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Deputy Minister for Education Visited Southern University

Deputy Minister for Education Barrister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury Nowfel has visited Southern University campus. He visited the Mehediabag campus of the university in Chattogram city on 21 January 2019 at the invitation of the university authorities. During his visit, a meeting was held on the campus. Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Alhaj Khalilur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, Prof Dr. Md Nurul Mustafa, Initiator and Founder Prof. Sarwar Jahan, Trust Vice Chairman, Md. Liakat Ali Chowdhury, Alhaj Shafiq Uddin, founder member of the Board of Trustees Abdus Salam, Prof. Kamal Uddin Chowdhury, Lokman Hakim, Prof Dr. Ishrat Jahan and Prof M Ali Ashraf were present at the meeting among others. Members of the Board of Trustees of Southern University discussed various aspects of education with the Deputy Minister. They thanked him for visiting the campus. The Chairman of the University, its Vice Chancellor and others congratulated and greeted Nowfel with flowers. Nowfel also congratulated and greeted the Chairman of the Board of Trustees Alhaj Khalilur Rahman and Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Md. Nurul Mustafa. Meanwhile, the Southern family asked for the Prime Minister's sincere cooperation for overall development and further success in future.



Southern University Observed Independence Day

Success in curbing militancy is now a matter of research - CMP Commissioner

Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) Commissioner Md Mahabubor Rahman said that success in curbing militancy in Bangladesh has now become a matter of research for the world community.

He remarked this while addressing the audience as the chief guest at a discussion on 'Role of students in checking narcotics', organised by Southern University marking the 49th Independence Day at its permanent campus in the city's Arefin Nagar area recently. From the University's Board of Trustees, Chairman Al-Haj Khalilur Rahman, chaired the program. CMP Deputy Commissioner (North) Bijoy Basak, SU Founder Professor Sarwar Jahan, Trustee Board Vice Chairman Liakat Ali Chowdhury, Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Engineer M Ali Ashraf and Professor AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury were present at the program among others. Addressing the program, CMP Commissioner

Mahabubor said, the government has declared a 'zero tolerance stance' against narcotics to ensure bright future of the young generation. He called upon all to assist police with information to check the spread of drugs in society. Explaining the stance of the law enforcers against narcotics, the Commissioner warned that none, including members of the law enforcement agencies, will be spared if they are found to be involved in drug peddling. He emphasized the role of students in every achievement of Bangladesh and hoped that the students will build a country free from drug, terrorism and militancy in future. Khalilur Rahman in his speech urged the students to develop themselves as competent graduates and added that there is no shortage of jobs in the country. He remarked that well-educated students can establish themselves at home and abroad through their competence.



From the Desk of Editor

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It gives us immense pleasure to write a few words in Southern News, Issue 44, summer 2019. We would like to accord a warm welcome to our Freshers this semester. Spring 2019 was one of the greatest semesters for Southern University. This 44th issue newsletter includes reports on our activities and a glimpse at forthcoming events that are published once per semester. We do our best to inform our readers about the University activities and provide a level of transparency that is essential at university.

We, as a Southerians, can work harder to be inclusive and socially involved. We can drive slowly and treat each other with respect. We can challenge things that aren't right. We can do all of these things and be better off for it.

The Southern Newsletter is published online in pdf-format (distributed by email). You may download it from our University website at www.southern.edu.bd. For a subscription, please send an e-mail to: info@southern.edu.bd. As always, we lend an ear to the Southern community. If there's something you think needs attention, we want to give it light.

Thanks to our editorial team for their sincerity and hard work, without them the newsletter would have been impossible to publish.

With regards,
Editorial Team



International Mother Language Day Observed at Southern University

Southern University observed the Amar Ekushey and International Mother Language Day on February 21, 2019, with due solemnity and respect to the martyrs. The Day was started by placing wreaths at Shaheed Minar, for which a rally was brought out comprising a large number of teaching & admin staff and students. The national flag was flown at half-mast, while a black flag was hoisted as a token of condolence to the martyrs. Black badges were also put on to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice of students and activists. After that, a discussion session and cultural program were held at our permanent campus, Baizid Arefin Nagar, where Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Nurul Mustafa spoke as the Chief Guest. Founder of Southern University, Professor Sarwar Jahan, Pro-VC Professor Engr M Ali Ashraf, Deans, advisors, Registrar, Heads of Departments, teachers, officers and students also attended the program.



