section Officer, CPC, BUP. CPC is trying to reach all BUP students during this pandemic following a routine to keep them socio-emotionally sound and safe. Besides their regular classes in



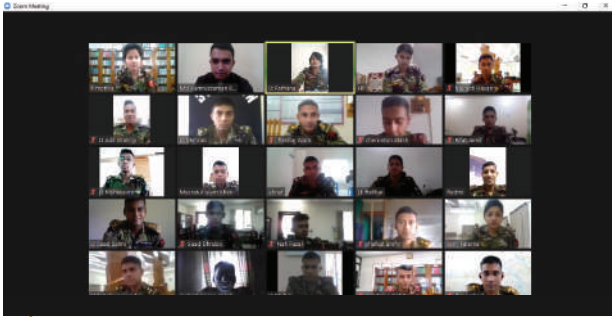
their respective departments, all students of BUP tried to attend these sessions spontaneously through Zoom platform. These counselling sessions took place under the prudent directives of the respected VC of BUP, Maj Gen Ataul Hakim Sarwar Hasan, SBP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD. The sessions were vividly mentored by Lt Col Abu Ayub Md Hassan, psc, Additional Director of CPC. CPC will continue these sessions until October 2020.

Physical Classes during Covid-19 Pandemic Period

During this pandemic period, Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) has been maintaining a concrete lockdown within its administrative area and conducting the academic classes of officer cadets physically with the in-house BUP faculties who have been residing within the training institution to avoid the proximities of getting infected from outside the boundaries of BMA. The in-house BUP faculties showcased, while taking classes, highest sense of hygienic practice through strict maintenance of WHO guidelines, University Grants Commission (UGC) instructions, Department of Health rules and general instructions by Ministry of Education. Officer cadets were managed with proper consideration to WHO Social Distancing Rules and wearing masks were thoroughly enforced by the authorities and faculties. The faculties took the responsibility of proper surveillance of cadet health and when any cadet showcased any physical complications, authority took prompt action immediately. The Covid-19 pandemic not only took huge physical toll but also exerted extreme mental pressure on everyone. Rather than only following official guidelines, BUP in-house faculties resounded with commendable humane qualities too. They regularly interacted with officer cadets and tried to counsel their mental stresses. These interactions allowed the cadets to express their anxieties and to be assured of their continued support from the authority. This resulted in increased academic productivity from the cadets. Thus, with the combination of authoritative guideline from BMA and professional commitments from BUP faculties, officers and staffs, FBSS attempted to maintain its academic excellence even during Covid-19 Pandemic.



Online Classes during Covid-19 Pandemic Period



Apart from physical class conduction, Faculty of Business and Social Science (FBSS), Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) has also demonstrated a milestone in contemporizing the necessities of academic excellences through online platforms during the pandemic period. Adjunct faculties from

many renowned public and private universities of Chittagong have demonstrated their highly professional commitments in operating online classes by using zoom video conferencing application and google classroom tools. Online classes have been conducted in two phases. Faculties have conducted online classes when cadets were staying at their respective residents as well as when they have maintained their staying at cadet battalions with proper arrangement. In this regard, the efforts of Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) in updating all equipment and classroom decorations including internet facilities with fastest possible speed, software update, high resolution video camera and anti-virus support has been ensured for the efficacy of the program. FBSS has followed all the instructions of government and UGC regarding this online class conduction procedure too. Proper guidelines and symbiotic cooperation from both authority and faculties have made this e-learning process more effective. Authorities have remained highly concerned in monitoring to ensure proper coordination and interactive class sessions during this online class conduction process.

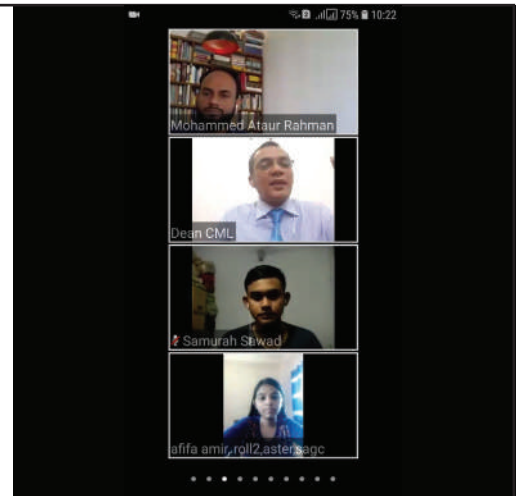
58th Syndicate Meeting of BUP



The 58th syndicate meeting of Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) was held on 23 September 2020 at its campus physically and through an online platform. In the meeting, the management discussed several important issues such as approval of 52th Academic Council Meeting, 60th Finance Committee Meeting, recruitment of manpower and so on. The meeting was presided over by the BUP Vice-Chancellor Major General Atau Hakim Sarwar Hasan, SBP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD. Among others, Pro-VC Professor M Abul Kashem Mozumder, PhD, representatives from Education Ministry, Legislative and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Defence Ministry and BUP were present in the meeting.

