



# NEWSLETTER

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## Editorial

*Our student community is our true future. As ever, EWU makes its best endeavors to create our young students as able leaders of tomorrow and beyond by engaging them into routine academic as well as co-curricular activities so that in challenging and demanding situations of real life they can compete and contest with courage and confidence. We all know what the wise say that the gift and glory of life lies not just in success but in honest and sincere efforts towards pious and positive goals. The current quarterly issue of EWU Newsletter is a brief record of how EWU is deeply committed to that end.*

*Regards*

## EWU Holds 3rd Convocation

The third convocation of East West University was held on 11 February 2004 at the Bangladesh- China Friendship Conference center, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. His Excellency Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chancellor of East West University, graced the ceremony as Chief Guest. The Hon'ble President in his speech expressed his hope that the efforts made by East West University in creating and nurturing a sound academic environment would go a long way in widening the scope of higher education in the country. It, he observed, would also help to develop the country's human resource which is essential for socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

Dr. M. Osman Farruk, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Special Guest of the ceremony while addressing the gathering maintained that the Private Universities Act 1992 was passed by the parliament under the dynamic and foresighted leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia with a view to encouraging private sector provision of higher education. The Hon'ble Minister also said that it is only with the application of modern knowledge, state-of-the-art technology and an alert mind that a country like Bangladesh can redouble its march towards progress, peace and prosperity.

In his Convocation Speech Justice Mostafa Kamal, former Chief Justice of Bangladesh, observed that education in the twenty first century is in the crossroads of a renewed thinking. As science and information technology, he

## Gold Medallist Profile

Three students graduated as Summa Cum Laude and received gold medals in the third Convocation of the university from the Hon'ble President of the Republic.



Mamunur Rashid  
Valedictorian  
Major: Finance, BBA  
CGPA: 3.97



Md. Rabiul Haque  
CSC  
CGPA: 3.97



Md. Arif uz Zaman  
Major: HRM, EMBA  
CGPA: 3.99

## Convocation Dinner

Later in the evening of the Convocation Day graduates and their guardians, a large number of academics and dignitaries attended the Convocation Dinner at the Banquet hall of Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. President of the Board of Directors of East West University Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, other Members of the Board, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Syed ferhat Anwar, Registrar Mrs. Firdaus Ali, and members of the EWU Faculty also attended the occasion. Dr. M. Osman Farruk, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, was present at the graceful occasion as Chief Guest. The gala dinner was followed by a lively cultural show.



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said, continue to make tremendous strides, making yesterday's innovations obsolete the next day, education and education-related thoughts are posing a constant and continuous challenge to policy makers and educationists. In his speech he also maintained that now that the private universities in Bangladesh have crossed the figure of fifty, time is ripe for an internal and outside review of their overall achievements, shortcomings, needs and programs for expansion in the future.

The ceremony was also addressed among others by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founder Vice Chancellor and

President, Board of Directors, East West University, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar, and the Valedictorian of the occasion Mr. Mamunur Rashid. Members of the East West University Board of Directors, Excellencies, eminent academics, dignitaries, EWU faculty, and the guardians of the graduating students were also present on the occasion. Registrar of East West University Mrs. Firdaus Ali acted as the Marshal of the ceremony. This time a total of 268 students graduated from different graduate and undergraduate programs.

# Merit Scholarship

## Awarding Ceremony Held

East West University authority has decided to award a total of Taka one crore fifty lakhs as scholarship among 500 students in the year 2004. This was disclosed by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors, East West University in the Merit Scholarship Awarding Ceremony for Spring Semester 2004 held on 18 March 2004 at EWU Auditorium. In the previous year a total of Taka one crore ten lakhs which is 6.75% of the total proceedings of the university was distributed among 366 students (14% of the total students). Dr. Farashuddin also said that the university awards merit scholarship to its students for subsequent one year (30 credits) on the basis of their outstanding academic performance. Mr. M. Syeduzzaman, Ex Minister of Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chairman, Bank Asia, attended the ceremony as Chief Guest. Mr. Syeduzzaman in his speech thanked the proud recipients of the Merit Scholarship and their equally proud parents. He also thanked the East West University authority for generously providing the students with scholarships. Among others present on the occasion were Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar, Registrar Mrs. Firdaus Ali, Faculty Members, recipients of the scholarship and their guardians.

