

## **Regional Contest Director's Report on ACM ICPC Asia Region Dhaka Site Contest 2003**

This year Dhaka Site contest was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November as per schedule for five hours. Over 163 teams registered online. Many teams could not make complete online registration due to technical problems. Several universities from Korea, China, India and other countries made online registration. Two teams- one from Fudan University and the other from Jaypee IIT from India participated in the contest. Local universities were given slots based upon their performance in National Computer Programming Contest(75 teams) held at SouthEast University, AIPC held at American International University of Bangladesh(70), and at Daffodil International University(50), ensuring participation of all universities. A total of 77 teams were accepted for the contest. These teams were challenged by ten problems, set by well-recognized problem setters from all over the world. 27 teams could be successful in solving problems from **SIXTEEN** different universities. This year we did not face any trouble with either the software or hardware systems. Participating contestants were full of praise of the contest environment. IBM ACM balloons provided by Debbie Kilbride significantly raised the attraction. Local newspapers profusely wrote about the contest and senior teachers of different universities enjoyed the battle of the brains. Prize Distribution Ceremony was organized at the university auditorium with the participation of about a thousand interested people followed by IFTAR and dinner.

One team solved 6 problems, two teams solved 4 problems each, 5 teams solved 3 problems each, 7 teams solved 2 problems each and the remaining 12 successful teams solved one problem each. Number of teams that solved problem A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J are respectively 21, 2, 14, 0, 1, 14, 0, 1, 1 and 1.

The brilliant team **Powderysnow of Fudan University** became champion solving **SIX** problems. **BUET Phoenix** became runner-up solving 4 problems. Of the top 10 prize-winning teams **SEVEN** including one all-female team came from BUET. BUET's female team became the best female team by solving **TWO** problems, and which happens to be the only successful female team. BUET's qualification to world finals every year, since it was introduced to the event, has always been an inspiring event for students of all Bangladeshi universities. In 6 attempts twice BUET qualified from the host site and of the remaining four times twice from Indian site. So far BUET did not have to look for wild cards. I have a strong feeling that BUET's award of a wild card will go a long way to strengthen ACM ICPC activities in Bangladesh.