Centre for Modern Languages (CML)

20 days Online Elementary Certificate Course (Arabic and French) for SSC and HSC students conducted by the Centre for Modern Languages (CML) of Bangladesh University of Professionals started from 07 June 2020 and ended on 02 July 2020. Total 106 students (Arabic-18 and French-88) have successfully completed the course.



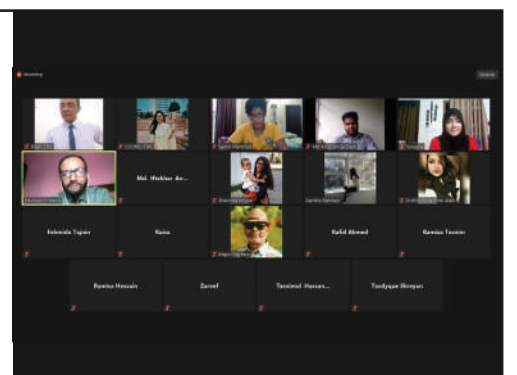
Professional Language Courses, Conducted through online by Centre for Modern Languages (CML), BUP, Batch B (July to December 2020) has been launched from 06 September 2020. A total of 12 Courses have been undertaken for this semester which includes: 05 Elementary Courses (Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, English and French), 03 Level-1 Courses (Arabic, French and Japanese) and 02 Diploma Courses (Arabic and French).



Foreign Language Programme (French) for undergraduate students have been conducted by Centre for Modern Languages (CML) for 10 sections of 07 departments. Respected Dean Brigadier General K M Ferdausul Shahab, BGBM, PBGMS, Centre for Modern Languages (CML) attended all the opening sessions and delivered his valuable directives.



Apart from the above courses Centre for Modern Languages (CML) also conducts German, Russian and Turkish Language Courses. This Centre for Modern Languages (CML) has got three Language Laboratories fully equipped with computer, audio visual facilities along with Wifi connection.



Joining

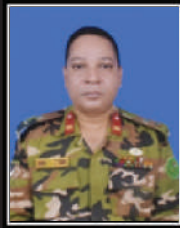
Brigadier General Md Mefta UI Karim, BSP, SPP, BPM, ndc, psc, has joined Bangladesh University of Professionals on 09 July 2020 as the Registrar of BUP.



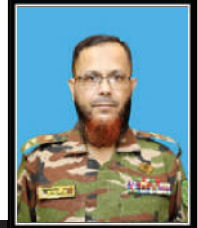
Cdre M Sharif Uddin Bhuiyan (S), NGP, ndc, afwc, psc, BN has joined Bangladesh University of Professionals on 28 September 2020 as the Dean, Office of the Evaluation, Faculty & Curriculum Development (OEFCD).



Colonel Md Nasirul Haque Khan, MPhil, MPH, has joined Bangladesh University of Professionals on 23 July 2020 as the Chief Medical Officer, Office of the Medical Center.

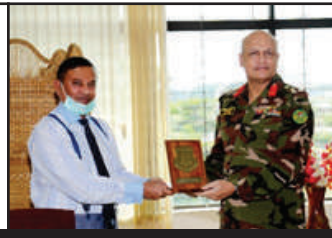


Lieutenant Colonel Md Jahangir Hussain, te, Sigs, has joined Bangladesh University of Professionals on 11 August 2020 as the Senior System Administrator, Office of the ICT Center.



Farewell

Bangladesh University of Professionals bid farewell to Brigadier General Md Mahboob Sarwar, ndc, afwc, psc, G+ on 08 July 2020.



Bangladesh University of Professionals bid farewell to Commodore M Monirul Islam, (S), OSP, PCGMS, ndu, psc, BN on 27 September 2020.



Bangladesh University of Professionals bid farewell to Colonel Mohammad Iftekharul Islam, MPH on 23 July 2020.



Bangladesh University of Professionals bid farewell to Major Shihabuddin Shoaib, EB on 08 September 2020.



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