## Merit Scholarships, Spring 2004

The following students have been awarded East West University Scholarship for 24 credits for the next three consecutive semesters (Spring 2004, Summer 2004 and Fall 2004) on the basis of their outstanding academic performance:



## Graduate Program

Sl	ID No.	Name	CGPA
1	2003-1-95-023	Jayanta Datta Gupta	3.978
2	2003-1-95-018	Abdullah Al Mamun	3.967

## Undergraduate Programs

Sl	ID No.	Name	CGPA
1	2003-1-10-056	Kaniz Batul	4.000
2	2003-1-10-074	Md. Mahmudul Hoque	4.000
3	2003-1-10-012	Nighat Mumtaz	3.973
4	2002-1-60-043	Nusrat Nahid	3.971
5	2003-1-10-019	Khaled Al Masud	3.970
6	2003-1-10-043	Dewan Imran Ahmed	3.970
7	2003-1-10-084	Emran Ahmed Jaigirder	3.970
8	2003-1-10-188	Sayem Rais	3.970
9	2002-1-60-017	Nazia Nuzhat Khan	3.951
10	2001-1-10-052	Md. Golam Mustafa Chowdhury	3.940
11	2001-1-50-019	Moin Uddin Masud	3.938
12	2001-1-60-008	Md. Altaf Hossain	3.920
13	2002-1-60-064	Nandan Kumar Saha	3.909
14	2001-1-60-034	Mohammad Makid Hasan	3.906
15	2001-1-10-004	Farah Fahmida	3.900
16	2001-1-60-021	Rafiqul Islam	3.900
17	2002-1-10-004	Tajruba Hossain Nadia	3.892
18	2003-1-60-006	Arifa Akter	3.882
19	2002-1-10-027	Jamshed Heyder Khan	3.855
20	2001-1-10-063	Sayama Ahmed	3.791
21	2002-1-10-052	Shahin Mahmud	3.755
22	2002-1-10-064	Sunanda Chakraborty	3.727

Congratulations Jayanta, Mamun, Kaniz, Mahmud, Nighat, Nusrat, Khaled, Imran, Emran, Sayem, Nazia, Mustafa, Moin, Altaf, Nandan, Makid, Farah, Rafiq, Tajruba, Arifa, Jamshed, Sayama, Shahin, and Sunanda on your great attainment. We feel proud of you. Keep the spirit up!

## EWU Student Awarded Dutch Bangla Bank Foundation Scholarship

The Dutch Bangla Bank Foundation, as part of its generous scholarship scheme, has agreed to pay the whole of the tuition fee of Mamunur Rashid for MBA program of East West University. It may be mentioned here that Mr. Mamunur Rashid recently graduated from the university in the BBA program with a CGPA of 3.97 and was adjudged the Valedictorian of the Class of 2004.

A cheque worth Taka 1.5 lakhs was handed over to Mamunur Rashid by Mr. Yeasin Ali, MD of Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd. at a simple ceremony on campus on April 3, 2004. Mamunur Rashid is expected to pursue his MBA degree from Summer Semester 2004. The occasion was attended among others by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors, East West University, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar, Registrar Mrs. Firdaus Ali, Dean of Faculties Prof. Abdul Manna, Chair of the Department of Business Administration Prof. Dr. Saleh Uddin and one of the Administrators of Dutch Bangla Bank Foundation Ltd. Dr. Mozammel Hossain Khan.



## Seminar Workshop

The Career Counseling Center of the university recently organized a series of talks by representatives from the US Embassy titling 'Speakers Bureau Program'. Three speakers from the US Embassy made presentations on different issues related to USA on three different days at EWU Auditorium. Mr. Joe Mellott, the



Economic/Environment, Science & Technology Officer of the US Embassy, spoke on 'American Foreign Policy' on April 6. On April 19, Ms. Michelle Jones, the Deputy Director of the American Center,



spoke on 'Cultural Diversity in the US'. Mr. Paul S. Ague, the Political/Commercial Officer of US Embassy, addressed on 'A Day in the American Life' on April 20. All the presentations were hugely attended by students and faculty of the university and ended in lively question-answer sessions.



## Presentation at EWU

Also the Career Counseling Center of East West University organized a seminar on 'Changes in Business Environment & Globalization of Economy' at EWU Auditorium on Saturday, 13 March 2004. The keynote speaker Mr. D. S. Zufikar Hyder, Organizational Development Manager, British American Tobacco Bangladesh, in his speech highlighted the areas of 'threats and opportunities', 'challenges and changes' that may arise because of globalization and how the students should equip themselves to face such situation. The seminar was conducted by Mr. S I Nusrat A Chaudhury, Associate Professor & Head, Career Counseling Center of East West University. Students from different departments participated in the question-answer session that followed the presentation. Chairpersons and Faculty Members of different disciplines were also present among others at the seminar.



