

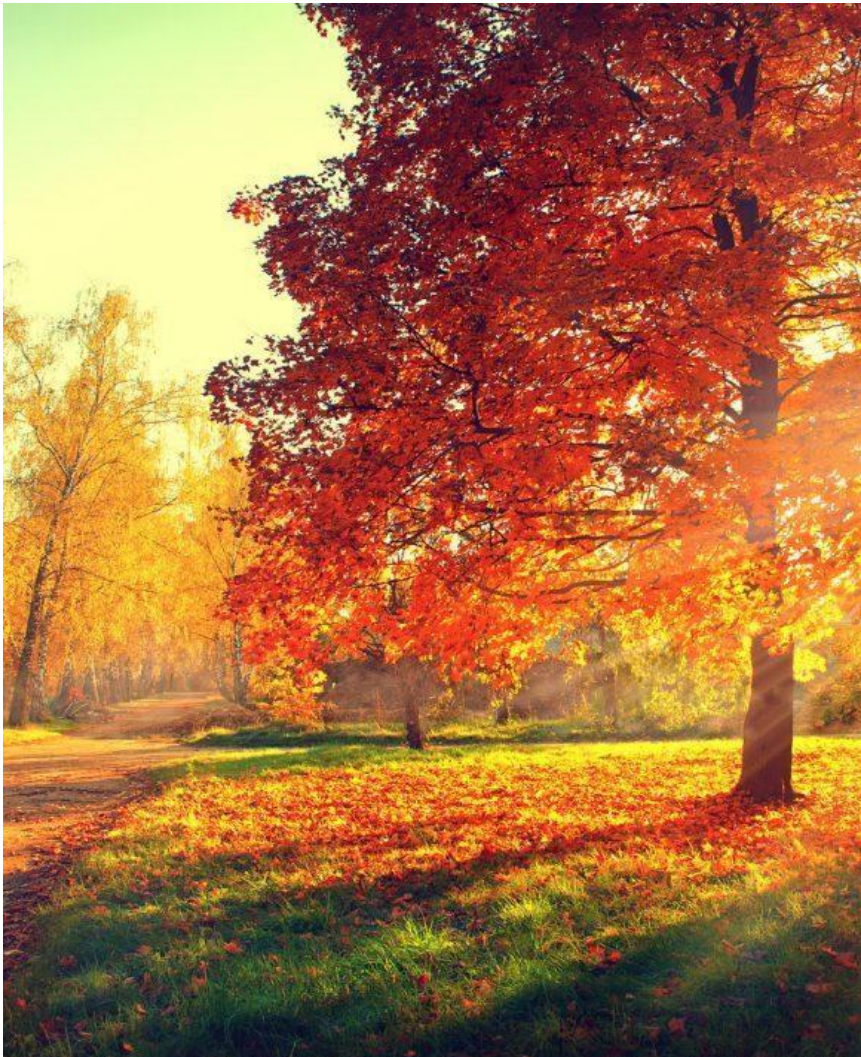
# Fall Bulletin: 2020

**Green University Language Center (GULC)**

**Attraction of Fall Issue:**

Overview of diverse activities

Accomplishments of this semester



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## Language Center: An Overview

The Green University Language Center (GULC) started its journey aiming to develop communicative skills and compatibility in this multilingual and interdependent world. Initially, GULC started by offering courses on IELTS, Spoken English, GRE, TOEFL, English for Academic Purpose courses etc. As our Center grew over time, we became committed



to develop communicative competence and research in diverse languages, and we are currently working with Japanese, Chinese, French, Korean, Arabic, and endangered South Asian languages etc. GULC also offers a wide range of General Education Courses, and regularly organizes training, workshops, seminars concerning various areas of the general human sciences. We aspire to expand our horizons even further and take our activities to the next level in the coming semester.

## Regular Activities:

There are a range of regular activities that are performed by the faculty members of Green University Language Center (GULC).

1. Academic Courses by GULC:
  - i. English for Academic Purposes-(EAP-009)
  - ii. English for Academic Purposes-I (EAP-101)
  - iii. English for Academic Purposes-II (EAP-102/ 3)
  - iv. English for Academic Purposes-204 (EAP-204)
  - v. General Education Development (GED) Courses
2. Certificate Courses and Trainings:
  - i. Spoken English Course
  - ii. IELTS Course

### Message from the Center Director



We are proud to introduce our very first issue of semester-wise bulletin series. As a team, we believe that education should strive to create academically confident, ethically driven and socially responsible citizens of the world. In line with that spirit, Green University Language Center performs a range of academic and non-academic activities and continues to add newer dimensions to its activities each semester. The Fall Bulletin of 2020 showcases our diverse regular activities and the new dimensions that were added this semester.

