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## Vice Chancellor's Note

Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) is bringing out the 38th issue of BUP Newsletter. BUP started its journey in 2008 with the motto "Excellence through Knowledge". Keeping this motto ahead, BUP Newsletter is acting as a comprehensive communication vehicle providing balanced and objective coverage of events, a means of staying in touch with the alma mater. This is a platform for us to connect and celebrate the progress and accomplishments of Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP).



BUP is committed to providing a nurturing environment that nourishes academic rigour, creativity, and critical thinking. The curricula for various programmes have been planned by this university with the goal of creating a "Smart Bangladesh" for knowledge exploration and fostering creativity and innovation.

This university also places a strong emphasis on need-based and outcome-based education to meet national needs for achieving Sustainable Development Goals. This newsletter reflects the BUP family for the efforts they made for the advancement of the university. In reflection of these, the most significant events of the last quarter were Fifteenth Annual Senate meeting, seminars, workshops, contest, BUP International Model United Nations Conference, visits, achievements, and so on.

I want to thank the Editorial Board for working hard and doing their jobs to make this publication successful and hope such endeavours will continue in the future.



## Fifteenth Annual Senate Meeting



On June 20, 2023, the Fifteenth Annual Senate Meeting of Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) was held at the Bijoy Auditorium. Respected Vice Chancellor and Senate Chairman Major General Md Mahbub-ul Alam, ndc, afwc, psc, MPhil, PhD presided over the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, Senate Chairman thanked the outgoing senate members and welcomed the new senate members. Later, BUP Treasurer Air Cdre Md Shafiqul Islam, ndc, fawc, psc, GD(P) presented the revised budget of fiscal year 2022-2023 amounting to Tk. 117 Crore 96 lac and announced a Tk. 129 Crore 59 lac budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 which were unanimously approved by the Senators. The Chief of Public Relations, Information, and Publications (PRIP) Air Cdre Syed Fakruddin Masud, BSP, ndc, psc, GD(P) also presented the Fifteenth Annual Report (July 2022-June 2023) of BUP which was approved by the Senators. The senate session was moderated by BUP Registrar Brigadier General A B M Faisal Baten, ndc, psc.

Respected Vice Chancellor and Senate Chairman Major General Md Mahbub-ul Alam in his speech stated that the creation of new knowledge, expansion of education, various infrastructure developments, etc. are going on in full swing. BUP has already formulated an 'Academic Strategic Plan', and its implementation will assist in achieving its success at national and international levels. He specifically mentioned that BUP students have been achieving continuous success at home and abroad. Five students from five faculties have been selected for 'Prime Minister Gold Medal for 2019, the Chairman added. Besides, he informed that a research cell had already been established in BUP with adequate resources for conducting innovative and inventive research in home and abroad. He further said that the book titled "Bangabandhu: A Profile in Leadership" edited by BUP Bangabandhu Chair had already been finalized for publication. He also mentioned that BUP has made agreement to enroll international students and sign MoUs with various domestic and international universities and institutions to expose the university in the international arena of higher education. Among the Senators, Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) Muhammed Faruk Khan, MP, Major (Retd) Rafiqul Islam (Bir Uttam), MP, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Mr. H N Ashiqur Rahman, MP, Secretaries from different ministries, high officials from Bangladesh Armed Forces, and high officials of BUP were present in the senate session.

## Seminar on 'LDC Graduation of Bangladesh: Challenges and Ways Forward'



The Department of Public Administration, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) Bangladesh University of Professionals organized a seminar entitled 'LDC Graduation of Bangladesh: Challenges and Ways Forward' on 10 May 2023. The main objective of this seminar was to understand the challenges we are confronting right now for graduating from LDCs to developed countries and how to address the unforeseen challenging situation after graduation. Respected Vice

Chancellor Major General Md Mahbub-ul Alam, ndc, afwc, psc, MPhil, PhD was the Chief Guest of the seminar. Dr Saif Uddin Ahammad, joint secretary to the Government of Bangladesh delivered the keynote speech. Brigadier General Mohammad Shamsul Arefin, ndc, psc, Dean FASS was present in the seminar as special guest. In the keynote speech, the Speaker shed light on the criteria which we have already surpassed to be graduated from the LDC to developed country. He also emphasized on keeping the economy stable, exploring new sectors and prioritizing diversified production which would attract the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to comply with world trade and uplift the image of the country across the globe. Chairmen of different departments, high officials, faculty members, invited guests, and students of the Department of Public Administration attended the seminar.