Dr. Gholam Kibria, Professor of Education and Research, Delaware State University, USA and Senior Fulbright Scholar currently working at IER, University of Dhaka spoke on 'Performance -based Assessment of Student Learning' at EWU Auditorium on April 22, 2004. In his speech Dr. Kibria elaborated on the need for knowing teaching strategy pedagogy so as to ensure better learning and assessment of the students. Selection of objective and course content, forming teaching strategy and activity, and assessment of performance and learning outcome are part of a continuum and the teachers



must make the assessment criteria clear to the students for better performance. The presentation was attended by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors, East West University, Prof. Dr. Saad Andaleeb, Visiting Senior Fulbright Scholar, Dean of Faculties Prof. Abdul Mannan, Chairpersons, Faculty and students. The presentation was followed by a lively question-answer session.

Dr. Selim Jahan, Deputy Director, Bureau for Development Policy/Social Development Group of UNDP HQ spoke to a select gathering of development enthusiasts on 'Sustainable Human Development' at East West University Auditorium on 25 April 2004. Dr. Selim Jahan is a leading member of the team that prepares the Human Development Index (HDI) of all member countries of the UN. The seminar was attended by policy makers, economists, academia, development workers, members of the press and EWU faculty. The seminar ended with a lively question-answer session.

Dr. Badrul H. Khan, Director of Education Technology, George Washington University, USA, made a presentation on 'Enhancing Education Through E-learning' at EWU Auditorium on 6 January 2004. In his speech Dr. Khan highlighted the importance and relevance of e-learning in today's highly technology based world. Professor Dr. M. Mosleh-Uddin attended the seminar as Chief Guest. A huge number of students and faculty members also attended the presentation.



Dr. Masud Kamal Khan, Associate Professor & Head of the Engineering School, Central Queensland University, Australia, gave a seminar presentation on 'Flexible & Project Based Learning' on 18 January 2004 at EWU campus. The program was organized by CERBET of EWU and attended by a large number of faculty members and students. The seminar ended with a lively question-answer session.

## Department of Economics Launched

East West University, a leading private university of the country, has recently launched 4- year undergraduate program in Economics. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founding Vice Chancellor, East West University and former faculty of the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, has taken over as the Chairperson of the department. The department started with twenty-one students and three full-time faculty. Among the faculty, Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, as always, is not taking any financial or other benefit from the university.

On 1 March 2004, the students of the Department of Economics were given a grand reception. On the occasion, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar and Dean of Faculties Prof. Abdul Mannan stressed the importance and demand of economics graduates in the socio-economic development of the country. Among others, the Chairpersons of different departments and the Registrar of the university also spoke on the occasion. Chair of the program Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin extended warm welcome to the students of the department and declared his firm determination to mould them as economists capable of building the nation.

Besides offering four-year major degree, the department also starts offering Economics as 'minor' for students of other departments from Summer Semester 2004.

## Dr. Haque Joins EWU

Dr. A. K. Enamul Haque joins East West University as Professor of Economics from Summer Semester 2004. At present Dr. Haque is employed at North South University as Professor of Economics. He also served Chittagong University and Bangladesh Open University. Dr. Haque holds an excellent academic and professional track record. He stood first class first in both BSS (Honors) and MSS in Economics from Chittagong University in 1980 and 1981 respectively. He then obtained MSc in Agricultural Economics and Ph.D. in Natural Resource Economics in 1987 and 1991 respectively from the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. A reputed academician and researcher, Dr. Haque has so far received a good number of prestigious research funds, attended many seminars home and away, holds membership in a number of national and international organizations working in the area of Development and Economics, and has a huge number of books and research publications to his credit. Dr. Haque has also supervised a number of Ph.D. research both at home and abroad.

## Open Forum Discussion on HIV Held

An open forum discussion on HIV and its prevention titling 'Frankly Speaking about HIV' was held on 10 April 2004 at EWU Auditorium with a view to sensitize the students to the growing threat called AIDS. The event was organized by Junior Chamber Bangladesh-Dhaka East under the auspices of East West University. Experts from STI/AIDS Network, Marie Stops Clinics Society and Family Health International delivered speech on the occasion. A huge number of students, faculty and staff attended the seminar which ended with a lively question-answer session.



## Freshers' Orientation for Spring 2004

Orientation programs for the newly admitted 443 students for Spring Semester 2004 in different graduate and undergraduate programs of East West University were held on 21 and 22 January 2004 on the university campus.

The orientation program for the undergraduate programs was held on 22 January 2004. A total of 364 students were admitted for this semester in Business Administration, Pharmacy, Computer Science and Engineering, Information and Communication Engineering, English and Economics. It may be mentioned here that EWU launched the Department of Economics from Spring Semester.

The program was addressed by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors, East West University, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar, Registrar Mrs. Firdaus Ali and Dean of Faculties Prof. Abdul Mannan. Professor Nasir Uddin, an eminent academician, attended the program as Special Guest. Among others, Department Chairs and Faculty Members were also present on the occasion.