# Academic Courses

*Offering  
English for Academic  
Purposes (EAP)  
&  
General Education  
Development (GED) Courses  
is  
a Primary & Major Task of  
GULC*

**Special Guidelines from  
University Grants  
Commission (UGC)**

**UGC has already given  
instructions to offer for three  
mandatory courses at  
undergraduate level:**

**Bangladesh Studies  
Bangla Literature  
and Language  
English**

## **English for Academic Purposes (EAP)**

Total three EAP courses are conducted by the Center throughout the trimester, namely, EAP-009, EAP-101, and EAP-102. These courses are designed to prepare students to use English for their academic studies, and consequently for their professional needs in real life and work. These courses target the development of four key language competences i.e. speaking, listening, reading, and writing. All the courses vary in their target groups and difficulty levels. The Center also offers Lab courses designed specifically for the EEE department, which is termed as EAP-204.

## **General Education Development (GED)**

GED (General Education Development) courses are those which provide a common broad sense, well-rounded experience by exposure to a variety of curriculum areas. These split but harmonizing experiences will give our students a quality education, putting them on a path for a moving career and a prolific life. Two Major GED courses are:

- i. Bangladesh Studies: This course focuses on History of Bengal from Ancient to Present time, Minority Ethnic Group of Bangladesh, Festivals and Religions of Bangladesh, Gender Education in Bangladesh, Economic System and Constitution of Bangladesh.
- ii. Bangla Literature and Language

# Certificate Courses

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- i. Spoken English Course
- ii. IELTS Course
- iii. Communicative English Course
- iv. Japanese Language Course
- v. Chinese Language Course

## Overview of Certificate Courses

### (i) Spoken English Course:

This four-month long program aims at preparing its participants globally by improving their speaking skill in English. It has specific learning outcomes, well designed course materials, phase by phase well scheduled 24 sessions, session management & assessment policies for its participants and instructors.

### (ii) IELTS Course:

GULC has introduced a certificate course on IELTS aiming to enable its participants to secure a high band score in real IELTS examination. GULC has two types of IELTS course running, Certificate Course (CC) and Crash Program (CP). CC is conducted for 3 months consisting of total 25 sessions (2 sessions per week), each of 2 hours duration whereas CP is conducted for two months consisting of total 12 sessions, each of 2 hours duration.

### (iii) Communicative English Course:

It specifically focuses on the development of communicative skills of both students and administrative staff at GUB. As a part of that, aiming at developing the English language skills, GULC has introduced a certificate course on Communicative English for its staff and students. The 'Communicative Program' has been designed with 20 classes; duration of each class is 120 minutes.

### (iv) Japanese Language Course:

GULC offers Japanese Language Program as a certificate course to the candidates, both internal and external to GUB, who are interested to sit for language aptitude tests (NAT or JLPT). The program has three modules based on the duration: (a) Crash Program: 6 days before the NAT-Test

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Day, (b) One-month, (c) Three-month Course, (d) Six-month Course

**(v) Chinese Language Course:**

Green University MoUs with a number of Chinese universities. Every year a number of students go for scholarship in any of the said universities. Hence, GULC has introduced a Chinese Language program that aims at developing skills in speaking, writing, reading and listening of Chinese Language. The course is conducted for 4 months consisting of a total 25 sessions (2 sessions per week), each of 2 hours duration.

# Regular Activities

## British Council Book Reading Program

British Council Book Reading Competition is a partnership initiative between British Council, Bangladesh and Green University Language Center to provide students with the opportunity to read literature from around the world in simplified English. This program was introduced at GUB in Spring Semester 2015. The range of books covered in this program include: *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare, *The Curse of the Mummy* by Joyce Hannam, *Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer, *Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea* by Jules Verne, *Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne etc.



## *The Daily Star* Quiz and Study Tour

*The Daily Star* Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam and Vice Chancellor of Green University of Bangladesh Prof. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir signed a memorandum of understanding to promote reading English newspapers among the university students on 9th May, 2017. Since then, *The Daily Star*, a leading newspaper of the country, has been used as a learning material within classrooms. Every semester, a quiz competition is also organized to encourage students to read newspapers and have a broader understanding of the world. Every semester, the coordinator of *The Daily Star* program takes the toppers of the quiz on a study tour. In the previous *The Daily Star* Quiz, the students went to visit *The Daily Star* office to have a firsthand experience of how print media functions.