## Seminar on 'Managing Workplace in AI and Robotics Driven Environment in Bangladesh Reality - 2041 and Beyond'



Department of Business Administration in Management Studies conducted a seminar titled "Managing Workplace in AI and Robotics Driven Environment in Bangladesh Reality - 2041 and Beyond" on 18 May 2023. The seminar aimed to discuss on how AI and robots are transforming our traditional workplace into digital workplace and what would be our fate if we fail to utilize and adapt AI and robotics in different sectors and sub-sectors of Bangladesh properly. Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hannan Mia, Department of MIS, University of Dhaka and Habibullah N Karim, Founder & CEO at Technohaven Company Ltd was present there as Keynote Speakers. All faculty members, officers of FBS and all students from the Department of Management Studies were also present during the programme.

## Seminar of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Chair, BUP



The second seminar of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Chair, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) was held on 31 May 2023 at Central Conference Room to finalize the book titled "Emergence of Bangladesh: Internal Dynamics and External Perspectives". In the seminar, the first chapter named "Pakistan to Bangladesh: Theoretical Postulations" was discussed. Dr. Syed Anwar Husain, the Chair Professor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Chair of BUP, Registrar, all Deans, Chairmen, Director (CHSR), and all officers and staffs of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Chair were present in the seminar.

## Workshop on D-Nothi

University Grants Commission (UGC) arranged a training workshop on 'D-Nothi' on 21 May 2023, in Central Conference Room of BUP where officials from UGC and Bangladesh Agricultural University were present as resource persons. About 40 teachers, officers, and employees of BUP participated the workshop. In the workshop, BUP Chief ICT Brigadier General Mohammad Nurus Salam, psc, discussed partinant issues related to Digital Documents and their implementation.



Mentionable that the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has introduced a Digital Documents system in government departments to ensure effective transparency, accountability, and mobility in administrative work and build a Smart Bangladesh. In light of the same Digital Documents management is being introduced in public universities including BUP. The training workshop was arranged with the view to enlighten and train its related officials and staffs.

## Workshop on 'In Service Professional Development on Outcome-Based Education (OBE)'



Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of BUP organized a workshop titled 'In Service Professional Development on Outcome-Based Education (OBE)' on 23 May 2023 at Bijoy Auditorium in BUP. Respected Vice Chancellor of BUP, Major General Md Mahbub-ul Alam, ndc, afwc, psc, MPhil, PhD was present as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Arshad M Chowdhury, Dean BSRM School of Engineering, BRAC University and Assistant Professor Dr. Kazi K Shahidullah of BUP presented the keynote papers. In the workshop, the resource persons delivered valuable input on Bangladesh National Qualification Framework, OBE Process, OBE Framework, OBE and Accreditation and OBE Curriculum. The goal of the workshop was to demonstrate how the education provided by BUP would reach an acceptable level of quality through best teaching and learning curriculum. Acting Dean OEFCO Lt Col K Zahirul Alam, psc, G (Retd) moderated the workshop as Session Chair. BUP high officials, teachers and officers were also present in the workshop.

## National Research Project Contest 2.0 - 2023



The Closing and Award Giving Ceremony of 'National Research Project Contest 2.0 - 2023' was held on 15 May, 2023 at Bijoy Auditorium of BUP. The contest was arranged by BUP Research Society under supervision of Department of English. A total of 48 teams of 27 universities participated in this contest. The research

project of Department of Public Administration, BUP became the champion while Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University and Department of English, BUP jointly became 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up and Department of Economics, BUP became 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up. Respected Pro-Vice Chancellor of BUP Professor Dr. Khondoker Mokaddem Hossain distributed the awards amongst the winners as the Chief Guest. Dean of FASS and Chief Co-ordinator of Research Society Brigadier General Mohammad Shamsul Arefin, ndc, psc and Co-ordinator of BUP Research Society and Chairman of the Department of English Associate Professor Dr. Md. Mohoshin Reza, other faculty members, officers and students of BUP were present at the ceremony.

