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We Strive for Maritime Excellence

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Message from the Vice-Chancellor



I am very delighted that the 3rd issue of BSMRMU newsletter is published as a continuous process of the university activities. I want to thank the team members and the editor to coordinate this important venture. The objective of this newsletter is to inform the progress and the activities of our university. This university will have seven faculties under which we expect to open thirty eight departments in near future. The academic activities of the first B.Sc. (Hons) in Oceanography, under the faculty of Earth and

Ocean Science, is going to be commenced from January 2017. In the meantime the second batches of LLM and MPSPM have started their classes since October 2016. I hope these departments will produce skilled maritime professionals who would be capable to work both at national and international levels in their respective profession. In fact, our university will be a hub of maritime education and research very soon. In line with that, we are going to publish the first volume of our university journal titled Bangladesh Maritime Journal (BMJ) in January 2017. Recently, we have organized a moot court and a workshop on research methodology for our students. Our ultimate goal is to achieve maritime excellence using BSMRMU as a common platform and to that end this newsletter aims to appear before you as a corpus of vibrant activities of our university.

Rear Admiral A S M Abdul Baten, (E), BSP, ndc, psc
Vice-Chancellor

Opportunities to be a faculty member in Oceanography

Faculty Recruitment

Wish to be a faculty member (Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor) in the Department of Oceanography at BSMRMU!!!

Please look for the advertisement in the national dailys and in our website www.bsmrmu.edu.bd which would be published soon.



Call on with Chief of Naval Staff



The Vice-Chancellor of the university called on the Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral Nizamuddin Ahmed, OSP, ndc, psc. The Vice-Chancellor briefed the CNS about the recent development of the university and handed over a crest of the university. The Honorable CNS gave a patient hearing and assured to provide all possible support to raise the university as a centre for maritime excellence.

MEETINGS OF STATUTORY BODIES

2nd Senate Meeting



The university organized its 2nd annual Senate meeting at its temporary campus on 24 August 2016. The Vice-Chancellor, Rear Admiral A S M Abdul Baten, chaired the meeting. In the meeting, the budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017, Annual Report 2015-16, Appointment Regulations, Service Regulations, Accounts Manual etc. were ratified by the Senate. The Senate members expressed their deep satisfaction at the progress of the university and opined that after completing education from the university the students will be able to build their career as skilled maritime professionals both in home and abroad. "This university will contribute to seek and utilize marine resources

by creating skilled human resources, that will help the nation progress quickly by conducting research on maritime issues and inventing new technology," added the Vice-Chancellor.

8th Syndicate Meeting



The 8th Syndicate Meeting of the university was held on 16 May 2016 at its temporary campus. The Honorable Vice-Chancellor presided over the meeting. Various development matters of the university were discussed in the meeting. Members of the Syndicate expressed their deep satisfaction with the progress of the activities of the university and manifested their great hope that the university would really become the center of excellence in maritime education.

9th Syndicate Meeting



The 9th Syndicate Meeting of BSMRMU was organized on 25 July 2016 at its temporary campus. The Budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 and Annual Report 2015-16 of the university were approved by the Syndicate. It was expected that the university will contribute to the national development of maritime human resource of the nation and uplift the nation's economy to 'Blue Economy'. Members of the Syndicate also expressed their satisfaction for the recent initiatives taken by the university in enhancing maritime education.



10th Syndicate Meeting



The 10th Meeting of BSMRMU Syndicate was organized on 31 October at its temporary campus. The course curriculum of BSc (Hons) in Oceanography, course curriculum of BMS (Hons) (Nautical/Engineering) of Bangladesh Marine Academy, Regulations for scholarship, appointment of teachers and officers and other academic and administrative decisions of the university were approved by the Syndicate.

Academic Council



The 9th and 10th Academic Council Meetings of this University were held on 18 July 2016 and 27 September 2016 respectively. Different important decisions on academic issues were taken by the Academic Council in those meetings.

Finance Committee



The 7th and 8th meetings of Finance Committee (FC) were held on 22 June 2016 and 25 October 2016 respectively. Important financial decisions were taken in those meetings.

Planning, Development and Evaluation Committee



The 2nd and 3rd meetings of Planning, Development and Evaluation Committee were held on 26 May 2016 and 16 October 2016 respectively. Important development decisions were taken in those meetings.

