

In Memorium, Razia Khan Amin

Dr. Razia Khan Amin, the first Head of English and Humanities at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, passed away on December 28, 2011. Dr. Amin is widely acknowledged as one of the finest professors of English at the University of Dhaka. She won numerous awards, including the Bangla Academy award, the Ekushey Padak, the Ananya Award, the and Shilpakala Academy Award. She was a direct teacher of many of the senior faculty of English.



Remembrances

"She taught with great energy, and her lectures were courageous. I adored her daring in teaching. She was the best bi-linguist this country has seen. She wrote laudable novels in Bengali and her English prose had a native finesse to it. When teaching us the essay, "Tradition and the Individual Talent" by T. S. Eliot, she used to say, 'পড়ে ভাজা ভাজা করে ফেলবে।' These words still ring in my ears."

- Professor Mohit Ul Alam

"As a teacher and scholar, and by virtue of her uncompromising devotion to truth, she was indeed an extraordinary figure in the country. Her death creates a void that will take many more years to be filled."

- Professor Golam Sarwar

"I always enjoyed reading her short writings about social issues and her memories of her days with parents. I found few people who could express so many things in such a small space."

- Professor Abdul Mannan

"I have very fond memories of her particularly from my undergrad years. She was dynamic in her teaching methods. She gave me much needed encouragement at the beginning of my career."

-Professor Kaiser Haq

"She was generous, simple and easy despite having an elite family background. She was very intellectual, modern and a secular minded personality. She was a great lady and wonderful colleague with a broad mind."

- Dr. Jahirul Haque

"It is difficult to forget a person like her. Her eccentricity, associated with genius, made her distinctly different from all other people I have met in my life. She was very kind hearted. She was an excellent teacher and I was fortunate to work with her and attend her lectures. Her free-flowing speeches have always made me feel that a genius like her is very rarely born."

- Ms. Nasrin Islam



News Highlights

Book Fair 2012

ULAB organized its 5th annual day-long Book Fair on January 1, 2012. Fifteen different organizations, publishers & suppliers participated at the fair. Mr. Emdadul Haque Milon, Renowned Writer and Acting Editor, The Daily Kalerkantho, was present as the chief guest and opened the Fair. Books were sold on 15%-35% discount and the fair was open to all.

Emdadul Haque Milon, Acting Editor, Daily Kalerkantho, at the ULAB Book Fair

Seminar by Professor Kaiser Haq

ULAB Professor Kaiser Haq gave a presentation, "Resurrecting the first modern English poet of the subcontinent: Hassan Shaheed Suhrawardy" in the English and Humanities Seminar Series on December 24, 2011. Professor Kaiser Haq has sought to rediscover Suhrawardy, the first-ever modern poet in this subcontinent.

Professor Kaykobad Conducts Workshop on Algorithms

Renowned Professor of BUET, Dr. Mohammad Kaykobad, conducted a workshop on Algorithms at ULAB on December 22, 2011. The Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) Department organized this workshop, which takes place each term for the last few terms.

Human Rights and Essential Laws Seminar

A seminar on "Human Rights and Essential Laws in Bangladesh" by Advocate Alena Khan was held on December 21, 2011. Bangladesh Human Rights Foundation (BHRF) and Manusher Jonno Foundation jointly held the program in association with ULAB as an awareness campaign among school, college and university students.

Advocate Alena Khan with Acting VC Prof. Imran Rahman



DEH Victory Day Poetry Reading Session

To mark the 40th anniversary of independence, Department of English and Humanities organized a Victory Day Eve Poetry Reading on December 15, 2011. Renowned poet and faculty of DEH Prof. Kaisar Hamidul Huq along with Prof. Mohit Ul Alam, Head of DEH, recited self-composed poems on this occasion. Then Prof. Huq enthralled the audience with his poems written during the Liberation War of 1971 as well as others recently composed poems.

Seminar on Refugees in Bangladesh

A seminar on the refugees of Bangladesh was organized by Sustainable Development Club and Center for Sustainable Development (CSD). Dr. Uttam Kumar Das, Deputy Director South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (SAILS), was the resource person for the seminar. The event took place on December 22, 2011 in observation of International Human Rights Day.



