



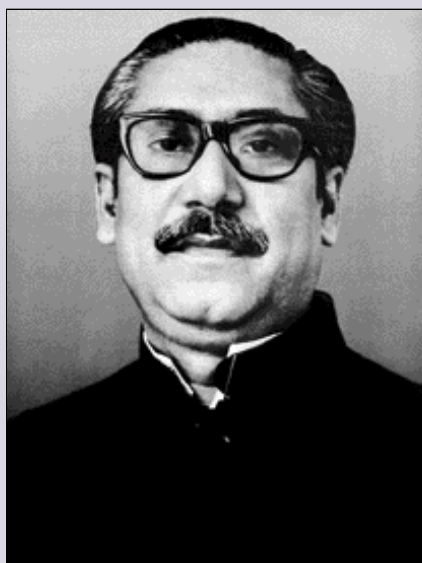
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DU withdraws expulsion against Bangabandhu



The Dhaka University (DU) Syndicate at an emergency meeting on August 14, 2010 withdrew the expulsion order issued 61 years ago against one of its best-known students, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who spearheaded a movement of the Class IV employees of DU.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib, then a student of LLB second year of Dhaka University lost his studentship along with four other students.

The five were, however, given conditions that they should pay a fine of Tk 15 and furnish individually a guarantee of good conduct endorsed by their guardians in the prescribed form to the Provost on or before the 17th April 1949. The four other students got back their studentship on fulfilling the conditions, but a defiant, Sheikh Mujib refused to give the undertaking.

Enactment of Private University Act, 2010

In order to enhance the quality of higher education and ensure its proper functioning, the Government has passed the New Private University Act, 2010 on 11 July, 2010. The Private University Act, 2010 emphasizes on proper management and enhancement of quality of education of private universities in the country. Under this Act, a private university would be open to all irrespective of caste, creed, colour and gender as well as for the physically disabled people for higher studies.

A 12-member syndicate headed by the Vice-Chancellor would look into the academic, administrative and general management of the university and give suggestions to the Board of Trustees on tuition fees of students and salaries of teachers and staff.

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6th Meeting of the Committee of the Heads of UGC/Equivalent Bodies of the SAARC Member Countries held

6th Meeting of the Committee of the Heads of UGC/Equivalent Bodies of the SAARC Member Countries was held on July 18-19, 2010 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Education Minister Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid MP inaugurated the meeting as Chief Guest while National Professor Kabir Chowdhury was present as Guest of Honour on the occasion. UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam presided over the session.



Participants of the 6th Meeting of the Committee of the Heads of UGC/Equivalent Bodies of the SAARC Member Countries

UGC Member Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly delivered the welcome address. It was also addressed by Ms. R.D. Rajapakse, Director, SAARC Secretariat.

Education Minister hoped that many recommendations and proposals for closer cooperation among the SAARC countries in the field of higher education, specially exchange of scholars and fellows, establishment of common cultural educational platform, etc. would be evolved from the

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Though the fixation of the tuition fees and the salary would be made by the university authorities but UGC could give necessary advice on this regard. It also has the provision for taking six percent quota for children of freedom fighters and poor people. Each program or course of study would require the prior approval of UGC. Each private university will have to establish an IQA (Internal Quality Assurance) cell/unit to maintain and ensure the standards of quality of education. One of the members of the Board of Trustees will be the head of Finance Committee and Discipline Committee. A proposed private university needs to fulfill certain criteria for temporary permission which include formation of a Board of Trustees (minimum 9 and maximum 21 members), requisite number of classes, library, laboratory, auditorium, seminar, library, common room etc. Other aspects of the Act relate to the appointment of requisite number of teachers, number of faculties and plan of academic activities. At the initial stage the proposed University must have its own/rented 25,000 square feet floor space with infrastructure. A reserve fund of Tk. 5 crore for establishing a university in Dhaka and Chittagong metropolitan areas Tk. 3 crore for other metropolitan cities and for others a reserve of Tk. 1.5 crore are mandatory.

Private university having temporary permission shall have to move to its own campus and receive Sanad (charter) from the Government within the stipulated time. If any private university fails to take Sanad from the Government within the stipulated time the Government under the Act, would take necessary action for its closure by cancelling temporary permission.

It is worth mentioning that first Private University Act was adopted in 1992. It was modified in 1998 with few amendments. However, to meet the need of changing time and also to ensure quality higher education the new Private University Act, 2010 has been promulgated by the present government.

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deliberations of during the two-days meeting. In his speech, Professor Kabir Chowdhury emphasized on the use of English which is an essential language in higher education. But, he said, Bangla language must also be given equal importance. He urged upon the government to allocate adequate fund for higher education.

Professor Nazrul Islam said the SAARC countries are now facing enormous difficulties in higher education. The government of Bangladesh has recently passed a new Private University Act to establish internationally acceptable standard of higher education, he added.

The meeting recalled resolution taken earlier at the Sixteenth SAARC Summit held in Thimphu (28-29 April 2010) which directed the expeditious finalization of mutual recognition of academic and professional degrees and developing common regional educational standards.

