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UTA VISIT OF IUB

The perception of higher education has changed nowadays to a significant extent. 'Creating knowledge' approach is now becoming obsolete slowly and gradually. Instead, 'learning how to learn and create the appropriate effective & knowledge' is taking place, Dr. Karbhari informed the full house audience of the Symposium.

While educating beyond classrooms, creating lifelong educational paths, ensuring students' success, cultivating faculty & staff and serving the community near & far would be the prime objectives for creditable universities, nevertheless, Dr. Karbhari emphasized on enhancing students' learning to safeguard these strategies by developing their appropriate career that can contribute universally, engaging them with communities, establishing global connections, creating leaders and conducting innovative researches that can truly make the difference and help coping with 4th industrial revolution.

To share all this, Independent University, Bangladesh(IUB) hosted Dr. Vistasp M. Karbhari, President, University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) through a Symposium at the University campus in Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka on Friday, September 6, 2019.

Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP, State Minister for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) was present as the Guest of Honor. He presented a short video titled 'go ahead Bangladesh', produced by ICTD. Mr. Palak, in the Symposium, recommended 3 significant proposals to make the nation thriving; i) Signing a tripartite MoU between ICTD, IUB & UTA, ii) setting up online education system comprehensively, and iii) ensuring appropriate work opportunities for Bangladeshi students who will go abroad for higher education.

Dr. Pranesh Aswath, Vice Provost for Academic Planning & Policy, UTA; Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB and Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor(Acting) also delivered their speeches to the dignitaries.

Mr. A Matin Chowdhury stated on the issues of taking quick actions on strategized matters and suggested not to procrastinate so the opportunity goes away to be grabbed by others.

Prof. Pagon, in his speech, described why international collaboration is imperative for ensuring quality higher education. The principal objective of quality higher education is to build an industry-worthy workforce who can deliver in every community being universal experts, he added.

Mr. Mustaque Ahmed, Alumnus, UTA delivered the vote of thanks. Vice Chancellors from different private universities, Members of the Board of Trustees of IUB, Principals of leading College & Schools, academicians & researchers, media experts, members of alumni association of country's leading universities, Deans, senior members of the faculty & administration, other dignitaries and huge number of students attended this International Symposium.





AUTUMN 2019 SEMESTER'S ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) warmly welcomed the newly enrolled undergraduate students of Autumn 2019 Semester through an orientation ceremony on September 7, 2019 at IUB campus in Bashundhara, Dhaka. Students got enrolled in six different Schools namely, School of Business; School of Engineering & Computer Science; School of Environmental Science & Management; School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences; School of Life Sciences, and School of Public Health.

Welcoming the newly enrolled students and the parents, Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB, heartily thanked the parents & students for choosing IUB towards crafting their lives by coping with new opportunities. He urged upon all students to work hard, possess 'never give up attitude', be passionate on what they want to pursue and be employable instead of looking for traditional jobs.

Highlighting the academic rules and regulations of the University, Mr. Md. Anwarul Islam, Registrar, IUB requested all students to be abided by them and assured to extend all essential cooperation to the new students and their parents. Dr. Mohd. Aminul Karim, Dean, School of Business; Dr. Mohammed Anwer, Dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science; Dr. Abdul Khaleque, Dean, School of Environmental Science and Management; Prof. Imtiaz A Hussain, Dean(Acting), School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; and Dr. Syed A K Shifat Ahmed representing School of Life Sciences also welcomed the new students and spoke in the program by highlighting the strengths, opportunities and progressive learning environments of respective Schools. The event was organized by the Admissions & Financial Aid Office at IUB and was conducted by its Deputy Director, Ms. Lima Choudhury.

IUB-HYD MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2019 HELD AT IUB

IUB-HYD Model United Nations was held at the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) from September 19-21, 2019. The program was organized by the School of Business at IUB in collaboration with HYD and School of Business Communication Club.