# Fall Event Summary

## Webinar with Prof. Dr. Patrick Dougherty

**Green University**

**Workshop on**

**Techniques for Online Materials Development for English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Courses**

**Keynote Speaker:**  
Prof. Patrick Dougherty  
English for Academic Purposes Program  
Akita International University, Japan

**Chief Guest:**  
Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir  
Vice Chancellor,  
Green University of Bangladesh

**Special Guest:**  
Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque  
Pro-Vice Chancellor,  
Green University of Bangladesh

**Date & Time:**  
6:00 pm [Bangladesh Time], December 06, 2020 [Sunday]

**Register here:** <https://forms.gle/W1Iq2i68ZU7shXw6> **Registration Deadline:** 01.12.2020

**Organized by:**

The Green University Language Center successfully organized the one-day virtual workshop for ELT teachers on Sunday, 06 December 2020, at 06:00 PM, titled **Techniques for Online Materials Development for English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Courses**. The facilitator of the workshop was **Prof. Dr. Patrick Dougherty**, Dean of Academic Affairs, Head of the English for Academic Purposes Program and Foreign Language Education, Director of the Active Learning and Assessment Center, and Professor of International Liberal Arts at Akita International University, Japan. The Director of Green University Language Center was present along with all faculty members of the center. Students of different EAP classes attended and had an enthusiastic question answer session with the keynote speaker.

universities in the country attended the workshop.

ELT teachers from different private and public

## Webinar with Dr. Mohammad Azam

Green University Language Center (GULC) held a successful Webinar titled “উনিশ শতকের বাংলা সাহিত্য” on **Saturday, 12 December 2020, at 05:30 PM (Bangladesh Time)**.

The Keynote Speaker of the webinar was **Dr. Mohammad Azam**, Associate Professor, Department of Bangla, University of Dhaka. Respected pro vice chancellor GUB, Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque was present in the webinar and shared some of his valuable words. Respected Chairperson of the Department of English Mr. K M Wazed Kabir was also present throughout the session and shared his thoughts about the webinar. Ms. Serajum Munira, director of GULC was present throughout the session and delivered her vote of thanks to the keynote speaker in the end.

Students and faculty members from various departments of GUB participated in the webinar. The session was a great opportunity for everyone present at that time to learn multidimensions of 19th century Bengali literature. Dr. Azam explained all the important and relevant aspects of the topic successfully. Some communicative parts took place between the keynote speaker and GUB students.



## Mujib Borsho Inter University Quiz Competition 2020

In an effort to commemorate ‘Mujib Borsho’ and to celebrate the life and works of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Green University Language Center, under the guidance of the competent authority has successfully hosted the "Inter-University Mujib Borsho Quiz Competition, 2020". Despite the major technical problems caused by Google services, the two-day event was successfully accommodated in a single day on 15 December 2020 by the organizers.

A total of 1176 students from 29 public universities, 39 private universities, 13 medical colleges, and 109 university colleges under the National University registered for the competition. From them, 300 contestants became qualified for the Semi-Final phase and 150 for the Finale where we eventually found our winners. The competition was held on the online platform "Zoom" using the educational game-based application, "Kahoot!"

One of Green University’s own students, Md. Farhatul Hasan, from the Department of CSE, was able to secure the first position in the competition. The second and the third positions were held by Jahid Hasan from the University of Dhaka and Md Gulam Hussain from Khulna University respectively. In the competition, the top seven contestants were awarded prize money, and the top ten were awarded certificates of distinction. The Finale of the quiz competition was graced by the presence of the esteemed guests, among whom was the Chief Guest of the event, Prof. Dr. A.S.M. Maksud Kamal, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (academic) of the University of Dhaka. The Finale was

chaired by Prof. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Honorable Vice Chancellor, Green University of Bangladesh. Prof. Dr. Abdur Razzak,

**INTER-UNIVERSITY  
MUJIB BORSHO  
QUIZ COMPETITION 2020**

**CHAMPION**  
5,000 BDT  
**1ST RUNNER UP**  
3,000 BDT  
**2ND RUNNER UP**  
2,000 BDT

4 MORE PRIZES  
&  
TOP 10 WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

14 & 15 DECEMBER 2020  
AT  
6:00 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
12 DECEMBER 2020

ORGANIZED BY  

Pro-Vice Chancellor, Green University, also graced the event as a special guest. Among the other attendees were the Treasurer, the Registrar and some of the esteemed Heads of Departments of Green University of Bangladesh.