## Closing Ceremony of BUP International Model United Nations Conference-2023

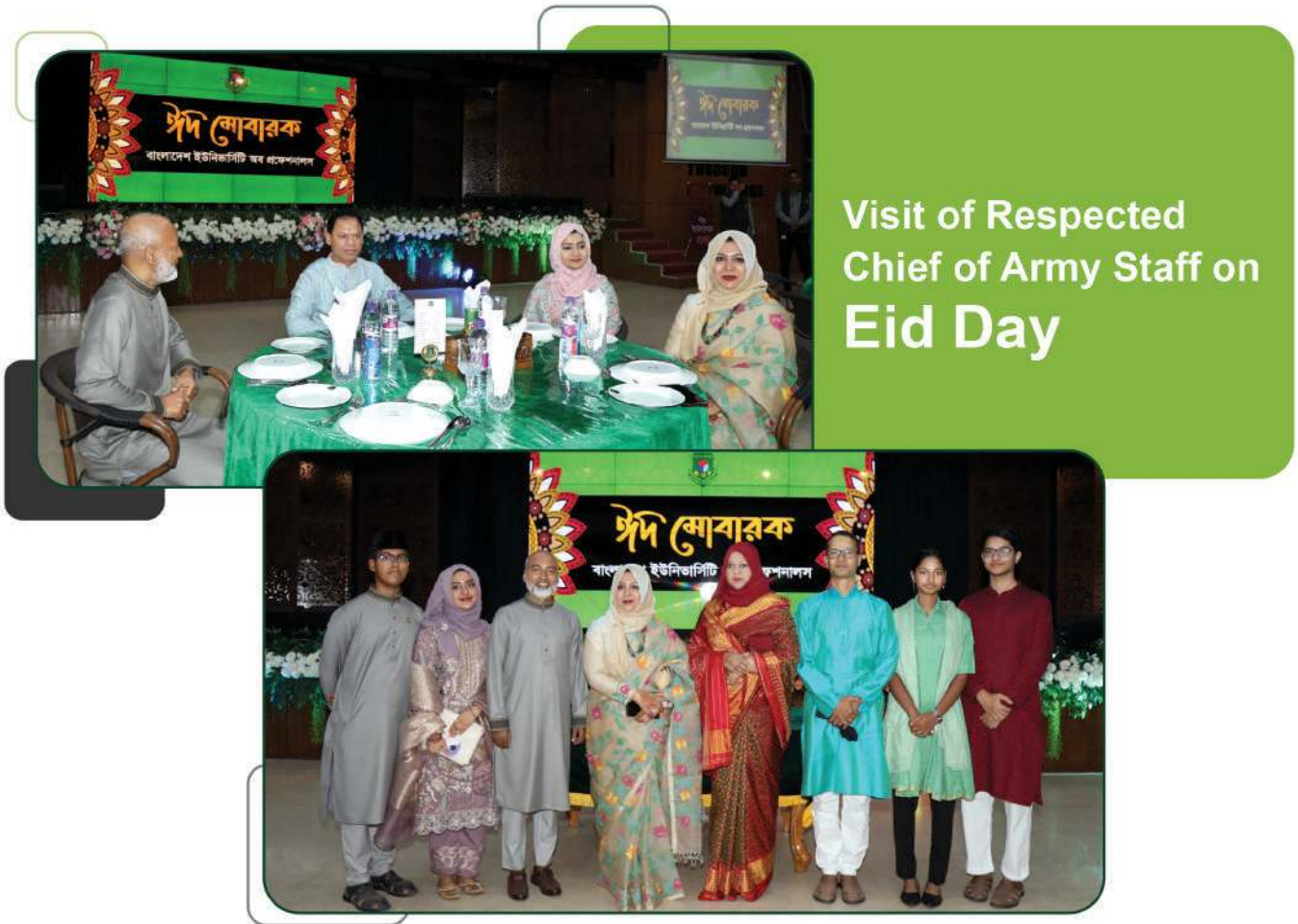


The closing ceremony of the three-day long conference titled 'BUP International Model United Nations Conference -2023' was held on 13 May 2023 at Bijoy Auditorium of BUP. The conference was organized by the Department of International Relations under the Faculty of Security and Strategic Studies (FSSS) of BUP and was conducted by the BUP Global Affairs Council. The conference aimed to create a pool of global citizens who can tackle the world's problems with confidence, empathy, and diplomacy. The conference started on 11 May 2023 and ended on 13 May 2023. A total of 274 delegates from 37 national and international universities participated in the conference. The designated committees of the conference discussed on contemporary issues and their relevant solutions. Respected Vice-Chancellor Major General Md Mahbub-ul Alam, ndc, afwc, psc, MPhil, PhD distributed prizes amongst the awardees as the Chief Guest of Closing Ceremony. BUP high officials, faculty members, students, invited guests and journalists were also present in the conference.