MUN is widely regarded to be one of the most valuable extracurricular activities by schools, colleges and universities locally and worldwide. MUN conferences replicates the sessions held at the United Nations and the participants at IUB HYD Conference were divided into different committees to nurture knowledge and logic. During this three-day event, participants engaged in constructive discussions relating to environmental, security and stability issues.

Honorable Member of Bangladesh Parliament, Mr. Sheikh Sharhan Naser Tonmoy attended the closing ceremony and distributed awards among the participants. Professor Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB, Mr. Md. Anwarul Islam, Registrar and Professor Mohd. Aminul Karim, Dean, SB along with Heads of the Departments, faculty members and other guests attended the ceremony.



Discussion & book exhibition on
Bangabandhu & liberation war



A month-long book exhibition on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Bangladesh's liberation war was inaugurated on September 19, 2019 at IUB library by the honorable minister for Liberation War Affairs, Mr. A.K.M Mozammel Haque, MP. In this connection, a discussion session also took place where the minister graced the occasion as chief guest. Mr. Abdul Hai Sarker, Chairman, ESTCDT, IUB and Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB also spoke on the occasion while Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting) delivered his welcome speech. Mr. Abdul Hai Sarker presented the Minister a nice IUB Sash while the former BoT Chairman, Mr. Rashed Chowdhury honored him with IUB Crest.

The Minister stated that independence becomes meaningful only when its goals, especially the economic and social emancipations are achieved. Now the students should become future leaders of the nation in achieving those goals that actually derived from our liberation war. Librarian Mr. Muhammad Hossam Haider Chowdhury delivered vote of thanks after the inaugural session.

IUB AND BRITISH COUNCIL, BANGLADESH SIGN MOU

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) and the British Council, Bangladesh signed a MoU on a project 'Aptis' for English Language assessment for the potential students and language proficiency test for the admin staff in their career progress process. The signing ceremony held at IUB campus on September 26, 2019. Professor Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB and Sebastian Pearce, Director, Examination Services, British Council, Bangladesh singed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations. The ceremony was also attended by Prof. Imtiaz A Hussain, Dean (Acting), IUB; Mr. Towhid Bin Muzaffar, Head, Department of English and Modern Languages and senior members of admin at IUB.



MR. ALTAMASH KABIR
BECOMES THE NEW TRUSTEE OF ESTCDT



Mr. Altamash Kabir has become the new Trustee of Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT), the apex body of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) and Chittagong Independent University (CIU).

Mr. Kabir is the Publisher and Editor of Sangbad as well as the Executive Director of Kedarpur Tea Company. He is a partner in Sathgao Tea Estate and Director of Laboni Corporation.

Mr. Altamash Kabir graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He is at present the President of the London School of Economics and Political Science Alumni Association of Bangladesh.





5TH ICAEE HELD AT IUB

3-day long 5th International Conference on Advances in Electrical Engineering (ICAEE) held at the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) from September 26-28, 2019. The event was organized by the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering of the University. Dr. Saifur Rahman, President, IEEE Power and Energy Society & Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Virginia Tech, USA was the Chief Guest of the inaugural session.

Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB, Chief Patron, ICAEE 2019 and Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting) remained present and delivered speeches on the occasion. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzak, Conference General Chair and Dr. Celia Shahnaz, Chair, IEEE Bangladesh Section and Professor of BUET also talked to the audience. Prof. Mohammed Anwer, Dean, SECS at IUB gave welcome address while Dr. Mustafa Habib Chowdhury, Organizing Chair, ICAEE 2019 delivered vote of thanks.

ICAEE aims to bring together academician, scientists, engineers, researchers and students to share their experiences on the latest research, current practices and future trends in the field of electrical engineering and related areas, and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted. This year total 550 papers were submitted from 19 countries to present in the conference. After a rigorous double blind review process, only 171 papers were accepted for the presentation. During the 3-day Conference, eminent professionals from home and abroad will chair different sessions.

IUB STUDENTS AWARDED HerStory FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

Five IUB students had been awarded for fellowship at HerStory Foundation. Through this fellowship program, the cohort will receive training in performance, storytelling, motivational leadership, future-studies as well as classroom-management.