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

MOU with Western Sydney University



BSMRMU signed an MOU with one of its Australian counterparts, Western Sydney University on Tuesday, 3rd May 2016. It is considered as another historic event in the journey of the university. The signing took place at Western Sydney University, Australia. The Vice-Chancellor of BSMR Maritime University, Rear Admiral ASM Abdul Baten and the Acting Vice-Chancellor of Western Sydney University, Scott Holmes signed the document on behalf of their respective universities. In the signing ceremony, both the heads of the universities pledged to co-operate each other, especially in the field of maritime education and research in order to achieve maritime excellence and safer sea for the future generations.



SEMINARS

Seminar on "Maritime Governance: Challenges to Maritime Community"



Faculty of Maritime Governance and Policy and the sole affiliated institute of BSMRMU, Bangladesh Marine Academy organized a seminar on "Maritime Governance: Challenges to Maritime Community" at Chittagong Club on 30 May 2016. Vice-Chancellor of BSMRMU Rear Admiral A S M Abdul Baten graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Former Director General of Department of Shipping, Capt. A. K. M. Shafiqullah, presented the keynote paper in the seminar. Representatives from different maritime organizations, such as Bangladesh Navy, Coast Guard, Chittagong and Mongla Port Authorities, Shipping Corporations, Shipyards, Private Marine Academies were present in the seminar. Apart from the keynote paper, five speakers from Bangladesh Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Academy presented their research papers in the seminar. In the open forum, the audiences expressed their opinions spontaneously on various contemporary maritime issues. Everyone expressed that if all the maritime stakeholders work together towards better maritime governance in our sea areas, the exploration and exploitation of maritime resources can be enhanced and the country will stride forward towards 'Blue Economy' with a faster pace .

Seminar on "Global Challenges and Prospects of Shipping Industries"



BSMRMU organized a seminar on "Global Challenges and Prospects of Shipping Industries" at its temporary campus on 23 June 2016. The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Rear Admiral A S M Abdul Baten, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Managing Director of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation Commodore Habibur Rahman Bhuiyan (C), NGP, ndc, psc, BN delivered keynote speech and the former DG of Department of Shipping, Capt. A K M Shafiqullah, presented his paper at the seminar. Representatives from Bangladesh Navy, Coastguard, maritime scholars of different universities and the teachers and students of the university participated in the seminar. Participants of the seminar discussed as to how ships, investment and development of shipbuilding industries could contribute to the nation's economy in near future.

EVENTS

Iftar and Doa Mahfil



BSMRMU organized an Iftar and Doa Mahfil on 18 June 2016 at its temporary campus. The Honorable Vice-Chancellor graced the occasion as the Chief



Guest. He expressed his opinion to adhere to the lessons of Ramadan and to work hard for the development of the university and the country as well. Finally, a munajat was organized for the gradual development of the university, the country and the Muslims Ummah.

Orientation & Awarding of Certificate Courses

The university organized an orientation programme to launch two Short (Certificate) Courses on "Marine Insurance & Claim" and "Dangerous Goods Handling & Transportation" at its temporary campus. The Dean of the Faculty of Maritime Governance and Policy (FMGP), Commodore M Z Alamgir, (L), NGP, fdc, psc, BN was present as the Chief Guest at the ceremony.



The certificate award ceremony of these Courses was held on Sunday 31 July 2016 at the temporary campus of the University. The Vice-Chancellor, Rear Admiral A S M Abdul Baten, awarded certificates among the participants for successful completion of the courses. These courses were undertaken to provide professional knowledge and practical insight on various aspects of marine insurance including hull and machineries, cargo, liability and P & I as well as how to handle claims, Dangerous Goods and its safe handling.

Anti-terrorism and Anti-militancy Human Chain Demonstration and Rally



An anti-terrorism, anti-militancy human chain demonstration and rally was held in front of the temporary campus of the university on 1st August 2016 at 1100 hours. The Vice-Chancellor Rear Admiral A S M Abdul Baten, students, faculty members, officers and staffs of the university participated in the rally. A discussion was held after completing the rally at the auditorium. The Vice-Chancellor expressed that the university is determined to co-operate the law enforcing agencies to identify and prevent terrorism and militancy, said the Vice-Chancellor.

Discussion on Anti-terrorism and Anti-militancy



The University organized a discussion session on anti-terrorism and anti-militancy at the temporary campus of the university on 03 September 2016. The Vice-Chancellor graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while students, faculty members and officers of the university were present. Speakers highlighted the importance of regular attendance of



students in the class room and involving the students in cultural and social activities side by side. The university is determined to identify and prevent all types of terrorist activities and militancy. For this, the university has arranged extracurricular activities, and given administrative orders and special instructions to the faculty members and students, said the Vice-Chancellor.