Earlier on 21 January the orientation program for the 79 newly admitted students of the MBA/EMBA program of EWU was also held on the campus.



## Cultural Program to Observe Ekushey Held



A cultural program organized by the East West University Sanskritik Sangha was held on 29 February 2004 at EWU Auditorium in remembrance of the great Ekushey February. Members of the EWU Sanskritik Sangha and faculty members took part in cultural activities like poetry recitation and singing songs in the event. Eminent poet Mohammad Rafiq attended the program and recited poems. The program was also attended and enjoyed by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors, East West University, Registrar Mrs. Firdaus Ali, Dean of Faculties Prof. Abdul Mannan, members of the Faculty and students.

## Pahela Baishakh Observed at EWU

A 'Baishakhi Mela' was organized on the campus of East West University at 49 Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka on the occasion of Bengali New Year 1411. The fair was inaugurated by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founding Vice Chancellor & President, Board of Directors, East West University. While addressing the gathering at the fair, Dr. Farashuddin said that this kind of fair reminds us of our traditional Bengali culture and heritage and would make our next generation enthusiastic about our culture. Different clubs of the university displayed the traditional 'panta', 'hilsha fry', cakes, 'chira', 'muri', 'khai', pickles and many other traditional food and show piece items in their respective stalls at the fair. Besides, handicrafts and sarees with block print and boutique were also displayed and sold at the fair. Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar, Pro Vice Chancellor, Mrs. Firdaus Ali, Registrar and Professor Abdul Mannan, Dean of Faculties of East West University were present among others at the fair. A huge number of students, faculty members, officers and staff along with their family members enjoyed the day long festivity.

## Barsho Baron Programming Contest 1411



On the occasion of Pahela Baishakh the Department of Computer Science & Engineering of East West University organized a programming contest named Barsho Baron Programming Contest 1411 on Baishakh 2, 1411 (April 15, 2004). Divided into two groups, the contest was attended by a total of 55 participants (junior 40, senior 15). Mahbub Mozadded, Salah Uddin and Avishekh Paul from the junior group and Shamim Hafiz, Sohel Hafiz and A.N.M. Anisur Rahman from the senior group ranked first, second and third respectively in the contest. Led by Prof. Dr. Mozammel H. A. Khan, a bunch of faculty members of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering formed the panel of judges in the contest.

## EWU Family Comes Forward to Serve Humanity

The East West University family donated dry food and money collected from its students, faculty members and officials to the Udichi Cultural Group to help the tornado affected people of Haluaghat. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors, East West University formally handed over the goods to the members of Udichi Cultural Group at a simple ceremony on April 25, 2004. Among others Registrar Mrs. Firdaus Ali, Dean of Faculties Professor Abdul Mannan, faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

## Poetry Recitation Competition Held

A poetry recitation competition organized by the Department of English was held on April 13, 2004 at GRAD 601. Dr. Md. Shahidullah, Chair, Department of English inaugurated the competition. Shymaa Mohammad, Syeda Samara Mortada, and Showla Hossain Trina secured the top three positions respectively from among a good number of student participants. The panel of adjudicators for the competition comprised of Dr. Rebecca Sultana, Mr. Shafiqur Rahman and Ms. Mahnuma Chowdhury.

## Blood Donation Program at EWU

Recently the medical center of East West University and Red Crescent Society of Bangladesh jointly organized a daylong voluntary blood donation program. Dr. M. Moslehuddin, Member, Board of Directors, East West University and Professor, Department of Mathematics & Physics, inaugurated the program. It may be mentioned here that the program was sponsored by Rotary Club of Dilkusha, Dhaka. A large number of students, officers and staff of the university donated blood in the humanitarian bid.

# Club

## ROUND UP

### Debating Club

In Spring 2004 the Debating Club of East West University organized the 1st EWU Debate Week held between 8-13 March 2004. The activities of the week included holding of the 1st EWU Inter Department Debating Championship, workshop on the format of World Debating Championship, multimedia presentation of the World Debate Grand Finale 2004, training session by renowned debater and presenter Abdun Noor Tushar, public speaking competition and friendly debating sessions with North South University and BRAC University. The Department of Business Administration came out champion in both Bengali and English debates in the 1st EWU Inter Department Debating Championship. The debate week ended with a fun debate between the faculty and the students. The club also put up a stall called 'Oitijyo' at the Baishakhi Fair organized on EWU campus on 15 April 2004.