## Visit of Delegation from Tanzania at BUP



A delegation from Tanzania visited Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) on 07 May 2023 with the aim to gather knowledge and experience for establishing a similar university in Tanzania. The delegation consisted of Commodore Bagancwera Traseas Rutambuka, Col. Nilinda William Duguza, Col. Robert Epimark Kessy, Col. Laurent Elias Mgongolwa, Lt. Col. Erasto Samwel Babere, Maj. Richard Stanford Mlindika, and Fatuma Omary Katumbili. The visit started with the call on to Vice-Chancellor Major General Md Mahbub-ul Alam, ndc, afwc, psc, MPhil, PhD. Later, they were briefed on BUP's laws, basic functions, affiliated institutions' management procedures, etc. BUP Pro Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, and Deans of respective Faculties were also present. They also visited Moot Court Lab, Media Lab, the Bangabandhu Chair, and the campus area.



## Visit of Respected Chief of Army Staff on Eid Day

General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed, SBP, OSP, ndu, psc, PhD, Chief of Army Staff visited BUP on 22 April 2023 and exchanged Eid Greetings with the Vice Chancellor, high officials, faculty members, officers and their families. The programme was held at Bijoy Auditorium of BUP.

## Signing of MoU between BUP and BCSIR



Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) and Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 02 April 2023 at BCSIR premises. Through this MoU, BCSIR and BUP agreed to develop bilateral collaboration and cooperation with common interests and views for sharing and interchanging research experiences and

knowledge for professional development. Professor Dr. Md. Aftab Ali Shaikh, Chairman, BCSIR, Brigadier General Md Mustafa Kamal, SGP, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, Wg Cdr Md Khaledur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Environmental Science, Maj Syed Hasan Faisal (Retd.) representative of Office of the Evaluation, Faculty and Curriculum Development, Assistant Professor Alamgir Kabir, Faculty of Department of Environmental Science, BUP were present in the signing ceremony.

## BUP Celebrates Pahela Baishakh



Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) celebrated 'Borshoboron 1430' with various colourful activities. The entire campus was artistically decorated in various colourful ways. A number of programmes were arranged to make the day significant and memorable which included setting up stalls at BUP concourse, arranging cultural programme etc. Different faculties installed different stalls with native clothes, handicrafts, native toys, and traditional foods which were most attractive items of the event. Besides, a cultural programme was organized by BUP Cultural Forum where one of the famous band of the country 'Artcell' performed and made the day memorable. Respected Vice Chancellor Major General Md Mahbub-ul Alam, ndc, afwc, psc, MPhil, PhD attended the event as the Chief Guest. All officers, teachers, students, and employees of BUP were also present.

## BUP BNCC Platoon gets New Cadet Adjutant

Sergeant Md Fahim Imtiaz of BUP BNCC Platoon was promoted to the rank of Cadet Under Officer (CUO) on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in recognition to his dedication and hard work. He was adorned with the rank by the Regiment Commander of Ramna Regiment Lieutenant Colonel Rashed Md. Anisul Hoque, PBGM, BAR and the Regiment Adjutant of Ramna Regiment Major Syed Fazle Hossain at the HQ BNCC. On promotion, he has been appointed as the Company Adjutant of Alpha Company of 3 BNCC Battalion.



Mentionable that CUO Md. Fahim Imtiaz is a student of batch 2020, Department of Finance and Banking of BUP. He is one of the pioneers who led the re-opening process of BUP BNCC Platoon in 2020 and was the first cadet in-charge of the platoon till 08 August 2022. Besides, he led BUP BNCC Platoon in the Winter Training Exercise of 2021-22 of Bangladesh Army and presented BNCC statement to the Respected CAS General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed, SBP (BAR), OSP, ndu, psc, PhD.



## VC's Interactive Session with Adjunct Faculty of CML



On 18 June 2023, Vice-Chancellor of BUP engaged in an interactive session with all adjunct faculties, including Dean, of Centre for Modern Languages (CML) where he gave important directives and guidelines for the improvement in conducting foreign language courses for both undergraduate and professional programmes.

## Admission Test of MPH



The admission test for the Master of Public Health (MPH) programme, Batch-03, under the Faculty of Medical Studies, was held at BUP on 02 June 2023.



Students of Batch MSS-2023, Department of Development Studies of BUP visited Rural Development Academy, Bogura, as part of the academic course 'Bangladesh Studies' on 10 May 2023.



Students of Batch MSS-2023, Department of Development Studies of BUP visited Mahasthangarh as a part of visiting Rural Development Academy, Bogura on 11 May 2023.