The 6th meeting recommended publishing a 'SAARC Regional Handbook on Chartered Universities/Degree



Education Minister Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the 6th Meeting of the Committee of the Heads of UGC/Equivalent Bodies of the SAARC Member Countries

Awarding Institutions of the Member States'. It also decided to introduce and develop quality assurance and accreditation mechanism by the member states. The Member States were requested to make proper utilization of SAARC Chair Scholarships.

It is worth mentioning that the first meeting of the heads of UGCs and equivalent bodies of SAARC member countries was also held in Dhaka in 2003. The 7th meeting will be held in Bhutan in 2011.

Discussion at UGC marking the National Mourning Day

University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh Officers' Association and UGC Officers-Employees Association jointly organized a discussion, Doa and Milad Mahfil on 16 August 2010 at its auditorium on the occasion of the National Mourning Day and the 35th martyrdom anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



Eminent Columnist & Researcher Monayem Sarkar with UGC Chairman & Secretary at the occasion of the National Mourning Day and the 35th martyrdom anniversary of Bangabandhu

UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam attended the programme as Chief Guest, while it was chaired by UGC Secretary Md. Khaled. Monayem Sarkar, Director General, Bangladesh Foundation for Development Research was the Chief Discussant on the occasion.

The programme was also attended by UGC Members – Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, Professor Dr. Amena Begum and Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly. It was participated by all officers and employees of UGC.

On this occasion, the life and works of Bangabandhu were discussed. The speakers said, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's fiery speeches and final call for freedom in March 1971 had inspired and united the entire nation for the War of Liberation which culminated in the creation of an independent and sovereign state in only nine months.

Certificate Awarding Ceremony of Computer Training held at UGC

Training and Instrumentation Division (TID) of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) organized a Certificate Awarding and Freshers' Reception Programme of the "Computer Application for Office Automation" training course on July 5, 2010 at UGC auditorium. UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam attended the programme as Chief Guest and distributed certificates among the participants of the course. He also declared the inauguration of the training for a new batch. UGC Member Professor Dr. Amena Begum chaired the programme. Associate Professor of TID Mr. Ziaul Haque delivered the welcome address.



The computer training certificate recipient officers and employees of UGC with the UGC Chairman

Professor Nazrul Islam said, UGC made computer training compulsory for all of its officers and employees as a part of making the country a digital one. Professor Amena Begum in her speech congratulated the certificate recipients and mentioned that in addition to the basic Office Automation, courses on EXCEL are being offered regularly for the officers and employees of the UGC.

32 officers and employees of UGC, who completed the training successfully, were given certificates on the occasion. UGC Members - Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, UGC Secretary Mr. Md. Khaled, divisional heads and all officers and employees of UGC were present on the occasion.

Meeting on ICT held at UGC

A meeting of the working committee on "ICT in Education Master Plan: Higher Education" was held on July 29, 2010 at UGC with UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam in the chair. Professor Dr. AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice-Chancellor, Dhaka University, Professor Dr. R I M Aminur Rashid, Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Open University and Mr. Mostafa Jabbar, President, Bangladesh Computer Association spoke at the meeting.



Meeting on "ICT in Education Master Plan: Higher Education" at UGC with UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam in the chair

Professor Nazrul Islam said, 'the proper and time worthy usage of ICT is essential to establish a knowledge-based society. There is no alternative to utilizing ICT in the higher education system of our country'. He also said that UGC had in the meanwhile taken initiatives to expand ICT facilities in the universities. He stressed on proper coordination and a long term ICT planning to gain the goal of Digital Bangladesh.

Professor Dr. Shariff Enamul Kabir, Vice-Chancellor, Jahangirnagar University, Professor Dr. Md. Shah-E-Alam, Vice-Chancellor, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Professor Dr. Md. Saleh Uddin, Vice-Chancellor, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Professor Dr. Md. Abu Sayeed Khan, Pro Vice-Chancellor, National University, Dr. S M Lutful Kabir, Director, IICT, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Shahjahan Tapon, Consultant, UNESCO (Dhaka) and Mr. Borhan Uddin, Programme Officer, Mr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Consultant, Bangladesh Telecommunication Control Commission, Mr. Ram Chandra Das, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Post and Telecommunication and Mr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh were present in the meeting.

Seminar on Digital Library held

Elsevier, a publishing organization, with the cooperation of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh organized a day-long seminar on "University Forum on Digital Libraries" on 2 August 2010 at the Westin Dhaka Hotel in the City. UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam inaugurated the seminar as Chief Guest.



UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam addressing the seminar on 'University Forum on Digital Libraries'

Analysis of the global trends in improving research outputs and university rankings were discussed in the seminar. Particularly, the discussion was held on the importance of digital library resources in the research workflow.

UGC Members Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, Professor Dr. Amena Begum and Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly, Vice-Chancellor of BUET Professor Dr. AMM Safiullah, Vice-Chancellor of Gono Bishwabidyalaya Professor Dr. Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, Advisor of Southeast University Professor Dr. Manjurul Islam and UGC Secretary Mr. Md. Khaled were present on the occasion. The seminar was also participated by the key stakeholders from UGC, Ministry of Education, World Bank and selected universities.

