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Nazrul-Abbasuddin Research Centre at IUB







Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, MP formally inaugurated the Kazi Nazrul Islam and Abbasuddin Ahmed Research & Study Centre at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on 26 June 2012. In a simple ceremony, the Minister also inaugurated a photography exhibition arranged by the newly established centre at the Multipurpose Hall of the university. A total of 125 photographs depicting the lives of rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and singer Abbasuddin Ahmed were displayed. The Centre also honored Prof. Rafiqul Islam, Uma Kazi, and renowned singer Ferdousi Rahman on the occasion. Mr. Nahid, in his short speech, appreciated the initiative and congratulated IUB on its various achievements as one of the first generation private universities of the country. He wished a flourishing future of the University. Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, senior research fellow and the convener of the centre described the reasons worked behind establishing such a centre. Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB and Prof. M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor of the University also spoke on the occasion. Associate Prof. Akimun Rahman gave vote of thanks. IUB students rendered Nazrul shangeet and two renowned songs sung by Abbasuddin Ahmed to celebrate the occasion.









Trustee

Barrister Mainul Hosein



Barrister Mainul Hosein is a founder Trustee of Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT), the founding Trust of IUB. Born in Perojpur district of Barisal in January 1940, Barrister Mainul Hosein, the eldest son of brave and renowned journalist of the country Tafazzal Hossain (Manik Mia), did his schooling in Calcutta, Perojpur and Dhaka. He completed his school final exam (Matriculation) from Nawabpur Govt High School, Dhaka. He was associated with the scout movement as the leader of his school's troop. He did his Intermediate with Science from Dhaka College.

In 1961 he did his honours in Political Science from Dhaka University and went to London for studying Law, got admitted to Middle Temple Inn. in December the same year. He returned as Barrister-at-Law in 1965 and joined Dhaka Bar Council as a Barrister and started law as his career in the same year.

In 1969, at the sudden demise of his father, he had to take the responsibility as the Editor of Ittefaq for overcoming the immediate crisis of the void created in the absence of his father.

In 1973, he returned to his own profession law leaving the responsibility of Ittefaq as an editor, but he continued as the Chairman of the board of editors.

In 1973, he was elected Member of the Parliament from his village constituency of Bhandaria-Kathalia (Barisal).

When the government changed the basic character of Constitution for introducing one-party system (BAKSAL) in 1975, it was huge a crisis for him not to go along with Bangabandhu. At the same time he could not give up his belief in democracy. So he chose to resign from the membership of the Parliament along with Bangabir General MAG Osmani.

Barrister Mainul Hosein was President of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Bangladesh from 2000 to 2001.

He was elected several times the President of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad and member of Press Council. Mr. Hosein was also second most important member of Press Commission established for the first time in Bangladesh. Mr. Ataur Rahman Khan, former Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Mr. Gazi Shamsur Rahman, Chairman, the Press Council together with Mr. Hosein played the major role in finalising the legal framework for the press freedom namely the Press Commission's Report.

In 2007, there arose a serious political deadlock over holding of the general elections. The civilian government collapsed and there prevailed a civil war situation. Martial law became inevitable. To avoid martial law and allow the constitutional process to be saved, Barrister Hosein agreed after much hesitation, to join the army backed caretaker government in 2007. He thought the army should be helped not to impose martial law. When he could not be sure of the political road map for the transfer of power, and wanted to be sure, he had to resign in the middle of two years term.

Even under the constrictions of emergency situation he, as Law Adviser during his one-year period, passed the law separating the judiciary from the Executive which the politician failed to do ever since the constitutional commitment of 1972. The codification of all the laws of Bangladesh, The Bangladesh Code in 38 volumes was completed. It is during this time that Anti-Corruption Commission was given complete independence. The Election Commission was strengthened.

Barrister Hosein put on record the role he tried to play during the caretaker government by publishing a book entitled 'গণতন্ত্রের সাফল্য চাহিয়াছি' (Wanted Success of Democracy).

Faculty

Mohammed Abdul Baten



Mohammed Abdul Baten, Lecturer at School of Environmental Science and Management, has been awarded with post graduate degree from University of Stockholm in 2009 with MSc in Ecosystems, Governance and Globalization. Having primary background in Forestry and Environmental Science from University of Chittagong, Mr. Baten received his BSc and MSc degree in 2006 and 2007 respectively.

