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## Message from the President, Governing Board

BRAC University is committed to provide the best education needed to give Bangladesh the leadership it requires for a future of prosperity and dignity. This it will do through the principle of rewarding merit and potential, a principle of equality of opportunity, which underpins the very foundation of everything that BRAC does.

I am pleased to note that BRAC University has provided the much-needed support for students in the form of scholarships amounting to Tk. 3.26 crores totaling 19% of revenue during the year 2006, enabling us to compete with peer institutions for some of the best students. Moreover, to attract otherwise perfectly capable and promising students except for their low competence in English, BRAC University has initiated an intensive and level-specific

English Language Program (El-Pro). This initiative demonstrates another founding principle of all BRAC initiatives—the principle of creating a level playing field that is inclusive.

Many of our efforts during the past years have centered on how to apply BRAC and BRAC University's resources to deliver the best education possible to our students. The plans made through BRAC University Initiative for Learning and Development (BUILD) in the beginning years of the University have provided direction for the years ahead. We now need to put in the hard work to carefully operationalize this into concrete steps and sequence these steps to establish ourselves as a centre of excellence in higher education that is of global repute and standards. I invite all of you to provide the leadership, commitment and hard work necessary for this.

I can not stress enough the need for absolute focus on quality. Quality in the final analysis is embodied in our students and measured not only in terms of their employability but also in the values they bring to whatever they choose to do in their work life. We have already initiated several innovative programs like the Residential Semester at Savar, and Professional Skills Development to give our students this broader perspective. However, ensuring quality needs constant evaluation and improvement. I hope BRAC University will focus on serious evaluation of itself and constantly challenge its boundaries to reach new heights.

Universities are centres of knowledge, fresh perspectives and new understanding. A focus on research is central to creating knowledge, which also is vital in enriching teaching and attracting the best minds. Having established a diverse range of academic programs, I very much hope that BRAC University will focus on research of the highest quality and relevance to become a knowledge based centre of excellence.

As we progress into 2007, I hope we can keep our focus on the larger vision of BRAC University and take significantly larger and more concerted strides to get there. I look forward to continuing to work with you in this journey, which is a critical one to deliver on for a just, democratic and prosperous Bangladesh.

**Fazle Hasan Abed**  
President, Governing Board  
BRAC University



## Message from the Vice Chancellor

In the beginning of 2006 we celebrated five years of hard work, leading to degrees being formally conferred by the Chancellor on the first batch of our graduates in the convocation ceremony. We expect this first group of our alumni to launch successful careers in different fields, taking full advantage of the vast opportunities provided by a society that looks forward to their contributions.

We are a growing university, yet we have achieved numerous milestones and many more remain to be reached before we can fully realize our shared vision for leading BRAC University to become a 'Centre of Excellence'. We made significant progress in research and journal publications. Center for Research on Bangla Language Processing, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, for instance are conducting research projects that deal with Bangla language processing. The faculty members and students of various schools and departments, e.g. the School of Public Health and Department of Architecture have published several papers published in well-known journals and proceedings of conferences. The World Bank and the Centre for Governance Studies (CGS) have signed a partnership agreement to collaborate in research projects on issues of Governance in Bangladesh.

Further efforts need to be directed toward facilitating research initiatives and seed funds in the support of faculty research. We are actively exploring avenues for collaboration with other universities abroad to assist our young faculty members to take up joint PhD programs.

I hope you will find our accomplishments remarkable as you read through the pages. It is the efforts of the entire BRAC University community that have made us successful. As I mentioned earlier that we are a growing university therefore still remain manageable, flexible and responsive to challenges and opportunities. However, I challenge you to look for ways to capitalize on the fact that we are growing and to expand further on growth positively and creatively.

During the year 2006, BRAC University disbursed a total of around Taka 35 million in scholarships and tuition fee waivers to around 450 Students. This shows our ongoing commitment to educating high achievers, and encouraging students from the underprivileged background to take up University studies.

My heartiest congratulations to you all for bringing us successfully this far and I hope that we can continue this trend for years to come.

Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury  
Vice Chancellor

## Introduction to BRAC University

### Background

From a modest beginning almost thirty five years ago, BRAC has today grown into one of the largest non-government development organizations in the world. It works in a number of closely related areas such as poverty alleviation, rural health care and non-formal education among many others to bring about socio-economic changes for a large number of our people, mostly women and children, whose lives are dominated by extreme poverty, illiteracy, disease and malnutrition. BRAC continually revisits its approaches to ensure its effectiveness as a catalyst for change. BRAC recognizes that development strategies, information technology and effective management can play significant roles in modernizing Bangladesh and in securing meaningful jobs for the Bangladeshi workforce at home and abroad. In line with BRAC's continual support to education as a force of change and development, BRAC University (BU) has been established to provide a high quality of education to meet the demands of the modern age. BU is accredited by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and approved by the Ministry of Education, Government of Bangladesh.

### Mission

The mission of BU is to foster the national development process through the creation of a centre of excellence in higher education that is responsive to society's needs, is able to develop creative leaders and actively contributes to learning and creation of knowledge.

### Goal

The goal of the university is to provide an excellent broad based education with a focus on professional development for students, in order to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary for leading the country in its quest for development. Along with this, the university provides an environment for faculty development in order to ensure a dynamic teaching environment. Faculty will be provided with an environment in which they can further enhance their teaching expertise and contribute to the creation of new knowledge by developing and using their research skills.

### Scope

BRAC University will provide instruction and confer degrees in all branches of the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science and Technology. In addition, the University will offer Diploma programs on professional courses.

### Organisational Structure

The Governing Board is the highest policy making body of BU and is responsible for ensuring that the highest levels of educational and administrative standards are set and maintained at BU. A number of committees assist the Board in matters essential to the smooth functioning of the University. The committees are: Academic Council, Course Committee, Finance Committee, Selection Committee, Audit Committee, Committee on Student Affairs, Committee on University Development and Committee on Medical Facilities. The Vice Chancellor (VC) is the Principal Academic and Executive Officer of the university. He is assisted by the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Pro-VC) in all matters. The Treasurer, supported by the Accounts Office, prepares and implements the financial policies. The academic wing of the University consists of Dean and Chairpersons of the Departments, Faculty Members, and Teaching Assistants. The Director of the Teaching-Learning Centre is responsible for organizing training programs and guidance to faculty members in all professional issues. The Director of Student Affairs coordinates and supports all extra-curricular activities. The University library is headed by the Librarian who is assisted by Assistant Librarians. The Registrar with Assistant Registrars and Officers is responsible for planning and implementation of the academic calendar, logistics and administration, human resource management, technological services and records.

## Governance

### *Chancellor*

**Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed**

Hon'ble President

People's Republic of Bangladesh

### GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board is the highest policy making body of BU. It is responsible for ensuring that the highest level of educational and administrative standards are set and maintained at BU. The current Governing Board consists of the following eminent personalities of Bangladesh:

### *President*

**Mr Fazle Hasan Abed**

Founder & Chairperson, BRAC

### *Members*

**Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury**

Vice Chancellor

BRAC University

**Dr Salehuddin Ahmed**

Pro-Vice Chancellor

BRAC University

**Mr Faruq A Choudhury**

Advisor, BRAC

**Professor Anisuzzaman**

Department of Bangla

University of Dhaka

**Professor AH Wahiduddin Mahmud**

Department of Economics

University of Dhaka

**Dr Hameeda Hossain**

Research Director

Ain O Salish Kendro (ASK)

**Professor Dr Tehmina Hussain**

Former Secretary

Primary & Mass Education Division

Government of Bangladesh

**Dr Riaz Khan**

Former Executive Director

Environmental and Geographical Information System (EGIS)

**Professor Dilara Chowdhury**

Department of Government and Politics

Jahangir Nagar University

**Professor A Mushtaque R Chowdhury**

Deputy Executive Director, BRAC &

Dean, James P. Grant School of Public Health

BRAC University

Professor, Population and Family Health,

Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia

University, New York

### *Secretary*

**Mr Muhammad Sahool Afzal**

Registrar

BRAC University

### PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

### *Vice Chancellor*

**Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury**

### *Pro-Vice Chancellor*

**Dr Salehuddin Ahmed**

### *Treasurer (honorary)*

**Mr Sukhendra K Sarker**

### *Registrar*

**Mr Muhammad Sahool Afzal**

### MEETINGS

The Governing Board had three regular quarterly meetings during the year 2006. The Regular meetings of the Governing Board took place on March 28, June 20 and September 27. The Annual Governing Board Meeting was held on December 20, 2006.



## Academic Council

The Academic Council recommends the educational policies of the university and also determines the curricula and courses that can help achieve high educational standard. The council is currently composed of the following academics and professionals:

### *Chairperson*

**Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury**  
Vice Chancellor, BU

### *Members*

**Dr Salehuddin Ahmed**  
Pro-Vice Chancellor, BU

**Professor Iqbal Mahmud**  
Former Vice Chancellor  
BUET

**Dr Hafiz G A Siddiqi**  
Vice Chancellor  
North South University

**Professor Zafar Iqbal**  
Chairperson, Electronics and Computer Science  
Shahjalal University of Science and Technology

**Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam**  
Department of English  
University of Dhaka

**Professor Zarina Rahman Khan**  
Department of Public Administration  
University of Dhaka

**Professor Ainun Nishat**  
Country Representative  
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

**Dr Riaz Khan**  
Former Executive Director  
Centre for Environmental and Geographic Information Service

**Mr Waliur Rahman Bhuiyan**  
Managing Director, BOC Bangladesh Ltd

**Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya**  
Executive Director  
Centre for Policy Dialogue

### **Dr Imran Matin**

Director, Research and Evaluation Division,  
BRAC

### **Mr Mamun Rashid**

CEO, CitiBank, NA

### **Dr A M R Chowdhury**

Dean James P Grant School of Public Health,  
BU

### **Dr Golam Samdani Fakir**

Director, Training Division, BRAC

### **Dr Manzoor Ahmed**

Director, Institute of Educational Development, BU

### **Dr Anwarul Hoque**

Chairperson, Economics and Social Science,  
BU

### **Dr Sayeed Salam**

Chairperson, Computer Science and Engineering, BU

### **Professor Fuad H Mallick**

Chairperson, Architecture, BU

### **Professor Firdous Azim**

Chairperson, English and Humanities, BU

### **Dr Shahdeen Malik**

Director, School of Law, BU

### **Dr Akbar Ali Khan**

Director, Centre for Governance Studies, BU

### **Professor A A Ziauddin Ahmad**

Chairperson, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, BU

### **Ms Syeda Sarwat Abed**

Director, EL-Pro, BU

### **Professor Iftekhar Ghani Chowdhury**

Dean, BRAC Business School, BU

### *Secretary*

### **Mr Muhammad Sahool Afzal**

Registrar, BU

## MEETINGS

BU Academic Council meetings were held on January 23, May 3, September 11 and December 10, 2006



*1st Convocation Ceremony  
at Bangladesh China Friendship  
Conference Centre  
January 28, 2006*



*Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury,  
Vice Chancellor, greets  
Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed,  
Chancellor, BRAC University*



*Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed  
President Governing Board  
with MBA Graduates*



*Convocation 2006  
Dinner*

## Sixth Year of BRAC University

The sixth year of BU has set up yet another milestone, as this year the first Convocation of BU was held. Besides this culminating event, all the academic departments, schools and institutes were busy with various events and activities throughout the year. Sports, cultural events and student participation in various clubs and forums that took place all year long, nurtured the talented students enabling them to relax and use their leisure fruitfully. On the other hand, seminars, discussions and networking sessions helped them grow sounder academically. The faculty also took part in various events and arranged seminars and presentations.

The most highlighted event of the year 2006 was the First Convocation of BU. The event took place on the 28th of January, 2006. Fifty five undergraduate students and sixty graduate students attended the Convocation. Chancellor, Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed, President, People's Republic of Bangladesh chaired the session and conferred degrees. Dr M. Osman Farruk, Education Minister, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Professor Dr M. Asaduzzaman, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Mr Fazle Hasan Abed, President, Governing Board of BU and Chairman, BRAC and Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor (VC), BU were present on that event to celebrate the auspicious moment with the graduating students. Messages from Dr Alan Rosenfield, MD, Dean, Mailman School

of Public Health, Columbia University, USA, the Convocation Speaker and former US President Mr Jimmy Carter were read out.

Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU and Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Pro-VC), called on Professor Muhammad Yunus in his office at Grameen Bank Headquarters, Mirpur, Dhaka, on October 16, 2006 and congratulated him on behalf of BU for receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, 2006.

Mohammad Jahangir Alam, Lecturer, ESS, received a research grant in the 11th Biannual Research and Training Workshop which was organized by the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) in Sri Lanka on 'Valuing the Impact of Diarrhoea on Child Health in Slums: Evidence on Water and Sanitation'. He started research work since March 01, 2006.

The World Bank and the Centre of Governance Studies (CGS) signed a partnership agreement to develop research projects on issues of Governance in Bangladesh on September 14, 2006. Barrister Manzoor Hasan signed the partnership agreement on behalf of the Centre and World Bank Country Director Ms Christine Wallich signed on behalf of the World Bank.

BU signed an agreement with the World Bank initiated GDLN-Global Development Learning Network on September 16, 2006. Dr Michael Foley, Long Distance Learning Specialist, World Bank-GDLN and Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU signed the agreement. Under the Agreement BU has become an Affiliate Centre of the World Bank-GDLN. GDLN facilitates cooperation between its Affiliates. GDLN and Affiliates jointly offer their facilities, services and interactive distance learning techniques to the development community to organize and implement capacity enhancement, knowledge sharing, training, consultation and dialogue events. Working with GDLN allows its clients to reach across the world and bridge



geographical distances cost-effectively and with high and lasting impact. BU has been working on a trial basis with GDLN through its Video Conferencing facility. This will provide BU an opportunity to arrange all kinds of events for the benefit of the development of the community. Mr Ali Salman, Lecturer, BRAC Business School (BBS) was appointed as the coordinator of BU-GDLN.

Another partner in education affiliated this year is the University of Alberta. As it collaborates with the James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), JPGSPH is now a cooperating site of the International Institute of Qualitative Methodology, University of Alberta, Canada.

Professor Mushtaque Chowdhury, Dean, JPGSPH represented BRAC and JPGSPH in an agreement signed between Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) and Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC). Under this agreement BRAC and GTZ will work together in collaboration with the University of Heidelberg, Germany, to come up with a plan on jointly implementing a short course on “Quality Management (QM) in Health”. A course on this topic, currently being offered by University of Heidelberg, will be taken as the basis on which

the proposed course will be designed in a tailor made way.

Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid has received a year-long research grant from the National Centre of Epidemiology and Population Health of the Australian National University. Dr Rashid will be in charge of the research on “Urban slums and infant health”. The project is a joint collaboration with the National Centre in Australia.

As a part of the current partnership between George Washington University (GWU) and BU, three representatives of BU were nominated to visit GWU during Fall 2006. Dr Yousuf M Islam, Director, Teaching-Learning Centre (TLC), Ms Shreyasee Sarma Pati, Senior Assistant Registrar and Md Arifuzzaman, Scheduling & Registration and Website Officer visited GWU as visiting scholars from October 22 to November 17, 2006. The visit was sponsored by the US Department of State. Although their work was mainly centred around GWU, BU representatives also had meetings with different organizations of Higher Education and support agencies like: American Association of Collegiate Registrars (AACRAO), International Reading Association (IRA), Academy for Educational Development (AED), Council for Advancement of Standards



in Higher Education, Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU). Dr Islam also attended the 2006 conference hosted by the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL) 2006 during this time. All the visitors were given an opportunity to observe and study the work of different offices at GWU. They also had classroom observations and visited other campuses of GWU and other US universities. The main purpose of the visit was to learn from the experiences of US universities to help with challenges faced at BU.

To build awareness, encourage and facilitate a student centered environment across the

departments of the University, Teaching-Learning Centre (TLC) was established in 2006. TLC at BU works with both students and faculty to examine attitudes to learning. As an example of the most recent intervention, the Ethics and Culture course has been redesigned as a learner centered course. As part of the course, each student becomes a member of the Ethics Committee that evaluates ethical issues of their immediate environment, reflects on self-attitudes, designs and conducts interventions to help build awareness in the society; thereby allowing the students to critically evaluate their own ethical stands in relation to the society around them.



## Highlights of Visits, Achievements and Recognitions

Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU, visited a number of Australian universities from June 22 - July 5, 2006. These included Monash University, Melbourne, where he was invited to make a presentation in the "Research Conference on e-Government and e-Governance" and had discussions with the senior academic officials on mutual collaboration. He was also invited to attend the Graduation Ceremony of Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne and had discussions with the Vice Chancellor on possible collaboration in the postgraduate programme in Disaster Management. He also visited University of New South Wales, Sydney, University of Queensland, Brisbane and Griffith University, Brisbane and had meetings with Deans, Pro-Vice Chancellors and senior University Officials and Faculty members. The possibilities of collaboration in offering various joint degree programs, exchange of faculty and students were also discussed.

Bangla Academy conferred its prestigious Fellowship to Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU, for his contributions in Science and Technology. This was announced in the Academy's 29th Annual General meeting held on December 29, 2006.

A paper by Munshi Asadullah, Md Zahurul Islam and Dr Mumit Khan was accepted by the International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON 2007) to be held from January 4-6 in Hyderabad, India. ICON is the premier Natural Language Processing conference in India, and this was the first paper from Bangladesh to be accepted by ICON.