#### *The Executive Committee of East West University Debating Club:*

Moderators	: Mirza M. Mamun Sadat Monzur Alam
President	: Rashedul Hasan Stalin
Vice President	: Anowarul Amin
General Secretary	: Niaz Morshed Chowdhury
Treasurer	: M. M. Ashiqur Rahman

### Business Club

5 members of the Business Club of East West University took part in a daylong workshop on leadership held at the BRAC Center, Mohakhali, Dhaka on April 22, 2004. The workshop was organized by Junior Chamber of Commerce, a US based business forum having representation an almost all the countries of the and aiming at creating young entrepreneurs. The workshop was also attended by a number of public as well as private universities and representatives from the corporate world. The student participants from East West University stood out in the workshop through their eloquence and intelligent questions. The club also offered a stall at the 'Baishakhi Mela' to celebrate the advent of the Bengali New Year.

### Computer Club

East West University Computer Club (EWUCC) organized a workshop on creating special effects using MAYA at EWU Auditorium on April 12, 2004. The seminar was conducted by Mr. Amitava Ghua, Coordinator, Arena Multimedia, Gulshan Center. The day before the workshop an animated movie 'Finding Nemo' was shown to the audience and a workshop was conducted to explain the making of animated movies using MAYA. Moderators of the club, executive members, students and officials of Arena Multimedia were present on the occasion. The club also took part in the 'Baishakhi Mela' organized on campus on 15 April 2004 and put up a stall at the premises of the fair.

#### *The Executive Committee of East West University Computer Club:*

Moderators	: Mohammad Zakir Hossain Sarker Ms. Anindita Paul Ms. Silvi Alam Md. Anisur Rahman
President	: Md. Anisuzzaman
Vice President	: Md. Safaet Hossain
General Secretary	: Sabbir Ahmed Nahid
Treasurer	: Arshad Hossain

### Sports Club

This semester the East West University Cricket Team participated in the AIUB Inter Private University Cricket Tournament and reached the quarter finals, the best achievement so far. The university cricket team also took part in the Emirates National Cricket Championship recently.

#### *The Executive Committee of East West University Sports Club:*

Moderators	: Kazi Khaled Shams Chisty Iftekharul Huq Tahmeed Nayem Zubair Shams Noman Kazi Zamir Uddin Sarker
President	: Saadi Ul bari
Vice President	: Monzurul Hasan
General Secretary	: Adnan Feroze
Treasurer	: Jamiul Hasan

### Pharmacy Club

The Pharmacy Club of the university observed its 1st founding day on April 11, 2004. Chaired by Dr. Syed Akhtar Hossain, Chairperson, Department of Pharmacy, the program was attended by faculty members, students and guests. The program ended with a colorful cultural soiree.

#### *The Executive Committee of Pharmacy Club:*

Moderators	: Dr. Sufia Islam Ms. Saquiba Yesmine
President	: Zahid Mohammad Delwar
Vice President	: Md. Mahidur Rahman Khan
Treasurer	: Md. Adnan Abdullah



## Environment and Social Club

The Environment and Social Club of East West University recently organized the prize giving ceremony of the Foundation Day Art Competition 2003. A total of nine winners have been awarded with prize money and certificate on the occasion. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors, East West University and Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Syed ferhat Anwar spoke on the occasion. Conducted by Mr. S. S. M Sadrul Huda, Moderator of the club, the program was also attended by faculty members, students and invited guests.

The club also arranged a free medical check up program for the underprivileged people in the Mohammadpur area of Dhaka city on the occasion of the Independence Day. Two practicing physicians gave free prescription and medicine to more than one hundred poor people of the area through the camp.

## English Conversation Club

The English Conversation Club of the university recently organized an extempore speech competition. A good number of students took part in it. Nazia Monzur, Munira Amir and Syeda Samara Mortada came out first, second and third respectively in the competition. Dr. M. Shahaidullah, Chair, Department of English and Mr. Harunur Rashid Khan, Assistant Professor, department of English and Moderator of the club spoke on the occasion.

### *The Executive Committee of English Conversation Club:*

Moderator	: Harunur Rashid Khan
President	: Jamirul Haque
Vice President	: Sheikh Atiqul Islam
Treasurer	: Mushfiqa Sumaiya Rahman

## MBA Club

The students and faculty of MBA & EMBA programs recently went on a picnic to Nandan Park. The picnic was organized by the MBA Club. There the students and the faculty members passed a carefree day full of fun.



