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**Attractions of Fall Issue**

Overview of Diverse Activities  
Accomplishments of Summer Semester

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## CLCS Overview

### **Message from the Director**

As with the previous editions, we are overjoyed to deliver the Fall 2024 CLCS Bulletin to you.

CLCS was founded on the essential tenet of generating individuals who are academically self-assured, morally upright, and socially responsible, and it still holds true today.

Center for Language and Cultural Studies participates in a range of academic and extracurricular events in addition to its regular academic activities. We work hard to develop both the student body and ourselves each semester.

The Fall Bulletin of 2024 highlights our usual and multifaceted summer semester events.

### **The Language Center: An Overview**



Center for Language and Cultural Studies (CLCS) started its journey aiming to develop communicative skills and compatibility in this multilingual and interdependent world. Initially, CLCS started by offering courses on IELTS, Spoken English, English for Academic Purposes 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, endangered South Asian languages etc. CLCS also offers a wide range of General Education Courses, and regularly organizes trainings, 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 of CLCS**

There is a range of regular activities that are performed by the faculty members of Center for Language and Cultural Studies, Green University of Bangladesh (CLCS).

### **1. Academic Courses by CLCS**

- 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 Lab (EAP-204)
- v. General Education (GED) Courses
  - Functional Bengali
  - Bangladesh Studies
  - History of the Emergence of Bangladesh
  - Ethics and Values

### **2. Certificate Courses and Trainings**

- i. Spoken English Course
- ii. IELTS Course
- iii. Communicative English Course
- iv. Japanese Language Course
- v. Korean Language Course
- vi. French Language Course
- vii. Chinese Language Course
- viii. Pre-university English language course

### **3. Non-Academic Activities**

- i. International Japanese Language Test/NAT-Test (Nihongo Aptitude Test) Conduction
- ii. Green University Club of Languages management (GUCL)

## **Academic Courses by CLCS**

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

Total four EAP courses are conducted by the Center throughout the Bi-Semester, namely, EAP-009, EAP-101, EAP-102/103, and EAP 204. 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 EEE department, which is termed as EAP-204.

## **2. General Education (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. 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. Functional Bengali Language and Literature**

This course focuses on Old, Middle, and Modern Bangla Language and Literatures.

This course is also responsible to bring major developments in applying modern approaches of Bengali languages for practical communication for writing and speaking practices.

### **iii. History of the Emergence of Bangladesh**

The course has been designed to facilitate the students in obtaining the inclusive idea about struggling past, diverse culture and heritage of Bangladesh in the light of long historical background. It will focus on the social, economic and political developments that have taken place before and since its independence in the 20th century. The students attending this course are expected to be made aware of the understanding of complex historical development by interconnecting the events which lead to the journey of Bangladesh

## **Certificate Courses by CLCS**

A comprehensive policy approved by the university is merged with the respective course proposal to recruit instructors for respective courses.

### **Certificate Courses by CLCS are:**

- i. Spoken English Course
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- v. Korean Language Course
- vi. French Language Course

- vii. Chinese Language Course
- viii. Pre-university English 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**

CLCS has introduced a certificate course on IELTS aiming to enable its participants to secure a high band score in real IELTS examination.

#### **(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, CLCS 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**

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

#### **(v). Korean Language Course**

CLCS has introduced a Korean 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 total 25 sessions (2 sessions per week), each of 2 hours duration.

#### **(vi). French Language Course**

CLCS has introduced a Korean 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 total 25 sessions (2 sessions per week), each of 2 hours duration.

#### **(vii) Chinese Language Course**

Green University of Bangladesh has MoUs with a number of Chinese universities. Every year a number of students go for scholarship in any of the said universities. Hence, CLCS 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 total 25 sessions (2 sessions per week), each of 2 hours duration.