Dr A A Ziauddin Ahmad, Chairperson, MNS Department was invited by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO to be a member of an Expert

Panel for selecting a consultant for IOC Leadership and Team Building Program. The Panel met on May 3, 2006 in Paris, France to select a consultant who would be implementing a capacity development work program through a series of leadership and team building workshops for heads of institutes in developing regions to realise their own vision strategy for capacity building. The strategy will be implemented in three critical phases. These are:

- Strengthening scientific institutions
- Empowering scientists, decision makers and communities with knowledge
- Enrolling media and community based organizations to play an effective role.

Dr A A Ziauddin Ahmad, Chairperson, MNS Department has been appointed in June 2006 by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO as a member of the Ad-hoc Consultative Group on Capacity Development (CGED). The Group will advise on criteria for the establishment of priorities and methodologies for assessment of the capacity development process. It will assist the Member States to develop their capacity to conduct marine science research and operational oceanography. The Group is expected to establish priorities for initiatives and developing criteria to assess outcomes of capacity development interventions. The criteria developed for priority setting and assessing methodologies must be easily accessible to field settings, have generic elements and region specific elements.

Professor Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson, Department of Architecture has been nominated in June 2006, one of the editors of a survey on Architectural Education in the Muslim World, sponsored by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture in Geneva. Professor Mallick is also a part of the "Thinking Group" formed in October 2006, to conceptualize and develop a curriculum for the proposed School of Architecture and Human Settlements at the Aga Khan University in Karachi.

A book chapter, titled “In Search for a Habitable Urban Space-Built Ratio: A Case Study of Building and Planning Regulation in Dhaka City”, written by Dr Q M Mahtab-Uz-Zaman, and co-authored by Professor Fuad H Mallick, A Q M Abdullah and Arch. Jalal Ahmed published on July 16, 2006 in Bay J H and Ong B L (eds.), *Tropical Sustainable Architecture: Social and Environmental Dimensions*, Architectural Press, Elsevier, UK.

Shaheena Choudhury and Tania Khan, Lecturers in the Department of ENH attended the Annual International Teachers for English Conference titled “English Without Borders”, in Ashgabat, Turkeministan from June 30 - July 2, 2006. Educators from 13 countries participated in this event. Presentations included posters, sessions, panel discussions, papers and workshops. Shaheena and Tania presented papers on “Fostering the Practice of Communicative Competence in ESL Classrooms” and “Techniques used to Teach Grammar in Bengali and English Medium Schools” respectively. Both papers were well received. Additionally, Shaheena represented Bangladesh in a special panel discussion on English Language teaching. The US government funded the conference.

BU Computer Club (BUCC) won two prizes among the top ten in Olympiad, TeleMpiad 2006, July 5-6, 2006. Five Students from CSE department participated in the Olympiad. They are Annajiat Alim Rasel, Secretary, BUCC], Fuad Hussain, Md Intekhab Al Hafiz, Shoman Bhuiyan and Khan Md Anwarus Salam. Annajiat Alim Rasel was ranked 8th and Fuad Hussain was ranked 10th. This event was the first of its kind and it measured skills in 4 different areas -Wireless/Cellular Networking, Circuits & Electronics, Physics and Mathematics. About 60 participants from different educational institutes participated the event.

Ms Hosnee Reza Chowdhury, a student of the Department of Architecture has won a gold medal in Asia Pacific Children and Youth's Art Exhibition Japan 2006. She received the award

in summer 2006. The award includes prize money of US \$2500, a 500 gm Gold medal, a certificate, and a 7 day trip to Nagasaki, Tokyo, Hiroshima and Nigata in Japan and Seoul, South Korea. This was her 21st Gold Medal in painting.

Dr Q. M. Mahtab-Uz-Zaman and Khondoker Hasibul Kabir, along with Nafisur Rahman and Tanmoy Chakrabarty, students of the Department of Architecture received honorary mention for the National Architectural Design Competition for Visitors' Centre at Lawachara National Park on August 9, 2006 at the National Museum.

Dr Mojib Uddin Ahmed, Professor and Director of MBA program, BRAC Business School (BBS), presented a paper in an international conference entitled "Corporate Takeover Bids, Growth Opportunities of Bidders, and Announcement Day Effect: An Empirical Study", in the International Academy of Business and Economics-2006 Annual Conference, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA from October 15-18, 2006. One of his papers entitled "Corporate Takeover Bids, Growth Opportunities of Bidders, and Announcement day Effect: An Empirical Study", has been published in the *Journal of Academy of Business and Economics*, Vol 6 No.1, 2006, P137-147, USA, (with Niazur Rahim).

A paper titled "On the realization of asymmetric high radix signed digital adder using Neural Network" by Tofail Ahammad, B.Sc. (4th year) thesis student, BU was accepted in the Ninth Scandinavian Conference on Artificial Intelligence 2006 (SCAI 2006) [<http://www.stes.fi/scai2006/index.html>] held in the Helsinki University of Technology, Finland, on October 25-27, 2006. The conference was co-organized by the Finnish Artificial Intelligence Society and by the Helsinki University of Technology. It may be noted that this work has also been accepted as the work in progress session in the Digital System Design conference [<http://www.sea.unilinz.ac.at/euromicro2006/>].

Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU, in his week long tour to Australia from November 25 to December 2, 2006, visited three Universities in Adelaide and Melbourne. In that productive visit, he went to the University of South Australia, Flinders University, both in Adelaide and Monash University, Melbourne to build relationships with BU. Dr Salehuddin met the Leaders of the Universities, Heads of Business Schools and Schools of Computer Science and Engineering, Development Studies and several Professors and Faculty members to develop joint-programs for higher studies and research e.g., joint research, post graduation opportunities for students and PhD for faculty members of BU. A possible PhD program is being planned, with one-year of course work on subject matter and research methodology, finalization of research topic and proposal in the University in Australia and then research work to be done in Bangladesh. The discussions with University of South Australia and Monash University were quite advanced. The follow-up discussions are being continued.

Two papers by CRBLP members Fahim Muhammad Hasan, Nafid Haque, Hammad Ali, Naushad UzZaman, Mr Matin Saad Abdullah and Dr Mumit Khan were accepted by the International Conference on Systems, Computing Sciences and Software Engineering (SCSS 06) of International Joint Conferences on Computer, Information, and Systems Sciences, and Engineering (CISSE 06). Fahim Muhammad Hasan and Nafid Haque presented their respective papers online from the CRBLP offices on December 5, 2006.

The 9th International Conference on Computer and Information Technology (ICCIT 2006), held during December 21-23 of 2006 in Dhaka,

accepted 11 papers authored by the following CRBLP team members: Munirul Mansur, Yeasir Arafat, Ayesha Binte Mosaddeque, Md Tarek Habib, Md Jahangir Alam, Rajib Rahman, S. M. Murtoza Habib, Nawsher Ahmed Noor, Md Abul Hasnat, Md Mahmudul Haque, A. M. Shoeb Shatil, Tofazzal Rownok, Md Zahurul Islam, Naushad UzZaman, Naira Khan and Dr Mumit Khan.

'Current Alert of Basin South Asia', a regional knowledge platform, published the research outcome of the ongoing research on 'Housing of the Ultra Poor in Bangladesh' done by lecturer Mr Khondaker Hasibul Kabir and Professor Fuad H Mallick. It's a joint research supported by the Department of Architecture of BU and Research and Evaluation Division (RED) of BRAC.

Professor Mushtaque Chowdhury, Dean JPGSPH, attended a two-day consultative meeting on health systems in Toronto, Canada sponsored by DFID and the Gates Foundation. Health Systems Professionals from developing countries attended the meeting. The meeting set up a network called "Health Systems Action Network" (HASAN). Professor Mushtaque has been selected as a member of the steering committee of this network. The Dean was one of the 25 participants selected out of a pool of 400 applicants.

Dr Q M Mahtab-Uz-Zaman, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture was selected as one of the International Scientific Committee Members for the 2nd Mega-cities Conference 2006, Guangzhou, P R China, held in December 2006. Dr Mahtab-Uz-Zaman was the convenor and one of the organisers of the First Mega-cities Conference held in 2000 in Hong Kong.



## Academic Progress

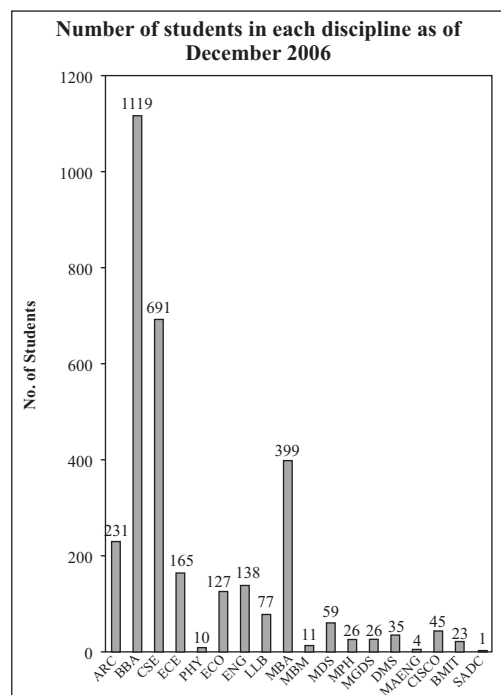
BRAC University (BU) offers four and five year undergraduate bachelor degrees in Computer Science, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Management and Business, Architecture, English, Economics, Physics and Law. Masters programs include MBA (Masters in Business Administration), MDS (Masters in Development Studies), MPH (Masters of Public Health), Master of Arts in Governance and Development (MAGD) and Masters in Disaster Management (MDM).

Currently there are five academic departments, three schools, one institute and one centre operating within the framework of BU. These are:

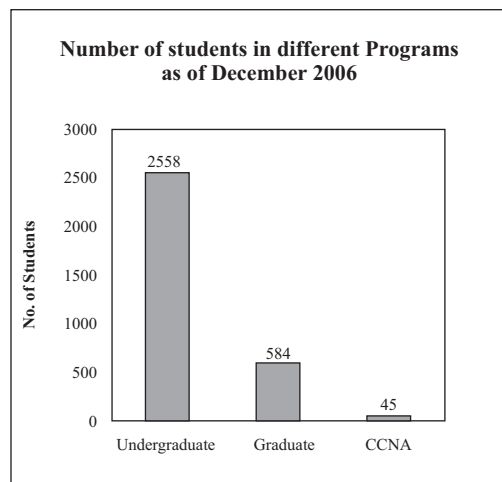
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- Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)
- Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS)
- Department of English and Humanities (ENH)
- Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS)
- BRAC Business School (BBS)
- School of Law (SoL)
- James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH)
- Institute of Educational Development (IED)
- Centre of Governance Studies (CGS)

The total number of students at BU on 31 December 2006 was 2558 in undergraduate programs and 560 in graduate programs. BU also offers Certificate and Diploma programs such as CISCO, Bank Management and IT (BMIT), South Asian Development and

Cooperation Studies and Disaster Management. Following is a break down of students:



No. of Students Admitted	
<b>Undergraduate</b>	
ARC	231
BBA	1119
CSE	691
ECE	165
PHY	10
ECO	127
ENG	138
LLB	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>2558</b>
<b>Graduate</b>	
<i>Masters</i>	
MBA	399
MBM	11
MDS	59
MPH	26
MGDS	26
DMS	35
MAENG	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>560</b>
<i>Postgrade Diploma</i>	
BMIT	23
SADC	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>CISCO Academy</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3187</b>



The highest number of students is enrolled in BBS and in CSE Department.

## Partners in Education

Over the years, BU has partnered with the following institutions from around the world to enhance the educational experience of its students:

### Centre for Governance Studies (CGS)

- Kennedy School of Government (KSG), Harvard University, USA
- Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Sussex University, UK
- Key Centre, University of Griffith, Brisbane, Australia
- Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
- London School of Economics, UK
- University of Bath, UK
- Monash University, Australia
- University of Malaya, Malaysia
- Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands

### BRAC University Institute of Educational Development (BU-IED)

- George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA
- University of Sussex, Centre for International Education, UK
- Institute of Education, University of London, UK
- Manchester University, School of Education, UK

- National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi
- Aga Khan University, Institute for Educational Development (AKU-IED), Pakistan

### BRAC Business School (BBS)

- Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
- Ohio University College of Business, USA

### James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH)

- Carleton University, Canada
- Harvard School of Public Health, USA
- Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, USA
- George Washington University, USA
- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
- Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, USA
- Uppsala University, Sweden
- Karolinska Institute, Sweden
- Umea University, Sweden
- University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- ICDDR, Bangladesh

### Faculty Development and Capacity Building

- Harvard University, USA
- George Washington University, USA
- Colorado University, Denver, USA

## Departments

### Architecture (ARC)

Department of Architecture, BU addresses topics relevant to the development of the country in relation to global issues in architecture. The following are the highlights of the departments activities in 2006.

On February 19, Mr A K Abdullah spoke about 'Evolution of a Shopping Street: Conflict and Compatibility'. In a seminar on March 7, Ms Huraera Jabeen discussed about the concept of 'Planning Gain' and its appropriateness in Dhaka city. Md Hafizul Hasan also shared his idea about 'Prospects of Bioclimatic Urban Development in Dhaka city' in another seminar. Iftekhar Ahmed, lecturer, Department of Architecture, BU delivered a speech on "Edge Defining Elements and the vitality of Urban Public Space" on March 29, 2006. A team comprising Khondaker Hasibul Kabir, Dr Fuad Hassan Mallick and Dr Imran Matin worked on a project titled "Housing of the ultra poor-study of outdoor and indoor spaces in the rural homesteads." Later in October, members of the team made a presentation on the findings of the study.

Professor Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson of the Department was a respondent to one of the winning entries for a competition of innovations in studio teaching organized by Open House International. A seminar on the competition entries; "International Architectural Education 2005/2006: Alternative Educational ways for Teaching and Learning Architectural Design" was held at Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus in March 2006, which was attended by Professor Mallick.

Ms Yasmin Ara, lecturer, Department of Architecture attended the 3rd World Urban Forum in Vancouver, Canada from June 19-23, 2006. She was invited by UN-Habitat and KULeuven (Katholieke Universiteit of Leuven) to join the conference. Ms Yasmin

presented a paper titled "Inner City Densification in Dhaka: The Forgotten Need of Open Space" in the KULeuven Alumnus Workshop which was held in Gage Towers, University of British Columbia.

As a part of their Music Appreciation course, the architecture department this year had with them an eminent musicologist and singer Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, who delivered a demonstration lecture on Folk music on June 28, 2006. He talked about the numerous types and history of Bangla Lokgeeti and Palligeeti. Eminent singer Sadi Mahommad also delivered a demonstration lecture on Rabindra Sangit on July 5, 2006 at the Department of Architecture. He explained various phases of Rabindra Sangeet and a range of influences on the songs of Tagore by demonstrating them with his harmonious voice. Khairul Anam Shakil also delivered another demonstration lecture on Nazrul Geeti on July 26, 2006. He talked about the origin, history, types and various influences of more than 4000 songs written and composed by our national poet Qazi Nazrul Islam.

RTV featured BU Architecture Department studio works in a program called "GrihoShoily" on July 12, 2006 in which they showed the students working and also interviewed them.



The third workshop of Arch.KIDS was held on July 15, 2006 at the Kendriya Kachi Kanchar Mela, Dhaka focusing on the theme "Amar Shopner Shohor" or My Dream City. Architect Ahsanullah Mojumder who is actively associated with the organization coordinated this event. The workshop which dealt with creating awareness among kids about a healthy urban living environment, was conducted by Dr Q M Mahtab-Uz-Zaman, coordinator, Arch.KIDS, Dr Zainab F. Ali, Director Student Affairs, Omar Faruk, graduate student, Disaster Management and Ms Huraera Jabeen, lecturer. The fourth workshop of Arch.KIDS, was held on July 28, 2006 at the Amdala Govt. Primary School, Mankiganj focusing on the theme- "My Dream School Garden". Hasibul Kabir, Lecturer, Department of Architecture coordinated this special event for the kids of Amdala village with an objective of promoting awareness of having a school garden. The program was jointly organized by the Department of Architecture, BU Environmental Awareness Forum & ShaDa [An NGO Shamajik Daybodhdhotta working with corporate social responsibility] and was conducted by Ms Huraera Jabeen, Mr Hasibul Kabir, Ms Nesfun Nahar Nipa, Mr Rahat Mujib Niaz, Ms Tanzia Sharmin lecturers of the Department of Architecture and Omar Faruk, graduate student, Disaster Management. Headmaster, teachers of Amdala Govt. Primary School, students from Architecture, English and BBS helped in running the program. Both the programs were followed by certificate giving ceremonies.

During the past year, there were a number of publications by members of the Architecture Department. A book chapter, titled "In Search for a Habitable Urban Space-Built Ratio: A Case Study of Building and Planning Regulation in Dhaka City", written by Dr Q M Mahtab-Uz-Zaman, and co-authored by Professor Fuad H Mallick, A Q M Abdullah and Arch. Jalal Ahmed was published on July 16, 2006 in Bay J H and Ong B L (eds.), *Tropical Sustainable Architecture: Social and Environmental Dimensions*, Architectural



Press, Elsevier, UK. Karishma Mehjabeen Sabah, a student of Junior 2 class has written two important articles in The Independent viz. 'Dhaka city's Vanishing Greenery-No space for kite flying, no abundance of fresh air', 18 July 2006 and 'Enlightened leadership needed - Education in great disarray' - part 1 July 22, 2006, part 2 July 23, 2006.