HerStory Foundation is devoted to collecting, preserving and creating stories of women who broke new ground, opened doors for others, and left a lifelong impression as a result of their diligent effort. The organization had their first recruitment session at IUB and the event was organized by the OECE in the Office of the Pro-Vice Chancellor with extensive support from the Human Resources Department of the School of Business and the Social Welfare Club at IUB. On August 25, 2019, an agreement was also signed between HerStory Foundation and IUB. Subsequently, HerStory Foundation launched the first edition of the HerStory Reading Fellowship on September 6, 2019. Twenty students from higher education partnering institutions and leadership programs were welcomed into the year-long program by the Founder and ED, Zareen Mahmud Hosein, first female Bangladeshi Everest Summiteer Nishat Mazumder and the HerStory team.





GRETA GREEN GLOBAL DAY OBSERVED

The 'Greta Green Global Day' was observed on October 24, 2019 at IUB own campus in Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka. The daylong event was organized by the Global Studies and Governance (GSG) program of SLASS at IUB.

Focusing on environmental and development issues, GSG arranged different activities such as students' speech contest, roundtable session on Bay of Bengal, and a colorful cultural show. During the speech competition, Charlotta Schlyter, Ambassador of Sweden was present as Special Guest.

Renowned persons participated in the roundtable discussion with the topic, 'Bay of Bengal'. Sidsel Bleken, Ambassador of Norway; A S A Awal, Former Ambassador & Assistant Chief of Naval Staff; Dr. Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, CPD; Mr. Tariq Karim, Former Ambassador were present among the speakers.

Closing ceremony of the day took place in the evening. Peter Fahrenholtz, Ambassador of Germany, was present as Chief Guest and distributed prizes among the winners of Speech Contest. Mr. Abdul Hai Sarker, Chairman, ESTCDT and Mr. Rashed Ahmed Chowdhury, Former Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB, honorable Trustees, guests, faculties and IUB officials were also present on the occasion.

Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Chittagong Independent University; Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB and Prof. Imtiaz A Hussain, Dean (Acting), SLASS talked in the ceremony.



IUB REJOICES CLUB CARNIVAL 2019

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) celebrated its Annual Club Carnival 2019, a 3-day celebration with spectacular events from October 23-25, 2019 at its own campus in Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka. The Division of Student Affairs (DoSA) organized this mega event.

Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB along with members from faculty and administration inaugurated the Carnival on October 23, 2019. Brilliant dance performance by the Dance Club and Bicycle stunt displays by the Cycle Club took place after the inauguration.

The main attraction of 2019's Club Carnival was the amazing performance of the legendary band artist, James. On day-3, James performed at IUB Amphitheater in the evening. Thousands of rock music lovers greeted their icon, cheered and sang along with him. Before James's show, different IUBian Bands also performed on the stage. A total of 36 IUB Clubs took part in Club Carnival 2019.







IUB **PHARMA FEST 2019**

The Department of Pharmacy at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organized their annual event, Pharma Fest 2019 on October 21, 2019 at IUB campus in Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka. This grand celebration started with an inaugural ceremony followed by a colorful rally organized by the IUB Pharmacy Department students. The theme of this year's event was, "Academia-Industry Alliance for Research Excellence".

Maj. Gen. Md. Mahbubur Rahman, Director General, Directorate General of Drug Administration was the Chief Guest of the event. Mr. Rashed Ahmed Chowdhury, former Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB delivered his speech as Special Guest. Dr. Husne Ara Ali, Member, ESTCDT, IUB; Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB; Md. Nasser Shahrear Zahedee, Chairman, Radiant Pharmaceuticals Ltd.; Prof. Abdul Khaleque, Dean, School of Environmental Science and Management (SESM), IUB; and Prof. JMA Hannan, Head, Department of Pharmacy, IUB also spoke on the occasion.

