ACM-ICPC 2011 Asia Regional Dhaka Site Event
North South University
18-19 November 2011

Report

Introduction
North South University was proud to be the host of the ACM-ICPC 2011 Asia Regional Dhaka Site Event for the 10\textsuperscript{th} time at its campus this year. The Final Round of the Event was held on Saturday 19 November 2011 at the new campus of North South University at Bashundhara with 115 teams from 47 universities participated on site. The practice session was held on Friday 18 November 2011.

Preparation and Registration
The Executive Committee of the ACM-ICPC Asia Regional Dhaka Site earlier decided not to hold any 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 registration deadline was 14 November 2011 which was a kind of late. This was done due to the week-long holiday for the period of 4\textsuperscript{th} November to 12\textsuperscript{th} November 2011. We accepted all 115 teams to participate in the Final Round of the contest.

Distinguished Guests to our Contest
This year we were extremely happy to find among ourselves the Asia Contests Director, Dr. C.J. Hwang, the Kanpur Site Director, Dr. Phalguni Gupta and Dr. Bhooshan P Kelkar, Country Manager, IBM India University Relations. Dr. Hwang arrived on 19\textsuperscript{th} November morning to observe the venue and the contest. Dr. Phalguni Gupta came a day early on 18\textsuperscript{th} November evening and his role was to supervise the activities of the contest judging team as a Foreign Judge. Dr. Kelkar arrived on 18\textsuperscript{th} November morning to deliver a Keynote speech on the topic titled \textit{Innovation: Patent, Publish or Perish.}

Final Round on 18-19 November 2011
The Opening Ceremony was held at 4:00 PM on Friday 18 November 2011 in the Plaza of the new campus of North South University. The Chief Guest was Dr. C.J. Hwang, Asia Contests Director. The ceremony was presided over by Vice Chancellor of North South University Dr. Hafiz G.A. Siddiqi. Mr. Md. Shajahan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, North South University Foundation was the Special Guest and Dr. SAM Khaireul Bashar, Pro Vice Chancellor of North South University and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the ACM-ICPC 2011 Dhaka Site was the Guest of Honor. Dr. Abul L. Haque, Director of ACM-ICPC 2011 Dhaka Site welcomed everybody to the Opening Ceremony and introduced all the participating teams to the guests. Dr. Kelkar presented his Keynote speech which everybody liked. The Chief Guest Dr. C.J. Hwang announced the formation of the ACM-ICPC Contests Council for Bangladesh with Dr. Abul L. Haque as its Chief Coordinator.

The Practice Session began at 5:45 PM and continued till 7:00 PM. Most of the registered teams attended the practice session which went very well.

The Final Round of the contest started at 10:10 AM on Saturday 19 November 2011 and ended at 3:15 PM. All the 115 teams were present. The system ran smoothly except that the server hanged for a few minutes and the contest time was extended by 5 minutes. The entire Systems team headed by Mr. Shaikh Mushtaque and assisted by Mr. Azimul Hoque and Mr. Animesh Kumar Sarkar, deserve credits for the overall system performances.

We provided refreshments to the contestants, coaches, volunteers, 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 which was ordered from the NSU Cafeteria.

The Award Ceremony was held at the Plaza of the Bashundhara campus of North South University 6:00 PM with Architect Yeafesh Osman, Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Science, Information and Communication Technology, Government of the People\textapos;s Republic of Bangladesh, as the Chief Guest. Mr. Md. Shajahan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, North South University Foundation was the Special Guest. Asia Contests Director Dr. C.J Hwang was the Guest of Honor. Dr. Hafiz G.A. Siddiqi, Vice Chancellor of North South University presided over the ceremony. The Chief Judge Dr. M. Zafar Iqbal could not be present at the ceremony. Dr. M. Kaykobad, Former Director of ACM-ICPC Dhaka Site and a Professor and the Head of the CSE Department of BUET announced the names of the winning teams. A team named \textit{oO} from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) became the champion by solving 5 problems out of 10. A team named \textit{PALINDROME} of Shahjalal University of
Science and Technology (SUST) became the 1st runner up by solving the same 5 problems. Another team from BUET named Ja Issa Tai became the second runner up by solving 5 problems. It was interesting to note that 113 teams solved at least one problem. For a full result please click http://cm.baylor.edu/public/worldMap/publicStandings.icpc?contestId=802&cid=35745

Like last year we also offered more prizes in the contest. In addition to the regular prizes to the top 21 teams (by university ranking this year), we awarded cash prizes to the first correct solution to each problem. That means 10 more prizes were at stake. In addition, we also had given cash prizes to the champions from the 7 Divisions of Bangladesh.

Award Ceremony was preceded by celebration. All participants enjoyed the cultural show by the NSU Shangskritik Shanghathan (a cultural club) featuring various local dance and music. The celebration ended by a half an hour show of a renowned comedian of Bangladesh. The ACM-ICPC Dhaka Site 2011 event was concluded with the contest Dinner for all the team members, Steering Committee members, distinguished guests and volunteers.