### **(viii) Pre-University English Language Course**

In 2020, The Department of English and CLCS launched a free Pre- university English language certificate course for university admission hopefuls. Many fresh university students struggle with basic English despite their prior schooling. This basic course helps the students with some of the very basic ideas of the English language usage and also introduce many to the basics of listening and speaking skills which are often not sufficiently practiced during their pre-university schoolings. The students are offered a certificate upon the completion of the course after meeting the predetermined standards. This course is a great opportunity for us to offer our services to the community.

## **Non-Academic Activities**

### **International Japanese Language Test / NAT-Test (Nihongo Aptitude Test) Conduction**



CLCS conducts academic activities as well as some non-academic activities. International Japanese Language Test/NAT-Test is one of them. Conduction NAT-Test (Nihongo Aptitude Test) is a Japanese language testing system all over the world. Senmon Kyouiku Publishing Co-operates this test in 16 countries. In Bangladesh, Green University of Bangladesh is the only venue which has been serving since 2015. Center for Language and Cultural Studies (CLCS), formerly known as Green University Language Center, is solely leading the test ensuring the fair and sound examination with the cordial cooperation of all department and sections of the University.

## Events of Fall 2024

1. National Victory Day Quiz Competition-2024
2. Workshop titled “দিনব্যাপী বাংলা উচ্চারণ কর্মশালা”
3. Field Trip to Mohera Jamidar Bari, Tangail
4. Completion of Workshop on Women’s Leadership in Teaching
5. Organizing International Conference on Innovation and Transformation for Development ITD 2024 along with FASS, GUB

### Event Details

#### **National Victory Day Quiz Competition-2024**

Center for Language and Cultural Studies (CLCS) has successfully organized "National Victory Day Quiz Competition-2024" on December 18, 2024 (Wednesday) at 12:30 p.m. A total number of 193 students registered for this competition. 55 participants got the opportunity to sit for the quiz after the initial screening. Among these test takers, 10 got selected based on their performance for the rewards and the prize giving ceremony took place on 18 December in the Multipurpose Hall of GUB.

CLCS was privileged to have some esteemed personnels as our Guests of Honor.As the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Salimullah Khan, Distinguished writer, academic, teacher and public intellectual, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh graced the event. Chair of the Program was Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shorif Uddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor, Green University of Bangladesh  
Our Special Guest: Prof. Dr. Khawza Iftekhar Uddin Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Green University of Bangladesh. As the Guests of Honor: Prof. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Distinguished Professor, GBS, Green University of Bangladesh was present.



Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahidullah, Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Dr. Serajum Munira, Director, CLCS and CCD, Dr. Afzal Hossain Khan, Director, Students Affairs, Green University of Bangladesh were also graced the ceremony.



There were 50 questions (10 Questions on Bangla Language and Literature, 15 related to Bangladesh and International Affairs, 10 related to English Language and Literature, 15 Mathematics and Analytical Ability). The competition was tough and competitive. And finally, the winners were awarded Certificates and gifts

### **Workshop titled “দিনব্যাপী বাংলা উচ্চারণ কর্মশালা”**

The workshop titled “দিনব্যাপী বাংলা উচ্চারণ কর্মশালা”, organized by the Center for Language and Cultural Studies in collaboration with the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Green University and the Green University Club for Languages (GULC), was successfully held on February 12, 2025 (Wednesday) at Syndicate Room (A-409).

Renowned presenter and elocutionist বি এম হারিস facilitated the workshop, engaging participants in an insightful and interactive session on Bengali pronunciation. CLCS was privileged to have Dr. Serajum Munira, Director of the Center for Language and Cultural Studies, and Associate Professor Dr. Afzal Hossain Khan, who provided profound insights into the importance of accurate pronunciation and linguistic precision. It was an honor to have Prof. Dr. M. Shahidullah, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), and Chairperson, Department of English, Green

University of Bangladesh, as the Chief Guest, who graced the occasion with his presence and valuable remarks.