Farewell of Controller of Examinations



On 31 July 2016, a farewell ceremony for Md. Abul Kalam Azad, the first Controller of Examinations of the university was organized at the Conference Room of BSMRMU. Besides Controller of Examinations, Mr. Azad was Academic Adviser, Newsletter Editor, Editorial Board Member of Annual Report and involved with drafting a number of regulations of the university. The outgoing Controller of Examinations expressed his deep satisfaction in working at this university and wished for the success of this university. The Honourable Vice-Chancellor presented a memento to the outgoing Controller of Examinations on the occasion.

Orientation of 2nd Batch LLM & MPSM Program



The orientation of the 2nd batch of LLM Maritime Law and Master in Port & Shipping Management programmes was held on 02 October 2016. The Vice-Chancellor of the university graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while faculty members, new students of those batches, officers and staffs of the university were present in the program.

Invigilation at Bangladesh Marine Academy



On 27 October 2016, a team from BSMRMU consisting of the Dean, Faculty of Shipping Administration, Cdre M Ziauddin Alamgir, NGP, fdc, psc, BN and the Controller of Examinations, Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hossain visited Bangladesh Marine Academy (BMA) to observe 51 batch Cadets' Bachelor of Maritime Science Examination held in October - November 2016. The overall examination environment was satisfactory. The team discussed on different issues with the key personnel of BMA.



OBSERVANCE OF IMPORTANT DAYS

National Mourning Day 2016



The university observed "The 41st death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Mourning Day 2016" on 15 August 2016 at its temporary campus. A Doa Mahfil, an essay competition, a discussion session and short film presentation on the life of Bangabandhu were held on the occasion. The Vice-Chancellor graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The chief guest distributed prizes among the best essay-writers on Bangabandhu's life and work. In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor urged all to work hard together towards creating maritime human resource base of the nation and contributing towards 'Blue Economy', which the father of the nation envisioned long before.

World Maritime Day 2016



BSMRMU and its affiliated institute Bangladesh Marine Academy (BMA) jointly observed World Maritime Day 2016 on 29 September 2016 at Bangladesh Marine Academy. The motto of this day was "Ship-ping: indispensable to the world" in this year.



The Honorable Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC), Professor Abdul Mannan graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and the Vice-Chancellor of BSMRMU, Rear Admiral A S M Abdul Baten was present as the Special Guest. The Chief Guest inaugurated the celebration by flying spectacular balloons. The UGC Chairman expressed in his speech that the day was a very special one in the life of maritime stakeholders of the whole world. He then stressed on gaining higher education, use of modern technology, achieving professional excellence and gaining parity with the developed world. The Vice-Chancellor informed that BSMRMU has been established with a view to creating the required maritime human resource base through quality higher education and research for uplifting the country's economy to sea-based 'Blue Economy'. The university will be acting as the hub of all maritime stakeholders and facilitate them to come together and brainstorm for the said target. The Commandant of Bangladesh Marine Academy, Chartered Marine Engineer Dr. Sajid Hussain, also spoke on the occasion. The speakers, in their speeches urged all maritime stakeholders to join their hands together and contribute to 'Blue Economy' in which the future of Bangladesh lies. The ceremony was attended by higher officials and representatives of maritime community such as Bangladesh Navy, Coast Guard, Chittagong Port Authority, Mercantile Marine Department etc.



Message from the Editorial Corner



This is indeed a pleasure to give me the responsibility to act as Editor of the BSMRMU Newsletter. I express my deepest gratitude to the Honorable Vice-Chancellor who had been inspiring me to do this job along with my present job as the Controller of Examinations of BSMRMU, Bangladesh.

I am happy to present before you the issue No-03 of the Newsletter of this very specialized university which was established by the Act No. 47 in the Parliament in 2013. The Newsletter updated the recent events held in striving the maritime excellence. I am indebted to the Editorial Board for giving me direct support and contributed to make the Newsletter in public. The Newsletter Editorial Board deserves heartfelt thanks for their hard work and endeavors.

I would expect the feedback from the readers' corner to make any improvement in the next issue of the Newsletter of BSMRMU, Bangladesh.

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Controller of Examinations
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