25th Academic Council Meeting Of Southern University Held

The 25th Academic Council Meeting of Southern University Bangladesh was held at its permanent campus, Baizid Arefin Nagar, on 29 April, 2019, under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Nurul Mustafa

Founder & Treasurer, Professor Sarwar Jahan, Pro-VC Professor Engr M Ali Ashraf, deans of all faculties, advisors, Registrar, Heads of Departments and the Controller of Examinations were present in the meeting and participated in the discussion.

The meeting started with the welcome speech of the Honorable Chair. After that the Academic Committee discussed different agendas like academic performance report, the proceedings of 24th Academic Council meeting, award of degrees to successful candidates, the report on final examination results, departments, proposal of female platoon in BNCC, approval of the Minutes of Academic Committee Meeting of the Dept. of Business Administration, approval of the Minutes of Academic Committee Meeting of the Dept. of EEE, approval of the Minutes of Academic Committee Meeting of the Dept. of ECE, approval of the Academic Ordinance of Faculty of Science & Engineering for Undergraduate, approval of the office time at permanent campus, approval of the Minutes of Academic Committee Meeting of the Dept. of English, approval of the proposed MoU between SUB and AKS Khan Center for Training, approval of the proposed IQAC Organogram according to UGC instruction. (Presented by Director IQCA, approval of stopping cash receive from students, approval of the Minutes of Academic Committee Meeting of Dept. of CSIT and many other items.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR & SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2019

SUMMER SEMESTER 2019

- May 01 : **Holiday (May Day)**
- May 05 : **Ramadan**
- May 07 : Rabindranath Birth Anniversary
- May 09 : Late Enrollment /Schedule Students
- May 09 : Summer Semester Class Begin
- May 19 : **Holiday (Budda Purnima) ***
- May 20 : Spring 2019 Grade Published (Trimester)
- May 25 : Nazrul Birth Anniversary
- May 31 : **Jumma-tul-Bida ***
- June 01 : **Lailatul Qadar ***
- June 03-08 : **Eid Ul Fitr Break ***
- June 05 : **Observe world environment day***
- June 15 : Last Date Summer Trimester Course Drop
- June 20 : Spring 2019 Grade Published(Civil-Pharmacy)
- June 20 : Last Day to pay Summer Trimester Tuition (NO CHARGE)
- June 20 : Enrollment (Fall '19 Schedule student) for Civil & Pharmacy
- June 21 : **Semester Final Exam Start for Science & Engineering**
- June 23 : **Summer Trimester Mid-Term Exam Start (23-30)**
- July 11 : Semester Orientation for Civil & Pharmacy
- July 12 : Semester Classes begin for Civil & Pharmacy
- July 20 : Semester Spring '19 Grade Published for Science & Engi.
- Aug 08 : Fall Trimester Enrollment /Schedule Students
- Aug 11 -15 : **Holiday Eid-ul- Azha***
- Aug 15 : **Holiday (National Mourning Day)**
- Aug 22 : **Summer Trimester Final Exam Start (22-30)**
- Aug 24 : **Holiday (Jarma Austomi) ***
- Aug 25-30 : Fall 2019 Evaluation Test
- Aug 31 : **Observe Arabic New Year**