The speakers focused on the tri-party collaboration of Government, Industries and Universities to develop our research on drug. As part of the festival, leading pharmaceutical companies in the country displayed their own medicines and healthcare products through different stalls. Scientific poster exhibition was also held during this period. Booths of various pharmaceutical companies were installed for free blood-sugar and blood-pressure checkup. Leading pharmaceutical companies including General, Beximco, Beacon, Radiant, Square, Genvio, Sharif, Everest, UniMed UniHealth participated as sponsor to achieve the objectives of this significant day.

IUB AND ICAB SIGNED MOU

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), the leading professional accounting body in Bangladesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) with regard to subject waivers in Chartered Accountancy (CA) qualification for IUB students. The outcome of the MoU will surely encourage IUB students to pursue CA qualification upon graduation and eventually enhance employability of IUB graduates at the national and global market place.

Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB and Mr. A F Nesaruddin, President, ICAB singed the MoU on behalf of their respective side at a ceremony at IUB on October 22, 2019.

Prof. Mohd Aminul Karim, Dean, School of Business, IUB; Heads of the different Departments, faculty members, Vice President of ICAB, Secretary and CEO of ICAB and other officials of ICAB were present on the occasion.



IUB **LAW LECTURE SERIES**

The Department of Law at IUB organized first law lecture, a part of IUB law lecture series on October 22, 2019. Ms. Syeda Rizwana Hasan, CEO, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) delivered the lecture on 'Evaluation of Environmental Justice in Bangladesh. Ms. Hasan underscored that only law and policy measures are not enough to ensure environmental justice. Rather, peoples' active contribution and willingness are utterly crucial. Students of the department of Law actively engaged in the session.



Prof. Borhan Uddin Khan, Head, Department of Law delivered introductory remarks as well as vote of thanks to the participants.





Annual Academic
AWARD CEREMONY 2019

Through a grand ceremony, IUB awarded its meritorious students on October 3, 2019 at its own campus in Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka. Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhoury, MP, Hon'ble Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education distributed awards among the winners as the Chief Guest of the ceremony.

Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB; Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB; and Md. Anwarul Islam, Registrar, IUB also distributed awards and spoke on the occasion.

Private universities in Bangladesh are contributing significantly in nurturing Bangladeshi talents, said the Minister in the event. He thanked IUB for producing quality manpower with research based knowledge & skills that will help prospering the nation.

This year's academic awards were given in two different categories among five different groups. Those had been Dean's List, Dean's Merit List, Dean's Honor List, Vice Chancellor's List and Vice Chancellor's Honor List.

IUB IMPLEMENTS **DEBATE COMPETITION** IN RANGPUR



IUB sponsored a inter school debate program held on September 29, 2019 at BIAM Laboratory School & College (BLSC) in Rangpur. University's Admissions and Financial Aid Office organized the event. Eight renowned schools of Rangpur namely, BIAM Laboratory School & College (BLSC), BIAM Model School & College (BMSC), Rangpur Zilla School, Rangpur Govt. Girls School, Police Lines Schools & College, Seshu Niketon School & College and Collector School & College, Rangpur took part in the competition.

Prof. Dr. Milan Pagon, VC (Acting) was the Chief Guest of the closing session while Mr. Khandker Md. Iftekhar Haider, Treasurer, IUB remained present as the Special Guest. Ms. Lima Choudhury, Deputy Director, Admissions was among the judge of the final competition.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON HALAL EXPORT POTENTIAL FOR BANGLADESH

With a Muslim population of over 2 billion and its growing trend, and with an estimated value of about USD 3 trillion per year, the 'Halal' issue appears as an important trait in global trading system. This market, however, appears as an unexplored opportunity of the next era.

In response to such incremental global demand for Halal product, Department of Economics and Department of Marketing from the School of Business, IUB hosted an international seminar on "Halal Export Potential for Bangladesh: Business and Economic Perspective" on October 15, 2019. Professor Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB inaugurated the Seminar that was conducted in two sessions – the academics talk and the industry panel discussion. The academics talk session was chaired by Professor Aminul Karim, Dean, School of Business, IUB and the industry panel discussion was moderated by Professor Nadim Jahangir, Department of Management, School of Business, IUB.