### *The Executive Committee of the MBA Club:*

President	: Abdullah Al Mamun
Vice President	: Md. Mahabub Ul Haque
General Secretary	: md. Zafar Iqbal
Treasurer	: Abdullah Al Masum
Organizing Secretary	: Md. Nuruzzaman
Cultural Secretary	: Farhana Hossain
Sports Secretary	: Md. Mohibul Alam
Executive Members	: Shakir Mujib Prodhan, Reaz Shaheed, A.K.M. Zahidul Islam, S.M. Qumruzzaman Parag, Nurul Hasan Khan, Shamim Mahmud Shakil, Md. Jamil Haider, Md. Mahfuzur Rahman

### *The Executive Committee of Environment and Social Club:*

Moderator	: S. S. M Sadrul Huda
President	: Imroz Sohel Titu
Vice President	: Foej Ahmad
General Secretary	: Mosharraf Hossain
Treasurer	: A. S. M Sayem

## Promotion

The following Faculty Members /Officers have been promoted to the rank given against their names with effect from 1 April 2004:

Ms. Touhida Tasnima	Senior Lecturer
Mr. Hasan Shirazi	Senior Lecturer
Mr. Akeed Ahmed Pavel	Senior Lecturer
Mr. Mashfiqur Rahman	Deputy Registrar
Mr. Nurul Islam	Admission Officer
Mr. Hafijur Rahman	Registration Officer

**Congratulations!**

## Fresh Appointment

Mr. Mohammad Zakir Hossain Sarker and Mr. Md. Anisur Rahman joined the Department of Computer Science & Engineering in Spring 2004 as Senior Lecturer and Lecturer respectively.

Dr. Sufia Islam joined the Department of Pharmacy in Spring 2004 as Assistant Professor.

## New Assignments

In absence of Dr. M. Z. Mamun, Mr. S. I. Nusrat A Chaudhury, Associate Professor, Department of Business Administration has been appointed Coordinator of MBA/EMBA program with effect from 5 March 2004.

Mr. Nahid Hassan Khan, Assistant professor, Department of Business Administration has taken over as the Deputy Director of the Career Counseling Center as an additional responsibility on 7 February 2004.

## Faculty Update

Professor Abdul Mannan, Dean of Faculties, attended an international seminar on the *Development of Students' Cooperative Network in Education and Culture* held in Chiang Mai, Thailand from March 15-19, 2004. Organized by the Faculty of Education of Chiang Mai University, the seminar was attended by 145 students and faculty members from universities of Japan, Australia, USA, Malaysia, Singapore, Bangladesh and the host Thailand. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Tarun Anumanrajadhon, Vice President of International Relations and Special Affairs of the university. Dr. John W. Schell of the University of Georgia, USA presented the keynote paper. Professor Mannan in his presentation gave an overview of the prevailing education system in Bangladesh and underscored the need for more cooperation amongst the students and universities of the region for the improvement in the curricula of higher education in keeping with the culture, history and heritage of the people.

A research paper titled 'Ternary GFSOP Minimization Using Kronecker Decision Diagrams and Their Synthesis with Quantum Cascades' co-authored by Prof. Mozammel H. A. Khan of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, East West University, Marek A. Perkowski, Mujibur R. Khan, and Pawel Kerntopf got published in the special issue of the *Journal of Multiple-Valued Logic and Soft Computing* to recognize T. Higuchi's contributions to multiple-valued VLSI computing. Dr. Khan is also expected to present paper in international conference to be held in Canada and USA shortly.

Two papers by Professor Dr. A. S. A. Noor, Chair, Department of Mathematics and Physics, titling 'Relatively Normal Nearlattices' and 'Some Characterizations of Modular and Distributive Meet Semilattices' got accepted in the *Rajshahi University Studies-part B, 2004*. Also recently Ms. Shiuly Akhter, a Ph.D. researcher working under the supervision of Dr. Noor, has been awarded degree from Rajshahi University. Her topic of research was Mathematics.

An essay by Prof. Dr. Rebecca Sultana of the Department of English titling 'Mimics without Menace: Interrogating Hybridity in Bharati Mukherjee's Fiction' got published in a book namely *Asian Diasporas: Culture, Identities, Representations* published from Hong Kong University Press. The book is edited by B. H. Goh and Shawn Wong. The essay was selected from a conference on Asian Diaspora held at the National University of Singapore.

Mr. Syed Akhtar Hossain, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, East West University, presented three papers titling 'Format Tracking of Bangla Vowels', 'Representation of Bangla Vowels in Vowel Space' and 'Bangla Speech Analysis, Synthesis and Recognition: An Overview' in the National Conference on Computer Processing of Bangla (NCCPB) 2004. The other authors of the papers are Mr. M Lutfar Rahman and Mr. Faruk Ahmed.

Dr. Tanvir Ahmed Chowdhury, Associate Professor, Department of Business Administration, has been selected an external examiner by Gandhigram Rural University, Tamil Nadu, India to evaluate a Ph.D. thesis by Mr. P. Muruganandan titling 'Financial Performance of Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies in Dingidul District'.

Dr. M. Tariqur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy, is currently pursuing Post Doctoral Research in the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Fukui, Japan. Dr. Rahman's research focuses on brain development, enlargement of the neocortex and unique cell migratory program.

