

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn676

Number of telescopes: 20 Galileoscopes, 1 Refractor Telescope

Number of organisers: 1

Number of attendees: 200

Event photos:

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Event Report:

GALILEAN NIGHT OBSERVED AT ENAYETPUR, BANGLADESH

Bangladesh Astronomical Society arranged the Celebration of Galilean Night on 24 October, 2009 in the lawn of Mohakash Bhaban, Enayetpur, Bangladesh. About 200 students and teachers from different Schools of the locality including a large numbers of space enthusiasts had participated in it. Students were supplied 20 Galileoscopes brought from Tokyo, Japan, through which they had observed the surface of the Moon which was fairly visible due to cloudless sky and early lunar phase condition. One Refractor Telescope was also set up at the observation site through which students observed the surface of the moon very clearly. Students were excited to use the Galileoscopes for observation of the Moon which were first time in their life and many insisted for arrangement of such kind of Sky Observational Programmes in future.

The Galilean Night at Enayetpur was observed in a very festive mood. It continued for 2 hours from 19.30 to 21.30. It was conducted by F. R. Sarker, General Secretary, Bangladesh Astronomical Society and the Chair of Bangladesh Node for International Year of Astronomy and was assisted by Wahiduzzaman Wahid, Principal, ICL School, Enayetpur.

F. R. Sarker explained the objectives of the celebration of Galilean Night and answered various questions of the students and space enthusiasts. During the time of Observation, Jupiter, the biggest planet of Solar System was hovering on the mid-southwest position of the sky and the participants were very amazed to observe this spectacular planet. Celebration of Galilean Nights at Enayetpur was a memorable event and it encouraged students and space enthusiasts to turn their eyes to sky to explore the mysteries of the universe.