

club review

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY DEBATING CLUB

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The objective of the East West University Debating Club (EWUDC) is to promote oratory skill and discipline and build a fraternity among debaters. It also aims spreading the culture of seeking knowledge and encouraging positive discourses through debating on campus, in-country and worldwide. EWUDC is one of the most happening clubs of EWU which regularly organises and participates in national level debate competition and bagged lots of awards.

The debating team participated in the 3rd Asian Universities Debating Championship 2007 held in the historical and beautiful city of Bandung, Indonesia. Three debaters along with the club moderator joined the programme. EWUDC were the only team from the entire south-east Asian region. In total, 60 teams mainly from Far-east Asian countries participated in this gala event. The host institution was Institute of Technology Bandung (ITB), a premier institute of engineering in Indonesia established in 1920. EWU Debate teams also participated in several inter-universities debating championships and became runners up and secured the fourth position in the National Debating Championship 2007 organised by Uttara University. EWUDC started its mission for Malaysia on May 12, 2008 to take part in Asian Universities Debating Championship (AUDC). AUDC is considered the world's second largest debating tournament and

largest non-sporting student event in Asia. They brought the best AUDC results for Bangladesh till date. Sohab Sayeed of the EWU Team was crowned the Grand Runner up of AUDC Public Speaking Championship. He was also judged the Best Speaker among all the English as Foreign Language-EFL Debaters. Sinthia Farhad Barsha from EWU Team was ranked the best Bangladeshi adjudicator and earned 4 out of 5 points for the first time in the adjudication test of AUDC from Bangladesh. In 2011, East West University Debating Club organised a national level debate contest titled 'Debate Spree' in which 85 teams from different institutions of the country

participated. The contestants were included in this tournament in three categories: inter-university Bangla-debate, inter-club English debate and inter-college Bangla debate. They also organised 6th National Debate Competition titled "EWU Debate Spree 2012" which was held on 22nd September. Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith was present as the chief guest on this occasion while Professor Ahmed Sha'fee, Vice Chancellor of East West University chaired the whole session. A total of 88 teams took part in this competition. EWU became Champion in DIUDC Anti Drug Special Inter Varsity Debate Championship 2011. ■