## 6th NAT-Test of 2020

Green University of Bangladesh hosts the prestigious Nihongo Aptitude Test (NAT test) as the only venue of Japanese Language test in Bangladesh. With precious guidance of honorable Vice-chancellor and Pro Vice-chancellor of GUB and the cordial support of the GUB family, Green University Language Center, have successfully conducted the 6th NAT-Test of 2020 where total 915 examinees have participated in the test on 13 December 2020. The test was operated under the supervision of Serajum Munira, Assistant Professor and Director, GULC.

## Pre University English Course Orientation Program

**ORIENTATION PROGRAM**  
**PRE-UNIVERSITY ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE**  
 31 DECEMBER 2020 at 3:00 PM

**Chief Guest**  
 Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir  
 Vice Chancellor  
 Green University of Bangladesh

**Special Guest**  
 Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque  
 Pro-Vice Chancellor  
 Green University of Bangladesh

**Session Chair**  
 Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir  
 Chairperson, Department of English  
 Green University of Bangladesh

ZOOM Link: <https://bdren.zoom.us/j/69187216345>  
 Session ID : 69187216345

ORGANIZED BY:  

Language Center, Green University of Bangladesh held a successful orientation for the “Pre-University English Language Certificate Course” on 31.12.2020 from 3.00 PM to 4.30 PM.

Around 500 students registered for the program and around 160 students from different colleges and polytechnic institutions have joined the orientation program using the online platform ‘ZOOM’. The orientation began at 3.00 PM and

**Ms. Serajum Munira, Director**, Green University Language Centre and Assistant Professor, Department of English graced the program with her welcome speech. Then introduction and highlighting activities of the department were displayed by the respected faculty members. After that the two prominent clubs associated with the Department of English, Green University English Club and Green University Language Club presidents encouraged the registered students about the importance of learning English in today’s world.

The program also had an open forum to share feelings about participating in the language course. Respected faculty Mr. Golam Mohiuddin Sir, briefed the course flow and necessary criteria to join the classes.

The program was dignified with the presence of our honourable **Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir**, and session chair, **Mr. K. M Wazed Kabir, Chairperson**, Department of English. All the faculty members from the department of English and Language Centre were present in the event. Also, current students from GUB were present at the program.

## Signing MoU with SKB University, West Bengal, India



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the **Green University Language Center**, Green University of Bangladesh, Bangladesh, and **Centre for Endangered Languages**, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, India, on 19 January 2021. The news of this one of a kind international collaboration

between two language-oriented centres has been covered in the reputed *আনন্দবাজার পত্রিকা* **of West Bengal.**

Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University is a public university located in Purulia, West Bengal, dedicated mostly to promote and protect indigenous culture and language. It has 19 academic departments, 31 affiliated colleges, and it mostly offers post-graduate and doctoral degrees in various disciplines.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed in the kind presence of Honorable Vice Chancellor, Honorable Pro-Vice Chancellor, Honorable Treasurer, Honorable Registrar, as well as the Honorable Deans, Chairpersons, and Different Section-Heads of Green University of Bangladesh (GUB). Ms Serajum

Munira, Director, Language Center, signed the MoU on behalf of GUB. As witnesses, Dr Parvez Ahmed, Honorable Chairperson, Department of Law, GUB, and Dr ASM Shihavuddin, Honorable Chairperson, EEE, GUB, signed the document. On behalf of SKB University, Honorable Vice Chancellor, Honorable Registrar, Director of Centre for Endangered Languages joined the session through Zoom platform and completed the signing ceremony from their end as well.



## **Enhancing Bengali Speaking Learners' English Pronunciation: Tips and Tricks**

Green University Language Center organized a webinar with Prof. Dr. Md. Maniruzzaman, Department of English, Jahangirnagar University titled "Enhancing Bengali Speaking Learners'

English Pronunciation: Tips and Tricks" on 05 January 2021. Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Green University of Bangladesh, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir, Chairperson, Department of English, and Ms. Serajum Munira, Director, Language Center, joined the session as Special Guests. Around 130 teachers and students from across the country participated in this session.