**দিনব্যাপী বাংলা  
উচ্চারণ কর্মশালা**

**মূল বক্তা:**   
**বি এম হারিস**  
লেখক, গবেষক, প্রশিক্ষক  
উসস্থাসক ও বাটিকশিল্পী

**প্রধান অতিথি:**   
**প্রফেসর ড. এম. শহীদুল্লাহ**  
চেয়ারপারসন, ইংরেজি বিভাগ  
ডিন, সামাজিক বিজ্ঞান অনুষদ  
গ্রীন ইউনিভার্সিটি অফ বাংলাদেশ

**স্থান:** ৯-৪০৯

**সময়:** সকাল ১০ ঘটিকা

**আয়োজনে:**  
সেন্টার ফর ল্যাঙ্গুয়েজ এন্ড কালচারাল স্টাডিজ  
গ্রীন ইউনিভার্সিটি অফ বাংলাদেশ

Faculty members and students actively participated in the workshop, making it an enriching and engaging experience. The session provided valuable knowledge on phonetics, articulation, and speech clarity, contributing significantly to the participants' understanding of proper Bengali pronunciation.

### **Field Trip to Mohera Jamidar Bari, Tangail**

On December 1, 2024, the Center for Language and Cultural Studies, Green University of Bangladesh organized an adventurous educational, and enjoyable field trip for the GED course students. This trip included the participation of 250 students from various departments, such as EEE, CSE, and Textile, alongside the involvement of faculty members and supporting staff, bringing the total number of participants to 268. Honorable Director of CLCS, Dr. Serajum Munira, along with other faculty members led the students to have a wonderful experience with a blend of learning in an open ambiance. The trip was arranged as part of the Bangladesh Studies and History of the Emergence of Bangladesh courses. In alignment with the course objectives, Mohera Zamindar Bari, located in Tangail—a historic site rich with legacies from the British colonial period and the Liberation War of 1971—was chosen as the destination.



**FIELD STUDY  
2024**

DESTINATION: Explore Mohera Jomidar Bari, Tangail

Sunday, 01  
DEC 2024

07.00 Am  
09.00 Pm

FROM GUB,  
CAMPUS

ORGANIZED BY:  Center for  
LANGUAGE AND  
CULTURAL STUDIES

The site offered a fascinating glimpse into history, featuring four distinct lodges, a museum, a small zoo, and an amusement park. Students and faculty members were captivated by the rich history of the Zamindar family, including their role during the British period and the tragic events involving the Pakistani military in 1971. The antique architecture, lush gardens, scenic lakes, and waterfalls spanned across the vast eight-acre area, leaving everyone awe-inspired.



The trip was not only an educational experience but also a memorable journey that strengthened bonds among participants and enriched their understanding of the country's heritage.

### **Completion of Workshop on Women's Leadership in Teaching**

The successful completion of the Workshop on Women's Leadership in Teaching: Empowering Learners and Transforming Classrooms held on Thursday, 09 January 2025, at the Syndicate Room (A-409), GUB. This impactful event was organized by the GUB Women's Empowerment Forum,

Center for Language and Cultural Studies (CLCS) and Center of Excellence Teaching and Learning with the support of Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of GUB.



The workshop was honored by the presence of Prof. Dr. Md. Golem Samdani Fakir, Distinguished Professor, Green Business School, as the Facilitator; Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shorif Uddin, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, GUB, as the Chief Guest; Prof. Dr. Md. Saiful Azad, Professor and Dean, FSE, Director of IQAC; Dr. Mohammed Nazmus Shakib, Associate Professor, Additional Director of IQAC, and Associate Chairperson of the EEE Department.

The workshop addressed the Welcome Note for Participants which was delivered by Prof. Dr. Md. Golem Samdani Fakir; Pre-Workshop Assessment; Presentation on Women's Leadership in Teaching and Learning; Team Exercise; Kahoot Games; Post-Workshop Assessment; Final Workshop Evaluation and Reflections; Socialization and Closing Speeches by the Vice-Chancellor; Certificate Distribution and followed by a group photo session.