The Department of Architecture held its 'Annual Exhibition 2006' of students' projects from July 16-20, 2006. Studio projects from all semesters were exhibited in the lobbies and studios. Guardians of BU, architecture students and students from different architecture schools visited the exhibition.

On July 20, 2006 Angan organized its 39th event titled "West Kowloon Cultural District, Hong Kong" by Iftekhhar Ahmed, lecturer, Architecture Department. Another Angan studio lecture titled "'The Power of Architecture and the Architecture of Power in Colonial South Asia" was presented by Sajid Haq, Ph.D. Scholar, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, USA at the Department of Architecture on July 24, 2006. Mr Haq talked about how the historical events in subcontinent and socio-political thinking of the colonizers had shaped the architecture in the colonial South Asia. The 43rd event of Angan was a lecture by Professor Maqsood Ali, PhD; School of Arch., University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, USA held on December 11, 2006. The guest lecturer spoke about 'Sustainable Highrise'.

Professor Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson of the Department visited the American Institute of Architects (AIA) headquarters in Washington DC on August 3, 2006 for a meeting with Dr Richard Hayes, Managing Director of Knowledge Resources of the AIA. The AIA had donated a large number of books and journals to the department last year. Professor Fuad Mallick also attended and represented Bangladesh at a two-day workshop on Architectural Education held in Geneva, Switzerland on July 20-21, 2006. Organized by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC), the workshop was the introductory event of a survey on Architectural Education in Islamic Societies sponsored by the Trust.

Professor Bruno DeMeulder, and Professor Kelly Shannon of the Department of Architecture, Urbanism and Planning of Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL), Belgium visited the Department of Architecture, BU. The tour was a part of the feasibility study for eventual set up of a multi-year program in Dhaka. Meetings took place

with experts in the relevant fields: Professionals from UN-Habitat, Rajuk (Rajdhani Unnayan Kortripokkha), LGED (Local Government Engineering Department), UDD (Urban Development Directorate), CUS (Centre for Urban Studies), Waste Concern, BUET (Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology), KU (Khulna University), JU (Jahangirnagar University), AUST (Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology) and BU. The meetings were held at and facilitated by the Department of Architecture, BU.

A study trip was organized by the department to Bogra for the students of the Sophomore II on September 8, 2006. The main objective of the daylong tour was to let the students be familiar with the design and set-up of a highway restaurant on Dhaka-Bogra Highway. Students also visited Mahasthangarh. Another daylong tour was organized for the freshmen II on June 22. A trip to Panam Nagar was also undertaken, the main objective of which was to familiarise the students with our heritage.



Dr Q M Mahtab-Uz-Zaman, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture, in a public speech, discussed 'Role of Engineers in the New Building Construction Act 2006', at a workshop organized by the Institute of Engineers, Ramna, on September 23, 2006. Earlier in August 26, Dr Q M Mahtab-Uz-Zaman was invited by the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of Jahangirnagar University for a one-day seminar titled: "Planners, Planning and People" to present a paper on "Social and Environmental Implications of New Building Regulation of Dhaka. Dr Q M Mahtab-Uz-Zaman also presented a keynote paper on "Sustainable Open-Built Ratio for Dhaka City" at the Public Seminar on Building Regulation for Dhaka City organised by REHAB and Institute of Architects Bangladesh, held on May 26, 2006. This year he also attended an international training program on Shelter Design and Development at Lund University (Housing Development and Management), Sweden from



April 18, 2006 to May 13, 2006. His participation was funded by SIDA and BU.

Throughout the year, the faculty members of the department were involved in conducting seminars, attending meetings and presenting papers on their research topics. Dr Zainab Faruqui Ali participated in a program on “Building Administrative Capacity in Bangladeshi Institutions of Higher Education” organized by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State, USA and the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies. The month long intensive program was conducted by the College of Education at Pennsylvania State University. On October 26, 2006, a lecture on 'Kahn in the Tropics' was delivered by Dr Ali at the School of Architecture at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She talked about the works of Kahn, focusing on the National Assembly Building at Dhaka from the bioclimatic point of view to show the various elements and strategies which the architect has used in dealing successfully with the climatic problems. Dr Zainab Ali also participated in the workshop titled 'Building Administrative Capacity in the Institutions of Higher Education in Bangladesh' organized by the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, State Department, USA and the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies on May 20-25, 2006 at the BPATC, Savar.

At the end of the year, students of this department worked on a project called “Korail” which emphasized urban low income housing. A research team comprising the Chairman of the department-Professor Fuad H. Mallick, lecturer-Hasibul Kabir, Dr Imran Matin (RED, BRAC), Ajit Roy (farmer and singer) and the departmental student Imrul Kyes worked on the project titled: 'Dynamic Vernacular-Homestead spaces of the ultra poor.'

### **Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)**

CSE Department is concerned with producing very good professionals for the tough job

market. For that purpose the department always encourages programming contests and seminars. In 2006, the department arranged the following seminars, lectures and workshops:

A lecture series was delivered at the Indoor Games Room, BU on Sunday, September 3. The core idea behind this lecture series was to create a platform where academics and practitioners could share their views on the various aspects of software engineering and development, as well as inspiring and guiding future engineers. Mr Ihtisham Kabir, CTO of Datasoft, delivered the first lecture. Prior to returning to Bangladesh, Mr Kabir had been a Senior Software Manager at Sun Microsystems.

Google Code Jam 2006 (GCG 2006) started on Tuesday, September 5. Among the contestants from BUCC, Annajiat Alim Rasel Student, CSE and Secretary, BUCC) could get into the competition arena.

CSE Department took yet another step in their efforts to promote participation in programming contests among the students. Towards this end, the most recent Intra-University Programming Contest was held on September 6, in collaboration with Alohaishoppe. Alohaishoppe organized a daylong road show of Apple products, and also arranged seminars that were attended by a large number of enthusiastic students. Alohaishoppe is the online resource for apple products in Bangladesh. The programming contest was titled “TopBU Programmers Sep 06”. The mock contest was held on September 6, and the final on September 7. The contest went on for five hours. There were nine problems in total, and these problems were set by faculty member Mushfiqur Rouf and senior year student Fahim Muhammad Hasan jointly. They also served as judges, along with Naushad UzZaman, Research Programmer and Dr Mumit Khan, Associate Professor, BU. 21 students participated in the final round. Sarwar Alam, senior year, CSE secured the first place in the contest and won a Video iPod. Loban



Rahman won the Runner-up prize of an iPod nano, while third place holder Jahangir Alam won an iPod shuffle. The prizes were sponsored by Alohaishoppe, and handed out by the Pro-VC Dr Salehuddin Ahmed.

This year five members from BUCC participated in the National Gaming Contest, World Cyber Games 2006 (WCG 2006). They were: Chowdhury Mushfiqur Rahman (Amit) [Student], Rezwan-Ul Haque Bhuyan [Student]; Fahim Muhammad Hasan (Turjo) [Student]; Muttakinur Rahman Chowdhury (Souro) [Student] and Annajiat Alim Rasel, [Student, CSE and Secretary, BUCC]. The event was held during September 8-10, 2006 at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC), Agargaon. Among the contestants, Annajiat and Souro could play up to the 1st round. Rezwan was able to reach the 2nd round. Amit kept fighting till the 4th round. And finally, Turjo, drove to the 6th round, the immediate round before the quarter final. He proved to be one of the top 13 among 400 NFS gamers in WCG 2006 from Bangladesh.

On September 22 and 23, 2006 four BU teams consisting of twelve members participated in the National Programming Contest, ACM ICPC Regional 2006-Dhaka Site. The competition went on for two days at NSU, Star Tower. While competing with about 240 contestants (80 teams), two of our teams could solve at least one problem. The event ended with a buffet dinner at Baton Rouge, Gulshan. This contest was the most important of this

year and was the gateway to an international competition for the students of Bangladesh.

A seminar was conducted by Mr Abul K. M. Fahimuddin, Technical University Braunschweig, Germany, on “Computational Sciences and Engineering: A New Paradigm in Scientific Research and Education” on October 16, 2006.

### **Economics and Social Sciences (ESS)**

The year 2006 was eventful for ESS (Economics and Social Sciences) as it had organized a series of seminars; the teachers and students were involved in research and other activities, where important papers were presented as well as documented.

During 2006 ESS made significant progress towards the purpose of providing high quality research and teaching. Dr Anwarul Hoque returned from the USA and assumed responsibilities as the Department Head. In order to improve the quality of teaching methods the department has continuously assessed the delivery of the course instructors through its pedagogical review committee and appointing good teachers from home and abroad. The department encourages junior faculty to take up PhD programs abroad, as a result of which few have left to pursue further studies.

Number of students for the Economics Program was stable to rising. Last year during the three semesters a total of 42 students enrolled in the department from various streams of education. The total number of students that graduated last year is 8. The students have done various thesis works; namely:

Rational Addiction: Nahleen Zahra  
 Happiness Economics: Raisa Afsana  
 Child labour: Rizwana Shahnaz  
 Determinant of Remittance: Shafkat Rana Sayed  
 Awareness in Water usage: Nirvana Mujtaba



Successful research, teaching and departmental outputs are the outcome of dedicated contributions by all academic and management staff. The department's relentless effort towards making progress led to great accomplishments, one being the Valedictorian among the first group of graduating students, Nahleen Zahra.

ESS Department extensively discussed about its vision, mission and goal for the next five years during a retreat get together at Savar. It was decided that all the faculty members should have at least one publication per year. In order to improve the quality of education, the decision to raise the level of difficulties in all courses was also taken. A proposal for Masters in Applied Economics (MSAE) and Sociology Minor were prepared and submitted to the UGC.

Two faculty members, Tanzir A. Chowdhury and Jahangir Alam got funding from SANDEE to do their research on "Health benefits from reducing Air Pollution in Dhaka City" and "Valuing the Impact of Diarrhoea on Child Health in Slums: Evidence on Water and Sanitation" respectively. ESS research group-04 conducted a study on Autumn Lean Migration of labor, which was published in ESS Working Paper Series conducted by Abu Zafar Md Shahriar, Sakiba Zeba, Parvez Shonchay and Shaila Parveen.

Under ESS seminar series, seminars on various topics were organized by ESS, inviting speakers from all across the globe. The series started off by "Negotiation Analysis and

Integrative Bargaining" and "Corporate Governance and the Importance of Proper Capital Market" by Thomas Kirchmaier of London School of Economics. Dr Stephen Smith of GWU read a paper on Co-ordination failure. Professionals across academia and corporate worlds, students, departmental instructors also presented their papers in their respective fields.

Ms Irum Shehreen Ali, Lecturer, ESS, attended a three-day conference in Dhulikhel, Nepal entitled "First Human Rights Defenders Forum in South Asia (HRD-SA)", from June 6-8, 2006. She went as a part of the team from national human rights network Odhikar, who are strongly committed to the monitoring and protection of human rights vis-à-vis the rule of law in Bangladesh, especially at the local and regional levels. Moshahida Sultana, Lecturer, Economics and Social Sciences (ESS), BU, participated in the International Workshop on Migration, organized by Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) in collaboration with Ford Foundation. The workshop was held in BRAC Centre Inn from August 21-22, 2006. Two lecturers of ESS Department, Ms Moshahida Sultana and Ms Sakiba Zeba attended a three-day conference on WTO and negotiation power of the LDCs from June 24 to 26, 2006 in Dhaka.

Two of the students represented BU at South Asian Economics' Students Meet at BIAM. Another two attended and delivered paper at the Young Economists' forum organized by NSU. They also participated in a similar kind of competition organized by DU. The students on their own have arranged problem solving classes for the incumbents and those who have relatively narrower background. The students who have graduated are working in reputed organizations like CRP, CPD, IOM etc. owing to their strong research background.

To gain hands-on experience of development activities in rural areas, students of Bangladesh Studies (DEV101) visited different BRAC



development programs in Manikganj and Gazipur in every semester throughout the year. Students enthusiastically observed BRAC's health, education, micro-finance and social development programs, and food and dairy projects in Gazipur.

Bangladesh Studies organized visits to the museums to give students an opportunity to learn about Bangladesh. Students were taken to visit the Liberation War Museum, Central Shaheed Minar, Bangladesh National Museum. Liberation War Museum authority screened a documentary on the Liberation War for the visiting students and organized a quiz competition. Some students were awarded prizes for obtaining the highest score in the quiz competition.

All students and teachers of Bangladesh Studies visited archaeological sites, Mainamati Museum, BARD, War Cemetery in Comilla on Friday, 30 June 2006. A group of ten students were also taken to visit archaeological sites and other historical sites in Bogra and Naogaon in August 2006.

Bangla movies such as *Jibon Theke Neya* and *Ontorjatra* were screened for the students of Bangladesh studies in Summer 2006 and Fall 2006 respectively in BU Campus, Savar and students wrote assignments on those movies.

A delightful Puppet Show, which focused on Bangladeshi culture and the language movement of 1952, was held on 7 November 2006 at BU Campus, Savar.

ESS organized a two-day long event namely: Bangladesh Studies Fair (Fall 2006) at Savar for the first time. This first-ever unique event created great enthusiasm among students, teachers and staff. Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the Fair on November 30, 2006. Students put up stalls in which they presented traditional musical instruments, cassettes and CDs of Bangla songs, pottery, pithas (cakes) and so on. They staged dramas focusing on the

history of Bangladesh and a rural marriage ceremony. The Fair was also marked by captivating folk songs and a lecture on folk music of Bangladesh. Bhawwaiya Parishad, a minstrel of 8 singers from rural Kurigram rendered Bhawwaiya songs and enthralled the audience. Students of Residential Semester rendered Bangla songs in the evening prior to Musical Program by the invited folk singers.

Bangladesh Studies also organized many Guest Lectures for students as part of the academic activities of the course to give students exposure to different experiences. Some of the guest speakers are Dr Shahdeen Malik, Director, School of Law, BU, Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU, Mr Rahmat Ali, Actor and Faculty, Department of Music and Theatre, DU, Professor and Singer Mridul Kanti Chakrabarty, Brig. Gen. (retired) Shafaat Ahmed, noted singers Sadi Muhammed and Fatema Tuz Zohra. The singers and actors performed in numerous cultural programs.

In line with the spirit of the Amar Ekushey, the Bangladesh Studies celebrated Shaheed Day and International Mother Language Day at BU Campus, Savar. Students, teachers and staff of BU, holding up a lighted candle took part in a Probhat Feri (Morning Procession) at 12.01 a.m. and placed floral wreaths at the Shaheed Minar on 21st February. A cultural Program was also organized in the evening to mark the Day. Students rendered songs and recited poems on Ekushey. Earlier, *Jibon Theke Neya*, a movie written and directed by Zahir Raihan, was screened.

### **English and Humanities (ENH)**

The Department of English, BU seeks to instill in the students a desire to become proficient and intelligent readers and writers. To that end it aims to develop their ability to think critically and creatively, and to express ideas clearly and forcefully. The curriculum of the department offers students the opportunity to explore a wide variety of English writing from different historical periods and regions.

Courses focus on close reading of texts, authors and literary genres.

Throughout the year, the department was active in organizing different seminars, discussions and other interactive networking sessions that helped to empower the students' reading and writing skills.

The Department held a seminar entitled "Writing her way: Amma Darko and a New Generation of African Women Novelists" on June 8, 2006. Louise Allen Zak, the speaker is the Associate Director of the higher education commission of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Ms Tabassum Zaman, Lecturer, ENH chaired the session. Students from different departments took part in an open discussion followed by the talk.

Ms Shaheena Choudhury and Ms Tania Khan, Lecturers in the Department of ENH attended the Annual International Teachers for English Conference titled "English without Borders", in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan from June 30 - July 02, 2006. Educators from 13 countries participated in this event. Presentations included posters sessions, panel discussions, papers and workshops. Shaheena and Tania presented papers on "Fostering the practice of communicative competence in ESL classrooms" and "Techniques used to teach grammar in Bengali and English medium schools" respectively. Both papers were well received. Additionally, Shaheena represented Bangladesh in a special panel discussion on English Language teaching. The US government funded the conference. All expenses were covered by the American Centre, Dhaka.

Like the previous years, the ENH department arranged a number of seminars and symposia in the department. Guest lecturers from home and abroad conducted some of them. Colette Morrow, Fulbright Scholar, Associate Professor of English, Purdue University and Member of the National Women's Studies

Association, gave a seminar on "Contemporary Chicana Writing: Issues and Debates" on July 12, 2006. It was a lively talk and students and teachers of the department were enlightened by this introduction to a new form of women's writing. Morrow also took a special class on Toni Morrison.

Sanam Amin, sophomore student, Department of ENH recently attended the 20th International Poetry Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA from July 20-23, 2006. She was awarded the International Society of Poets' Achievement Award for her poem 'The Narcotized Idol'.

David A. Peterson, of the Linguistics and Cognitive Sciences Program of Dartmouth College gave a talk on "A Typological Overview of the Indigenous Languages of the Chittagong Hill Tracts". The Department of English and Humanities and the Centre for Research on Bangla Language Processing jointly organized this event on July 23, 2006.