Celebrating 40 Years of Victory

ULAB celebrated 40 years of Bangladeshi victory on December 14, 2011. The Chief Guest of the event was renowned actor and freedom fighter Aly Zaker. The program included a Film Screening of a documentary on the Martyred Intellectual Altaf Mahmud by filmmaker Sentu Roy.

Freedom Fighter Aly Zaker at the ULAB Victory Day Celebration

Photo Exhibit "Calcutta-Kolkata"

Media Studies and Journalism Department organized a photography exhibition entitled "Calcutta-Kolkata" from December 11 to 14 at the ULAB Campus Lobby. Depicting the life, culture, and politics of the people of the Indian city of Kolkata, the exhibit showcased 33 photographs by Anwar Hossain. Some of his photographs contain the portraits of ordinary people, some represent the blend of nature, culture and everyday street scenes and others tell about the beliefs of the people.

Rio+2 UN Library Network Workshop

A UN Library Network Workshop on "Rio+20: The Future We Want and Use of Social Media in Library Services" was organized jointly by the ULAB Library and United Nations Information Center (UNIC), Dhaka on Friday, December 2, 2011. The Workshop was coordinated by M. Moniruzzaman, Knowledge Management Officer, UNIC, Dhaka.



Dr. Kazi Anis Ahmed speaks at the Legatum Convergence at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Dr. Kazi Anis Ahmed, Vice President of the ULAB Board of Trustees and CEO of Kazi and Kazi Tea Estate, was a speaker at the prestigious Legatum Convergence at MIT in the USA on October 27, 2011.

The Legatum Convergence is the global forum on entrepreneurship in emerging markets. Every year, aspiring and established entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, angel investors, academics and others interested in entrepreneurship and bottom-up development convene at this marketplace of ideas. Dr. Ahmed spoke on innovations in the first-ever organic tea estate in Bangladesh.

RCSE "DIP Micro-Banking Solution" nominated for Manthan Award

ULAB CSE Lecturer Amitav Paul announced that the project "DIP Micro-Banking Solution" was nominated for a Manthan Award 2011 South Asia, under the category "e-Business & Enterprise". The Manthan Award Annual Digital Festival for Development was held December 1-2, 2011 in New Delhi, India.



The Future of Public Relations in Bangladesh

Media Studies and Journalism Department organized a roundtable discussion on "The Future of Public Relations in Bangladesh" on November 24, 2011. The resource speakers in the event were Nazim Farhan Choudhury (Adcomm), M. Rizwan Sharif (Northbrook PR), Khawaza Main Uddin (Daily Sun), Abdur Razzak (Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) and Mahbulul Haque Osmani (ABC Radio).

Senior Indian journalist visits ULAB

Mr. Nantoo Banerjee, a journalist and author from India, visited ULAB on November 22, 2011. He spoke to the students of MSJ103: English for the Media class and shared his long experience as a journalism and media expert for over 30 years.

Mr. Nantoo Banerjee speaking to students at ULAB



ULAB Librarians at PMO workshop on e-Book Generation and Publication

K.M. Hasan Emam, Deputy Librarian and Kamal Hossain, Assistant Librarian attended the workshop on "Web Portal Overview With Different Features and E-Book Generation and Publication Process" that was held at Korobi Hall in Prime Minister's Office on November 17, 2011, for implementing A2I (Access to Information) Project, to build a Digital Bangladesh.



Professor Mannan presents his books to the Prime Minister

Professor Abdul Mannan, ULAB School of Business, met the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on November 15, 2011 in her office and presented her with four copies of his books. One of the books is written on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Professor Mannan was visiting the Prime Minister as a member of Chittagong University Syndicate member along with the Vice-chancellor, Chittagong University. Recently he was nominated to the Chittagong University Syndicate as a Chancellor's nominee.

Professor Mannan with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

Field Trip to Srimongol

A 30-member group from ULAB made a three day long study tour to Srimongol. It was organized by Center for Sustainable Development (CSD) to complete the course Biodiversity and Nature Conservation. The tour was 27 - 29 October, 2011.