Throughout the workshop, participants engaged in enriching discussions and activities that emphasized the transformative role of women in education and society. CLCS extend their heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed facilitator Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir Sir and all the attendees for their enthusiastic participation, which significantly contributed to the success of the workshop.

## **Organizing International Conference on Innovation and Transformation for Development ITD 2024 along with FASS, GUB**

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Center for Language and Cultural Studies (CLCS) successfully organized the 3rd International Conference on Innovation and Transformation for Development (ITD 2024) on 9–10 November at Green University of Bangladesh. The event was the result of collaborative efforts, commitment, and teamwork from faculty, students, and staff. The conference featured 7 keynote speeches, 8 plenary papers, 306 research papers presented across 62 sessions, and 3 panel discussions. Participants included academics, scholars, and student researchers from both local and international institutions. Delegates from the USA, Australia, Malaysia, Oman, Indonesia, Singapore, India, and other countries took part, with most sessions held onsite and some online. Senior faculty from various public and private universities chaired the sessions, and several industry professionals also attended. The conference theme was “The World at a Crossroads: Issues in Arts and Social Sciences,” with sub-themes covering various disciplines.



The main focus of the conference was to address critical contemporary issues such as war and trauma, corruption, conflict, sectarianism, lack of national and social commitment, and to inspire social progress. Professor Abul Kashem Fazlul Haq, Chairperson of Bangla Academy, attended as

the chief guest. Honorable Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Mohammad Sharif Uddin and Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Khawja Iftekhar Uddin Ahmed were special guests. Also present were Professor Dr. Md. Fayzur Rahman, Treasurer; Professor Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Distinguished Professor and Former VC of GUB; Professor Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque, Chairman of CSE, University of Dhaka and Former Pro-VC of GUB; Captain (Navy) S M Salahuddin, Registrar; Mr. Md. Saiful Islam, Joint Registrar; Deans and Chairpersons of all faculties and departments.



Notable keynote speakers included Professor Dr. Fakrul Alam (DU), Professor Dr. Kamarul Kabilan Abdullah (Universiti Sains Malaysia), Professor Dr. Muhit Ul Alam (Former VC, Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University), Professor Dr. Patrick Dougherty (Akita International University), Dr. Obaidul Hamid, Professor A. H. M. Zehadul Karim (Former VC, Comilla University), Professor Dr. Shafiqur Rahman (South Carolina State University), Professor Dr. Biplab Loha Choudhury (Visva-Bharati Santiniketan), and Professor Dr. Kripa Shankar Chaubey (Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya).



Plenary speakers included Professor Dr. Arifa Rahaman, Professor Dr. Rubina Khan (DU), Professor Dr. M. Maniruzzaman and Professor Masroor Shahid Hossain (Jahangirnagar University), Professor A. M. M. Hamidur Rahman (Daffodil International University), Professor Dr. Maswood Akhter and Dr. Alomgir Hossain (Rajshahi University), and Dr. Md Mijanur Rahman (California State University).

Panelists included Professor Dr. Salma Akter and Professor Dr. Khairul Chowdhury (DU), Professor Dr. Mohammad Shahid Ullah (Chittagong University), Professor Dr. Abul Hossain (GUB), Professor Dr. Md. Siddiquir Rahman (JU), Professor Dr. Shaila Sultana (Brac University), Professor Dr. Abu Zafar (Jagannath University), Professor Dr. Ahmed Bashir (DU), Dr. Nazia Manzoor (NSU), Dr. M. Khurshed Alam (Chairman, BISR), Iftekhar Mahmud (Special Correspondent, Prothom Alo), Dr. Saiful Hoque, Mr. Mohiuddin Sarker, Mr. Zahid Newaj Khan, and Mr. SM Imran Hossain.