Ruhma Khalil Choudhury, Lecturer ENH and Doctoral Student, Teacher's College, Columbia University USA gave a talk entitled "Is English a neutral, beneficial and pragmatic language?" on July 26, 2006. The talk debated the status of English as a global language, bringing historical and theoretical issues related to language. Students and teachers highly appreciated the work that Ruhma is engaged in.



The Department of English and Humanities hosted a lively afternoon with poet Shamim Azad, who enthralled the audience with her "Interactive Story-telling and Poetry Performance" on September 26, 2006. Shamim Azad is a bilingual writer, poet and story-teller based in London. The session was chaired by Professor Firdous Azim, and attended by Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU and guests from Bishwa Shahittya Kendra, teachers and students of the English Department of BU.

Suhail Muhibul Islam, Associate Professor, Department of English, Nazareth College, USA was here with ENH Department as a visiting professor in the Department of English and Humanities for the Fall Semester 2006. He is a specialist in Rhetoric and Technical Communication, and took linguistics and editing courses during the semester. He helped to develop the Applied Linguistics and ELT concentration in the MA in English program as well.

The Department of ENH hosted a lively literary reading by "Four Emerging Women Writers" on November 30, 2006. Sabahat Jahan and Rubana Ahmed read their poems, Shazia Omar read a chapter from a novel in progress, and Shabnam Nadiya read a short story. All four are established writers: their stories and poems have appeared in journals, newspapers, and anthologies both here and abroad. The session was chaired by Professor Firdous Azim, Chairperson, ENH and conducted by Sanam Amin, a student of the English Department. Many students and teachers of the English Department attended and enjoyed the reading. Also in attendance was Professor Niaz Zaman, English Department, University of Dhaka, who is the founder of the publishing house writers.ink, which published Sabahat Jahan's and Rubana Ahmed's debut collections of poetry. The session was well attended by faculty members and students as well as some other writers residing in Dhaka.

An issue of "Star Campus" that came out on

December 10 has been edited by the students of ENH Editing (ENG 401) course. They were the guest editors of this particular issue where they planned, designed and edited the entire magazine. The team included Sanam Amin, Shayera Moula, Afrina Chowdhury and Farhana Jamil Tinni under the supervision of Star Campus editor Shahnoor Wahid. The project was led by course instructor Visiting Professor Dr Suhail Mohiul Islam. This was the first time such a project has been carried out by students of ENH.

On December 11, 2006 a seminar was held by Dr Suhail Mohiul Islam Visiting Professor, Department of ENH, BU and Associate Professor, Department of English, Nazareth College, Rochester, New York, USA. 'Autoethnography: A Postcolonial Reassessment' was the topic of the seminar.

### **Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS)**

The Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS) at BU envisages to provide quality education in basic and applied sciences and mathematics. The Department offers courses in physical and biosciences, mathematics, statistics, economic geography and environmental science. It also started an undergraduate program for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Physics from Fall 2005 Semester. BU is the only private university in Bangladesh out of a total of 54 to start such a program. This bold step is expected to make a considerable contribution towards the development of science and technology in Bangladesh narrowing down its technological and economic gap with the developed countries.

BU has recently signed an MoU with the ICDDR,B for academic collaboration in undergraduate and postgraduate programs in biotechnology, microbiology and pharmacy. Professor J.R. Choudhury, Vice Chancellor, BU and Dr David A. Sack, Director, ICDDR'B signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations. Under the present MoU,

ICDDR'B will allow the students of BU to use its laboratory facilities, accept the BU final year B.Sc/MS students for research work on relevant topics, including environmental microbiology, medical microbiology, biotechnology, and immunology, at ICDDR,B laboratories under the joint supervision of ICDDR, B and BU staff. ICDDR,B professionals will serve as faculty at BU teaching at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels in environmental biotechnology and medical biotechnology.

Professor Nigel Hughes of the Department of Earth Sciences, University of California, Riverside, California, USA gave a seminar entitled "Life in Stones: The Stories Fossils Tell", on September 28, 2006.

Professor Naiyyum Choudhury, Coordinator, Biotechnology Program, participated in the International Seminar on Intellectual Property and Innovation: Value Creation in the Knowledge Economy, held on December 11-14, 2006 at Islamabad, Pakistan at the invitation of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences and the Network of Academies of Sciences in the Islamic Countries (NASIC). Professor Choudhury presented a paper on "Intellectual Property Rights and Biotechnology" in the Seminar and chaired a Technical Session.

Dr Dipen Bhattacharya, Associate Research Professor of Astrophysics, Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, University of California, Riverside, USA and a Fulbright Fellow at the MNS Department gave a seminar talk on "Recent Advances in Astronomy" on Thursday, December 14, 2006.



Professor A A Azad, Member of the Advisory Board of ICGEB has been appointed TWAS Research Professor in Biotechnology at BU for five years. During this period Professor Azad will make short visits to BU every year and deliver lectures, organize seminars and work on collaborative biotechnology projects between BU and different international organizations.

Professor A A Azad and Professor Naiyyum Choudhury, Coordinator, Biotechnology Program participated in a one day Workshop on Biotechnology jointly organized by University of Dhaka and BU held at the Centre of Excellence, University of Dhaka on December 28, 2006. Professor Azad discussed on the prospects of Biotechnology in Bangladesh and Professor Choudhury presented a paper on National Biotechnology Policy of Bangladesh.

### **BRAC Business School**

The BBA Program of the BRAC Business School (BBS) aims at enabling the students to learn and practice the state-of-the-art of business and management concepts, principles, tools, techniques and methods, and to help them become business leaders in the highly dynamic global environment of the 21st century. The school conducts seminars, case competitions and networking sessions to develop the students as future leaders.

BBS organized a seminar on "Strategic Thinking and Planning" on July 12, 2006 by Peter Connell. Peter is here in Dhaka to work with the Social Marketing Company. He had worked in 1992 as Chief of Party of USAID's Urban Family Health Partnership. A seminar on "Higher Education and community Development" was organized by MGB Department on May 29, 2006. President of Canadian Education and Training Services Dr Gertrude Anne MacIntyre was the key speaker at the seminar. Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU and Dr Humayan Murshed were present.



The 2nd two-day National Business Case Competition (NBCC) 2006 was jointly organized by BRAC Business School and BRAC Bank at the Spectra Convention Centre on September 9-10, 2006. A total of nine teams from six different public and private universities took part in the event. The teams were: Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of the University of Dhaka (DU), Independent University Bangladesh, Jahangirnagar University, Khulna University, North South University (NSU), Department of Finance, DU, Department of Management, DU, Department of Marketing, DU and the host BRAC University (BU). The Prize giving ceremony was held on September 10, 2006 and was followed by a dinner. Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU attended the function as the chief guest while Mr Imran Rahman, Managing Director, BRAC Bank was the special guest.

Dr Sharmistha Banerjee, Reader (Associate Professor), Department of Business Management, University of Calcutta joined BBS as a visiting faculty for the Fall 2006 session. She is a Ph.D. in Business Management from the University of Calcutta and has over 15 years of teaching experience at post graduate and undergraduate levels. Besides her regular teaching assignments for the MBM program she is closely associated with Netaji Subhas Open University and Bengal National Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata in promoting small business entrepreneurs. With special expertise in small business and entrepreneurship, she had been a Fulbright Scholar at the Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania, USA.



To provide an opportunity for the post secondary students of different colleges and Universities of the country to showcase their talents, HSBC Bangladesh has 'Young Entrepreneur's Award 2006-2007'. The local competition will run from November 9, 2006 to April 10, 2007. There will be one winning team who will be provided with a chance to compete against other regional winners in Hong Kong. In this regard HSBC held a presentation about the competition at BU on 2nd December 2006. Mr Mustafizur R. Khan, Head of Marketing and Public Relation HSBC, conducted the presentation.

On November 9, 2006, the Students of MSC 301: Operations Management went to visit the production plant of PAXAR Ltd., a multinational company that produces barcode printers, printed and woven labels, tags etc. for garments and leather industries. Accompanied by the course instructor Mr Ashique Khan, the team consisted of 39 students and started for Savar EPZ spent and informative 3 hours at PAXAR with their personnel and Customer Service Manager Mr Maqsd Sobhani, an lecturer of BBS.

### **School of Law (SoL)**

Assistant Professor, Tureen Afroz of the School of Law was invited as a "Resource Speaker" at the Regional Workshop for Strengthening the Criminal Justice System organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on May 30-31, 2006 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Bangladesh. The workshop was participated by the Chief Justices and senior officials of the Judiciary, Ministers of law, heads of law commissions, Attorney Generals, senior members of the prosecutorial service, heads of the police force and senior members of the BAR of Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. Tureen also presented her research paper, entitled, "Access to Law and Information: The Bangladesh Perspective" at the Regional Workshop.

On June 22, 2006, Dr Shahdeen Malik, Director, School of Law, BU, delivered a



lecture on 'Constitution of Bangladesh'. The lecture generated much inquisitiveness among the students. Also on 29 June, Mr Rahmat Ali, an academic of the Department of Theatre and Music, DU gave a grave lecture on 'Drama of Bangladesh.' The lecture was in two parts, in the first half he described the development of Bangla Drama and rendered some recreational performances in the second half. The students were spellbound during the lecture and performance.

The School of Law organized a seminar on "Role of Law Students in Delivering Legal Services to the Poor" on June 29, 2006. Three recent law graduates from the USA and UK shared their experience of working with various international and other agencies on legal issues and human rights of the poor. This was followed by a lively open forum in which the students and faculty members of the BU School of Law participated.

To observe the international Human Rights day on December 10, 2006 the BU, School of Law organized a seminar "Civil and political Rights today". Mr Nurul Kabir, The Editor, The New Age was the keynote speaker on the occasion. It was followed by an open discussion where the students BU participated. The seminar was presided over by Dr Shahdeen Malik, Director, School of Law, BU. Faculty members including Mr K Shamsuddin Mahmood, Head Undergraduate Program, Dr Saira Rahman Khan, Assistant Professor, Barrister Tureen Afroz, Assistant Professor were present in the seminar.

The program ended with a summing-up by the Director and thanking the speaker of the day.

#### *Presentation at BATC*

At the invitation of Bangladesh Airlines Training Centre (BATC) Mr K Shamsuddin Mahmood, Head of Undergraduate Program of School of Law conducted two working sessions and made presentations on "Legal regime of service conditions of workers in Industrial and Commercial Establishment" and "Statutory safety requirements for employees, entitlements on leave and holidays and compensation for injury by accident" before the participants of General Management Course Program on April 16 and 19, 2005 respectively. The Principal of the Bangladesh Airlines Training Centre inaugurated the Course with a short introduction to the program and emphasized the need of such courses to enhance good governance in management.

#### **James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH)**

Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid, Assistant Professor was awarded a Visiting Fellowship for three months (April-July 2006) at the National University of Singapore. Upon her return she was appointed Coordinator of the newly set up Centre for Health Systems Studies (CHSS). Dr Mushtaque Chowdhury will be overseeing the Centre as Director. In this capacity, she attended the launching of 'Health Systems 20/20' in Washington DC on November 3, 2006. This is a new USAID funded initiative, which encourages partnerships and future work on Health Systems. The School along with 11 partners from developing and developed countries will work closely with Abt Associates, the lead partner, based in the USA, to build a Health Systems Network.

Dr Shahaduz Zaman, Program Coordinator and Associate Professor, attended the inception meeting of a Research Program Consortium (RPC) on Communicable Diseases during May 2006, at Leeds University, U.K. This is a multiple country project involving government

and non-government organizations from South Asia and South East Asia, Africa and Europe.

Dr Mizanur Rashid Shuvra, Research Associate, at the School completed a 3-month course offered by the European Educational Program on Epidemiology in Florence, Italy from June 26 to July 14. The course covered Advanced Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Seventy participants chosen from all over the world attended. He is one of 5 who received a fellowship primarily funded by Pan American Health Organization.

Professor Mushtaque Chowdhury, Dean, represented BRAC and JPGSPH in an agreement signed between Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) and Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC). Under this agreement BRAC and GTZ will work together in collaboration with University of Heidelberg, Germany, to come up with a plan of jointly implementing a short course on "Quality Management (QM) in Health". Dr Shahaduz Zaman, MPH Coordinator, and Mr Aminul Islam, BRAC attended the 2-week course on Quality Management in International Health from September 16-29, 2006.

JPGSPH conducted a weekly seminar series for the development of its MPH students and staff. A number of speakers participated, including Dr Ishikawa, a Japanese expert in tuberculosis who has been helping Bangladesh in TB control since 1978. He gave a seminar on "TB in Bangladesh." Another seminar was

presented by guest lecturer, Dipu Moni, MBBS (DMC), LLB (NU), LLM (London), MPH (Johns Hopkins). She made a presentation titled "Reproductive Health and Rights of Adolescents".

Dr Naseem Rashid, MBBS, FCPS, FRCOG, MPH, was guest speaker and presented a paper on "Afghanistan Experience, Maternal and Child Health." Moulana Abul Kalam Azad presented a paper on "Religion and Public Health". He heads Masjid Council for Community Advancement (MACCA)-a program partner of World Bank and USAIDS's partner Family Health International (FHI). He is the Secretary General of the Council for Interfaith Harmony, Bangladesh (CIH, BD). In 2006, JPGSPH also invited a number of guest lecturers from abroad including Dr Sajeda Amin, Population Council, New York, who presented on "Popular perceptions of Emerging influences on Mortality and longevity in Bangladesh and West Bengal" while Professor David Ludden, University of Pennsylvania, presented on "Health Environments: Descriptions, Analysis & Intervention."

JPGSPH faculty members, including Dr Demissie Habte, International Director, Dr Zarina Kabir, Senior Fellow, Dr MS Laskar, Senior Research Associate, and Research Associates Dr Mizanur Rashid Shuvra, Sabiha Chowdhuri, Rumana Akter and Dr Farhana Sultana attended the two-day "2nd National Conference on Breast Feeding & Complementary Feeding" held at the ICMH, Matuail, arranged by the Bangladesh Breast Feeding Foundation. Over 700 participants attended the conference from across the country. Dr Demissie Habte was the chairperson for the opening session of the conference. Dr Mizanur Rashid Shuvra and Rumana Akter presented individual papers in the conference.

Dr AMR Chowdhury, Dean of the School was awarded "Innovator of the Year" by Brigham Young University in collaboration with Marriott School of Management, USA in 2006.





Two of School's MPH 2005 Graduates were awarded in 2006: Manjula Singh from India, was one of the five Medal finalist for the 'Global Development Awards and Medals Competition 2006' in the category Global Health Concerns, Domestic Responses and Reforms at the GDN's Eighth Annual Global Development Conference in Beijing, China. Ayesha Sania, from Bangladesh is the proud winner of an international essay competition on global health issues. The competition was organized for the under 30s researchers jointly by the Geneva-based Global Health Research Forum (located at the WHO Headquarters) and *The Lancet* (prestigious British Medical Journal) on the occasion of Global Health Forum held in Cairo, Egypt from 29 October to 2 November, 2006.

A team from the Health Social Science International Program of Mahidol University, Thailand visited BRAC SPH in early November 2006 to explore various areas of collaboration. A further meeting will be held to finalize specific activities.

Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid was invited to present a paper on 'Urbanization and Reproductive Health Challenges in Slums', organized by the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), in collaboration with Centre for Demographic, Urban and Environmental Studies (CEDUA), in Cholula, Puebla, Mexico, from November 6-9, 2006. Out of 200 papers submitted, only 30 were accepted for this international conference.

Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid, Assistant Professor, and Sabiha Chowdhuri, Research Associate, Dr Kaosar Afsana, BRAC Health Program and Dr Morsheda Chowdhury, BRAC were at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK in November, attended a training workshop on 'Violence Against Women' and the annual planning meeting with partners of the multi-country Research Program Consortium (RPC) titled "Realizing Rights: improving sexual and reproductive health for poor and vulnerable populations".

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### **Centre for Governance Studies (CGS)**

The Centre for Governance Studies (CGS) concluded its first twelve-month residential academic program Master's in Governance and Development (MAGD) in September 2006. The program for 25 mid-career civil servants and one NGO (BRAC) representative was held for two semesters at the BRAC Centre for Development Management (BCDM) facility in Rajendrapur with the final semester in Dhaka. All students received full scholarship to pursue their studies.

In addition to providing students with the topical expertise in governance and development, the multidisciplinary academic program was designed to encourage independent thinking, sharpen analytical skills and provide tools for working with the complexities of public service delivery in the contemporary global environment. Among the faculty teaching MAGD, were top national experts in the fields of economics, public administration and law including Dr Akbar Ali Khan, Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed and Dr Kamal Hossain. Ten international faculty members participated in the program as lectures and resource persons.

In the final semester, the students took a foreign study tour to Sweden and England. Students found the tour to be a valuable and an



eye-opening experience and cited the opportunity to observe well-functioning local and national governments of Sweden as inspirational for their work. In England, the students participated in a three-day custom-designed course on local government in Bangladesh delivered on-site by the faculty of the Institute of Development Studies in Brighton.

Fulbright scholar Dr David Skully joined CGS on September 5, 2006 as Visiting International Faculty. He did his Ph.D. in Economics from George Mason University at Fairfax, Virginia, USA. He has over 20 years of Research and Training experience with the US Department of Agriculture.

