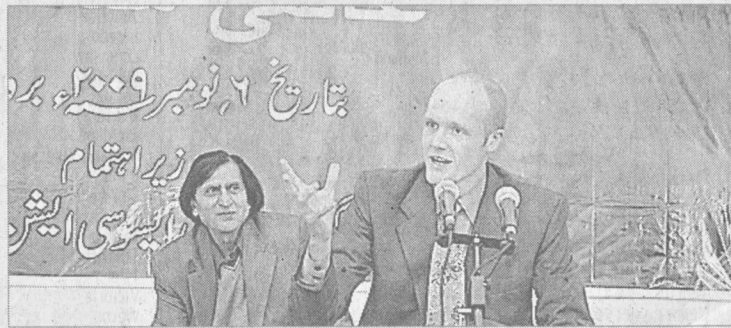


## UT Austin students receive literary award

Urdu is an official language of Pakistan and five Indian states. Two students studying Urdu at the University of Texas at Austin recently received the Asrar-al-Haque Majaz Literary Award. The award recognizes excellence in the scholarly appreciation of Urdu poetry.

The UT students are Max Bruce, who is pursuing a master's degree in the field of Urdu poetry and Hindi literature, and Shan Khan, who is studying in Lucknow, India, this year as part of UT's Hindi Urdu Flagship program. Khan is a graduate of Arlington Martin High School.

The award celebrates the memory of Urdu poet Majaz Lakhnawi, who was known for



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the revolutionary *nazms* and *ghazals* (types of poems) that he wrote when a member of the Indian Progressive Writers Association. Professor Waseem Barelwi, one of Urdu's renowned

living poets, presented the award at a mushaira, a poetic symposium, in Houston.

The students received a plaque and a scholarship as part of the award.

## Chinese engineering group holds seminars Saturday

The Chinese Institute of Engineers USA-DFW Chapter will hold three seminars Saturday at the Plano Schimelpfenig Library.

The first one, on "3G Cellular Standard and LTE Technology" by Dr. Charlie Zhang, will be from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. Zhang is a senior manager with Samsung Telecom America.

The second seminar on "Wireless Sensor Networks and Smart Energy" will be from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Moses Asom, president and chief executive officer of SyChip Inc., will be the speaker.

A third seminar on "Smart Power Grids — What do They Mean for You?" by Bill Mustin will be from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Mustin is a manager at Oncor Electric.

The programs are free, and the public is welcome. The library is at 5024 Custer Road in Plano. Visit [www.cie-dfw.org/event](http://www.cie-dfw.org/event) for more information.

## Upcoming events

### Today

**The Crow Collection of Asian Art** presents a program by Robbie Briggs, author of *Boots to Beijing*, at 6:30 p.m. A reception is at 6 p.m. The museum is at 2010 Flora St. in Dallas. Free, but reservations are requested. 214-979-6438.

### Friday

**The Dallas Area Korean Language Group** will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Jeng Chi Chinese Restaurant, 400 N. Greenville Ave. in Richardson. The group meets on first Fridays. [www.Korean.meetup.com/35](http://www.Korean.meetup.com/35).

**The Asian Professional Exchange** will hold its Holiday Charity Party from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Tower Club of

Dallas, 1601 Elm St. The event will benefit Buckner Children and Family Services. \$50 at the door. [www.apexdallas.org](http://www.apexdallas.org).

### Saturday

**The World Peace Table Tennis Tournament** will start at 8:30 a.m. at Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center, 5801 W. Parker Road in Plano. Finals should be between 2 and 4:30 p.m. [www.planoworldpeacepingpong.com](http://www.planoworldpeacepingpong.com).

**The Dallas Japanese Association** will hold a bazaar from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Polk Middle School, 2001 Kelly Blvd. in Carrollton. Proceeds benefit the Japanese School of Dallas and other education efforts. Call 972-458-0478 or visit [godja.org/en](http://godja.org/en).

**AdventureAsia: Family Day at the Crow** will celebrate the arts of India from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora St. in Dallas. Free. Call 214-979-6435 or visit [www.crowcollection.org](http://www.crowcollection.org).

**A joint Christmas Celebration** by Lighthouse Indonesian Church in Euless and Valley Ranch Baptist Church in Coppell will be from 5 to 9 p.m. at Valley Ranch Baptist, 1501 E. Belt Line Road in Coppell. 972-304-8722.

### Sunday

**The North Texas Hindu Mandir**, 13093 Baronne Circle in Dallas, presents a talk by Saint Braj Banchary Ji on "Exclusive Devotion to God" at 11 a.m. [www.northtexashindumandir.org](http://www.northtexashindumandir.org).

### Monday

**The Japan-American Society** of Dallas-Fort Worth will hold Bonenkai, a "Forget-the-Year Party," from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Jinbeh, 301 E. Las Colinas Blvd. in Irving. \$28 for members and \$33 for guests, includes dinner, tea and dessert. Reservations are requested by Friday. 214-342-2022. [www.jasdfw.org](http://www.jasdfw.org).

**The Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber** will hold its year-end mixer from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select North Dallas, 2645 LBJ Freeway. \$10 for nonmembers. 972-241-8250. [www.gdaacc.com](http://www.gdaacc.com).

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