Mr. Baten started his career with Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) in 2008 as a Research Assistant in their European Mangrove Project. During this tenure he conducted research on Mahakam Delta, Indonesia. He also wrote his MS thesis on the Mahakam Delta focusing property rights. Later in 2009, he returned Bangladesh and joined Unnayan Onneshan, a multidisciplinary research organization, in Climate Change, Biodiversity and DRR unit. Prior to joining IUB in 2011, Mr. Baten's professional career was further enriched with consultancy in IUCN, joint research with International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and some other local and international organizations.

Mr. Baten has written couple of peer reviewed journal articles, conference proceedings, occasional papers, book chapters, popular articles. Mr. Baten has been engaged with UN CBD as Local Community Representative; correspondingly attending UN meetings and contributing to the international environmental policy making. Mr. Baten traveled more than 15 countries, covering 5 continents, to present his research works in international conferences, seminars and workshops. He was the youngest plenary speaker in the history of UNCBD, who presented his research work on Sundarbans in UNCBD SBSTTA-15 in 2011 at Montreal, Canada.

Mr. Baten's research interest pertains to livelihood, food security, natural resources management, management of social-ecological systems, gender issues, climate change, adaptation, common property resources management as they relate to the issue of sustainability. Currently, he is focusing on international environmental negotiations. He is actively involved with 10 (C) network of CBD and as a designated expert has contributed to the formulation of new programme of work on Customary Sustainable Use of Biodiversity under UNCBD. Mr. Baten also has started a monthly policy brief series on climate negotiation titled "Durban to Doha" and first issue already published.

Alumni

Hassan Tawfiq Anik



Hassan Tawfiq Anik graduated from IUB in 2006 and joined the ACI Group as an intern. After completion of internship he worked for a number of multinational companies in respectable positions such as, Impact Team Member at Pret A Manger, Brand coordinator at Grameenphone and Banglalink, and, Area Manager at Vectone Mobile. After few years of serving Hassan enrolled at theThamesValleyUniversity,London for Masters in Corporate Communication. During his undergraduation Hassan was the General Secretary of IUB student council, and worked as a program coordinator of Division of Student Activities (DoSA) of IUB and also was a Founder and Executive committee member of AIESEC IUB. He was also an active member of Junior Chamber International, Bangladesh (JCI). Hassan also played many different roles in Television Drama Serials as well as hosted several big events.

Currently Hassan is working as the Business Development Manager at Market Access Providers Limited and owns an event management company.

IEEE IUB Student Branch Members Visit Energypac



A group of 35 senior students of EEE & ETE from the School of Engineering & Computer Science (SECS) of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) visited Energypac Electronics Ltd. on 30 June, 2012 as a part of their regular field experience programme. IEEE IUB Student Branch arranged this industrial tour and the participations were mostly limited to the IEEE student members. In this trip to one of the largest CFL lamp makers in Bangladesh, they were accompanied by IEEE IUB Student Branch counselor Dr. Feroz Ahmed and two other faculty members - Dr. Abdur Razzak, Ms. Fatema Binte Zia.



Talk on advertising culture

The School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS) invited Mr. Dave McCaughan, Strategic Planning Director from the Asia Pacific Regional Office of Multinational Advertising Agency McCann World Group for a special talk on *Advertising Culture and Career on Advertising* on 11th June, 2012 at the lecture theater of IUB. Mr. McCaughan talked about his more than 20 years of experience in advertising and spoke in-depth about how to make ads meaningful. He furthermore stretched on his experience in making ads in various countries and gave tips on localizing TV ads.

The talk was attended by Prof. Nazrul Islam, Dean, SLASS, Dr. Tanvir A Khan, Registrar, Dr. Zakir Hossain Raju, Associate Professor, Department of Media and Communication, and other faculty members and a good number of students. Also there were guests from renowned ad agency Unitrend, Mr. Muneer Ahmed Khan, Chairman and Creative Chief, Mr. Zulfiqar Ahmed, MD and CEO who promised to provide with summer jobs and internship to the students of IUB to have a good exposure in the advertising industry. The programme was conducted by Ms. Tasnim Sharuk, Sr. Lecturer, Department of Media and Communication.