In 2006, CGS continued to build its faculty and research team. Barrister Manzoor Hasan, formerly a Deputy Executive Director of BRAC joined as the Director of CGS in September. Mr Hasan brings formidable legal expertise to the Centre along with the experience of managing organizations in the non-governmental sector. He is a founder and a former Executive Director of Transparency International Bangladesh. Dr Rizwan Khair, a public policy and public administration expert coordinates academic programs. The resident foreign faculty are Dr Beata Czajkowska who supports development and implementation of research programs and Dr David Skully who joined the Centre as a Senior Fulbright Scholar.

BRAC Chairman and President BU Governing Board Mr F H Abed gave a farewell dinner in honour of the outgoing inaugural batch of students at the BRAC Centre Inn on September 11, 2006. All the students and their spouses, faculty, distinguished guests from BRAC, BU and Donor Agencies and dignitaries were present.

The World Bank and the CGS have signed a partnership agreement to develop research projects on issues of Governance in Bangladesh on September 14, 2006. Barrister

Manzoor Hasan signed the partnership agreement on behalf of the Centre and World Bank Country Director Ms Christine Wallich signed on behalf of the World Bank.

External evaluation of the CGS program (MAGD and Research) was conducted by Professor Jorrit De Jong and his research Assistant Peter Karbergen from the Centre for Government Studies, The Hague, Netherlands. They arrived on September 24, 2006 and left on October 2, 2006.

Research on governance is, in addition to teaching, a core mission of the Centre. In 2006, the Centre produced its first annual report *State of Governance in Bangladesh: Knowledge, Perceptions, Reality* along with the attendant research studies. This report, prepared in partnership with BRAC Research and Evaluation Division and reviewed by national and international specialists, was launched in December 2006. Based on comprehensive literature review and targeted primary research, the *State of Governance* represents the Centre's effort at better understanding of challenges of governance. The report also provides an entry into the academic and policy debates about how good governance may be achieved in Bangladesh. The report and the working papers are available on the Centre's website [www.cgs-bu.com/research](http://www.cgs-bu.com/research).

#### **BU Institute of Educational Development (BU-IED)**

The Institute of Educational Development, BRAC University represents a key element of BRAC's overall effort to support the national education system. BU-IED's stated mission is to promote professional capacity building and provide technical support for improving quality in the public education system, especially at the primary and secondary levels. The Institute's staff of over 50 professionals are clustered into sections for Early Childhood Development, Primary Education, Secondary Education, Teacher Development,

Non-Formal Education / Life-Long Learning and Educational Research. The year 2006, as before, was full of activities and events for the institute; highlights of which are given below.

- The key strategy for improving learning outcome for children is the development of learning modules and learning packages. The preparation of the learning packages for primary education is based on an *eighty-eighty model*, i.e. to ensure that eighty percent of the students achieve at least eighty percent of the learning competencies or outcomes. The Primary Unit is striving for producing better output in two key subject areas, Bangla and Mathematics, to build the foundation of literacy and numeracy for children. Full modules for grade 1 Bangla and Mathematics have been prepared and tested in 13 schools.
- The main outputs of the Secondary Unit are development of two learning packages for grade 6 Mathematics and Science. The team also completed an English bridging course for grade 6. Pilot test was conducted for modules in ten selected schools of Manikganj district. The team collected feedbacks from teachers and students and is applying the lessons learned to produce the following modules. The Secondary Unit is also engaged in preparing a model of Secondary Education Expansion and Development (SEED) based on a Whole School Improvement approach.
- The Teacher Development Unit has designed a primary teacher development course which adopts a modular approach of short and intensive face-to-face instruction followed by supervised classroom practice, and guided self-learning. A trial of the Primary Education Teacher Development Model started in partnership with Friends in Village Development Bangladesh (FIVDB),

which runs over 100 formal primary schools.

- Early Childhood Development Resource Centre (ECDRC), established within IED, has offered short training courses, conducted assessment of ECD programs, developed learning materials and conducted research. It serves as the Secretariat of the Bangladesh ECD Network (BEN) which includes as members NGOs, international organizations and government agencies active in ECD. The directory of ECD organizations published by BEN lists 191 members. ECDRC developed and published fifteen story books to promote language development of young children. An age-specific play activity book was also developed and published. The Centre is currently working on guide books for pre-school teachers and caregivers to help children learn math concepts easily.
- The Research Unit has undertaken commissioned research, studies and policy reviews. The Unit contributed to Education Watch reports. BU-IED, as a member of the international multi-country research consortium on educational access, transitions and equity (CREATE) at primary and secondary levels, finalized the Country Analytic Review (CAR) of access to education in Bangladesh. This was the major task for the inception phase of the research project. Eight institutions
- from Bangladesh, India, Ghana, South Africa and UK are members of CREATE.
- Plans are at a final stage to offer Post Graduate Diploma and Masters in Education on “Educational Leadership and School Improvement” in partnership with the School of Education of University of Manchester. Another advanced course is under planning for managers and planners for Early Childhood Development in cooperation with Open Society Institute in London of the Soros Foundation which has international experience in similar activities. Two staff members went for advanced studies to University of Oslo and George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Seminars, workshops and short courses were conducted on relevant educational topics in which both staff members and others engaged in education programs in Bangladesh participated.

*Some key 2006 events organized by BU-IED*

A national level seminar on 'English Language Teaching in Bangladesh: Policy, Practice and Strategy' was held in 2006. More than hundred participants from different universities, colleges and secondary schools, NCTB, SESSIP and NGOs attended the seminar. The secretariat of Bangladesh ECD Network Early Childhood Development Resource Centre organized the first National ECD Conference on December 10, 2006 with a view to sharing



information and experience among ECD stakeholders in the country. The theme of the conference was 'Building Partnerships for Early Childhood Development'. IED and the Centre for International Education at University of Sussex, organized a day long workshop at BRAC Centre on 19 January, 2006 to launch the inception phase of CREATE in Bangladesh. The purpose of the workshop was to introduce the research objectives and approach of CREATE and to identify how the principal actors in primary education and the education research community could help shape the CREATE research agenda and activities in Bangladesh.

#### **Development Studies Program (DSP)**

The Development Studies Program has embarked on a new research project entitled Pathways of Women's Empowerment. This is part of a Research Program Consortium (RPC) composed of various research institutions and international agencies working together on a five year international research program, from 2006 to 2010. The Development Studies Program of BU is the lead member of the South Asia hub. BU will act as the coordinator for research within the region under the Pathways program.

The South Asian hub also has an advisory committee that advises the RPC Regional program, provides strategic oversight, forms a virtual international advisory group with other regional advisory committees as well as the Global Advisory Committee.

The objective of the program is to identify successful interventions in women's empowerment in order to bring about radical shifts in policy and practice that can build on these revealed successes. The core objective is to understand what enables women to empower themselves and sustain changes in gendered power relations.

Team members of the South Asian Pathways Team include Maheen Sultan, Gender

specialist; Firdous Azim, ENH, BU; Simeen Mahmud, BIDS (Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies) and Imran Matin, Director, RED, BRAC and DSP, BU. Zarina Rahman Khan and Amena Mohsin of the Department of Public Administration and International Relations respectively of Dhaka University are also members of this research team. Naila Kabeer of IDS, University of Sussex, U.K. is a lead researcher in the team. The Advisory Committee includes Hameeda Hussain, Director, Ain-o-Shalish Kendro; Shireen Huq, Naripokkho; Sushila Zeitlin, DFID; Michael Drinkwater, CARE International and Chandni Joshi, UNIFEM.

To launch the program and also to scope out the most interesting avenues of research emerging from the research and work that has gone on in the region on pathways to women's empowerment related to bodily integrity, voice and work, a regional workshop was arranged from August 19-21, 2006 in Rajendrapur, Bangladesh. The workshop was attended by a total of 45 participants, from home and abroad. The inaugural session was chaired by Hameeda Hussain. Mr Abdul Mueed Choudhury, the Executive Director of BRAC also addressed the launching.

A panel discussion on "Broad Trends on Women's Empowerment: International Experiences of Opportunities and Slippages" with was jointly organised with Naripokkho on August 22, 2006. The discussion was chaired by Shireen Huq, Member, Naripokkho and Member, Pathways South Asia Advisory Committee.





The first Advisory Committee Meeting was held on August 22, 2006.

The South Asian team members participated in the global Hub management meetings throughout the year. Maheen Sultan, the coordinator of the South Asian Research program attended both the meetings held in IDS-Sussex, in January 2006 and the meeting in September, 2006 in Luxor, Egypt. Firdous Azim and Naila Kabeer also attended the management group planning meeting in Luxor. There was another group meeting in November, 2006 where Maheen Sultan was present.

Firdous Azim attended the Global Hub Advisory Meeting, of which she is a member, in London in November 2006. Simeen Mahmud attended the Latin America Scoping Workshop, June 2006 held in Brazil. The Middle Eastern Hub organized their scoping workshop in September, 2006 in Cairo, Egypt. This was attended by Maheen Sultan and Firdous Azim.

### **English Language Program (EL-Pro)**

The English Language Program EL-Pro is a comprehensive program to improve English proficiency. The program is enriched by visiting faculty from abroad who teach courses and conduct workshops for faculty.

Besides running regular English language courses for BU students EL-Pro is also associated in developing and implementing functional skills training courses for senior and mid-level managers, researchers, bank officials, administrative staff and NGO workers. In addition, EL-Pro is also engaged in providing IELTS Exam preparatory courses and Pre-university Foundation Courses. EL-Pro earned a revenue of approximately Taka 4,000,000/- by teaching 350 students last year.

A list and brief description of courses provided by EL-Pro in 2006 is given below:

### *English proficiency Development Course (EPDC)*

The EPDC caters to a broader group of learners from elementary to advanced level where each course, having a minimum duration of 60 hrs per level, is custom designed to suit the needs of each particular group and their learning ability. The course combines general English language skills development along with communication skills required in the modern work environment. Target groups include bankers, researchers, administrative staff from private and government organizations and post-graduate students.

Duration: Minimum 24 hrs per level.

Participants: BRAC Bank and Pearl Fashion Institute.

### *Functional Skills for Development Managers (FSDM)*

The core aim of the FSDM program is to enable development workers to sustain and keep pace with every sphere of activities in terms of communications and functional skills needed to work in an international working environment. The duration of the course is 36 weeks, divided into 3 phases of 12 weeks each. Participants are mainly mid and senior level managers of development agencies.

Duration: 36 weeks-divided into three phases, each of 12 weeks.

Participants: Mid and senior level managers of BRAC.

### *Foundation Course (FC)*

The FC enables learners to improve their English language skills in reading, writing,



listening and speaking so that they can adapt to the academic culture of the university. The duration of each course ranges from 12 weeks to 24 weeks depending on the needs of the individual.

Duration: 12-24 weeks.

Participants: Current BU students

#### *IELTS Exam Preparation Course*

The IELTS course is a comprehensive program of 45 hours enabling participants to score higher bands by imparting knowledge of various exam techniques and providing extensive practice in the four skills tested in the exam.

Duration: 45 hours

Participants: Doctors, lecturers, university students, and professionals from various fields.

#### *Extracurricular Activities*

EL-Pro organized two weekend programs on July 21-22 and July 28-29, 2006 comprising of debates, an exhibition of different items produced by the students and an English

drama staged by the students. Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU, inaugurated the exhibition. The program for July 28, 2006 ended with a dinner.

#### *Development Workshops*

HR Director of Unilever, Mr Dinesh Bidappen and CEO of Bdjobs, Mr Fahim Mansoor conducted a workshop on July 29, 2006. Also, Professor Beth Trudell, a visiting faculty who is an English Language Fellow sponsored by Georgetown University and the US State Department, now working for EL-Pro, conducted a workshop titled 'Teacher as Facilitator' on 3 November, 2006. The workshop highlighted the need for creating a productive and comfortable learning environment through positive reinforcement and greater student involvement, the outcome of which would be students who are independent learners and critical and reflective thinkers. All twenty-five part-time and full-time faculty members of EL-Pro participated in the day-long program.

## Student Affairs

The 'Club Fair Summer 2006' was held on June 17 at the Indoor Games Room. The Vice Chancellor inaugurated the event. There were booths of the 23 clubs and forums and a student affairs information booth. The computer club organized the presentations of the 23 clubs and forums. The clubs and forums arranged quick quizzes, games and lucky draws. The day ended with the screening of 'Chronicles of Narnia' by the Film Club on the large screen. The enrolment of the new students to different clubs and forums was impressive.

On the occasion of the 'Club Fair Summer 2006', BU Cultural Club (BUCuC) arranged a concert by the band 'Warfaze' on June 18. In this unplugged concert, members of Warfaze presented various modern Bangla songs in front of an enthralled audience which filled the Indoor games room and the Cafeteria. Shams M. Ghani, keyboardist of the band who is a lecturer of the Department of Architecture, directed the presentation. The program was sponsored by BRAC Bank.

Eminent singer Sadi Mohammad conducted a workshop on Tagore's Song for the members of the cultural club. After that a Jalsha on 'Rabindranather Barshar Gaan' was arranged at Indoor Games Room on July 20.

University of Central England (UCE), Birmingham organized an information session



for the students of BU on Tuesday, November 1. Mr Anoop Patel, Business Manager, UCE Birmingham briefed the students on their admission procedure, scholarship policy, admission requirements and other related issues.

## Clubs and Forums

Currently there are 21 clubs in BU. These are:

- AIESEC-Global Forum
- Computer Club
- Cricket Club
- Cultural Club
- Debating Club
- Drama and Theatre Forum
- Economics Club
- Enterprise Development Forum
- Film Club
- Global Affairs Forum
- Indoor Games Club
- MBA Forum
- National Heritage Forum
- OIKOS
- Photography Club
- Social Development Forum
- Natural Sciences Club
- Environment Awareness Forum
- BU Student Newsletter
- Social Entrepreneurship Forum
- BizBee

Football Club organized a meeting on October 10. It was the first formal meeting with their newly appointed advisor Mr Suntu Kumar Ghosh, Lecturer, BRAC Business School. The meeting was followed by an iftar party.

The Film Club (BUFC) had a general meeting on July 17. The meeting was followed by a film show. The club screened the film "Sonar Kella", written and directed by the eminent filmmaker Satyajit Ray and. The club screened the film 'Phone Booth' on July 30. BU Film Club had another general meeting on September 3. On September 6, BUFC screened



the film “Ice Age 2: Melt Down”. A raffle draw was conducted afterwards. BU Film Club participated in the Club Fair on September 14, and won the award of the third best club at the fair. The Club Fair ended with the screening of 'Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of The Black Pearl' on a large screen. At BU Campus, Savar 'Ice Age 2' was screened on September 18 and “Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl” on October 29.

The Drama and Theatre Forum (BUDTF) members organized a 4-day drama workshop from September 19-22. Mr K M Mohsin, former Director, Shilpakala Academy and part time faculty, Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangir Nagar University was the facilitator. BUDTF organized a 4-day workshop covering various aspects of drama and theatre on October 29. The workshop was conducted by Mr S M Mohsin, Director Shilpakala Academy and was attended by twenty members of BUDTF. BUDTF staged the club's annual drama *Hirok Rajar Deshe* at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on November 27. The team received a congratulatory message from the famous film maker Sandip Ray. Aarong and BRAC Bank sponsored the show in association with Mercantile Bank, Prime Bank, Tele-Talk, Southtech and Dhaka Bank.

Oikos Dhaka, an International Student Organization for Sustainable Economics and

Management, in collaboration with the Film Club of BU, launched a four-day fund raising event for cancer treatment of an eleven-year-old child Labib. BU students organized film shows on July 18, 19, 20, 24, and raised 30,000 taka for Labib's treatment. A group of twelve students of BU went to Dhaka Medical College Hospital to hand over the cheque to Labib's mother on July 29. Oikos Dhaka organized a seminar on “Solar Revolution Scopes of Renewable Energy Technology for Bangladesh.” on July 25. Dr Sajed Kamal, Adjunct Professor of Brandeis University and an expert in solar energy was the speaker. After the talk, students and faculty of BU discussed awareness creation schemes and the scope of developing a solar energy project by BU students. OIKOS Dhaka organized a voluntary blood donation camp at BU on September 19, in collaboration with Quantum Foundation. Fifty one students of BU donated blood at the camp. A team of fifteen students of OIKOS Dhaka led by a faculty advisor, went on a two-day educational trip to Kapasia from August 23-24. The students visited BRAC education program on the first day. On the second day, 15 students interviewed about 30 solar panel users in the villages of Kapasia.

BU Economics Club (BUEC) was launched at the BU mega event-“Club Fair Fall 2006-Omega” on September 14. Omega was the first club fair organized in BU by a club. The Fair also pioneered a scheme to encourage



competition amongst clubs by having a “Best Club at Omega” competition. BUEC also had its “Intake Session” in September with seven students selected as Potential Senators who are now being integrated into BUEC's activities. BUEC 'Help Group' started in September with help being provided by skilled seniors in the four courses-ECO101, ECO102, ECO201 and ECO202.

BU Indoor Games Club was champion in all categories in the inter-private university table tennis tournament organized by United International University (UIU) from September 03-07. Mainul Islam, Saikat Ahmed Kachi and Tahmid Reza participated in the tournament from BU Indoor Games Club.