FALL SEMESTER 2019

- Sep 05 : Last Date Fall Course Drop with fees for Science & Engineering
- Sep 06 : Fall Trimester Orientation
- Sep 06 : Last Date to pay Fall Tuition (NO CHARGE) for Science & Engineering
- Sep 08 : **Observe World Literature Day**
- Sep 10 : **Holiday Muharram (Ashura)***
- Sep 10 : **Mid-Term Exam Starts(10-16) for Science & Engi.**
- Sep 11 : Fall Trimester Classes begin
- Sep 20 : **Observe World Peace Day**
- Sep 20 : **Observe World Tourism Day**
- Sep 25 : **Observe World Pharmacists Day**
- Oct 05 : **Observe World Teacher's Day**
- Oct 08 : **Holiday Durgapuja***
- Oct 10 : Fall Trimester Course Drop Last Date with fees
- Oct 10 : Last Day to pay Fall Trimester Tuition (NO CHARGE)
- Oct 20 : **Fall Trimester Mid-Term Exam Starts (20-26)**
- Nov 10 : **Holiday (Milad-un-Nabi)***
- Nov 26 : **Southern University Founding Anniversary**
- Dec 08 : Enrollment Spring 2019 (Schedule student)
- Dec 08 : **SAARC Charter Day**
- Dec 10 : Observe Human Rights Day
- Dec 14 : **Observe Intellectual Martyr Day**
- Dec 16 : **Holiday Victory day**
- Dec 19 : **takeholders' Union**
- Dec 20 : **Semester Final Exam (20-27)**
- Dec 25 : **Holiday Christmas**
- Dec 26-28 : Spring Semester 2019 Evaluation Test



EGP Training of Southern students at Department of Public Works

30 students of the Civil Engineering Department of Southern University Bangladesh participated in the day-long Electronic Government Procurement (EGP) training workshop organized by the Public Works Department of Public Maintenance. Recently this training workshop was held at the Executive Engineers Office of Maintenance Department, Panchalish branch. Sub-Divisional Engineer of Public Works Department Labonno Barua conducted the training about different stages of e-tender to the students. Additional Chief Engineer SM Touhidul Islam of Public Works Department was the chief guest at the closing and certification ceremony. Former Additional Chief Engineer of Public Works Department and Engineer Tariq Moinul Islam Faculty of Civil Engineering, Department of Southern University, Bangladesh, was also present there. Additional Chief Engineer of Public Works Department SM Touhidul Islam said that government offices are now more accessible to the people, which has been possible due to the use of information technology. The country needs a sustainable and planned infrastructural development, and there is no substitute for increasing the professional skills of engineers and research for the development of this infrastructure sector. Because infrastructural development means development and progress of the country. Engineer Tariq Moinul Islam thanked the Public Works Department for organizing such skill based training workshops for the students. He said that the EGP system had taken a unique step of transparency with our tenderization. The more we can learn about its technical steps, the better people will be able to enjoy the benefits of engineering. Labonno Barua said that the current time is very challenging for our engineers because firstly the work is proceeding hand in hand with the technology, so, we will not be able to proceed if we are not familiar with technology. Engineer M. Ali Ashraf said that EGP or such types of training programs are mandatory for improving professional capabilities of future engineers, because if we do not move ahead with the demands of the time, we will go backward.



Industrial Training of EEE and ECE Departments at Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC)

Industrial training was organized by the Electrical & Electronic Engineering (EEE) and Electronic & Communication Engineering (ECE) Departments of Southern University Bangladesh, Chittagong at Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC) as the attachment of regular course 'Mechanical Engineering Fundamentals' in the last week of February, 2019. Honorable head of the EEE department, Rubana Hoque Chowdhury, and faculty members of related courses attended the training. All the students of Mechanical Engineering Fundamentals course attended too. The senior officer of the BITAC trained the students in all sectors of Mechanical Engineering Fundamentals and described the whole operation and maintenance of the related work in detail. At the end of training, Certificates of Training Completion were provided to the students.

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**Inauguration of Transportation Services
at Southern University**

Southern University has launched its own bus service for the convenience of students. Honorable Chairman of Southern University Bangladesh, Alhaj Khalilur Rahman, inaugurated the transport services at the University's permanent campus Baizid Arefin, on 04 February 2019. Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Nurul Mustafa, Initiator and Founder Professor Sarwar Jahan. Pro-vc Professor Engr. M Ali Ashraf, deans of different faculties, advisors, heads, Registrar and students were also present at the opening ceremony.