The concept of halal commodities, potential for global halal export opportunities, industry opportunities and challenges for Bangladesh in participating the global halal market were discussed in detail during the Seminar.

RAOUL WALLENBERG INSTITUTE (RWI), SWEDEN RESEARCH TEAM VISITS IUB

A research team of Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI), Sweden visited IUB on October 2, 2019 led by Dr. Matthew Scott. RWI is a research and academic institution conducting human rights program and research in 40 countries. Dr. Matthew Scott has been leading the research on 'disaster displacement' in ten countries, where Bangladesh is one of them.

Dr. Md. Abdul Awal Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Law, IUB has been conducting a research on 'disaster displacement' in collaboration with RWI since 2018. This visit was organized as part of this research activity.

The RWI team met Professor Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB, Professor Imtiaz A. Hussain, Dean (Acting), SLASS and Professor Borhan Uddin Khan, Head, Department of Law. Among others, researchers from Indonesia, Philippines and Cambodia were present with Dr. Matthew Scott. They discussed potential collaboration and further research opportunities with IUB.





BOOK REVIEW



A book review session on the book titled, "South Asia in Global Power Rivalry – Inside-out Appraisals from Bangladesh" was held at IUB Library on September 30, 2019. The book was edited by Professor Imtiaz Hussain, Head, Global Studies & Governance Program and Dean (Acting), School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences at IUB. Dr. Gowher Rizvi, International Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister attended the event as the Chief Guest, delivered his remarks and underscored various sections of the book for IUB students.

Mr. Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Former State Minister For Foreign Affairs; Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB; Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Chittagong Independent University and Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting) also spoke on the occasion.

This notable book was also extensively reviewed by its editor Prof. Imtiaz Hussain, Dean (Acting), SLASS, IUB; Mohd. Aminul Karim, Dean, SB, IUB; Tariq Ahmad Karim, Former Ambassador to the USA, Iran, India & South Africa; Geoffrey Macdonald, Resident Program Director, International Republic Institute; and Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Mohammad Ashab Uddin, Former Ambassador.

Contributors of the book Dr. A. N. M. Shibly Noman Khan and Hossain Ahmed Taufiq, faculties at IUB also took part in the discussion and stated their views on relevant chapters.

IUB STUDENT BECOMES CHAMPION IN TOASTMASTER INT'L CONTEST

Yusra Binte Sikandar, a student of School of Life Sciences (SLS) at IUB won the prestigious title of 'Division L' Champion in Humorous Speech Contest 2019 under Toastmasters International (TI). The event, named 'Ebullience 2019', was held in Cox's Bazar from November 15-16, 2019. Yusra will be representing Bangladesh in Oration 2020 (TI District 41 Conference) in May 2020 at New Delhi, India against division champions of Bhutan, Nepal and India.







IUB, THE GOLD SPONSOR OF DHAKA LIT FEST 2019

DHAKA LIT FEST

IUB participated in the ninth edition of Dhaka Lit Fest (DLF) as the Gold Sponsor that took place from November 7-9, 2019 at Bangla Academy. State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid inaugurated the 3-day event. On day-1, IUB exclusively presented "Babu Bangladesh", a literary masterpiece written by late IUB faculty, Dr. Numair Atif Choudhury that was extensively reviewed by Nadeem Zaman, Saad Z Hossain, Rahul Soni, Kanishka Gupta and Andaleeb Navin Choudhury.

Mr. Rashed Ahmed Chowdhury, Former Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB; Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Chittagong Independent University; Mr. K Z Mahmud, Vice Chairman, ESTCDT; Mr. Md. Tanveer Madar, Member, ESDCTD; Mr. Javed Hosein, Chairman, Finance Committee, IUB; and Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB were also present on the occasion and later, visited IUB Stall at Bangla Academy premises.

On the second day of the Festival, honorable Education Minister, Dr. Dipu Moni, MP visited IUB Stall. Mr. Javed Hosein, Chairman, Finance Committee, IUB was present during her visit.

