The orientation program of the newly admitted students for Spring Semester 2013 in the different graduate programs of Prime University was held at the University Campus, Mirpur-01 on February 08, 2013.

Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University Trust and Prime Foundation, Engineer Towhidur Rahman, Member, Board of Trustees, Prime University Trust and Prime Foundation, Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer (In-Charge), Prime University, Professor Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Mr. Mohammad Liaquat Ali, Registrar, Prime University and Faculty Members of different departments of the university attended the ceremony.

About 750 students enrolled in the Spring Semester in different undergraduate and graduate programs attended the occasion with great enthusiasm and got
introduced with the teachers, course curriculum of the respective programs, code of conducts, norms, and different facilities available in the university.

Mr. Mohammad Liaquat Ali, Registrar, Prime University made the welcome address to the freshers and discussed the rules and regulations of the university. Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, Secretary General, Prime Foundation and Member Secretary of Board of Trustees, in his speech stressed the needs of modern and quality education, and urged upon the students to prepare them through perseverance keeping the institutional glory intact. Engineer Towhidur Rahman, Member, Board of Trustees, Prime University Trust and Prime Foundation, assured the students to provide all sorts of modern facilities so that they can make themselves very knowledgeable and competent to face the world competition.

The chief guest of the program Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Prime Foundation and Board of Trustees, Prime University Trust expressed his commitment to provide all sorts of facilities to the students in order to help them prepare to meet the challenges of the 21st century. He also urged upon the students to establish the name of the university in the world. Besides, he articulated that the permanent campus of the university will be built in 114/116 Mazar Road, Mirpur - 01, Dhaka-1216 within 2013 by ensuring all types of modern and academic amenities in the campus.

The Chairperson of the ceremony, Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, in his speech told that University is a platform for cultivating, exchanging and creating knowledge. Research is very important for higher education and as a result research and education must go together, in order to improve as well as enhance quality education. He advised the freshers to build up themselves for the competitive world and establish the name of Prime University as a renowned institute of the world. He also told about his initiatives for linking Prime University with the renowned foreign universities for achieving academic excellence.

Prime University Debate Team's Dazzling Victory on ATN Bangla Student Parliament

Prime University Debating Society (PUDS) at present is one of the rapidly progressing debate clubs in the country. Prime University Debate and Quiz Competition Committee members are exploring the potential students from all the departments and providing sufficient support to the upcoming debaters in their journey. The authority of the university is very keen and cordial for the rapid progression of the debaters and ensuring adequate facilities for

Winning debaters of Prime University receiving crest from Barrister Raisul Haque along with Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron (left). The debaters are in a photo session with Dr. Khondoker Mosarraf Hossain and Yusuf Hossain Humayun(right)
their betterment. The debate club frequently organizes national debate competitions, quiz competitions and debate festivals in the campus for utmost competence of their members. The debaters of the club also regularly participate in different national debate competitions and are achieving laudable results. As a part of it, Prime University Debate Team recently encountered Jagannath University in the first round of the prestigious national parliamentary debate competition 'Student Parliament' organised by ATN Bangla and achieved a glorious victory over them. The team then faced Dhaka Medical College in the second round of the competition and made a remarkable history by achieving a landslide victory over them. Prime University, through this victory, has qualified for the quarter final of the competition elevating their past achievements. The debate team was led by Md. Mizanur Rahman (English), and the other members were Sabrina Islam (Law), Syeda Lofna Akter (English), Jahidul Islam (Law) and Tanvirul Hasan (EEE). The event was moderated by renowned TV personality Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron. A good number of students along with the faculty members were present to encourage the debaters at ATN Bangla studio. Prime University debate team could show their competence by establishing their opinions strongly and effectively with irrefutable logic and come out victorious. Their success is the result of great team work and coordination of the debaters and the Mentors of the club.

Our Language Our Pride: 
PU Recalls Language Martyrs

Every year 21st February comes with its own glory and grief that touches every Bengali speaking person especially Bangladeshis as the magic seed was sown six decades ago on this very day to give birth to a new nation, today's Bangladesh. Ekushey is all about Bangla, the right to speak the mother tongue, the right to express ourselves in the most comfortable way. Commemorating the mournful but glorious events of the 21st February 1952 with due respect to Language Martyrs, Prime University paid rich tribute to Shahid Minar on 21st February - the International Mother Language Day and organized a discussion program at the permanent Campus of the University.