Cinematic English

Southern University (SU) organized a daylong exceptional English learning program outside the University campus for their students recently. The University's Business Administration department teacher and IELTS Trainer Mohammad Hasan conducted the class held in the city's picturesque CRB area. The trainer stressed the importance of the international language before the students. A total of 40 students from BBA, Hotel Management and Pharmacy Departments of the University took part in the English learning program. The participants also competed in a contest in four groups on four topics 'Self Introduction and Sharing Exciting Incident', 'Topic Presentation', 'Poster Presentation and Recreation' after completion of the class. Students of Pharmacy Department clinched the champion's title while two groups of the BBA secured second and third positions in the competition. Business Administration Department Head, Professor Dr Israt Jahan, thanked the organizers for taking the initiative to teach English. She hoped that such an initiative will encourage students to learn the language in future.



Department Of English Celebrates Boshonto Utshob 1425

The Department of English, Southern University Bangladesh, celebrated Pohela Falgun on 13th February 2019 at the University Permanent Campus with feelings of warmth and grandeur. The festivity started with a discussion about Pohela Falgun Celebration. Vice Chancellor of Southern University Bangladesh, Professor Dr. Md. Nurul Mustafa, was there as Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Ishrat Jahan, co-founder of Southern University Bangladesh, delivered a welcome speech to welcome both Spring and the freshers of English Department of the new semester. After the discussion meeting, a day-long cultural program began with the customary folk dance and traditional Bangla song performances by the students of English Department followed by traditional drama, jokes, etc. Founder of Southern University Professor Sarwar Jahan, Pro Vice Chancellor Professor (Engr.) M. Ali Ashraf, Registrar of the University Dr. Md. Muzammel Hoque, Deans, the Heads and the faculty members of the respective departments were present at the celebration. Head of the Department of English Assistant Professor Shafin Muhammad John was the chairman and convener of the event.



Department Of English Screened Pohela Boishakh TVC 1426

A television commercial (TVC) by the Department of English was screened on 14th April 2019 to welcome Pohela Boishakh 1426. The students of English Department acted as models in that fashion video to explore an extra-curricular interaction between art, culture, and society. Head of the Department of English Mr. Shafin Muhammad John was the concept writer of the fashion video. It is available on You tube.

To watch the video, please subscribe to John Shafin or visit the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DVfZPLhoJl&feature=share>

English Department Awarded First Prize in Cultural Competition

The Department of English was awarded first prize by Southern University Authority in a Cultural Competition on the occasion of Pohela Boishakh Celebration 1426, which was held on the campus premises of Southern University Bangladesh. Nine departments participated of which the Department of English earned first prize, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering second, and the Department of Civil Engineering third prize. Ms. Tanjila Ilyas, Lecturer of English Department, was the coordinator of the Cultural Team. Later, the Head of English Department Assistant Professor Shafin Muhammad John congratulated the students of English Department for their proactive participation and awarded the certificate.





Workshop On Fire Prevention, Fighting And Rescue

A day-long workshop on fire prevention, fighting and rescue was held at Fire Service & Civil Defense, Agrabad, Chittagong on 21st April 2019. This workshop was jointly organized by Department of Business Administration, Southern University Bangladesh and Fire Service & Civil Defense, Agrabad Station. The prime objective of the workshop was to create fire prevention awareness and give hands-on experience among the students about fire fighting.

The whole workshop was divided into two sessions. The first session involved discussing theoretical aspects of disaster management like causes of fire, inflammable items, different methodologies applied in fire fighting, tools used in fire fighting, earthquakes and safety measures during them, tsunami and early warning systems, etc.

The second session practically demonstrated the application of various fire fighting techniques and tools in a simulated environment. It also involved a staged rescue from multi-storied building and use of hose pipes fire extinguishers chemicals etc. in a real life situation.