SEMINAR ON 'ROADMAP TO AACSB.'

Department of MIS, School of Business (SB) at IUB, in association with IUB E-Business Club, arranged a Seminar on, 'Roadmap to AACSB – Ins & Outs from the Mentor' on October 28, 2019. Invited guests of this Seminar were Dr. Ed Bashaw, Dean, School of Business, Emporia State University (ESU), USA; Dr. Mark Daly, Dean, Office of International Education, ESU and Dr. Mohammed Sajedur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Information Systems, ESU. Prof. Aminul Karim, Dean, School of Business, IUB delivered the welcome speech. Apart from the Seminar, delegates from the Emporia State University also did set up a booth to inform IUB students about the spot admission and assessment process at ESU.



WORKSHOP ON WHOLE PERSON EDUCATION

A day-long workshop on 'Whole Person Education' in the series of faculty development workshops organized by the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of IUB that held on October 5, 2019 at the university. There were eight specific objectives in the workshop under the key objective to facilitate the participants in order to impart Whole Person Eduction. Alongside, there were two modules: effective teaching; and team building & team work. A total of 60 faculty members divided in two sessions from all departments and schools of IUB actively participated in the workshop. The resource person was Rev. Dr. V.M. Spurgeon, Senior Program Consultant (South Asia), United Board for Christian Higher Education. Professor Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB inaugurated the workshop as the Chair and put forth his remarks. Earlier Professor Dr. Sarwar Uddin Ahmed, Director, Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of IUB welcomed the participants and introduced the resource person to the participant.





IUB HOSTS WORKSHOP ON **RESEARCH & EDUCATION NETWORK**

IUB hosted a training program, 'Eduroam Institutional Radius Server (IRS) Configuration' at its own campus from November 6-7, 2019. Bangladesh Research and Education Network-BdREN organized the training program. Eduroam (education roaming) is the secure, world-wide roaming access service developed for the international research and education community. The key feature of 'Eduroam' is that the teachers and students of any educational institution can access the internet free of cost using local credential from any network in the country and abroad with connection to the service.

Two-day training program was inaugurated by Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting), IUB. Mohammad Tawrit, CEO, BdREN was present as Special Guest while Mahfuz Ahmed, Head, Central Information Technology Services-CITS at IUB conducted the inaugural session. 30 engineers from different universities including IUB and other institutions & organizations participated in the program

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR DEPARTMENT & UNIT HEADS

A three-day Leadership Training program for Heads of the Academic and Administrative Units held at IUB in November 2019. The program was organized by the Human Resources Department of the University that was conducted by Mr. Sayem Haq with vast experience locally & globally in facilitating such programs.

The training sessions were attended with eagerness and active participation by all participants. It created an opportunity for them to share thoughts to solve problems in stages in their everyday workplace. Participants were engaged in group works as various teams with different topics & situations to come up with effective recommended solutions. It also allowed the faculty members and administrative officials to work closely in unison.



EEE STUDENTS VISIT **WALTON HI-TECH INDUSTRIES**

A group of 46 students and 4 faculty members from the Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) Department of IUB visited Walton hi-tech industries on October 31, 2019 in Chandra, Kaliakoir, Gazipur. 3rd & 4th year students were accompanied by 4 faculty members namely, Prof. Khosru M Salim, Dr. Md. Abdur Razzak, Ms. Navila Rahman Nadi and Ms. Thsin Ferdous Ara nayna during the tour.



The Executive Director & Head of Production of Walton Group, Mr. Mohammad Alamgir Alam Sarker welcomed the students & faculty members at the industry headquarters. Later a EEE alumna of IUB and Senior Deputy Director of SMT Production at Walton Mobile joined and welcome tour group. IUB students & faculties witnessed huge production facilities of various electrical & electronic appliances of Walton Group such as refrigerator, air cooler, fan, TV, mobile phone and various accessories. Later, both parties discussed about potential research-based collaboration.