AIESEC in BRAC University has successfully published its first ever-online newsletter on August 20. Website address is: <http://www.aiesec.net/users/www.aiesec.net/users/naureen/BU1.html>

BIZ BEE, the Business Club organized a trade fair on September 17. The fair provided an opportunity for better understanding of the objectives and goals of the club among students and teachers of BU. A seminar on "Time Management", organized by BIZ BEE (Business Club) was held on July 11. Dr Golam Samdani Fakir, Director, Training, BRAC conducted the seminar. The moral of this seminar was: "Managing time is nothing but managing life". BIZ BEE decided to facilitate more sessions like this in the near future. BIZ BEE arranged a seminar on “Stock

Market” on September 27. Professor Iftexhar Ghani Chowdhury, Dean, BRAC Business School (BBS) conducted this short but interactive seminar that answered queries of an audience of more than 60 students and faculty members from BBS and ESS.

As a part of the new program called 'Student-Centred activities by Multinational Companies' Grameen Phone Ltd and Cell Bazaar Inc organized a promotional campaigning program at BU for students on September 7, 2006. Students were informed about the newly launched website called GP Cell bazaar created by Grameen phone.

A two hour long campaign was conducted by BRAC University Social Entrepreneurship Forum (BUSEF) promoting students to stay fit and use the stairs on September 17, 2006. BUSEF also conducted a “Saving Money” program for street children at Gulshan.

BRAC University Natural Sciences Club (BUNSC) was established in the Spring 2006 semester with a view to popularizing science and technology in general and disseminating information of developments in various fields of science and technology. Professor Abdul Latif Chowdhury, Professor of Physics, Elizabeth City State University of North Carolina, USA and Professor F.B. Malik, Professor of Physics, Southern Illinois University of Illinois, USA made presentations entitled “Exiting Worlds of Physics” and “Prospects of Physicists in Global Economy” respectively on Wednesday, April 26. This



joint seminar was organized by the BU Natural Sciences Club. Some members of the club visited the Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE), Ganakbari, Savar on August 14. At AERE they were shown around the TRIGA-MARK II Research Reactor, the Institute of Nuclear Science and Technology and its various divisions including the Radio Isotope Production Division, Institute of Food and Radiation

Biology and the newly established Health Physics and Radioactive Waste Management Unit. BUNSC also arranges topical seminars periodically. A seminar on “life in stones: stories fossils tell us” was organized by BUNSC at BU Campus on September 29. The seminar was conducted by Professor Nigel Hughes, Department of Earth Sciences, University of California, Riverside, California, USA.

## Other Activities

BTV interviewed Professor J R Choudhury, VC BU on "Submarine Cable" on May 20, 2006. Among others, Minister and Secretary, Ministry of Post & Tele Communications were present.

As a part of RTV's special program on 'Singers, lyricists and composers at Private Universities of Bangladesh', RTV videotaped a Cultural program by the cultural club members of BU (BUCuC) on May 20, 2006. The songs were written, composed and sung by the members of BUCuC.

Nesfun Nahar, Lecturer II, Department of Architecture contributed as a judge for the Engineering panel in the "Fair & Lovely Scholarship program 2005" on June 16, 2006. Fair & Lovely Foundation is the social initiative of Unilever Bangladesh Ltd working for women's empowerment in the country. Every year the foundation gives 200 women a scholarship of twenty five thousands taka each for higher education.

This year, two BU Faculty left for their higher studies. Naira Khan, lecturer ENH left for a one-year Fulbright Language Teaching Assistance Program (FLTA). She will be based in Duke University, North Carolina, during the tenure of her stay in the US. AZM Shahriar, Lecturer ESS has joined Williams College, USA to pursue a Masters Program in Development Economics under the Fulbright Fellowship Program.

### College Visit

On March 20, 2006, Dr Zainab F. Ali, Director, Student Affairs, Ms Shamsun Nahar Rahman, Student Affairs Officer, Mr Tawfiq Ahmed, Lecturer, MNS Department, Mr Shadid Haque, Lecturer, CSE Department, Ms Nausheen Naz Eusuf, Lecturer, ENH

Department, Mr Aminul Islam, Asst. System Administration, Mr Shamsul Kaonian, Student, Physics Department and Mr Abdur Rashid, Office Assistant visited the European Standard School.

The team of eight members also visited Maple Leaf School on April 2, 2006 and Hermann Gmainer College on April 5, 2006

On April 12, Dr Zainab F. Ali, Ms Shamsun Nahar Rahman, Mr Aminul Islam along with Ms Sharmina Hossain, Lecturer, MNS Dept., Mr Razat Shuvro Roy, Lecturer, CSE Dept., Ms Shaheena Chowdhury, Lecturer, ENH Dept. visited Aga Khan School.

A six-member BU team including Dr Fuad Hassan Mallik, Chairperson, Architecture Department, Dr Mahtab Uz-Zaman, Associate Professor, Architecture, Ms Sohana Manzoor, Lecturer, ENH, Md Ashiqur Rahman Khan, Lecturer BBS, Mr A.K.M. Shafiq Ullah, Lecturer, MNS, Mr Asif Iftekhhar, student, ENH department, Mr Aminul Islam, Assistant System administrator and Ms Shamsun Nahar Rahman visited Notre Dame College on September 13, 2006. Father Benjamin D'Costa, Principal, Notre Dame College received the BU team members. Ms Shamsun Nahar Rahman welcomed the students and briefed them about the programs offered by BU. In the introduction session Dr Mahtab, Mr Ashiqur Rahman and Asif received a big applause from the students for being Ex-Notre Dameans. A video presentation on BU was also shown to the students. Dr Fuad Hassan Mallick conducted the question answer session and he with other BU team members responded to queries from students. The program ended with giving a prize to Mr Arlab Saha, a first-year student of Notre Dame College for his correct answer to the question "what is the special feature of BRAC University". About 150 students attended the seminar at the Notre Dame College Auditorium.

## Residential Semester

The aim of Residential Semester is to improve the communication skills of the students, inculcate in them a sense of discipline and responsibility; harness and develop leadership qualities, develop the spirit of community living and sharing, practice gender equality and promote empowerment of women and expose them to some of the challenges of life and environment that they are likely to face in the working world. To achieve the above aim a compact capsule of academic and co-curricular activities are organized.

### *Spring 2006 Semester*

Residential Semester Spring 2006 was split into two batches. The first batch started on January 21 with 130 students all belonging to the BRAC Business School. It terminated on March 16, 2006.



Micro-Labs and visit to the BRAC Projects were held on February 25 and March 4.

Visit to Liberation War Museum took place on February 18.

International Mother Language Day and Shaheed Day were observed in a befitting manner on 21 February. In the morning the students went for 'Probhat Feri' to a Shaheed Minar at a school nearby. In the afternoon a debate competition was held among the students. This was followed by a drama staged by the BRAC University Drama and Theatre

Forum (BUDTF). A seminar on 'Shaheed Dibash' was held on February 20.

Inter-Dorm Debate Competition took place on March 8 and Inter-Dorm Quiz Competition took place on March 12.

Inter-Dorm Cultural Competition was held on May 2.

The Concluding Dinner of the 1st Batch of the RS Spring, 2006 was held on March 15. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes. 29 students were awarded VC Certificate for Merit. Chayaneer was adjudged as the overall Best Dorm and was awarded the Inter-Dorm Championship Trophy.

The second batch started on March 18 and terminated on May 4. 96 students joined this batch.



Micro-Labs and visits to BRAC Projects were held on April 1 and April 22.



Workshop” on “Objectives and Purpose of the Residential Semester” was held on June 4-5, 2006. Pro-VC Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed conducted the Workshop.

Micro-Labs and visits to the BRAC Projects were held on June 24, July 1 and July 15. Visits to Liberation War Museum and the National Museum took place on June 24, July 1 and July 15.

On June 30 students went to Comilla on study tour as part of the Bangladesh Studies Program. The visit included visit to the War Cemetery of the Second World War, archeological sites and BARD.

Renowned vocalist Sadi Mohammad and Fatematuz Zohra gave a presentation on the music of Bangladesh on July 18.

Mr. Rahmat Ali of the Department of Dramatics of the Dhaka University gave a talk on the Drama of Bangladesh on June 27.

The 1st RS Dinner was held on June 21, Dr. Demisse Hapte, International Director, James P. Grant School of Public Health was the Guest of Honour.

The 2nd RS Dinner was held on July 12, Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, Deputy General Manager of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon was the Guest of Honour.

Inter-Dorm Debate Competition took place on July 25 and Inter-Dorm Quiz Competition took place on July 28.

Inter-Dorm Cultural Competition was held on July 31.

EL-Pro organized two weekend programs on July 21-22 and July 28-29, 2006. The programs for July 28, 2006 include the debate final in the morning and an exhibition of items produced by students in the afternoon. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU, inaugurated the exhibition. In the evening students staged

an English play. The program for July 28, 2006 ended with a dinner.

HR Director of Unilever, Mr. Dinesh Bidapen and CEO of Bdjobs, Mr. Fahim Mansoor conducted a workshop on July 29, 2006.

The Concluding Dinner of the RS Summer, 2006 was held on August 2, 2006. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes. 32 students were awarded VC Certificate for Merit. Chayaneer was adjudged as the overall Best Dorm and was awarded the Inter-Dorm Championship Trophy.

#### *Fall 2006 Semester*

Residential Semester Fall 2006 started on September 2, 2006 and terminated on December 14. A total of 135 students, 78 boys and 57 girls attended this Semester. 33 students were awarded VC Certificate for Merit. Chayaneer Dorm was declared the Champion Dorm.

An “Introductory Workshop” on “Objectives and Purposes of the Residential Semester” was held on September 3-4, 2006. Pro-VC Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed conducted the Workshop.

Micro-Labs and visits to the BRAC Projects were held on November 4 and November 25.

Visits to Liberation War Museum and the National Museum took place on September 23.

Dr. Mridulkanti Chakraborti, Professor, Music and Theatre, Dhaka University delivered a Lecture on the Evolution of Bangla Music and rendered Bangla songs on November 14.

Mr. Rahmat Ali of the Dhaka University gave a talk on the Drama of Bangladesh on November 7.

The RS Dinner was held on September 20. Mr. Zulfiquar Hossain, Director Human Resources, Pacific Bangladesh Telecom limited (City Cell) was the Guest of Honour.

Inter-Dorm Debate Competition took place on December 11.

Inter-Dorm Cultural Competition was held on July 31.

Bangladesh Studies Fair was organized by the Department of ESS. The Fair was inaugurated by the VC Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 30 and continued till Friday afternoon, December 1.

Following events were held: Bangladeshi food preparation and display, *pitha utsab* (cake festival), traditional musical instrument display, playlet on Liberation War and village marriage ceremony, buffalo cart riding, folk art and crafts display.

Bhawwaiya songs were rendered by a minstrel from Nilphamari Bhawwaiya Academy on the night of November 30, 2006.

English Language Program (El-Pro) organized weekend programs at BU Campus, Savar on December 7, 2006. Students staged a Drama and a Fashion Show.

The Concluding Dinner of the RS Fall, 2006

was held on December 13, 2006. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes. Chairpersons, Faculty Members and students of RS Fall, 2006 attended the Dinner. Chayaneer was adjudged as the overall Best Dorm and was awarded the Inter-Dorm Championship Trophy.

## Career Services Office Program

Overall activity for the year 2005-2006 was strong and marked by increased participation by the students. There was a significant improvement in the placement percentages. 78% BBA students found an internship placement once they had registered with the Career Services Office (CSO) and 22% BBA students had managed their own internship placement. Approximately 60% of the interns are able to secure a job in the organizations where they had initially pursued their internship program. It was found that our students mostly found placements with multinational companies (MNCs) and reputed local private organizations and could compete competitively with universities against which we benchmark.

95% of our Computer Science & Engineering (CSEs) graduates have found jobs in organizations both related and unrelated to their major area of studies. Job placement is slow for the CSEs because of the sluggish job market. However this specific technology that students are taught will always be in demand as it is understood that technology is progressing and a degree program in CSE sets a strong foundation of knowledge that make CSE students adaptable to the latest technology.

There was a sharp fall in the networking sessions due to the fact that the first year was dedicated to building relationships with the employment world and much of the contacts had been set in that year. Nonetheless, few important contacts had been set, for instance with Standard Chartered Bank, HSBC, G3 - a marketing company and Transcom Bangladesh Ltd. An HR Colloquium was organized by CSO early in the year, which drew together professional cohorts of senior HR managers primarily across business entities and financial institutions in order to disseminate BRAC University's program underpinnings and obtain feedback from a cross-section of professionals. The colloquium had created opportunities for

our students in terms of industry attachment and employment prospects; the multi-stakeholder dialogue had helped CSO to understand the requirements of the corporate world and the social realities.

Our 'Star Employers' who have provided CSO with the most internship and job placements are:

- Banglalink
- BRAC Bank Ltd
- British American Tobacco Bangladesh
- Citibank NA
- Paxar Bangladesh Ltd
- Prime Bank Ltd
- Standard Chartered Bank
- TNT Express
- Transcom Electronics Ltd

Professional Skills Development Program (PSDP) was offered in two sections throughout the year. It is a graduation requirement for all the undergraduate students with 90% attendance. PSDP is fine tuned every semester in order to effectively prepare the students for their professional life. A great deal of importance is placed on interviewing skills and career planning. The program concludes every semester with a mock interview with corporate employers and resume critiquing.

There was a significant increase in students utilizing CSO and attending career programs. Almost all the students were met by a regular staff member to make sure that their immediate question were answered and that they learned about the wide range of services and programs. One to one contact has contributed greatly to the students' career development process. Career fairs and CSO handbook are all in growth mode.



## Financial Assistance

BU provides a number of scholarships and financial assistance for students. This support is available to students who:

- Performed well in their HSC/SSC or O/A Levels prior to joining BU
- Perform well in BU
- BRAC-FORD students
- Children of BRAC employees
- Have other siblings studying at BU

- Physically challenged
- Need-based scholarships to financially disadvantaged students

Furthermore, all female students get a waiver of Taka 500 per credit for every course they take. During the year 2006, BU disbursed a total of Taka 3,28,68,214 in scholarships and tuition fee waivers to a total of 447 students. The ratio of male to female students among scholarship recipients is 60% male and 40% female.

## Facilities for Learning

BU occupies six floors of Aarong House and six floors of Standard Tower, along with the main University Building. Departments of Architecture, Economics and Social Sciences, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, School of Law and James P. Grant School of Public Health are situated in the Standard Tower; while Aarong House has the Department of English and Humanities and the BRAC Business School. El-Pro is also situated in Aarong House. The University Building houses the Department of CSE and the Administrative Offices. IED, CGS and DSP are located in Niketan.

### Classrooms

BU has regular classrooms that can accommodate 30-40 students and some large ones to accommodate as many as 80-100 students. All the classrooms in BU are equipped with multimedia projectors, overhead projectors, computers with internet access. Some of these air-conditioned classrooms, in addition to these, have television, VCR and other equipment that can be used for teleconferencing. BU has access to facilities at BRAC Centre Inn and BRAC support facilities all over Bangladesh for all the teachers and students.

### Ayesha Abed Library

Ayesha Abed Library, covering an area of 9000 square feet, is spread over two floors of the Aarong House. The library is enriched with 15,579 textbooks, journals, magazines, research papers and other digital resources. BU also has a subscription to the journal archive, JSTOR ([www.jstor.com](http://www.jstor.com)). A team of eight professionals run the library. The library also offers e-mailing and photocopying facilities for all students and teachers. Agora and Hinari fulltext journal databases provide web access to over 4,000 serial title covering medicine, development, appropriate technology and social sciences. The library



online book catalog is available through the net. The section of the library on the second floor of Aarong House has workstations, a newspaper corner, a CD corner, silent study rooms, discussion rooms and of course general study rooms. Inter library loans and cooperative information exchange with other major libraries enrich the Ayesha Abed Library.

### Journal

During 2006, two issues of the BU journal were published. Each of the issues contained articles relevant to the departments of BU.

### Computer Lab

Currently there are fourteen computer labs in BU with built-in multi-media PCs connected to BM by a Windows NT5 local area network (LAN). The computers are accessorized with peripheral devices like scanners, printers, digital cameras, etc. Stand-by generators and uninterrupted power supply packs are fitted with all these computers ensure continuity of work. These facilities are continually upgraded to keep pace with changing technology.

### Digital Lab

The use of a separate digital lab enhances students understanding of circuits, microprocessors and electronics. The digital lab contains a wide variety of equipment, e.g. oscilloscopes, trainer boards, microprocessors, digital multimeters, ammeters, wattmeters, rheostats, generators, inductors, etc.





### Physics Labs

Four physics labs have been set up. These labs conduct experiments on different topics taught under the various physics courses including physics major courses. New labs are also being set up.

### Language Lab

The BU language lab is one of the first language labs in the country. It enables students to improve not only their language, but also their communication skills-which is a basic requirement for professional development. The lab contains cubicles that are equipped with headphones, recorders and playback devices.

### Video conferencing Centre

BU is the only university to have its own Video Conferencing Centre. The conference centre situated on the fifth floor of Aarong House conducts live meetings, corporate affairs, seminars and presentations among people who are geographically apart. It also enables virtual tours and participation in various global events. The BU Video Conference Centre allows the participation of 25 people at a time.

### IT Network

BU now has more than 650 workstations linked together through Local Area Network

(LAN), and Wide Area Network (WAN). The IT Network allows all members of BU to maintain their personal user accounts with an e-mail account and a home folder along with access to various common folders that helps to share and distribute information.