SSO Mr. Rezaul, SSO Mr. Enam and WHI Mr. Omar were the instructors and the whole training session was designed and led by Deputy Assistant Director Mr. Purna Chandra Mutsuddy. More than 100 BBA students from 52 Batch participated in the workshop. Among the faculty members, Kazi Nazmul Huda, Rashadul Hasan, C.M. Atiqur Rhaman, Gaffar hosain shah, Atiqur Rahman Imran, Md. Rasal, Maqsurat Ferduse and Shimul Das also took part in the workshop.



Orientation of Faculty Members 2019

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Southern University Legal Advice Center
 Organized by Department of Law

FREE Services



Workshop on Youth Leadership in Community Development & Social Work

A daylong workshop on Youth Leadership in Community Development and Social Work was held at Southern University campus, Chittagong, on 18 March 2019 and 02 April, 2019. Initiator and Founder Prof. Sarwar Jahan, Mr Subir Das, Pradip Dewanzi, feature editor of daily Azadi and manager of Youth Leadership Development Program Abdus Sabur were the facilitators at the workshop. The keynote speakers focused on functions, areas & levels of community development, introduction to leadership, leadership model, secrets of success and ways of becoming a leader. A questionnaire session was held during the 2nd phase of the event where numerous questions were answered by the facilitators. Certificates were awarded to the participants. Total program was coordinated by Dr. Shakhawat Ullah Chowdhury, Head of GED



Workshop on Career Planning and Higher Study in the UK

A workshop on career planning and higher study in the UK was held at Southern University Conference Room on 27 March, 2019. It was organized by General Education Department of Southern University Bangladesh. Mohammed Monwar Hossain Barrister-at-Law, M M Hossain Law Associates, London attended as resource person. Initiator and Founder Prof. Sarwar Jahan graced the program as chief guest. Registrar Dr. Muzammel Houque, teachers were also present. Dr. Shakhawat Ullah Chowdhury, Head of GED coordinated the workshop.

Students of English Department at Creative Writing Workshop

The students of the Department of English participated in an ACE Workshop on Short Story Writing on 30th April 2019 at the Vice Chancellor's Conference Room of the University of Chittagong under the initiative of AKS Khan Centre. Dr. Mark Bartholomew was the moderator of the workshop. The discussion of the workshop involved some features, like character development, plot building, and many other important resources in order to improve writing short stories among the participants. After the workshop, books of fiction were distributed among the participants as an encouragement to creative writing. Later, Founder of Southern University Bangladesh Professor Sarwar Jahan and Head of the Department of English Mr. Shafin Muhammad John congratulated the students of English Department for their proactive participation in the workshop.



Workshop On Effective Teambuilding, Spring 2019

A daylong workshop on "Effective Teambuilding" was conducted on 6th April 2018, at Southern University Campus. The program was organized by the Department of Business Administration, Southern University Bangladesh to enrich the knowledge of the students of Organizational Development and Change Course of MBA program. Dr. Kazi Golam Faruk, of British American Tobacco, facilitated the program and discussed different issues of teambuilding. He highlighted teambuilding exercises, the formation of teams, and the importance of teamwork in an organization. A total 50 students of MBA program participated in the workshop and gained hands-on experience on the subject. The program ended with a certificate awarding session and vote of thanks by the coordinator of the program Mr. Kazi Nazmul Huda, Associate Professor of the Department of Business Administration.



Workshop on Digital Marketing, Spring 2019

A daylong workshop on Digital Marketing Tools and Techniques was conducted on 17th April 2019, in Southern University Bangladesh to enrich the knowledge of the students of Advertising & Promotion Management Course of BBA program. Mr. Md. Abu Farhan & Mr. Avijit of Jini Express, Chittagong and Mr. Kawsar Chy, Managing Director of C&ic Limited UK facilitated the program and discussed different issues of effective digital marketing. A total of 18 students of BBA program participated in the session and gained hands-on experience of the subject. The program was jointly organized by the Department of Business Administration and Jini Express Chittagong. The program ended by certificate awarding session and vote of thanks by the coordinator of the program Mr. Kazi Nazmul Huda, Associate Professor of the Department of Business Administration.