Vice Chairman, BOT, Prime University Trust, Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali, Secretary General, BOT, Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, the Vice Chancellor of the University Professor Dr. P.C. Sarker, Treasurer (In-charge) Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Dean, Faculty of Engineering Professor Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar, Registrar, Mohammad Liaquat Ali, took part in the discussion session. All the participants remembered the language martyrs and their contributions with utmost respect and honor and urged the students to emulate the martyrs in times of national need.
Celebration of Independence Day

On the occasion of the Independence Day, Prime University arranged various programs. In the early part of the day, a discussion program was held, where Board of Trustees (BOT) members, Vice Chancellor and Treasurer, among others, delivered their speeches. Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali, Vice Chairman, BOT dealt with a number of issues on the Independence Day and showed many historical points to remember the day. Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, Secretary General, BOT, delivered an admirable speech emphasizing many touchy points of our liberation war. Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Profulla C. Sarker delivered a significant talk on the occasion. Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer, pointed out many important aspects of the Independence Day.

BOT Members, Vice Chancellor, Dean and Registrar are seen at the dais in the discussion program on the Independence Day.

Vice Chancellor Attends a workshop on Development of Quality Assurance Mechanism

Professor Dr. Profulla Chandra Sarker, Vice Chancellor, Prime University attended the workshop on Development of quality assurance mechanism which took place during the World Bank’s eighth Mission on 24 March, 2013 in Dhaka.

In the workshop, Dr. Rozilini Mary Fernandez-Chung Vice President, HELP University, Malaysia was the keynote speaker, and Prof. Dr. M. Muhbir Rahman, Member, UGC gave a presentation on the draft constitution of the proposed Accreditation Council for Private Universities and current status of accreditation practices in Bangladesh.

Prof. Dr. J.R. Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Accreditation for Engineering and Technical Education (BAETE), Bangladesh shared the experience from his association with the Accreditation of Engineering and Technical Education Programs in Bangladesh while Prof. Dr. M. Mozahar Ali, AIF Management Specialist, HEQEP detailed the outcome of a typical self-assessment sub-project of the HEQEP.

The workshop was chaired by Professor Dr. M. Muhbir Rahman while Mr. Iqbal Khan Chowdhury, Additional Secretary (Dev.), Ministry of Education was the chief guest. Mr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Sr. Operations Officer, World Bank and the Task Team Co-Leader, HEQEP and Prof. Dr. P.C. Sarker also graced the occasion by their kind presence and sharing of thoughts. Project Director Kaniz Fatema, ndc (Additional Secretary) offered the welcome address at the beginning.

In the workshop the Vice Chancellors of different universities, Sub Project Managers (SPMs) of Self Assessment sub-projects, representatives of Ministry of Education, UGC & Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) were also present.
Devi Saraswati is considered as the personification of knowledge, art, science and crafts. Saraswati Puja is one of the religious festivals of the Hindu community. It was pompously celebrated on the 15th February, 2013, at the permanent campus of Prime University with traditional gaiety, religious fervor and spirit of pursuit of art and knowledge. On the day, university campus wore a festive look with colorfully decorated puja pavilions where hundreds of devotees thronged at the puja pandal to offer prayers to Devi Saraswati and sought Her blessing for knowledge. The puja started at 8.30 am and Pushpanjali took place at 10 am. Moreover, the puja celebrating committee also arranged distribution of 'prashads' among devotees. The presence of Vice Chairman and Secretary general of Board of Trustees, Vice Chancellor, Dean, Registrar, and Chairmen of different departments made the festival even more gorgeous. It is the belief of all devotees that the days of ignorance will end with Her blessing and will awake themselves into spiritual enlightenment.

Training of the Tenth to Fourteenth Grade Employees Held in Prime University

A training program of the tenth to fourteenth grade employees of Prime University organized by the Centre for Research, Human Resources Development and Publications of the University was held in the campus. The program was arranged with the focus to develop the skill and qualities of the employees. Thirty three full time employees of the above mentioned grades took part in the program in two groups. It was a three day program containing two sessions a day for each group. The training program started on April 7, 2013 and ended on April 27, 2013.
Pitha Utsob at Prime University

A colorful Pitha festival was held at Prime University premises on February 22, 2013. A Total number of 13 well-decorated stalls were arranged there with all the delicious traditional pithas. The students decorated the stalls with colorful balloons, papers and clothes which gave a very gorgeous look. The ground floor looked very festive and throughout the day it spread a tongue-catching smell. The traditional Bangladeshi pithas named vapa, chitoj, puli, pantoa, egg pitha, star pitha, khir pitha, pakwan pitha, kabab pitha, jhinuk pitha, samuk pitha and so on were displayed there.

The chief guest of the festival was Md. Ashraf Ali, Vice Chairman, Prime Foundation, the founding organization of the university. The chief guest along with the Secretary General, BOT, Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, the Vice Chancellor, Treasurer, Deans of the faculties, Registrar of the university, visited the stalls and admired the participants. They also encouraged the organizers for making such a happy gathering.