Dr. Shahnaj Speaks on Bhitargarh Archaeological Site at the Asiatic Society Diamond Jubilee

Renowned Archaeologist and ULAB Professor Dr. Shahnaj Husne Jahan presented a paper on "Archaeological Explorations and Excavations at Bhitargarh (2008-2011)" in an international seminar on "Perspectives on History, Culture and Ethnicity" at the Asiatic Society Bangladesh, November 29-30, 2011. The seminar was organized to mark the Diamond Jubilee occasion of Asiatic Society Bangladesh.





Fund-Raising Charity Movie Show

Social Welfare Club arranged a movie show to raise funds for winter clothes for cold-affected people in Bangladesh on December 22, 2011. They screened two prominent movies, Guerilla and Columbiana.

Film Exhibit at Central Public Library

The Media Studies and Journalism students presented their Fall Term 2011 exhibits from December 18 to 22, 2011, which brought together the works of students including research paper presentations, communication campaign materials, animation, visual art, digital art, and photography and film exhibitions.

Staging of Hamlet

Students of ENG-306 staged the play "Hamlet" by William Shakespeare on December 17, 2011. The students also performed a short scene from the climax of Othello by the same playwright.

Photo Exhibit on "The Greatest Inventions of Time"

ULAB Electronics Club launched a Photo exhibit on the images of "The Greatest Inventions of Time" from December 11-15, 2011 in the Campus-B Lobby.



Student Seminar on Magic Realism

Students of Contemporary World Literature engaged a seminar on magic realism on December 15, 2011. Students from different departments, divided into six groups, took part in the seminar entitled, "Magical Realism: Origin and Definition." The seminar highlighted on the origin of magic realism, and influence in literatures of Latin. It also discussed its influence in western films and Bangla literature.

A Talk on "PSpice for Beginners"

ULAB Electronics Club and ETE Department organized a talk on "PSpice for Beginners" on December 1, 2011. The program was conducted by Ms. Jakia Afroz, Lecturer, ETE.

Electronics Quiz Contest

ULAB Electronics Club organized an "Electronics Quiz Contest" December 1, 2011. Students participated in different groups at the first round of the two-phased competition. Prof A. H. M. Asadul Haq and Farhana Sabrina were present to observe the competition.

Seminar on Reporting Business & Financial News

MSJ Department hosted a seminar for students titled "Reporting Business & Financial News in Bangladesh" with Daily Sun's chief reporter Khawaza Main Uddin on December 1, 2011.



Blood Donation Campaign

A Blood Donation campaign was held on November 28, 2011 in the Auditorium. The program was organized by ULAB Social Welfare Club with the Bangladesh Blood Bank.



The Daily Miracle: Publication of an English Newspaper in Bangladesh

The Daily Sun organized a seminar for ULAB Business News Digest apprentices on "The Daily Miracle: Publication of an English Newspaper in Bangladesh" on November 24, 2011. Mr. Shahnoor Wahid, Joint editor of the Daily Sun was the resource person for the seminar. At the end of the lecture, the students prepared a demo of a weekly newspaper magazine.

Walton Hi-Tech Industry Visit

ULAB Business Club organized an industrial trip to Walton on November 18, 2011. The students visited Walton refrigerator factory, motor cycle assembling process centre, and packaging center for their products. After visiting the factories they attended a seminar with Walton executives.

Hands-on Training on Telecommunication

ULAB Electronics Club organized a "Hands-on training on Telecommunication" for students on November 23, 2011 with a view to sharpen their skills. Topics such as the optical fiber communication and satellite communications were discussed. Also the students underwent experiments based on the optical fiber communication.



Feature - Pitha Utsab 2012



Educator of the Month

KHALED MAHMOOD KHAN

Associate Professor, Finance Director and Special Adviser, ULAB Board of Trustees
Outgoing Registrar



Mr. Khaled Khan joined ULAB in October 2006 as Assistant Professor of Performing Arts and introduced the GED course "Introduction to Drama". In 2009, he took on the challenge as Registrar, where he has played a pivotal role overseeing the rapid growth of ULAB, as well as its first Convocation in 2010. Now we wish him all success as he moves into his new role as the Finance Director and Special Adviser to the ULAB Board of Trustees.