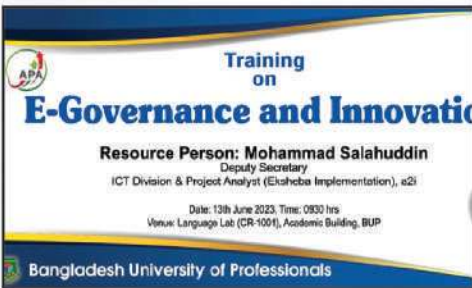


Students of Batch BES-2022, Department of Environmental Science of BUP visited Shaheed Md. Abdul Muktadir Museum Department of Geology, University of Dhaka on 12 May 2023.



Students of Batch 2020, 2021, and 2022, Department of BSc in Information and Communication Engineering of BUP visited Grameen Phone Academy, Dhaka, on 14 May 2023.

## Flash of APA Activities



BUP organized several internal trainings and workshops in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (April-June 2023) on various important topics including reform, innovation and e-governance, complaints, service delivery guarantees and right to information in line with the Annual Performance Agreement signed between BUP and University Grants Commission.



## Receiving Award from Honourable Prime Minister

Md Nafizur Rahman, Lecturer, Department of Business Administration in Finance and Banking of BUP received the 'Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Scholar Award' from the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, MP on 11 June 2023. He earned this award for his academic results, extra-curricular activities and research outputs during his study in the MBA Programme at BUP.



## BUP Team became Champion in the Inter University Case-Solving Business Competition

A team from BUP consisting Sabrun Imtiaz Samir from Department of Finance and Banking, Afridah Ishrat and Ahnaf Akib from Department of BBA General became Champion in the Inter-University Case-Solving Business Competition titled 'Communicado 2023' hosted by North South University Communications Club.

## Success of Team Predestined

Nausheen Rahman Nommy, Deehan Rahman, Adila Ahsan Prita, and Shahriar Rupo, as "Team Predestined" became the 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up of 'Playmakers Season 5' organized by Dhaka University Marketing Club.



## PRIP Officials' Visit to GTV

A delegation headed by Air Commodore Syed Fakruddin Masud, BSP, ndc, psc, GD (P), Chief of Public Relations, Information & Publications, BUP visited GTV on 23 May 2023. The delegation discussed different bilateral issues with a view to gain mutual benefits.



## Workshop on Outcome-Based Education (OBE)



A day-long workshop on Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Curriculum Formulation was held at the University's Language Lab on 17 June 2023 by the Faculty of Medical Studies (FMS). Dean of FMS, Brigadier General Neelima Akhtar, SGP, MPhil, MPH presided over the workshop. The main objective of the workshop was to gain detailed knowledge on making the curriculum of Master of Public Health (MPH) programme more standardized and up-to-date by aligning it with the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) format approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC). Invited guest, 15 teachers from Faculty of Medical Studies and 06 teachers from other faculties participated in the day-long workshop.



## Incoming Professionals and Staff



**Commodore S. M. Zamil Hossain**, (S), NUP, ndc, afwc, psc, BN joined BUP as the Dean, Office of the Evaluation, Faculty and Curriculum Development (OEFCD) on 25 May 2023.



**Brigadier General Md Mahbubur Rahman Siddiqui**, ndc, afwc, psc, MPhil joined BUP as the Inspector of Colleges, Office of the Inspector of Colleges on 02 June 2023.



**Brigadier General Mohammad Shahjahan Majib**, psc joined BUP as the Controller of Examination, Office of the Controller of Examination on 18 June 2023.



**Brigadier General Mohammad Monir Hossain Patwary**, psc joined BUP as the Dean, Faculty of Business Studies (FBS) on 16 April 2023.



**Captain Mahbubur Rashid**, psc, BN joined BUP as the Director, Centre for Higher Studies and Research (CHSR) on 24 May 2023.



## Outgoing Professionals and Staff



**Commodore M Sharif Uddin Bhuiyan**, (S), NGP, ndc, afwc, psc, BN completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 04 April 2023.



**Brigadier General Md Sohrab Hossain Bhuiyan**, PBGM, ndc, psc, G+ completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 20 June 2023.



**Captain Syed Mustafa Muhammad Ali**, (E), psc, BN completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 28 May 2023.



**Colonel Md Zillal Hossain**, psc completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 07 July 2023.



**Colonel A S M Badiul Alam**, afwc, psc, G+ completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 02 July 2023.

# Photo Gallery



Glimpses from Borshoboron 1430

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