**ACM-ICPC 2013 Asia Regional Dhaka Site Event**  
**North South University**  
**29-30 November 2013**

**Report**

**Introduction**  
North South University was proud to be the host of the ACM-ICPC 2013 Asia Regional Dhaka Site Event for the 11th time at its campus this year. The Final Round of the Event was held on Friday 6 December 2013 at the new campus of North South University at Bashundhara with 107 teams from 52 universities participated on site. The practice session was held on Friday 29 November 2013.

**Holding online contest and the final team selection**  
The Executive Committee of the ACM-ICPC Asia Regional Dhaka Site earlier decided to hold the online Preliminary Round Contest on Saturday 16 November 2013. A total of 568 teams from 58 universities participated in the online contest. The contest was held smoothly and then the teams were selected based on three major criteria. First, the performances of the institution in the previous two ACM-ICPC contests held in 2011 and 2012, second, the performances in the online Preliminary Round contest, and finally the number of teams participated in the online contest from each institution. We set a limit of 6 teams from any particular institution. Accordingly 110 teams was selected from the preliminary round contest. These teams were moved to the onsite contest roster of the ACM-ICPC Baylor site and were asked to pay the registration fees. The deadline was set for 24 November and later extended by one day. One team was absent in the onsite Final Round contest. Also a couple of teams who participated were represented by only two students instead of three.

**Keynote Speaker on the Opening Ceremony**  
This year we were lucky to have among us a distinguished Bangladeshi Computer Scientist Mr. Nafees Bin Zafar, Principal Engineer at the California based DreamWorks Animations. He was a recipient of Academy Award (popularly known as Oscar Award.) He talked on the topic “Brute Force and the 22nd Century”.

The opening ceremony was held at 5:30pm on Friday 29 November 2013 in the Plaza of the new campus of North South University. The Chief Guest was Dr. A.N.M. Meshquat Uddin, Vice Chancellor in-charge of North South University and Chair of the Steering Committee of the ACM-ICPC 2013 Dhaka Site. Dr. Abul L. Haque, Director of ACM-ICPC 2013 Dhaka Site welcomed everybody to the Opening Ceremony and introduced all the participating teams to the guests. Mr. Nafees Bin Zafar then presented his Keynote speech which everybody liked.

The Practice Session began at 7:00 pm and continued till 8:00 pm. At about 9:15 pm we heard about the announcement by a political party calling for strike from the morning of Saturday 30th November 2013, the day for our Final Round. We immediately shifted the onsite contest day to Friday 6 December 2013 and notified to all the contestants and the coaches through emails and also by SMS. This decision was made considering the safety of all those related to the contest. Everybody understood the situation and appreciated our decision although the teams from outside Dhaka were affected by this change of date.
Final Round on Friday 6 December 2013

The Final Round of the contest started at 8:50 am, about fifty minutes behind schedule. The system ran smoothly. However, the PC of one team malfunctioned and the team lost about 15 minutes due to replacement of the PC. The Judging Director had given additional time to compensate the time loss. The entire Systems team headed by Mr. Faisal Mamun and assisted by Mr. Shaikh Mushtaq, Mr. Azimul Hoque and Mr. Animesh Kumar Sarkar, deserve credits for the overall system performances.

We arranged a seminar on the topic “Programming Contest: From the Perspective of Software Industries in Bangladesh” for the coaches. The Session was presided over by Dr. Miftahur Rahman, Dean, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, North South University, which started at around 10:00 am. A few representatives of different companies participated.

We provided refreshments to the contestants, coaches, volunteers, members of the Steering Committee, and others from morning until the end of the contest. All contestants, coaches, Judges and Steering Committee members were given lunches which were ordered from the NSU Cafeteria.

The Celebration started at 3:30 pm with the performances of the popular band named “Shunno”. The group enthralled the audiences. Mr. Naveed Mahmud, the celebrated comedian of Bangladesh also made the audiences with plenty of laughter.

The Award Ceremony

The Award Ceremony was held at the Plaza of the Bashundhara campus of North South University 6:00 PM with Mr. Ragib Ali, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, North South University Foundation as the Chief Guest. Dr. Miftahur Rahman, Dean, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, North South University, was the Guest of Honor. Mr. Shahriar Manzoor, Judging Director, announced the names of the winning teams. A team named ‘SUST_Attoprottoyee’ from Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) became the Champion by solving 7 problems out of 11. The team “BUET [Max+7]” of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) became the first runner-up by solving 7 problems. The team “JU_Assasins” of Jahangirnagar University (JU) became the second runner up by solving 6 problems. It was interesting to note that 91 teams solved at least one problem. For a full result please click http://icpc.baylor.edu/regionals/finder/dhaka-2013/standings

Like previous year we also offered more prizes in the contest. In addition to the regular prizes to the top 26 teams (by university ranking this year), we awarded cash prizes to the first correct solution to each of the seven problems. That means 11 more prizes were at stake. In addition, we also had given cash prizes to the champions from the 7 Divisions of Bangladesh. The ceremony ended at about 7:30 pm.

The ACM-ICPC Dhaka Site 2013 event was concluded with the contest Dinner for all the team members, Steering Committee members, distinguished guests and volunteers.