Mr. Khan completed his Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Finance from Dhaka University. In his school and college days he participated in many cultural competitions. A highly competitive individual, he enjoyed outdoor games like football, cricket and badminton in his early life.

Khaled Khan is quite a famous thespian of this country. Since 1978 he has performed, written, directed and taught in theatre and films. Born into a cultural family, he was always enthusiastic about pursuing this career. He was awarded the Mohd. Zakaria Padak for contribution in stage theater, Nuronnahar Smirity Padak for best acting, CJFB award for best direction, IMPRES-ONNODIN award for best TV acting, and the first-ever Abdur Rahman award in 2011.

He aspires to achieve the highest quality at ULAB. He strongly believes ULAB will be a unique educational shrine in the subcontinent. He appreciates the spirit and understanding of the ULAB management team.

In his leisure time he enjoys interacting with family and friends, as well as music with special interest in Eastern Classical forms.

Employee of the Month



LT COL MD. FOYZUL ISLAM (RETD)

Registrar and Head of Administration

We welcome to ULAB our new Registrar, Lt Col Md. Foyzul Islam (Retd). Though he is new to ULAB, he already appreciates the friendly and open relationship between all levels of the ULAB community.

Prior to joining ULAB, Col Foyzul served as the Deputy Registrar at the State University of Bangladesh. Before that he served as the Principal at Rajshahi Cadet College and Pabna Cadet College. He has had a distinguished career in the Bangladesh Armed Forces which culminated with his appointment as the Chief Ordinance Officer in Comilla Ordinance Depot. He also did a one-year stint with the UN Guard Headquarters in Iraq as a Team Leader and Senior Liaison Officer. He has a Masters and Bachelors in International Relations from the University of Dhaka.

Twenty-five years of Army life has taught him to be courageous in managing crises, to be disciplined, and to lead a brave life. He is optimistic that he can bring fresh energy to the administrative and academic support of ULAB.

In his leisure time he is also a sound lawn tennis player. He enjoys reading books on political analysis, and spending time with his family.



Q: Why do I have to take a minor?

Liberal Arts education focuses on breadth of knowledge as well as depth. It stresses communication skills and emphasizes analysis over repetition.

There are two methods generally used to give students this breadth. One is to establish a core curriculum. The other is to provide optional courses that students can take in any program of study. ULAB combines these two methods.

The core GED curriculum ensures that all students have a common background to share ideas, and a foundation for further education. At the same time optional courses allow a student to pursue a wide base of knowledge. By concentrating your optionals in the form of a minor you can increase both your depth and breadth of knowledge.

Q: But shouldn't I study *more* courses in my major?

There is a misguided belief to get a job you need to master a set of specific facts.

But the reality is more complex. Jobs have problems that do not come neatly packaged specific to the discipline. So, a businessman who knows nothing about human psychology will find himself left behind for upper management.

An employer wants to see – above anything else – your ability to communicate and analyze. They will teach you what you need; they just want to see that you have the ability to learn it.

In today's market, the mind is more important than the body. The ability to be flexible, to have a breadth of knowledge, "to innovate rather than imitate" is what will decide the winners from the losers.

Publications



Bangladesh Asiatic Society has published the English version of *Muktijuddhe Dhaka 1971* with the title *Dhaka in the Liberation War 1971*, edited by Professor **Dr. Mohit Ul Alam** (Head, DEH) and Professor Dr. Abu Md. Delwar Hossain.

A paper by **Madeena Sultana** (Lecturer, CSE) and **Mohammad Shorif Uddin** (Advisor, ETE) has been accepted by *Advanced Materials Research Journal* (AMR) for publication. It was shortlisted by the IEEE International Conference on Machine Vision authority, and is titled, "Trademark Recognition using a Weighted Combination of Different Image Features."

Papers by **Sumaiya Zaman** (Lecturer, School of Business) were accepted for the Academy of International Business conference in New Orleans, USA, 29 Feb, 2012. The titles are "Growth of a Company is an Important Determinant of Its Dividend Policy, Is It True?" and "Is Profitability an Important Determinant of Dividend Policy of Listed Private Commercial Banks of Bangladesh?"