IUB Observes World Environment Day





Environment Club of IUB observed the World Environment Day through a two day fair organized at the university's permanent campus at Bashundhara on the 4th and 5th of June, 2012. Vice Chancellor Prof. M Omar Rahman inaugurated the fair. With the slogan World Environment Day- Green Economy: Does it Include You, the fair was intended to create awareness among youth about environmental concepts like reuse, reduce and recycle. The students also participated in essay and quiz competitions to commemorate the day. The Vice Chancellor distributed certificates among the participants of the competitions and planted trees in the campus. Members of the faculty and management and the students of IUB were present on the occasion.

Musical Extravaganza





IUB Music Club organized its first-ever musical event on June 21, 2012 at the multipurpose hall of the university at Bashundhara. Professor M. Omar Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, IUB, graced the event as the Chief-Guest. In his speech, Prof. M. Omar Rahman emphasized on the importance of participation in extra-curricular activities and appreciated the musical effort initiated by IUB Music Club. Among others, Registrar Dr. Tanvir Ahmed Khan, Chief Advisor of IUB Music Club Dr. Shahidul Alam and the coordinator of IUB Music Club Mr. Parvez A. Sharif spoke on the occasion. In the event, music from different genre ranging from traditional to folk, contemporary, rock, pop etc. were performed by the students with great enthusiasm. There were number of solo, duet and chorus performances along with an exceptional group instrumental performance which was a fusion of traditional flute and western guitars. Major performers in this musical extravaganza were Rifaat, Apoorba, Himel, Adib, Maimuna, Farzana, Nupur, Bipul and Ony in vocal and Shuvro and Muhaimen in base guitar and rhythm guitar. Dr. Mahbub Piyal who is a renowned folk singer of the country and a faculty of IUB, also performed in the event. Few new-comer and rising bands whose line-up includes IUB students, performed in the later part of the event as guest performers. The whole program was hosted by Apurba Noyeem and Sanjida. The stage was beautifully decorated by Nasher. The whole event was planned and directed by Mr. Parvez A. Sharif. A large number of students, faculty members and administrative officials enjoyed the musical event.

IUB celebrates 200 years of Charles Dickens and Robert Browning





A two-day national conference on Charles Dickens and Robert Browning, organized by the Department of English, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), was held on 29-30 June 2012. It was inaugurated by Mr Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees of the university. The conference commemorated the bicentennial of the birth of Charles Dickens and Robert Browning - two noted English writers of the Victorian Era. Professor M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor of IUB spoke at the inauguration ceremony as the Special Guest. Professor Nurul Islam, Vice Chancellor, Eastern University, presented the keynote paper entitled "Victorian Ethos: Dickens and Browning". Professor Nazrul Islam, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, welcomed the conference delegates and guests while Professor Niaz Zaman, Advisor, Department of English at IUB delivered her speech as the Convenor of the conference committee. Dr Razia Sultana Khan, Professor & Head, Department of English, IUB, delivered the formal vote of thanks.

Delegates from seven different universities, public and private, participated at the conference. Six papers on Charles Dickens were presented in the academic sessions on the first day. On the second day, four papers were presented on Robert Browning, followed by reading from the work of the poet. At the end of the two-day conference certificates were awarded to the paper presenters.





Workshop on discovery of library resources

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) Library organized two workshops on Discovery of Library Resources and information searching related issues for the IUB community. The first one was held on June 21, 2012 and the other on June 28, 2012 for the faculty members of School of Business and School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences respectively, at the Computer Lab of the School of Business.

Vice Chancellor Professor M. Omar Rahman inaugurated the workshop as Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Nadim Jahangir, Dean, School of Business and Professor Nazrul Islam, Dean, School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences spoke on the respective days of the workshop. A number of eminent faculty members also attended the workshops.

The workshops contained with four sessions covering the topics on introducing the print & electronic resources of IUB library, Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) & Digital Institutional Repository, Information search strategy, search formulation & search techniques and Electronic databases usage and personalization process of the databases, etc. Along with the theoretical presentation all the sessions comprised with detail hands-on practices. The participants shared their views and ideas regarding the maximum uses of print and electronic resources of IUB Library.

Football tournament held

The Division of Students Activity (DoSA) of IUB arranged a 7-A Side Football (summer) Tournament on the 15th and 16th June, 2012 at the Army Museum playground in Dhaka. A total of 12 teams from the university participated. The team named 'Better than Others' (BTO) became champion beating Lucky Strike by 2-1 in the final.



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