An empirical study entitled 'Analysis of Mistakes and Errors of Student Writing' by Mr. Harunur Rashid Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of English, recently got published in an anthology (post conference proceedings) published by the Stamford University of Bangladesh.

Recently a research paper entitled 'Laboratory Studies on the Effect of External Electric Fields and Discharges on Charge Transfer during Ice-hail Collision' co-authored by Dr. Gurudas Mandal, Senior Lecturer, Department of Mathematics and Physics and P. Pradeep Kumar got published in the 2004 issue of the *Indian Journal of Physics*.

Ms. Anindita Paul, Senior Lecturer, Department of Mathematics and Physics, presented a paper titling 'On the Cost Allocation Method' on 28 December 2003 in the Fourteenth Mathematics Conference organized by Bangladesh Mathematical Society. The authors of the paper were Dr. Syed Sabbir Ahmed, Professor, Department of Mathematics, Jahangirnagar University and A. K. Hazra, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, BUET.

A paper titling 'The Role of Mother-tongue in ELT Classroom: Bangladesh Perspective' by Mirza M. Mamun Sadat, Senior Lecturer, Department of English, recently got published in an anthology (post conference proceedings) published by the Stamford University of Bangladesh. Also a paper entitled 'Say Yes to Learners: Identifying Learners' Style Preference of FL Students in Bangladesh' co-authored by Mirza M. Mamun Sadat, Mr. Saiful Islam and Mr. Subrata Kumar Bhowmik got accepted for June 2004 issue of *Harvest*, the yearly journal of the Department of English, Jahangir Nagar University.

A paper titled 'Exploitation of Density of States and Mobility Difference between Holes and Electrons for High Efficiency Solar Cells' co-authored by Mr. Akeed Ahmed Pavel of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, East West University and Mr. M. Rezwan Kahn got published in January 2004 in issue 1, vol. 1 of *WSEAS on ELECTRONICS*.

Farhan Ferdousi, Lecturer, Department of Business Administration, is working as a presenter in a program named 'Amar Computer' telecast in ATN Bangla channel every Tuesday at 5.10 p.m.

# Highlight: EWU Library

East West University Library holds a unique place among the private university libraries of the country. It provides an array of extraordinary facilities to the library users with the help of state-of-the-art techniques and technologies. The library has been completely automated by the Software Development Center (SDC) of East West University. The automation incorporates issue/circulation based on barcodes and automatic fine calculations with many useful features. The most exciting part of the automation is the web component. The students and the faculty members use the web module. The faculty members post requisition for the book using the web modules at any time during the semester.

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- It remains open for the library users from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. from Saturday to Wednesday. Library hours on Fridays runs from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Besides a rich collection of more than 10,050 books and other reading materials, the library regularly subscribes to 12 national and international dailies and more than 30 acclaimed national and international journals and periodicals.
- EWU library is subscribing to online journals through JSTOR, an archive of scholarly journals (business collection). Recently EWU authority decided to subscribe to JSTOR's Language and Literature Collection and ACM's Digital Library Core Package. HINARI, the world leading biomedical publishers is being incorporated with the online journal collection and more related journals.
- It also has an affluent collection of CD-ROM and audio-cassettes on different academic subjects.
- The library is fully air-conditioned having two spacious floors with separate circulation and reserve and reference sections which can accommodate about 400 students.
- There is also a separate air-conditioned study room where more than 100 students can hold group discussions.
- The library has Open Access System, i.e. the students and teachers can have direct access to the book shelves.
- Faculty members can borrow books for the whole semester.
- Members of the Academic Council also enjoy the same book borrowing facilities as the faculty members.
- Students can borrow textbooks for 3 days, reference books for 5 days, and CD-ROMs for 1 day.
- Apart from Current Awareness Service (CAS) and Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI), the library also provides bibliographic, abstracting, database and ready reference services.
- Faculty members and students can avail themselves of photocopy services from the university photocopy office.
- The library provides newspaper clipping services on important subjects on a regular basis. It maintains a separate database for newspaper clippings.
- The library is equipped with all modern facilities including computers, printers, electronic typewriters etc.

## Congratulations!

Mr. Mashfiqur Rahman, Deputy Registrar, East West University and Mrs. Fayezunnessa have been blessed with their first issue, a baby boy, on 26 January 2004. The newly born has been named Eeraj Rahman. The East West University family heartily congratulates the happy and proud parents and wishes the baby all the very best.