A paper titled "Is Asean Trade Pattern Complementary to Afta and Tac?" by **Dr. Shahriar Kabir** (Assistant Professor, School of Business) and Ruhul A. Salim (Curtin University) has been accepted for presentation in the 5th Asian Business Research Conference on 23-24 December, 2011.

A research paper by **Debashish Das** (Senior Lecturer, CSE) was accepted for presentation the National Conference on "Financial Strategies in Global Scenario" in India. The paper is titled, "An Online Learning Tool: A Tertiary learning approach to assist economical development."

A research article on Malaysian media by **Md. Asiuzzaman** (Assistant Professor, MSJ), was published in the ejournal *The Asian Scholar*. The title of the article is "Media Development and Pluralism in Malaysia: A Third Eye View."

UNESCO has published a research report by **Md. Asiuzzaman** (Asst Professor, MSJ), "Capacity of Journalism Schools in Bangladesh."

An article by **Shayeeekh-Us-Saleheen** (Assistant Professor, DEH), "Teachers' Awareness and Current Practice of Communicative Activities in Bangladeshi Universities" has been accepted for publication in *Crosings: ULAB Journal of English Studies*, Volume 3.

"Motivating EFL Learners: A Study on the Students of Business Studies" by **Shayeeekh-Us-Saleheen** (Assistant Professor, DEH), Nafisa Sultana, (University of Asia Pacific) and Muntasir Mamun (Eastern University), has been accepted for publication in "Outlooks: VUB Studies in Language, Literature and Culture": Volume 2, December 2010, ISSN 2079-7478.

A research article "Classroom Practices in Teaching English at Tertiary Level in Bangladesh" by **Shayeeekh-Us-Saleheen** (Assistant Professor, DEH), Nafisa Sultana, (UAP) and Muntasir Mamun (Eastern), has been published in *Eastern University Journal*, ISSN No. 1998-7889.



ULAB FAIR PLAY CUP

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Since 2006, ULAB has organized the Fair Play Cup, an Inter-Private University T20 Cricket Tournament on its own cricket ground at Ramchandrapur, Mohammadpur. The tournament is now the prime cricket tournament in the private university community. The Bangladesh Cricket Board supports the tournament by providing a technical committee and umpires. Previous years' champions were: ULAB (2006), SUB(2007), Daffodil Int'l(2010), and Stamford (2011). This year the participating teams are: BRACU, East West, Manarat Int'l, North South, SUB, Stamford, UIU and ULAB.

Academic Calendar - Spring 2012

MBA Orientation	January 26 (Thursday)
MBA classes commence	January 27 (Friday)
Fresher's Orientation	January 29 (Sunday)
Undergraduate classes commence	January 31 (Tuesday)
Eid-E-Miladunnabi (Holiday)*	February 5 (Sunday)
Last date to Add/Drop courses	February 9
Late date of registration with late fine	February 9
Last date to clear Incomplete grade	February 9
Last date to pay 1st installment	February 10
Student Advising Week	February 12-16
Int'l Mother Language Day (Holiday)	February 21 (Tuesday)
Last date to Withdraw courses/term	March 1
MBA Mid-term Exams	March 9-15
Last date to pay 2nd installment	March 10
Undergraduate Mid-term Exams	March 11-15
Birthday of Father of the Nation	March 17 (Saturday)
Independence Day (Holiday)	March 26 (Monday)
Last date to pay 3rd installment	April 10
Pre-Registration for Undergrads	April 12, 19, & 21
Pohela Boishakh (Holiday)	April 14 (Saturday)
MBA Registration	April 20-21
Last Class (MBA)	April 25
Last Class (Undergrad)	April 30
Final Exams (MBA)	April 27 - May 3
May Day (Holiday)	May 1 (Tuesday)
Final Exams (Undergrad)	May 6-10
Grades due at the Registrar's Office	May 17
Official End of Spring 2012	May 17
Result Publication (MBA)	May 20
Result Publication (Undergrad)	May 23
MBA classes commence Sum '12	May 25
Undergrad classes commence Sum '12	May 29 (Tuesday)