Workshop On “Strategic Compensation And Benefit Management”, Spring 2019

A daylong workshop on “Strategic Compensation and Benefit Management” was conducted on 6th April 2019, in Southern University Bangladesh to enrich the knowledge of the students of Human Resource Management Course of MBA Day & Evening programs. Mr. Mohammed Arif Ullah, Senior Manager of Human Resource Development & Training of Pedrollo nk Limited and General Secretary of Bangladesh Society for Human Resource Management, facilitated the program and discussed different issues of Compensation Management of an Organization. He highlighted issues on aligning business with compensation strategy, compensation policy, and job evaluation. A total of 51 students of MBA program participated in the workshop and gained hands-on experience of the subject. The program ended with a certificate awarding session and vote of thanks by the coordinator of the program Mr. Kazi Nazmul Huda, Associate Professor of the Department of Business Administration.



Workshop on Organizational Development Concepts and Practices, Spring 2019

A daylong workshop on “Organizational Development Concepts & Practices” was conducted on 21st March 2019 at Southern University Bangladesh to enrich the knowledge of the students of Organizational Development & Change and Human Resource Management Course. Mr. Rupak Nasrullah Zaidi, a renowned Performance management and Organizational Development Specialist, facilitated the program and discussed different issues of organizational development and how it helps in maximizing the effective utilization of human resources of an organization. A total of 30 students of MBA program participated in the workshop and gained hands-on experience of the subject. The program was jointly organized by the Department of Business Administration and renowned Training & Consultancy firm “World Academy for Research & Development (WARD), Dhaka. The program ended with a certificate awarding session and vote of thanks by the coordinator of the program, Mr. Kazi Nazmul Huda, Associate Professor of the Department of Business Administration.



Sales Master Class, Spring 2019

A daylong Sales Master Class was conducted on 8th February 2019, in Southern University Bangladesh to enrich the knowledge of the students of Marketing Course of BBA program. Mr. Sayed Kawsar Zelani, Territory Manager of Berger Paints and Mr. Ziaul Haque of BSRM jointly facilitated the program and discussed different issues of effective salesmanship. A total of 18 students of BBA program participated and gained hands-on experience of the subject. The program was jointly organized by the Department of Business Administration and HR Desk Consultants Chittagong. The program ended by with a certificate awarding session and vote of thanks by the coordinator of the program Mr. Kazi Nazmul Huda, Associate Professor of the Department of Business Administration.



English Department Tour to Rangamati 2019

Like every year, English Department of Southern University Bangladesh organized a day-long tour to Rangamati on 22nd February 2019. This year, the Department of English started its tour from the Permanent Campus of Southern University Bangladesh located in Arefin Nagar, Baizid. 200 students along with the faculty members of the Department joined the tour under the supervision of the Head of English Department, Assistant Professor Shafin Muhammad John. Students visited Shuvolong, Rajbon Bihar, Peda Ting Ting, and some other attractive places in Rangamati by launch.

Students found this study tour very enjoyable as they can engage in real-life practical applications apart from regular academic activities. The study tour was a very successful and very productive one. The gathering enjoyed, experienced, and learnt a lot during the tour.

Industrial Tour to Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd.

An industrial tour was held to Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd. Chandraghona, Rangamati on Friday May 3, 2019. A team of 20 students led by 3 staff, C. M. Atiqur Rhaman, Md. Gaffar Hosain Shah and Atiqur Rahman Imran from the Department of Business Administration visited the factory. The training included the background of Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd. and a physical visit to the factories. Then, the students learnt about the production procedure, maintenance and managing waste material process of different aspects etc. During the visit, the students experienced real life scenarios of production management and distribution. Directed by Md. AbulKasham, supervisor (Recovery Department) of the Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd. factory, the training was coordinated by Assistant Professor C. M. Atiqur Rhaman. Karnafuli Paper Mills (KPM), the biggest paper mill in Bangladesh, was established at Chandraghona, Chittagong in 1951.