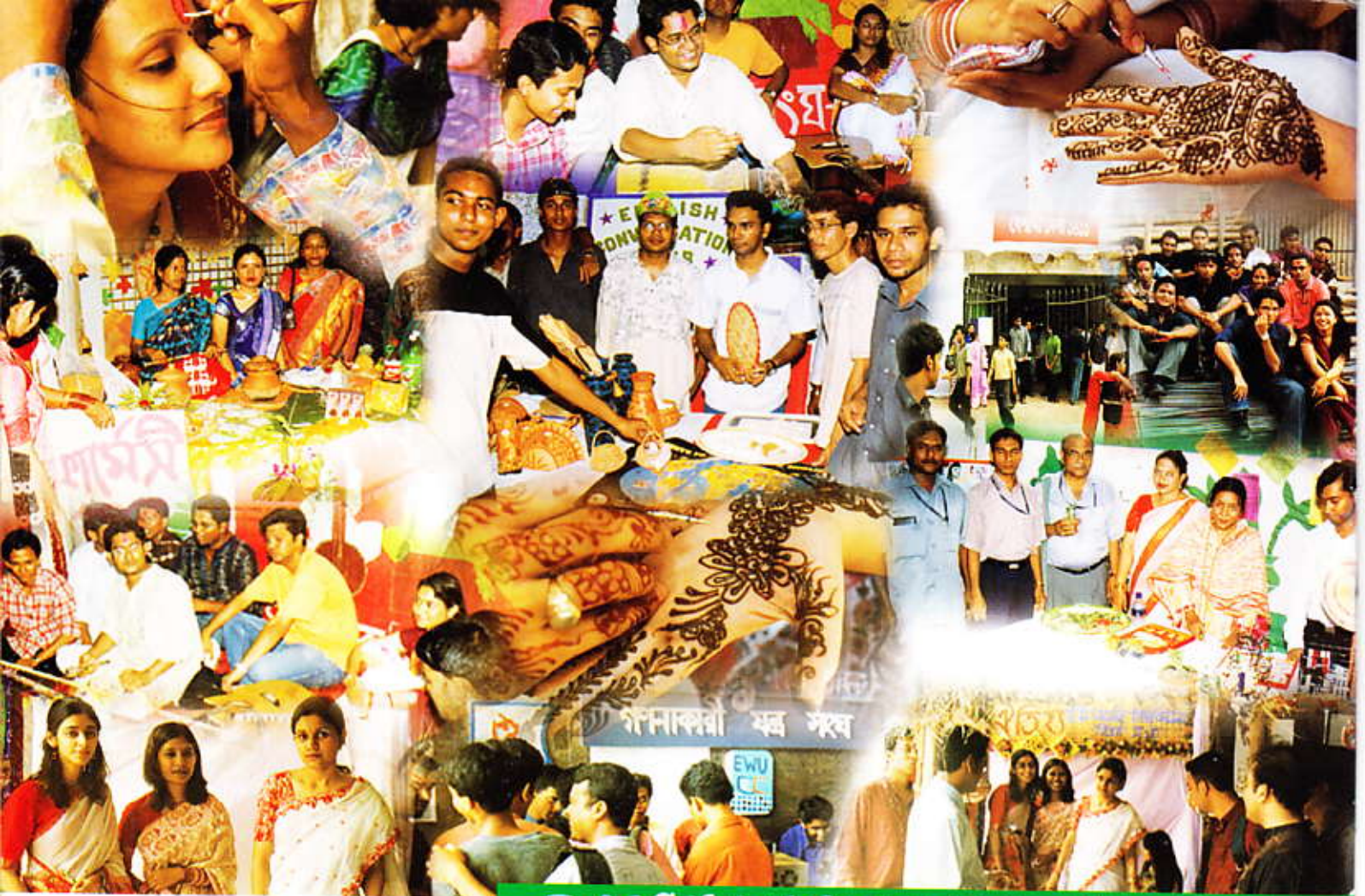
## Obituary

The East West University family expresses its deep shock and sorrow at the untimely death of Mrs. Rokeya Ali, wife of Mr. S. M. Nousher Ali, Member, Board of Directors, East West University, on 31 January 2004 (Innahillallah ..... Rajewn).

The university family also expresses its deep shock and sorrow at the death of Professor Nurun Nahar faizunnessa, mother of Dr. Syed Saad Andaleeb, Visiting Senior Fulbright Scholar and mother-in-law of Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar, Pro Vice Chancellor, East West University on March 31, 2004 at the age of 72 (Innahillallah ..... Rajewn).

We also express our deep shock and sorrow at the death of Alhaj Meraj Uddin Chowdhury, father of Dr. Tanvir Ahmed Chowdhury, Associate professor, Department of Business Administration, East West University on March 13, 2004 at the age of 80 in Saudi Arabia while performing the Holy Hajj. (Innahillallah ..... Rajewn).

We extend our heartfelt condolence to Mr. S. M. Nousher Ali, Dr. Syed Saad Andaleeb, Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar and Dr. Tanvir Ahmed Chowdhury and the members of the bereaved families and pray to the Almighty for the salvation of the departed souls.



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