### Architectural Studio

There are eight architectural studios at BU. These are well equipped with large drawing tables, worktables, rulers, lockers, etc. Each studio can accommodate 20 students.

### Prangan

The open-air terrace on the first floor of the University Building is Prangan. It has a snack bar that serves tea, coffee and light refreshment. Prangan has a capacity to accommodate around 100 students; there are also provisions for outdoor games, such as carom and chess, and also to get refreshed when they are exhausted with the load of their classes.



### BU Cafeteria

BRAC University Cafeteria can hold up to 150 students. It has a separate room for faculty and staff as well. The indoor games room is adjacent to the café with facilities for indoor games, such as, carom, chess, table tennis etc. Events like club fairs and movie fairs also take place in the indoor games room.

## Teaching Learning Centre (TLC)

The Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) at BU works both with faculty and students to examine attitudes towards learning. TLC was introduced in the year 2006 with the mission to build awareness, encourage and facilitate a student centered learning environment across the departments of the University. TLC organized the following workshops 2006.

### **Workshop#1 : Designing an Ethics course**

*Focus* : A workshop for ethics teachers to evaluate current practices in Ethics courses and design a relevant and engaging course  
*Facilitators* : Prof Georg Gadow, PhD, University of Colorado, Denver  
*Participants* : Three ethics teachers  
*Date* : January 15-19, 2006

### **Seminar#1 : Ethical Leadership**

*Focus* : Lecture and discussion with the faculty of BRAC University on “How BRAC University can play a leading role in developing Ethical Leadership in Bangladesh”  
*Facilitator* : Prof Georg Gadow, PhD, University of Colorado, Denver  
*Participants* : 32 faculty members of BRAC University  
*Date* : January 18, 2006

### **Workshop#2 : Educate the Educator**

*Focus* : A participatory teacher orientation program designed and run by teachers themselves facilitated by TLC  
*Facilitators* : A core group consisting of eight teachers, including one member from the BUIED designed and ran the program  
*Participants* : 20 teachers attended the workshop  
*Date* : May 30-31, 2006

### **Seminar#2 : International Business Education and Research**

*Focus* : Three seminars for both ESS and BBS faculty and students on International Business Education and Research  
*Facilitator* : Prof Hildy Teegan, Professor of International Business, George Washington University, Washington  
*Participants* : Faculty members of ESS and BBS  
*Date* : July 2-5, 2006

### **Workshop#3 : Educate the Educator**

*Focus* : A participatory teacher orientation program designed and run by teachers themselves facilitated by TLC  
*Facilitator* : A core group consisting of five teachers, including one member from the BUIED designed and ran the program  
*Participants* : 18 teachers attended the workshop  
*Date* : August 29-30, 2006

**Workshop#4 : Series of twelve Workshops at University of Texas at Austin**

*Focus* : Attending teaching-learning workshops to learn of teaching learning methods that can be adopted by BRAC University at the Division of Instructional Innovation and Assessment (DIIA) at University of Texas at Austin

*Facilitator* : Karron G. Lewis, PhD, Associate Director, DIIA

*Participants* : The newly appointed director of Teaching Learning Centre attended the workshops

*Date* : September 18 to October 13, 2006

**Workshop#5 : Exchange Program with George Washington University (GWU)**

*Focus* : A four-week long program organized at George Washington University, for learning and orientation of senior faculty

*Facilitators* : Professor Jim Williams, GWU and Dr Yousuf Mahbubul Islam.

*Participants* : Three persons from BRAC University

*Date* : October 21 to November 17, 2006

**Workshop#6 : Performance Portfolio**

*Focus* : Initial thoughts for initiating a culture of self-development and self-accountability among teachers

*Title* : Teacher Performance Portfolio and Research into the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

*Facilitator* : Professor Zia Hasan, Vice President for Planning, Assessment and Information Services, Claflin University, Orangeburg, USA

*Participants* : Chairs, directors and senior teachers 12 participants

*Date* : December 28, 2006

## Executive Development Programs

Following training programs for Management Executives were held during 2006:

### A.

1. Date : March 14 -15, 2006
2. Subject/Topic : Training on Communication Skills Development
3. Duration : Two-day Training Program
4. Objective : To enhance Communication skills
5. Facilitators : Trainer of British American Tobacco Company
6. Total Participants : 15

### B.

1. Date : April 26 June 21, 2006
2. Subject/Topic : Professional Skills Development
3. Duration : Nine-day Program
4. Objective : To be more efficient in professional dealings
5. Facilitators : Ms Mirka Rahman, Associate Professor & Trainer
6. Total Participants : 20

### C.

1. Date : August 28-29, 2006
2. Subject/Topic : Presentation Skill Development
3. Duration : Two-day Program
4. Objective : To develop skill on presentation
5. Facilitators : Trainer of Continuing Education Centre
6. Participant : Ms Shamsun Nahar Rahman, Assistant Director (AD), Relationship Management Office (RMO)

### D.

1. Date : October 15-17, 2006
2. Subject/Topic : Problem Solving, Decision Making and Conflict Resolution
3. Duration : Three-day Program
4. Objective : For effective management in solving problems and conflicts and taking decisions.
5. Facilitators : Trainer of Continuing Education Centre
6. Total Participants : Ms Shamsun Nahar Rahman, AD, RMO and Ms Rosy Sharif, Senior HRO

### E.

1. Date : September 10-14, 2006
2. Subject/Topic : Advanced Training on Human Resource Management
3. Duration : Five-day Program
4. Objective : To have more knowledge on HRM
5. Facilitators : Dr Henning Becker, Sr. Management Expert, Germany
6. Participant : Ms Rosy Sharif, Senior HRO

**ANNEX-A****List of Faculty Members****Architecture**

<b>Sl Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>Full Time Faculty</b>	
1 Professor Fuad Hassan Mallick	<i>Chairperson</i>
2 Dr Zainab F Ali	<i>Associate Professor</i>
3 Dr Q M Mahtab-Uz-Zaman	<i>Associate Professor</i>
4 Mr Tariq Mahbub Khan	<i>Sr Lecturer</i>
5 Mr Hafizul Hasan	<i>Lecturer</i>
6 Ms Huraera Jabeen	<i>Lecturer</i>
7 Ms Nesfun Nahar	<i>Lecturer</i>
8 Mr Khondaker Hasibul Kabir	<i>Lecturer</i>
9 Ms Yasmin Ara	<i>Lecturer</i>
10 Mr Abu Muhammad Rahat Mujib Niaz	<i>Lecturer</i>
11 Ms Tanzia Sharmin	<i>Lecturer</i>
12 Mr A H M Anwar Sadmani	<i>Lecturer</i>
13 Mr Iftekhar Ahmed	<i>Lecturer</i>
14 Mr Imon Chowdooree	<i>Lecturer</i>

**Part Time Faculty**

1 Mr Mustafa Monowar
2 Dr Mafizur Rahman
3 Dr Enamul Haque
4 Dr Rakuib Ahsan
5 Dr Nasreen Hossain
6 Mr Mamnoon M Chowdhury
7 Mr Bashirul Haq
8 Mr Obaidul Fattah Tanvir
9 Mr Uttam Kumar Saha
10 Mr A K M Sirajuddin
11 Mr Atiqur Rahman
12 Mr Md Shafiul Islam
13 Mr B K S Inan
14 Ms Marina Tabassum
15 Mr Khalid Ahmed Khan
16 Mr Ruhul Amin
17 Mr Shams Mansoor Ghani
18 Mr Samir Nath
19 Mr Manosh Kumar Mitra
20 Mr Sk Ahsanullah Mojumder
21 Mr Qazi Muhammed Arif
22 Mr Mustafa Hasan Shamim

Sl	Name	Designation
23	Mr Mustasim M Khan	
24	Mr Atul Chandra Sarker	
25	Ms Rudaba Chowdhury	

**Disaster Management**

Sl	Name	Designation
Part Time Faculty		
1	Dr Ashraf M Dewan	Coordinator
2	Professor S I Khan	
3	Professor Rosie M Ahsan	
4	Mr Ian Rector	
5	Mr Md Humayun Kabir	
6	Mr Md Hafizul Hasan	

**BRAC Business School**

<b>Sl Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>Full Time Faculty</b>	
1 Professor Iftekhar Ghani Chowdhury	<i>Dean</i>
2 Dr Sharmistha Banerjee	<i>Consultant/Visiting Faculty</i>
3 Mr Mahmudul Haq	<i>Assistant Professor</i>
4 Mr Zahidul Alam Khandaker	<i>Assistant Professor</i>
5 Mr Shawkat Kamal	<i>Sr Lecturer</i>
6 Mr Suntu Kumar Ghosh	<i>Lecturer</i>
7 Mr Md Zakir Hossain Sharkar	<i>Lecturer</i>
8 Mr Anisur Rahman Faroque	<i>Lecturer</i>
9 Ms Afsana Akhter	<i>Lecturer</i>
10 Mr Ali Salman	<i>Lecturer</i>
11 Mr Ashiqur Rahman Khan	<i>Lecturer</i>
12 Ms Moutushi Tanha	<i>Lecturer</i>
13 Mr Anup Chowdhury	<i>Lecturer</i>
14 Mr Suman Paul Chowdhury	<i>Lecturer</i>
15 Mr Dewan Niamul Karim	<i>Lecturer</i>
16 Mr Mohammad Ahshanullah	<i>Lecturer</i>
17 Ms Syeda Rownak Afza	<i>Lecturer</i>
18 Mr Shamim Ehsanul Haque	<i>Lecturer</i>
19 Mr Imran Mustafiz	<i>Lecturer</i>
20 Mr Nasir Uddin	<i>Lecturer</i>
21 Mr Probal Dutta	<i>Lecturer</i>

**Part Time Faculty**

1 Professor Mujib U Ahmed
2 Dr Md Jahangir Alam Chowdhury

*Director, MBA Program*  
*Associate Professor*



Sl Name	Designation
3 Professor Durgadas Bhattacharya	
4 Professor Ali Ahsan	
5 Professor Shamim F Karim	
6 Professor MA Akkas	
7 Dr Mojib Uddin Ahmed	
8 Dr Bozlul Hoq Khandakar	
9 Dr Rashedul Hasan	
10 Dr Sk Shamsuddin	
11 Dr Nurur Rahman	
12 Mr Waquar Ahmad	
13 Mr Mahbubur Rahman	
14 Mr Mozzem Hossain	
15 Mr Monzoor Morshed	
16 Mir Obaidur Rahman	
17 Mr Md Ridwanul Haq	
18 Mr Abdul Kader Nazmul	
19 Ms Farzana Choudhury	
20 Mr Monzurul Haque	
21 Mr Momtazuddin Ahmed	
22 Mr Asif Uddin Ahmed	
23 Mr Md Muinuddin Khan	
24 Mr Mohiuddin Ahmed	
25 Mr Ruben Saleh Ahmad	
26 Ms Nadia Haq	
27 Mr Mahfuz Ashraf	
28 Mr Mohammad Shoyaib	

#### Computer Science & Engineering

Sl Name	Designation
<b>Full Time Faculty</b>	
1 Dr Sayeed Salam	<i>Chairperson, Associate Professor</i>
2 Dr Yousuf M Islam	<i>Associate Professor</i>
3 Dr Mumit Khan	<i>Associate Professor</i>
4 Ms Sadia Kazi	<i>Sr Lecturer</i>
5 Mr Matin Saad Abdullah	<i>Sr Lecturer</i>
6 Ms Nayeema Islam	<i>Lecturer</i>
7 Mr Risat Mahmud Pathan	<i>Lecturer</i>
8 Ms Amina Hasan Abedin	<i>Lecturer</i>
9 Mr Munawwar Mahmud Sohul	<i>Lecturer</i>
10 Mr Hossain Arif	<i>Lecturer</i>
11 Mr Moinul Islam Zaber	<i>Lecturer</i>
12 Ms Bushra Tawfiq Chowdhury	<i>Lecturer</i>
13 Ms Farzana Rashid	<i>Lecturer</i>
14 Mr Abdussamad Ahmed Muntahi	<i>Lecturer</i>
15 Mr Shadid Haque	<i>Lecturer</i>
16 Mr Mushfiqur Rouf	<i>Lecturer</i>

Sl Name	Designation
17 Ms Sonia Sharmin Islam	<i>Lecturer</i>
18 Mr Rajat Shuvro Roy	<i>Lecturer</i>
19 Ms Taniya Siddiqua	<i>Lecturer</i>
20 Ms Anita Quadir	<i>Lecturer</i>
21 Mr Abul Hasanat Md Rezaul Karim	<i>Lecturer</i>
22 Mr Mohammad Shafkat Amin	<i>Lecturer</i>
23 Mr Rakesh Mitra	<i>Lecturer</i>

#### Part Time Faculty

- 1 Dr Sataya P Majumder
- 2 Dr Md Quamrul Huda
- 3 Dr Md Shafiqul Islam

#### Economics & Social Sciences

Sl Name	Designation
<b>Full Time Faculty</b>	
1 Dr Anwarul Hoque	<i>Chairperson</i>
2 Dr Wasiqur Rahman Khan	<i>Assistant Professor</i>
3 Mr Tanzir Ahmed	<i>Senior Lecturer</i>
4 Ms Shaila Parveen	<i>Lecturer</i>
5 Mr Mohammad Jahangir Alam	<i>Lecturer</i>
6 Ms Mahbuba Naznin Sani	<i>Lecturer</i>
7 Ms Sakiba Zeba	<i>Lecturer</i>
8 Ms Humaira Husain	<i>Lecturer</i>
9 Mr Md Kamrul Hasan	<i>Lecturer</i>
10 Ms Moshahida Sultana	<i>Lecturer</i>

#### Part Time Faculty

- 1 Dr Abdur Rob Khan
- 2 Ms Fiona T Rahman
- 3 Dr Nurul Huda Abul Monsur
- 4 Dr Ferdous Arfina Osman
- 5 Mr Sajid Huq

#### Development Studies Program

Sl Name	Designation
<b>Part Time Faculty</b>	
1 Dr Imran Matin	<i>Director, DSP</i>
2 Dr Ferdous Jahan	<i>Assistant Professor, Academic Coordinator</i>
3 Ms Nasheeba Selim	
4 Professor Zahir Ahmed	
5 Mr Samir R Nath	
6 Dr Ananya Raihan	
7 Dr Mahbub Alam	

**English & Humanities**

<b>Sl Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>Full Time Faculty</b>	
1 Professor Firdous Azim	<i>Chairperson</i>
2 Ms Sohana Manzoor	<i>Lecturer</i>
3 Ms Shaheena Choudhury	<i>Lecturer</i>
4 Ms Tabassum Zaman	<i>Lecturer</i>
5 Ms Rukshana Rahim Chowdhury	<i>Lecturer</i>
6 Ms Sahana Bajpaie	<i>Lecturer</i>
7 Ms Asma Anis Khan	<i>Lecturer</i>

**Part Time Faculty**

- 1 Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam
- 2 Professor Kaiser Md Hamidul Haq
- 3 Professor Anisuzzaman
- 4 Professor Ahmed Jamal Anwar
- 5 Ms Shenin Ziauddin
- 6 Ms Nausheen Eusuf
- 7 Dr Ahmed A Jamal
- 8 Dr AKM Salahuddin
- 9 Ms Nazmeen Huq

**EL-Pro**

<b>Sl Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>Full Time Faculty</b>	
1 Ms Syeda Sarwat Abed	<i>Director</i>
2 Mr A T M Sajedul Haq	<i>Coordinator</i>
3 Mr Shafaat Bari	<i>Coordinator</i>
4 Ms Shireen Hasan	<i>Lecturer</i>
5 Ms Shaheen Ara	<i>Lecturer</i>
6 Ms Jesmine Zaker	<i>Lecturer</i>
7 Ms Mahmuda Yasmin Shaila	<i>Lecturer</i>
8 Ms Effat Hyder	<i>Lecturer</i>
9 Ms Mousume Akhter Flora	<i>Lecturer</i>
10 Ms Sadra N Siddiky	<i>Lecturer</i>
11 Ms Samina Nasrin Chowdhury	<i>Lecturer</i>
12 Ms Mithila Mahfuz	<i>Lecturer</i>
13 Mr Sheikh Fazle Shams	<i>Lecturer</i>
14 Ms Perveen Mahboob	<i>Lecturer</i>
15 Mr AQM Khairul Basher	<i>Lecturer</i>
16 Mr Md Golam Jamil	<i>Lecturer</i>
17 Ms Liza Reshmin	<i>Lecturer</i>
18 Mr Mohammad Firoj Al Mamun Khan	<i>Teacher</i>
19 Ms Rizwana Mahbub Liana	<i>Teacher</i>
20 Ms Tanzina Halim	<i>Teacher</i>

**Sl Name Designation****Part Time Faculty**

- 1 Ms Jackie Kabir
- 2 Ms Rizwana Yasmin
- 3 Ms Tahsina Yasmin

**Centre for Governance Studies**

<b>Sl Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1 Mr Manzoor Hasan, Bar-at-Law	<i>Director</i>
2 Dr Akbar Ali Khan	<i>Visiting Faculty</i>
3 Dr Rizwan Khair	<i>Academic Coordinator</i>
4 Dr Beata Czajkowska	<i>Visiting Faculty</i>
5 Ms Tareen Hossain	<i>Research Associate</i>
6 Mr Haydory Akbar Ahmed	<i>Research Associate</i>