Freshers' Reception of Civil Engineering Department



Prof. Engr. M. Ali Ashraf Presented Paper in the 8th Civil Engineering Conference in The Asian Region held in Tokyo, Japan on 16-19 April 2019

The Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council and the Japan Society of Civil Engineers invited Prof. Engr. M. Ali Ashraf, PEng., Pro Vice-Chancellor of Southern University Bangladesh, Chittagong to present a paper at the plenary session of the conference on 16-19 April 2019. More than 250 technical papers were presented in around 50 technical sessions where leading civil engineering scholars and practitioners from different countries of Asian Region, USA, Australia & New Zealand participated.

Prof. Ashraf's paper Status of Bangladesh in educating future civil engineers and practitioners on sustainable infrastructure practices was presented on 16 April 2019. Prof. Dr. William Kelly of the American Society of Civil Engineers presided over the session. In addition to the presentation of his paper, he also participated in a session dealing with formulation of next courses of action for ensuring civil engineers to support achievement of the SDGs as a panelist.

In his paper Prof. Ashraf elaborated on Bangladesh's early initiation of action plan towards achieving SDGs and the challenges in its way. He said the five year plan of Bangladesh commenced in the year 2016, could incorporate at least eight SDGs out of a total of seventeen sustainable development goals.



Seminar on Discover Your True Self and Know Your Potential in the Civil Engineering Department of Southern University Bangladesh

Dr. Engr. Abdulla Al Mamoon visited Southern University Bangladesh, Chittagong permanent campus at Arefin Nagar on 28 April 2019. He gave a motivational speech styled as: Discover your true self and know your potential to the final year Civil Engineering students of the University. The seminar was held under the Civil Engineering Department of Southern

University Bangladesh under the chairmanship of Divisional Head of Civil Engineering Department and Pro-VC (Acting) of Southern University Bangladesh, Professor (Engineer) M. Ali Ashraf, PEng.



Dr. Abdulla Al Mamoon is a Chartered Professional Engineer, has a bachelor degree in civil engineering, master's degree in environmental engineering and PhD in climate change from Western Sydney University, Australia. He began his professional career as a full-time lecturer at the Civil Engineering Department of CUET (former Chittagong Engineering College) in 1983. Dr. Mamoon is currently working as a senior infrastructure consultant with the Ministry of Municipality & Environment (MME) Qatar. Prior to joining MME, Dr. Abdulla also worked for AECOM, GHD consulting and Qatar's Public Works Authority.

Seminar on "Evaluation of Impact Assessment of Non-Linear Lighting Loads on Power Quality in Distribution Network"

On 27th January, 2019 a seminar on "Evaluation of Impact Assessment of Non-Linear Lighting Loads on Power Quality in Distribution Network" was organized jointly by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) and the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) of Southern University Bangladesh. The seminar was presented by Mr. Syed Munimus Salam, Lecturer, Department of Electronics and Electronic Engineering (EEE), Professor Ahmad Hossian, Department of EEE, MS. Rubana Houque Chowdhury, Head of Department of EEE and all other teachers of the corresponding departments were also present.

The main purpose of the seminar was to illustrate, how to develop ideas in power electric field to do research with power saving techniques. Moreover, different ways were explored for a new researcher to develop an integrated load model containing user defined numbers of different loads for quantifying power quality parameters. Finally, in the concluding statement a proposal was made by the respected speaker to find out load combinations for efficient use of electric products without affecting utility side power quality. He advised the final year students to utilize the opportunities to do research on power system design techniques and optimize its parameters. Also, an easy approach to publish one's research work in an indexed scholarly journal was shown in the seminar.





Southern Students Participated an Anti-terrorism Law Clinic

USAID-BBF organised an Anti-Terrorism Law Clinic where 8 universities from the Chittagong region participated, which was held in the University of Chittagong from 10th January to 17th March. This Law Clinic focused on the Anti-Terrorism Act by creating awareness among students through a Mock Trial. 10 students participated in theoretical classes, practice sessions and competition. Students from batch 33 (Suchana Barua, Labone Akter, Sajjad Hossen, Farhana Solaiman) batch 34 (Abeer Akter, Rayhan Miazy, Sabrina Akther) batch 35 (Nuren Nashrah Nigar, Md. Fakruddin Imtiaz) batch 36 Mohammad Noman participated from Department of Law, Southern University Bangladesh. Department of Law of Southern University Bangladesh stood 5th in this competition.



