

CADETS DAY OUT _ Celebrated in Sydney



A grand re-union of all ex-cadets living in Australia were held at **Sydney Olympic Park** on Sunday with lots of fun and **RETROSPECTIVE** of the ever bright memories of days and nights spent at cadet Colleges. This was the first time when ex-cadets from all **10 Cadet Colleges** were re-united and celebrated the day to **Re-bond, Reflect and Rejuvenate** the golden days of Cadet College.

On a sunny spring morning, the long awaited re-union started at 10:30 AM when about **100 ex-cadets** with their families and friends met each other for the first time and many after a long break. The ex-cadets are a big family now as some passed out (HSC) in 1970 to the fresh ones who passed out only in year 2000. It was a dream come true for the organisers after many months of preparation and hard work.

The program begins with **Rafiq Hasan** of MCC welcoming all on behalf of the organisers and gave a brief history and the good intention of organising the **Cadets Day Out** in Sydney. The senior most ex-cadet present at the moment **Dr Masudul Haque** of **RCC** officially open the proceedings of the **Cadets Day Out**. **Dr Masud** in his opening speech thanked all the participants and organisers particularly **Nawshad of MCC** for taking the initiative to organise this historic event. The ex-cadets revisited the corridors of fond memories of one's own Cadet College and found many enjoyable moments to share with fellow ex-cadets.

There were lots of activities for the kids and family members for all day and everybody enjoyed it very much as lots of prizes were distributed. **Muna** (wife of ex-cadet **Shahed of SCC**) conducted the whole cultural and fun part very professionally and **Mrs Chowdhury** (wife of **Saiful of FCC**) organised all the games/fun for kids and adults.

Among the many faces, there were 2 ex-cadets from the **Girls cadet College** in Bangladesh (**MGCC**), **Shamima and Nargis**. Their active participation made the whole environment very enjoyable and lively. They were introduced to other ex-cadets from 9 Cadet Colleges.

An informal cultural and retrospection program was held after lunch, participated by ex-cadets from various Cadet Colleges. **Ismail Hossain** from **RCC** entertain all with the flute and **Arif Ahmed** and **Khurshid Reza** from **FCC** entertain all with some famous songs that we used to sing back in our cadet life. A **trivia Quiz** show was conducted by **Fida of JCC** and **Muna**, and

all the ex-cadets enjoyed this part very much with lots of fun and humour. Ex-captain of Bdes Cricket team **Aminul Islam Bulbul** (spouse of **Shamima of MGCC**) gave a speech and few tips about cricket to all.

A **Directory** cum souvenir was published on this occasion, which contain all the information about the ex-cadets living in Australia. Few articles written by the ex-cadets which made all of us very nostalgic of our **Alma Mater** _Cadet College life once again. Overall design and format of the Directory was of very high standard and it was well accepted by ex-cadets. **Rafiq Hasan** of **MCC** was in charge of the Directory.

It was during the lunch time when ex-cadets showed that they are different from all others by forming long queue for the food in an orderly way and giving way for the ladies and kids first. It was well appreciated by many guests who were present as they commented never seen such an well-organised way of food distribution and management for any large-scale party in Sydney before. Ex-cadet **Shahidul Sarker Mukul of RCC** was highly applauded for his excellent management and distribution of food for about 300 people.

The daylong **Cadets Day Out**, culminated by thanking the dedicated volunteers with some token gifts. A **Lucky draw** was organised which was sponsored by an ex-cadets and the prizes includes **DVD player, Blender, Electric Frying Machine, Coffee Maker** etc. Prizes were distributed by the senior most **ex-cadets** **Khairul Abedin** of RCC and **Ahmed Yazdani** of MCC. **Nawshad** conducted the Prize distribution ceremony and Lucky Draw prizes. At the end **Dr Masudul Haque** concluded the re-union with vote of thanks to everyone and welcoming all to the future re-union.

At the end, all ex-cadets enjoyed the **Cadets Day Out** very much and appreciated the organisers for the initiative and expressed their full satisfaction by saying, "**Thanks for the memories**".