

Seminar on “**Contemporary Development of Ship Building Industries in Bangladesh**”

A seminar on “**Contemporary Development of Ship Building Industries in Bangladesh**” and Job Fair organized by the Dept. of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (NAME), BUET was held at the Seminar Room, 1st Floor of BUET Auditorium on 10th December 2011 (Saturday) at 2:30 pm. Professor Dr. M. Habibur Rahman, Honorable Pro Vice Chancellor of BUET was present in the occasion as the Chief Guest and Professor Dr. Aminul Haque, Director of Students’ Welfare was present as a the Special Guest.

Prof. Dr. M. Habibur Rahman, Honourable Pro Vice Chancellor, BUET spoke on the importance of producing skilled manpower in order to develop this sector. He also emphasized the need for collaboration between the industry and academic institution. Professor Dr. Aminul Haque mentioned ‘this occasion is in fact rare because due to the high demand of naval architect in ship building industries, the students of the Dept. of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering are being recruited even before their graduation’. In the seminar, there were four presentations from three leading local shipyards and one design firm. Mr. Enamul Kabir Khan, Chairman, Khan Brothers Shipbuilding Ltd., Mr. M. Shakhawat Hossain, Managing Director, Western Marine Shipyard Ltd. and Dr. Abdullahel Bari, Chairman, Ananda Shipyard and Slipways Ltd. presented their recent development and future trend of this sector while Mr. Shamsul Alam, CEO, Marine House presented their recent achievement as a design firm. Mr. Enamul Kabir Khan explained the importance of Naval Architects for the shipbuilding sector while Mr. M. Shakhawat Hossain stressed continuity of service as a Naval Architect at least 5 years in any shipyard to become a professional naval architect. Dr. Abdullahel Bari added that a naval architect must be a complete engineer as he/she has to learn and have knowledge in Mechanical Engg., Electrical Engg. Metallurgical Engg. etc. along with naval architecture. He also said ‘a shipbuilding industry is not an industry only rather it is also a training centre where a lot of semi-skilled worker, technicians and engineers get the opportunity to be trained’. The seminar was chaired by Dr. Md. Mashud Karim, Head of the Department. Prof. Dr. Md. Sadiquul Baree, Dean of Mechanical Engineering delivered welcome address.

At the end of the seminar, job fair was opened for the graduating students where nine organizations including shipbuilding industries and ship design firms participated in the fair.