



Asia Regional Dhaka Site Event

North South University

7-8 November 2008

Report

Introduction

The Final Round of the ACM-ICPC 2008 Asia Regional Dhaka Site Event was held on Saturday 8 November 2008 at North South University with 83 teams participating including one team from China. The practice session was held on Friday 7 November 2008.

Preparation and Registration

The Executive Committee of the ACM-ICPC Asia Regional Dhaka Site earlier decided not to hold the Preliminary Round Contest as we were not expecting large turnout mainly due to the low student enrolment in the Computer Science related programs in various universities in Bangladesh. The original registration deadline was on 30 October 2008 which was extended to 2 November 2008. We accepted 83 teams from 32 universities to participate in the Final Round of the contest.

Final Round on 7-8 November 2008

The **Opening Ceremony** was held at 4:00 PM on Friday 7 November 2008 in Room 300 STR at North South University campus. The Chief Guest was Dr. A.M.M. Safiullah, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. The ceremony was presided over by Vice Chancellor of North South University Dr. Hafiz G.A. Siddiqi while Dr. SAM Khairul Bashar, Pro Vice Chancellor of North South University and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the ACM-ICPC 2008 Dhaka Site was the Special Guest. Dr. Farruk Ahmed, Professor in the CSE Dept. and the Chair of the Systems sub-committee briefed to the contestants about the system environment. Dr. Abul L. Haque, Director of ACM-ICPC 2008 Dhaka Site welcomed everybody to the Opening Ceremony and introduced all the participating teams to the guests.

The **Practice Session** began at 5:00 PM and continued till 6:30 PM. All the registered teams attended the practice session which went very well.

The **Final Round** of the contest started at 9:08 AM on Saturday 8 November 2008 and ended at 2:08 PM. All the 83 teams were present. The system ran smoothly except that the PC square software hanged up for a few second and consequently the contestants were instructed to login to the system again. The server and the network, where we used the CISCO switches, performed perfectly. The entire Systems team headed by Dr. Farruk Ahmed and assisted by Mr. Azimul Hoque, Mr. Saz Amin, and Mr. Animesh Kumar Sarkar, deserve credits for the overall system performances.

We provided refreshments to the contestants, coaches, members of the Steering Committee, and other members of the NSU Community from morning until the end of the contest. The contestants and the coaches were given lunches at the Western Grill Restaurant whereas the Volunteers went to Boomers Café for their lunches.

The **Award Ceremony** was held at Saffron Restaurant in Gulshan 2 at 7:00 PM with Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Governor, Bangladesh Bank, as the Chief Guest, Mr. M. A. Awal, Chairman, Board of Governors, North South University Foundation was the Special Guest, while Dr. Hafiz G.A. Siddiqi, Vice Chancellor of North South University presided over the ceremony. The Chief Judge Dr. M. Zafar Iqbal announced the names of the winning teams. A team named 'Hyper Hexagon' from Fudan University of China became the champion by solving 9 problems out of 10. A team named 'Falcon' from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) became the 1st runner up by solving 6 problems. Another team from BUET named 'Sniper' became the second runner up by solving 5 problems. The prizes were distributed to the top 17 teams (by university ranking).

Award Ceremony was followed by Dinner for all the team members, Steering Committee members and volunteers. As part of the celebration a concert by the leading singers Ms. Anila Chowdhury and Mr. Suman was arranged and this continued till the end of the dinner and beyond. Everything ended by 11:00 PM.