The poster is for a webinar titled "Webinar on: Enhancing Bengali Speaking Learners' English Pronunciation: Tips and Tricks". It features two speakers: Professor Dr. Md. Maniruzzaman, Keynote Speaker from the Department of English at Jahangirnagar University, and Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Chief Guest and Vice Chancellor of Green University of Bangladesh. The event is hosted on Zoom with Meeting ID: 66407117225, scheduled for 05 January 2021 at 03:00 PM. Logos for Green University and the Language Center are also present.

## **Sexual Violence on Campus: Reviewing Laws and National Policies” conducted by Advocate Salma Ali**

A central webinar on "Sexual Violence on Campus: Reviewing Laws and National Policies” was organized by the Women’s Empowerment Forum and Sexual Harassment Complaint Committee of Green University, in association with Green University Language Center (GULC), on Friday, 06 November 2020, at 03:00 PM. Advocate Salma Ali, President, Bangladesh National Woman Lawyers’ Association (BNWLA), attended the session as the keynote speaker. Ms. Sheepa Hafiza, Executive Director (former), Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) joined as the special guest of

the session. Ms. Neghaat Seema, Project Coordinator, BNWLA, also joined. The session had over 250 participants including a diverse range of students, teachers, and admin staff of the university.



The session started with a constructive and inspiring speech from the honorable chief guest, Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Vice-Chancellor, Green University, followed by a comprehensive presentation by Ms. Serajum Munira, Director, Language Center, & Convener, Sexual Harassment Complaint Committee, GUB, on the different initiatives and existing regulations at Green University to ensure a safe and welcoming educational environment in GUB. Later on, Advocate Salma Ali, President, BNWLA, reflected on the recent alarming cases of sexual violence in educational institutions and how far existing laws and policies can safeguard those in educational

institutions. After that, Ms. Sheepa Hafiza, Executive Director (former), Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), pointed out different challenges in this regard and emphasized the necessity to have an effective and functional sexual harassment complaint cell in every educational institution of the country not just to investigate but also to raise awareness and prevent such cases. Md Saiful Islam, Registrar, Green University shared final reflections on the zero-tolerance policy at the university and its determination to ensure safety to every member of the university. The moderator of the session, Ms. Tanzia Mobarak, Lecturer, Department of English, member, Sexual Harassment Complaint Committee, GUB, finally thanked everyone for joining, and the session came to an end.

## Webinar Completion: Celebrating International Education Week 2020 with EMK Center

As part of the celebration of International Education Week 2020, the Green University Language Center in collaboration with the Edward M. Kennedy (EMK) Center hosted a webinar on "Writing Stellar Admission Essays and SOP" at 07:00 PM (BST) on 16 November 2020. Representatives from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, SUNY New Paltz University, and Brigham Young University in the USA attended the session as Keynote speakers

and elaborated on how to write Personal Essays and Statement of Purpose (SOP) in English for admission to a US University. They also shared guidance on how to meet a university's expectations and other areas that students find challenging when seeking admission to a foreign university that requires communication in English.

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Director  
Graduate Enrollment Operations  
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07:00 PM to 08:30 PM (BST)

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Professor Dr Golam Ahmed Faruqi, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Green University, shared reflections on the webinar at the end. The session was also joined by Ms. Serajum Munira, Director, Language Center, and other faculty members and students. The active participation and well-thought questions by the students were greatly praised by the guests of the webinar.

# Excelling Academic Viva and Assignment: Tips and Techniques

Green University Club for Languages organized a workshop on Excelling Academic Viva and Assignment: Tips and Techniques on 08 January 2021 at 6:00 pm through online platform ZOOM. Club members and senior students took part in the speaking sessions. Club Moderator Ms. Tanzia Mobarak was special guest at the workshop.

Workshop on 

## Excelling Academic Viva and Assignment: Tips and Techniques

  
**Special Guest**  
**Tanzia Mobarak Monisha**  
Lecturer, Department of English  
Green University of Bangladesh

**Speakers**

- MD. Nazmul Hasan (Dean's Awardee, Textile)
- Niamul Islam Sabbir (Dean's Awardee, English)
- Sumaiya Hossain Binti (VC Awardee, GBS)
- Tanvir Rahman (VC Awardee, CSE)
- Tuhibur Rahman (Dean's Awardee, EEE)

Awardees, Green University of Bangladesh

Friday, 08 January 2021: 06:00 PM  
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