Southern Law Student Participated

5th International Winter School on Genocide Past, Genocide Present

Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice Liberation War Museum Bangladesh organized its 5th International Winter School on 'Genocide Past, Genocide Present: Rethinking the Future of Non-violence and Justice' from 18-25 January, 2019 at Sheikh Hasina National Youth Center, Savar, Dhaka. This was an 8 - day long program, is based on genocide & justice studies along with some related issues such as trials of International War Crimes Tribunal, Bangladesh, Rohingya genocide, the 1971 genocide, International Laws, Rome Statue, Genocide Convention 1948, International Criminal Court's trials etc.

36 students of various institutions from home and abroad participated.

One student from Southern University Bangladesh also participated in this prestigious program. He is Muhammad Sakif Jawad of 34th Batch, LL.B. (Hons) final semester student.



Southern University Students Presented A Report On Bills Internship Program

Bangladesh Institute of Labor Studies organized an internship program where Rayhan Miazy and Sabrina Pinky of the 34th batch participated from Department of Law, Southern University Bangladesh as interns and presented a report, which was prepared by them. Their reports were published in the Journal of BILS.



Southern University observed International Women's Day with a colorful program and discussion about Women's issues on its campus on 8 March 2019



Southern University Celebrates the Bangla New Year 1426

The beautiful world of dreams and expectations of the various organizations enlightened Bengali New Year's Day 1426, Sunrise, with the first festival of joy and filled the University with noise. Pahela Baishakh, the first day of the Bangla New Year 1426, was celebrated on Southern University Bangladesh campus in Chittagong on 14 April 2019 amid traditional festivity with much enthusiasm. The day was welcomed with the tune of classic Bangla song "Esho Hay Baishakh Esho Esho" followed by a musical program, discussion and fair.

The Initiator & Founder of Southern University Professor Sarwar Jahan, inaugurated the ceremony where Deans, Advisers, Registrar, Heads, teachers, officers and students were also present.

A Boishakhi fair was also arranged on the University campus where students set-up 9 stalls from their respective departments with traditional food, like pitha-paies, handicrafts. After that, a mind-blowing cultural program was arranged where students of Southern University performed in their own ways Rabindra-Nazrul and folk songs, a fashion show, short drama, magic, puppet show etc. Department of Business Administration got "best stall" award at Boishakhi fair and English Department was selected as the best performer of the cultural competition.



Southern Cricket Team Runner Up at Dakhina Inter-University Cricket Tournament 2019

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Why should we publish in Journals ?

Generally, as a practitioner we collect data information, study, teach, write and analyze different projects, for our own interest or for work. Most of us, when we do it, do it very patiently, and enjoy it. But this same thing when asked to publish in a journal, We lose interest. why do we feel so? It is because we simply feel lack of confidence or may be there are many reasons. Recently I have been encouraged by an article. (<http://blogs.worldbank.org/impactevaluations/10-journals-publishing-short-economics-paper>), though. It was a short but – we thought – useful paper. The Lancet published it as a "letter," which is a short paper of 400 words, up to 5 references, and 1 table or figure. Later, we teamed up with Markus Goldstein to examine the likely impact of the epidemic of maternal mortality and published that as a letter of similar proportions in the Lancet Global Health. We have to believe there is value in expanding the audience, in the quality improvement, and if the citations are useful professionally, then it may be worthwhile publishing in Journal. You may think that nowadays people do not read journals. That is not an issue, there are other mechanisms for getting feedback, and whether the writer is a technical person or a researcher, he doesn't need citations. We must believe publishing in other ways is equally valued and most importantly, let the world know about our opinions, land and creations. Good ideas don't have to be long ideas. If we collect the information/data and analyze it or other information to produce new knowledge that can be helpful to others. If this is what we are doing, we should not have any fear of publishing in a journal. Otherwise we are not doing the right thing, and will be frightened of publication.

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