**Mathematics & Natural Sciences**

<b>Sl Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1 Dr A A Ziauddin Ahmad	<i>Chairperson</i>
2 Professor Naiyyum Choudhury	<i>Coordinator, Biotechnology Program</i>

**Full Time Faculty**

- 1 Mr Shafiq Ullah *Lecturer*
- 2 Mr Lutfur Rahman *Lecturer*
- 3 Ms Sharmina Hussain *Lecturer*
- 4 Mr Iftekhar Md Shafiqul Kalam *Lecturer*
- 5 Mr Mohammad Maruf Ahmed *Lecturer*
- 6 Md Jakir Hossen *Lecturer*
- 7 Ms Moushumi Zahur *Lecturer*
- 8 Mr Mohammad Nasimul Haque *Lecturer*
- 9 Ms Gulshan Khatun *Lecturer*
- 10 Ms Ferdousi Ara Begum *Lecturer*
- 11 Mr Md Anisur Rahman Molla *Lecturer*
- 12 Mr Mahabobe Shobahani *Lecturer*

**Part Time Faculty**

- 1 Professor Mofiz Uddin Ahmed
- 2 Professor Sajeda Banu
- 3 Professor Amin Hasan Kazi
- 4 Professor Syed Sabbir Ahmed

**School of Law**

<b>Sl Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>Full Time Faculty</b>	
1 Mr Shamsuddin Mahmood	<i>Associate Professor, Head, Undergraduate Program, Law</i>

Sl Name	Designation
2 Dr Saira R Khan	<i>Asst Professor</i>
3 Ms Tureen Afroz	<i>Asst Professor</i>

**Part Time Faculty**

1 Dr Shahdeen Malik	<i>Associate Professor, Director</i>
2 Professor Taslima Monsoor	<i>Head, LLB (Evening) Program</i>
1 Ms Dalia Parveen	
2 Mr Mohammad Towhid Islam	
3 Dr Shahnaz Huda	
4 Dr Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque	
5 Mr M Ikhtedar Ahmed	
6 Ms Seema Zaman	

**James P Grant School of Public Health**

Sl Name	Designation
<b>Full Time Faculty</b>	
1 Professor A M R Chowdhury	<i>Dean</i>
2 Dr Demissie Habte	<i>International Director, Professor</i>
3 Dr Shahaduz Zaman	<i>Associate Professor</i>
4 Dr Sabina F Rashid	<i>Assistant Professor</i>
5 Dr Md Mizanur Rashid Shuvra	
6 Dr Farhana Sultana	
7 Dr Farah Mahjabeen	
8 Ms Sabiha Chowdhuri	
9 Dr Tahmeed Ahmed	<i>Associate Professor</i>
10 Dr Shams El-Arefeen	<i>Associate Professor</i>
11 Dr Abbas Bhuiyan	<i>Professor</i>

**BRAC University Institute of Educational Development**

Sl Name	Designation
<i>Directing Staff</i>	
1 Dr Manzoor Ahmed	<i>Director</i>
2 Dr Sudhir Chandra Sarker	<i>Programme Coordinator</i>
3 Mr Ali Md. Shahiduzzaman	<i>Education Specialist</i>

*ECD Resource Centre*

4 Ms Mahmuda Akhter	<i>Head, ECDRC</i>
5 Mr Mohammad Kazi Foyzal	<i>Junior Professional</i>

Sl Name	Designation
6 Mr Mamun Rashed	<i>Programme Specialist</i>
7 Mr Golam Kibria	<i>Programme Specialist</i>
8 Mr Jadid Farmi Huda	<i>IT Professional</i>
9 Mr Md. Jaman Uddin Khan Raj	<i>Research Assistant</i>
10 Ms Nishat Fatema Rahman	<i>Senior Education Specialist</i>
11 Mr Ramendra Nath Biswas	<i>Training Assistant</i>
12 Ms Syeda Sazia Zaman	<i>Education Specialist</i>
13 Ms Yasmin Rabbani	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>

*Primary Education Team*

14 Ms Shaheen Akter	<i>(on study-leave)</i> <i>Team Leader</i>
15 Mr Kazi Sameeo Sheesh	<i>(on study-leave)</i> <i>Young Professional</i>
16 Ms Shukla Sikder	<i>Young Professional</i>
17 Mr Muhammed Mamunur Rashid	<i>Young Professional</i>
18 Ms Sadia Ritu	<i>Young Professional</i>
19 Ms Shilpi Rani Saha	<i>Young Professional</i>
20 Mr Mohammad Sarwar Zahan	<i>Young Professional</i>
21 Mr Dipan Mitra	<i>Young Professional</i>
22 Ms Taslima Akhter	<i>Young Professional</i>
23 Ms Fatema Nasrin	<i>Young Professional</i>

*Secondary Education Team*

24 Mr Md. Kabir Tafiqul Islam	<i>Team Leader</i>
25 Mr Md. Rezaul Karim Siddiky	<i>Young Professional</i>
26 Ms Dilruba Sultana	<i>Young Professional</i>
27 Mr Md. Moazzem Hossain	<i>Young Professional</i>
28 Mr Md. Fazlul Haque	<i>Young Professional</i>
29 Mr Faisal Islam Chowdhury	<i>Young Professional</i>
30 Ms Sheikh Shahana Shimu	<i>Young Professional</i>
31 Ms Mahmuda Khatun	<i>Young Professional</i>
32 Ms Nafisa Anwar	<i>Young Professional</i>
33 Ms Fahmida Majumder	<i>Young Professional</i>
34 Ms Sima Rani Sarker	<i>Young Professional</i>
35 Ms Shahida Parvin	<i>Young Professional</i>

Sl Name	Designation	Sl Name	Designation
<i>Teacher Development Team</i>		<i>Educational Research Team</i>	
36 Mr Vibekananda Howlader	<i>Team Leader</i>	46 Mr Md. Altaf Hossain	<i>Team Leader</i>
37 Mr Zahirul Islam Mullick		47 Mr Md. Abul Kalam	
	<i>Young Professional</i>		<i>Education Researcher</i>
38 Ms Hla Sein Khaine	<i>Junior Professional</i>	48 Ms Dilshana Parul	<i>Young Professional</i>
39 Ms Sima Mitra	<i>Young Professional</i>		
40 Mr Tanvir Ahmed	<i>Young Professional</i>	<i>Life-Long Learning</i>	
41 Ms Shipa Saha	<i>Young Professional</i>	49 Mr Zia-Us-Sabur	
42 Ms Sayeda Jafreen Khan			<i>Senior Research Associate</i>
	<i>Young Professional</i>	50 Ms Farhana Jahan	<i>Junior Professional</i>
43 Mr Miron Kumar Bhowmik		51 Ms Foujia Nahid	<i>Librarian</i>
	<i>Young Professional</i>	52 Mr Mujahidul Islam	
44 Mr Md. Afzal Hossain Sarwar			<i>Executive Assistant to the Director</i>
	<i>Young Professional</i>	53 Mr Samiur Rahman	<i>Administrative Officer</i>
45 Mr Md. Rezuan Kamal	<i>Young Professional</i>		

**ANNEX-B****BRAC University Management, Officials and Staff**

<b>Sl</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1	Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury	<i>Vice Chancellor</i>
2	Dr Salehuddin Ahmed	<i>Pro-Vice Chancellor</i>
3	Mr Sukhendra Kumar Sarkar	<i>Treasurer (Honorary)</i>
4	Mr Muhammad Sahool Afzal	<i>Registrar</i>
5	Mr Shafaat Ahmad	<i>Campus Superintendent</i>
6	Ms Shreyasee Sarma Pati	<i>Senior Asst Registrar</i>
7	Ms Iris Pervin	<i>Sr Examination and Transcript Officer</i>
8	Ms Nazmus Sabeka	<i>System Admin</i>
9	Mr Md Arifuzzaman	<i>Registration and Program Officer</i>
10	Ms Shamsun Nahar	<i>Senior Relationship Management Officer</i>
11	Mr Md Zakaria Zaman	<i>Student Counselor</i>
12	Ms Tahmina Afrose	<i>Student Counselor</i>
13	Ms Rosy Sharif	<i>Senior H R Officer</i>
14	Ms Erin Islam	<i>H R Officer</i>
15	Ms Keya Kundu	<i>Accountant</i>
16	Ms Tanjima Tamanna	<i>Accounts Officer</i>
17	Mr Emdadul Islam	<i>Accounts Officer</i>
18	Mr Suman Chandra Das	<i>Asst Accounts Officer</i>
19	Mr Mohammad Hossain	<i>Senior System Administrator</i>
20	Ms Fahima Khanam	<i>System Administrator</i>
21	Mr Moudud Sabbir	<i>System Administrator</i>
22	Mr Mohammad Rezaul Islam	<i>Asst System Administrator</i>
23	Mr Aminul Islam	<i>Asst System Administrator</i>
24	Mr Abdul Moghni Chowdhury	<i>Manager, Procurement</i>
25	Mr Obaidullah Al Zakir	<i>Public Relations Officer</i>
26	Mr Shawkat Iqbal	<i>Sr Logistic Officer</i>
27	Ms Rofequnnesa Amin	<i>Secretary to VC</i>
28	Mr Nurul Islam	<i>Admin Officer</i>
29	Dr Mahbuba Ferdous	<i>Medical Officer</i>
30	Dr Salim Farhad	<i>Medical Officer</i>
31	Mr Muhammad Shahjahan	<i>Campus Supervisor</i>
32	Mr Aminul Islam	<i>House Tutor</i>
33	Mr Faruk Hossain	<i>House Tutor</i>
34	Ms Smriti Sarker	<i>House Tutor</i>
35	Ms Sultana Jahan	<i>House Tutor</i>
36	Ms Lila Biswas	<i>House Tutor</i>
37	Mr Aurongojeb	<i>Network Support Engineer</i>

**Student Affairs**

1	Dr Zainab F Ali	<i>Director</i>
2	Mr Md Jahangir Alam	<i>Assistant Director</i>
3	Mr Atiqur Rahman	<i>Department Coordination Officer</i>



**Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC)**

- 1 Dr Yousuf Mahbubul Islam
- 2 Mr Mohammad Abdul Kadir

*Director*  
*Student Development Specialist*

**Career Services Office (CSO)**

- 1 Ms Farzana Choudhry
- 2 Ms Tazeena Hassan Islam
- 3 Mr Shaik Monjurul Haque

*Senior Assistant Director*  
*Career Services Executive*  
*Career Services Officer*

**Ayesha Abed Library**

- 1 Mr Md Abdul Hayee Sameni
- 2 Ms Nasima Begum
- 3 Mr Kh Ali Murtoza
- 4 Mr Md Shahidul Islam
- 5 Mr Ahmad Parvez
- 6 Mr Zahurul M Tamim
- 7 Mr Halal Rabbani

*Librarian*  
*Asst Librarian*  
*Junior Librarian*  
*Junior Librarian*  
*Library Assistant*  
*Junior Librarian (IT)*  
*Junior Librarian (Savar)*

**Department Coordination Officer**

- 1 Mr Md Lutfor Rahman
- 2 Mr Mostak Ahmed
- 3 Mr Javed Rasel
- 4 Ms Momena Begum
- 5 Mr Mohammad Ali Khan
- 6 Ms Shadia Alam
- 7 Mr Seraj Al-Mahmud Mostofa
- 8 Mr Mohammad Shamim Azad
- 9 Ms Sabrina Shahidullah
- 10 Mr Rayhanul Haque
- 11 Mr Satyajit Modak
- 12 Ms Sadeka Begum
- 13 Mr Donald Bapi Das

*Architecture*  
*BBS*  
*BBS*  
*CSE*  
*ENH*  
*El-Pro*  
*Asst DCO, El-Pro*  
*MNS*  
*ESS*  
*SOL*  
*MBA*  
*DSP*  
*MPH*

**Lab Technical Officers**

- 1 Mr Md Safiul Alam
- 2 Mr Shahidul Islam
- 3 Mr Shahin Sheikh
- 4 Mr Md Al Mahmud
- 5 Mr Ali Al Asadullah Md Sharif
- 6 Mr Md Sadat Mursalin Chowdhury
- 7 Mr Rakib-ul-Hoque
- 8 Mr Md Kamal Parvez
- 9 Mr Sangeet Saha
- 10 Mr Md Shariful Alam
- 11 Mr Md Abdus Salam
- 12 Mr Md Mynuddin Saleh
- 13 Mr Tapan Biswas

*BBS*  
*BBS*  
*CSE*  
*BU Campus, Savar*  
*JPGSPH*  
*CSE*  
*CSE*  
*CSE*  
*ECE*  
*Arch*  
*CSE*  
*ECE*  
*CSE*

## ANNEX C

**S. F. AHMED & CO.**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

#### To the Governing Board of BRAC University

We have audited the accompanying Balance Sheet of BRAC University as of 31 December 2006 and the related Income and Expenditure Account and Cash Flow Statement together with notes 1 to 26 for the year then ended. The preparation of these Financial Statements is the responsibility of the management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on our audit.

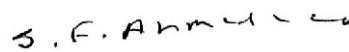
We conducted our audit in accordance with Bangladesh Standards on Auditing (BSA). These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall Financial Statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the Financial Statements, prepared in accordance with Bangladesh Accounting Standards (BAS), give a true and fair view of the state of the University's affairs as on 31 December 2006 and of the result of its operations and its Cash Flow for the year then ended and comply with Private University Act 1992 and other relevant laws and regulations.

#### We also report that:

- we have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit and made due verification thereof;
- in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the University so far as it appeared from our examination of those books;
- the university's Balance Sheet, the Income and Expenditure Account and the Statement of Cash Flow are in agreement with the books of account; and
- the expenditure incurred were for the University's purposes;

Dated, Dhaka  
02 April 2007

  
**S. F. Ahmed & Co.**  
Chartered Accountants

**BRAC University**  
**Balance Sheet**  
as at 31 December 2006

	Notes	2006 Taka	2005 Taka
<b>Assets</b>			
Fixed assets	3	31,767,276	27,748,246
<b>Current assets</b>			
Receivables	4	5,193,119	5,538,806
Prepayments	5	6,339,174	5,198,706
Fixed deposit receipts	6	50,000,000	50,000,000
Cash and cash equivalent	7	51,468,265	150,286,687
Total current assets		113,000,558	211,024,199
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>144,767,834</b>	<b>238,772,445</b>
<b>Fund and liabilities</b>			
<b>Fund</b>			
Scholarship endowment fund	8	51,658,895	50,038,166
Reserve fund	9	50,000,000	50,000,000
Deferred Income	10	5,827,376	6,540,627
Grant received in advance	11	1,997,375	181,079
Gratuity fund		1,550,932	604,881
Deficit of income over expenditure	12	(27,507,467)	(15,669,094)
Total fund		83,527,111	91,695,659
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Fees received in advance	13	4,267,797	2,197,595
Deposit refundable		-	100,439,317
Outstanding liabilities	14	9,506,658	10,670,931
		13,774,455	113,307,843
Bank over draft		47,466,268	33,768,943
Total liabilities		61,240,723	147,076,786
<b>Total fund and liabilities</b>		<b>144,767,834</b>	<b>238,772,445</b>

The annexed notes form an integral part of these accounts.

Treasurer

Member of Governing Board

President of Governing Board

*As per our annexed report of the same date.*

Dated, Dhaka  
02 April 2007

*S. F. Ahmed & Co.*  
**S. F. Ahmed & Co.**  
Chartered Accountants

**BRAC University**  
**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
For the year ended 31 December 2006

<b>Income</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2006 Taka</b>	<b>2005 Taka</b>
Revenue	15	196,204,728	150,905,083
Interest	16	6,544,840	6,163,488
Income from endowment fund		3,351,740	2,376,740
Donor grants	17	32,126,731	18,030,171
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>238,228,039</b>	<b>177,475,482</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries and benefits of faculty		79,698,308	51,016,140
Salaries and benefits of staff		23,626,909	16,197,206
Traveling and transportation		9,147,101	4,316,598
Computer operating expenses		2,505,588	1,425,357
Students admission expenses	18	480,101	406,917
Medical expenses		91,478	21,695
Repairs & maintenance	19	4,974,023	4,902,745
General expenses	20	8,178,794	6,653,512
Rent and utilities	21	36,525,194	30,929,060
Food and accommodation for residential students		13,270,923	13,499,724
Scholarship to students	22	34,972,939	20,745,649
Internet and intranet	23	4,310,005	5,040,331
Honorarium		121,500	162,000
Seminar & conference workshop		947,583	1,289,942
Publicity and advertisement		2,897,814	1,213,896
Subscription for Journals		431,472	233,687
Consultancy fees		706,690	129,333
Audit fees		104,275	95,000
Faculty/staff development and training		532,437	65,512
Co-curriculum Activities of students		2,014,612	969,631
Interest on loan		2,691,988	1,256,657
Research expenses		3,379,033	1,941,087
Convocation		2,584,857	-
Depreciation on fixed assets	3	15,872,788	15,151,794
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>250,066,412</b>	<b>177,663,473</b>
<b>Deficit of income over expenditure (transferred to balance sheet)</b>		<b>(11,838,373)</b>	<b>(187,991)</b>

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Treasurer

Member of Governing Board

President of Governing Board

*As per our annexed report of the same date.*

Dated, Dhaka  
02 April 2007

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Chartered Accountants