

Bangladesh Open Day (Agents exhibition) report for 23 May 2015.

UK Education Open day (Agents' exhibition) was organised in The Peninsula Chittagong on 23 May 2015 with participation from 11 local representatives. The event was open for all and visitors were required to register for the event.

The participating exhibitors were:

BSB Global Network Centre for Foreign Studies Cubic Education Education Excellence Falcon Education & Consultancy Services <u>H&S Education Services</u> <u>MIM Study Abroad</u> <u>N & N International Education Consultancy Ltd</u> <u>Overseas Study Counseling Ltd.</u> <u>Pinnacle Counselling Centre</u> <u>RSL Education Counselling</u>

During the event local representatives offered counselling services to students who are interested in studying and living in the UK.

A total of 424 visitors registered for the event. Of them 83% were male and 17% were female.

268 visitors attended the event.

We encouraged visitors to pre-register for the event. We also kept provisions for spot registration at the venue .

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During the event, we promoted GREAT, IELTS, EducationUK and the Student Insight Survey. The IELTS team was present during the event to respond to queries on the IELTS exams.

The Open Day was marketed through the following platforms:

- British Council Bangladesh's website and British Council Bangladesh Facebook page
- Advertisements in the most popular national daily Prothom Alo
- One big banner at the event venue
- SMS shots to students who attended the last exhibition
- SMS shots to the most recent databases of O-level, A-level and IELTS candidates.





Local representatives promoted the event through their own promotional channels including sending information to their student database through email and SMS. They also shared the British Council website pages and Facebook posts on their own digital and social media platforms.

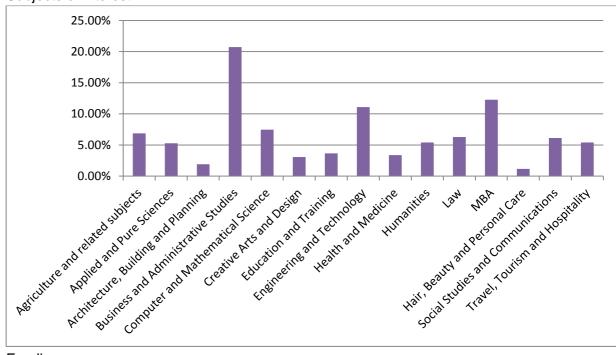
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Statistics obtained from the visitor registration system (VRS)

- 83% of the registered visitors were male and 17% were female
- 387 students, 30 professionals, 3 parents, 1 academic and 3 others registered for the event
- Levels of study,
 - 49% Postgraduate
 - 22% Undergraduate
 - 4.5% Vocational and technical
 - 24.5% others
- Interested in studying a UK Course,
 - 69.14% in the UK
 - 12.64% in the home country
 - 13.02% in another country (not in the UK or not in the home country)
 - 5.2% online/distance learning
- Subjects of interest



- Funding source
 - 37.8% Scholarships
 - 62.2% through Self or Family or Relatives or Friends or Company/Organisation
- Countries considered for Study
 - 21.7% UK
 - 4.7% Australia
 - 3.5% Canada
 - 1.2% USA
 - 68.9% showed interest for other countries such as Germany, France, China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Taiwan etc.

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- Highest education (Current study)
 - 19.4% Graduate
 - 9.9% High school
 - 9.9% Masters
 - 57.4% Undergraduate
 - 3.4% Other

Visitors' feedback:

- "It is an excellent event"
- "British Council should organise this kind of event more frequently"



Pre and post event publications

Post event news has been published in	
Banglanews24.com	



Pre event article published in local newspaper 'Suprobhat' on 20-05-2015

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Event	Date	City
UK Education Open day : Dhaka	Sat, 13 June 2015	Dhaka
UK Education Open day : Sylhet	Sat, 20 June 2015	Sylhet
UK Education Open day : Dhaka	Sat, 4 July 2015	Dhaka
UK Education Open day : Dhaka	Sat, 1 August 2015	Dhaka

We have four more Open Days coming up in the next few months.





You may ask your local agents to participate in the upcoming events to promote your institution's portfolio to the students of Dhaka and Sylhet.

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