

Newsletter

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the management of SPEED, I convey to you all season's greetings.

SPEED continues to grow and go from strength to strength, taking on many new clients and expanding its reach. In the past three months, we have been delighted to successfully launch several English courses, conduct many workshops for teachers and corporate professionals and conduct an exciting Tech Fair for youth. And, we look forward to a productive and fruitful 2014!

SPEED has been busy in the past few months and we'd like to share with you our news and latest updates, which you can read below. Thank you for your support of SPEED's programs and we look forward to continuing our partnerships in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Madiha Murshed
Executive Director



Corporate Professional Development

SPEED launched a new module on Interview Skills for final year university students and was happy to start the program with a renowned University like East West University (EWU). The concern of the Career Counseling department of EWU for their students gave SPEED the opportunity to launch this module. We feel that through this program we were able to contribute meaningfully to the students who are currently job-seekers.



Another very engaging and interesting workshop on Presentation Skills took place at East West University. The turn out of students was even bigger than the last workshop, due to the positive feedback we received from the earlier program. We felt the university is already doing a good job in making their students confident. Our job was to accustom them with some modern techniques to create a meaningful impact during presentations.



SPEED is regularly working with TUV SUD BD Limited as a learning partner. And this quarter we offered two workshops - one on how to work in teams and one on interviewing skills. SPEED thanks TUV SUD for giving us the opportunity to work as learning partners and contribute to the RMG sector in Bangladesh.



SPEED has also begun to offer important and engaging seminars on gender equality. A daylong seminar, "Performance Reporting on Gender Equality Issues," was conducted with Mutual Trust Bank (MTB) in October 2013 with more than 70 employees. The encouraging factor for SPEED was that the participants were very open about the challenges they face on a daily basis. The discussion highlighted the need for professionalism and the achievements of female employees who have overcome numerous challenges to succeed as professionals.

Other ongoing workshops included two on customer service skills for some employees of Scholastica school, which was an opportunity to share



knowledge and hone skills for improved service and to maintain the brand image of this prestigious institution.

Find interesting tips on "Motivation-a key factor in productivity" [here.](#)

English Language Program

This quarter has been an amazing one for the ELT team!

Currently four batches of Speaking and Pronunciation courses are going on: we have started yet another batch with the British High Commission. The program is continuing and the feedback of the learners in the program is inspiring. We started working with Shaheed Anwar Girls' School and College at their beautiful campus. Participants of this course already verbally appreciated the program module just a few days after starting the course and they mentioned that they already can see the improvement in their communication. They have attended the session despite schools being closed during the strikes and blockades. A similar course is going on with Scholastica. The teachers' motivation and enthusiasm is making the program an effective one. Finally, we launched a Business Speaking and Pronunciation course with individual learners also. The course has just started and going on during weekends.

We are sorry that due to some unavoidable situations we are currently not offering any open workshops but we hope to start again from January 2014 and everyone whose email addresses are with us will get the notifications.



Find interesting tips on "Articles and Their Uses " [here.](#)

Schools Program

Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers and Trainers

SPEED launched two batches of Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers and Trainers (CIDTT) in September and October 2013 in Uttara and SPEED Training Centre, Dhanmondi. The Diploma is designed for in-service teachers who are seeking to upgrade their skills, improve their career growth and become leaders in their schools. With over 400 teachers who have taken our courses, SPEED provides excellent tuition and guidance in order to achieve good results on the Diploma. This Diploma is suitable for all teachers and trainers seeking to enhance and certify their teaching or training skills. The candidates in these batches are from Scholastica, DPS STS School, South Point School and Mastermind.

Open Workshop with External Schools

SPEED conducted a daylong workshop in September 2013 which focused on how to bring innovation in teaching with teachers and management members of Int. Turkish Hope School, B.I.T, Development Communication





Network, Darland International School, Ghorashal Pilot High School and Danga High School. This workshop focused on how to improve the classroom educational system to bring creativity in teaching and ensure maximum learners' involvement in the learning process.



SPEED also conducted a half-day workshop on the duties and responsibilities of a teacher with the teachers and management personnel. Teachers act as facilitators for incorporating and encouraging intellectual and social development in the formative years of a student's life. This workshop reviewed the responsibilities of teachers and helped them get a clear understanding of how to carry out these responsibilities everyday. The 25 participants attended from various schools including Beaconhouse School System, International Turkish Hope School, Manarat Dhaka International College, Lakehead Grammar School, Voyager School and others.



PRE-SERVICE CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING

The 8th batch of the Pre-Service Certificate in Teaching Skills was launched in September. Our ambitious participants have all come with the ambition to step out of their homes and create an identity of their own in the challenging and rewarding educational world.



JAAGO FOUNDATION

We also offered an 8-day customized short course with JAAGO Foundation in September. JAAGO is a youth-organization in Bangladesh which operates with the help of young volunteers to improve the lives of people living below the poverty line. There were 33 participants from JAAGO out of which 29 were teachers and others were co-coordinators.

Find interesting tips on "Positive Classroom Environment" [here](#).



Youth Development Program

In October 2013, SPEED Youth launched a 'Tech Fair' for students of ages 8-16 years, providing students with a platform to delve more deeply into scientific and technological methods and come up with innovative solutions to problems they see around them.



Around 65 students, a total of 32 pairs from the schools DGIS-ICA, The City School, Beaconhouse School system, South Point, Darland International and Scholastica took part in this intense science competition. The Heads of Section of the participating schools were present at the program as Judges, where they used detailed rubrics to judge the projects of the students.



The projects were required to solve a problem we see around us and at the same time also had to be practical in their usage. Students were able to fulfill these requirements very well, with truly amazing projects such as generating battery electricity from lemons, preparing a water alarm to save water from being wasted, creating a purification method in which polluted smoke would be purified as it is release into the air from factories, generating light from the tires of a running cycle and lots more such interesting projects.



The winning project of the junior group, prepared by a pair from DGIS-ICA (previously known as Dawn Grammar School) was creating a special house of 3 rooms which showed different ways a house can be adjusted to make the most of the light and atmosphere in the house. The winning project of the senior group, prepared by a pair from Scholastica, was making a triple electricity generator system producing hydro-power, where rain or sun or a black special surface, any of the three can help in generating electricity in a



...most efficient way.

The Techfair was graced by the presence of Chief Guest, Dr. Mubarak Ahmed Khan, Chief Scientific Officer and Director of Institute of Radiation and Polymer Technology, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC). With winning smiles on their faces, the winning pair Dharani A. Wahid and Zafran Mon from DGIS-ICA & Tausif Hossain and Mohammad Raziv Hasan from Scholastica received the trophy from the Chief Guest.



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