The judgment on the quality of the stalls was very transparent. A panel of wise judges consisting of three members, Md. Sazzad Hossain Zahid, Asst. Prof., Department of English, Rahat Hossain Faisal, Asst. Prof., Department of CSE and Nazir Ahmed, Lecturer, Department of Law selected four of the stalls as 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners. The winners were- 1st-Stall-02(Falgumi Pitha Ghar), 2nd-Stall-4(Mishti Modhur Pithar Bari), 3rd- Stall-07(Bashanti Pitha Ghar) and Stall-10(Falguner Bela Pithar Mela). It brought the winners immense happiness and encouraged the others for the next occasions. The festival was an occasion of unique pleasure for all the students, teachers, and staffs. Everybody enjoyed the program throughout the day.
Quiz Competition Held

The 1st and 2nd rounds of the Quiz Competition of this semester were held on 20th May 2013 (Monday) in two sessions. About 200 students from different departments registered in the program and 85 students participated in the 1st round of the competition. The judges’ panel selected 33 students to go for the 2nd round of the competition. Finally, 16 participants were selected for the bowl round of the quiz competition.

The Quiz Competition is one of the most popular events which draw much attention and enthusiasm of the students. Besides the participants, it creates lots of interest among the other students too. Everybody is eagerly waiting to witness the most interesting final round of the competition. According to the organizers of the Quiz Competition, the final round will take place very soon.

Prime University Language School Welcomes the Students of the 15th Batch

The Prime University Language School has achieved an important milestone as it has successfully completed its course for the students of the 14th batch and welcomed the students of the 15th batch in the Spring Semester, 2013. Since its inception in 2007, the school has played a significant role to develop competence in English language of a considerable number of students of different disciplines. Most importantly, it has been contributing to creating an English environment in the university.

Though the English Language Course was intended to improve English skills for the students who are relatively weak in English, recently it has become a popular hub for the students of all standards as a place to practice English Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking skills. It may be said that the school has proved its worth in this way. The students of the fourteenth batch of language school have successfully completed their journey and the students of the fifteenth batch have already joined the school with great enthusiasm.

Recently the teachers of the language school have given much emphasis to develop the speaking skill of the students which has added significant attraction for the students to attend the class. Moreover, the teachers have taught patiently throughout the semester to improve the other skills of the learners as well.

The four month course of the school generally starts at the beginning of each semester and ends just before the final examination. Everybody concerned with the school believes that the school is in its right track to enhance the competence of the students in English language and will continue to do so in future.

New Faculty Members Joined the University

Prime University extends a warm welcome to the fourteen new faculty members who joined in the Spring Semester, 2013. In the Department of Law Mr. Iqbal Hasan, Md. Golam Rajib and Ms. Pallabi Ghose joined as Lecturers. Eight new teachers joined in the faculty of Engineering. Among them
Md. Shafayet Hussain, Mr. Mostafizur Rahman, Md. Showybul Islam Shakib and Mr. Nafiz Imtiaz joined as Lecturers in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Md. Hedayet Ullah and Md. Salim Reza joined as Jr. Lecturer in the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering. In the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Ms. Tasnuva Haque joined as Lecturer while Md. Waliullah joined as a Jr. Lecturer in the same department. In the Department of English, Md. Shamim Mondol joined as a Lecturer and in the Department of Business Administration Mr. Sujit Kumar Debnath and Mr. M. Khaled Kamal joined as Jr. Lecturer.

New faculty members, on their part, expressed their gratitude for the good reception, friendly and professional assistance that would make them easily engage in the academic environment.

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**Current News**

*Construction work has Started at the Permanent Campus of Prime University*

It is an immense pleasure that the Prime University authority has started the construction work of a majestic building at the permanent campus of the university at 114/116 Mazar Road, Mirpur-1, Dhaka. The building will consist of ten storeyed in addition to two basements covering a floor space of 1,68,000.00 sqft. The building, it is expected will be sufficient enough to house the administrative, academic and extra academic infrastructural requirement in the long perspective of a University of international standard.

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--- Orientation of Summer 2013 held

--- Prime University Debating Society (PUDS) secures semi-final in the "Student Parliament" debate competition organized by ATN Bangla by achieving land slide victory over Dhaka Medical College

--- We are shocked on the death of Professor Kh. Ashraf Hossain, Adjunct Faculty Member, Department of English, Prime University

--- We are also shocked on the death of an LLM Student and a 22nd batch BBA students of Prime University

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