PARENTS' DAY OBSERVED



School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS) at IUB organized a Parents' Day on November 2, 2019 at its own campus in Bashubdhara R/A, Dhaka. The event was a unique gathering of faculties and the parents to exchange views about IUB and its students' study disciplines as a whole.

The session was opened by welcoming parents and guests. Mr. Javed Hosein, Chairman, Finance Committee, IUB and Mr. A Quaiyum Khan, Member, Board of Trustees, IUB also delivered their speeches to the guardians and talked about the aims and objectives of IUB.

Prof. Imtiaz A Hussain, Dean (Acting), SLASS discussed about the courses and activities that are the integral part of IUB initiatives. Later, the parents and guardians shared their thoughts and feelings about IUB. Most of the guardians gave positive opinion about IUB's effective learning process and their children's performances. At the second phase of the day, parents and guardians simultaneously visited different facilities available at IUB.

PRIME BANK INTRODUCES THE MANAGEMENT TRAINEE PROGRAM AT IUB

Prime Bank Ltd. introduced the Management Trainee Program 2020 at IUB through a career grooming session which took place on October 23, 2019 at Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka. The session was organized by the Career Guidance and Placement (CGP) Office at IUB.



Mr. Rahel Ahmed, Managing Director & CEO, Prime Bank; Mr. Ziaur Rahman, SEVP & Head-Human Resources; Mr. Mohammad Nazmul Karim Chowdhury, EVP & Head of Brand & Communications; Mr. Takiyan Chowdhury, VP & Head-Talent Acquisition, HR; and Mr. Rooslan Mizan, Management Trainee, who is an IUB Finance Department Alumni made different presentations on company's history, HR policies and career grooming aspects to the audience.

Following the presentation, floor was open for question-answer session where students participated enthusiastically.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

Youth Participation in Conservation (YPC) is a workshop-based awareness-raising program, and an ongoing research into the perception of school children in Bangladesh toward what role they should have in conserving the country's vast biodiversity pool. It is a program that is being funded by the Outreach, Extension and Continuing Education program of Independent University, Bangladesh. This time, it was conducted in the Sreepur Kumaria High School in Nandina, Jamalpur from September 18-20, 2019.

YPC is aimed at engaging school children in interactive, thought provoking activities that engender deep and rigorous insight into the present situation of the environment and biodiversity. Furthermore, it generates ideas in the participants regarding what they can do to progress toward the environmentally sustainable use of the scarce few natural resources we have left.







IUB SIGNS MOU WITH **PLASMA PLUS+ LABORATORY**

On October 9, 2019, Top Management of Plasma Plus+ Laboratory (PPL) and Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that took place at University's own campus in Bashundhara, Dhaka.

On behalf of Plasma Plus+ Laboratory (PPL), Ms. Sharmeen Sonya Murshid, Chairperson and on behalf of IUB, Prof. Milan Pagon, Vice Chancellor (Acting) signed the MoU.

From Plasma Plus+ Laboratory (PPL), HQ Choudhury, IQ Chouhury, Chief Executive Officer and from IUB, Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, Chairman Board of Trustees; Mr. Khandker Md. Iftekhar Haider, Treasurer; Dr. Md. Abdul Khaleque, Dean School of SESM, and Prof. JMA Hannan, Head of the Department of Pharmacy were present during the signing ceremony.

The MoU leads to the formation of an ISO-certified research center at IUB which will be a Center of Excellence in pharmaceutical analysis research and advanced professional training. This MoU introduces high-tech instruments like HPLC, GC-MS, FT-IR, and AAS to IUB. Plasma Plus+ Laboratory (PPL), now housed at the Department of Pharmacy, IUB is a one-of-its-kind ISO-certified laboratory with a long standing reputation in chemical analysis. PPL has a prestigious legacy of carrying out contract research for organizations like the World Bank, FAO, UNDP, Bangladesh Military, Eskayef etc.

This MoU makes Plasma Plus+ Laboratory at IUB to be the first and only ISO-certified research laboratory in Bangladesh.

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