Mr. Arnout Jacobs, Director, Strategy & Business Development, Elsevier, Asia Pacific, Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director of Information and Library Network, India, Dr. Firdaus Qadri, Senior Scientist, Immunology, ICDDR,B and Mr. Saurav Sanyal, Account Manager, Research Focus, Elsevier, South Asia made presentations on the seminar.

UGC Full Commission Meeting



UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam presiding over the Full Commission Meeting

The 121st meeting of the Full Commission of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was held at the Commission Bhaban on June 24, 2010 with UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam in the Chair. UGC Full-

time Members- Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, Professor Dr. Amena Begum and Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly and UGC Part-time Members- Education Secretary Syed Ataur Rahman, Member (Socio-Economic Infrastructure, Planning Commission) Mr. Md. Shahab Ullah, National University Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Mannan Akanda, Mawlana Bhashani Science & Technology University Dean Professor Dr. M Nurul Islam participated at the meeting. UGC Secretary Mr. Md. Khaled and UGC Finance & Accounts Director Mr. Muhammed Ibrahim Kabir were also present.

Farewell Ceremony of Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque held at UGC

UGC Officers' Association and BIMAK Karmakarta Karmachari Parishad jointly organized a farewell ceremony of UGC Member Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque on August 25, 2010 at UGC auditorium. UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam attended the programme as Chief Guest while President of the UGC Officers' Associations and Secretary of UGC Mr. Md. Khaled presided over it.



UGC Chairman handing over a crest to Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque on the Farewell Ceremony

Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque in his farewell speech said, "I feel proud that I had the opportunity to work in UGC and thereby render my service to the higher education sector of the country." He also said, his efforts and initiatives will be continued in future to enhance the quality of higher education in Bangladesh. He acknowledged with gratitude the cordial and sincere cooperation of all the officers and employees of UGC.

In his speech UGC Chairman said, Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque performed his duties at UGC with utmost sincerity, honesty and responsibility. UGC family would feel the absence of a gentle and dedicated scholar like him. The Chairman appreciated his contribution to UGC. UGC Members - Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam and Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly spoke as Special Guests on the occasion. UGC Member Professor Dr. Amena Begum, all officers and employees of UGC were present in the meeting.

Chinese delegation calls on UGC Chairman

A 6-member delegation of Hunan Company and Hunan University of China called on UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam on July 27, 2010 at the latter's office. The delegation expressed their interest to build a Digital University in Bangladesh.



The delegation of Hunan Company and Hunan University of China exchanging views with the UGC Authority

UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam informed the delegation that, Government of Bangladesh had recently taken initiatives to build a digital university as one of the commitments made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He hoped that the experience of China would be helpful for us in this regard.

UGC Members - Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, Professor Dr. Amena Begum and Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly were present at the meeting.

The delegation included Professor Dr. Xingming Sun of Hunan University and Mr. Xinwa Sun, Mr. Chen Xiang, Mr. Chen Shi, Mr. Yafan Xiao, Mr. Zhigiang Zhan of Hunan Communication Industry Service Company Limited. Mr. A F Jasim Uddin, Mr. Abdul Matin Bhuiyan and Dr. Nur Mohammad of Dharitry International Bd. Limited were also present at the meeting.

GTI trainee university officers visited UGC

The 2nd batch of trainees of 'Foundation Training for University Officers' of Graduate Training Institute (GTI) of Bangladesh Agricultural University Mymensingh visited UGC as part of their training curriculum on July 5, 2010. During their study visit, the young university officers took part at a view exchange meeting with UGC authority. UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam was present as Chief Guest on the occasion. GTI Director Professor Dr. Nazrul Islam presided over it.

At the meeting, the trainees thanked UGC for funding GTI to implement such a training programme for them. They also urged UGC Chairman to expand it. UGC Chairman assured them that UGC realizes the need of training



GTI trainee university officers with the UGC Authority during their study visit at UGC

programmes for young university officers and is always willing to provide funds for it.

UGC Members - Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam and Professor Dr. Amena Begum, UGC Secretary Mr. Md. Khaled, divisional heads of UGC and Dr. Mozaher Ali, Ex. Director, GTI, were also present.

UGC Chairman & Members visit the site of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University

UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam along with UGC Members – Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Professor Dr. Tajul Islam, Professor Dr. Amena Begum and Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly visited the site of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj at Gobra on Dhaka-Khulna Highway on July 09, 2010.



UGC Chairman along with the UGC Members at the site of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University, Gopalganj

During their visit, a view exchange meeting was also held with the elites of the city with UGC Chairman as Chief Guest of the meeting and UGC Members as Special Guests. Professor Dr. M. Khairul Alam Khan, Project Director, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj presided over the meeting.

UGC Chairman and Members also visited the graveyard of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara and placed floral wreaths there.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during her previous tenure on January 13, 2001 had laid the foundation stone of the university on about 50 acres of land. Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) meanwhile, approved Tk 96 crore for the implementation of the project, which is likely to be completed by 2012.

UGC Chairman attends the Freshers Reception Ceremony of Tofazzal Hossain Chowdhury College



UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam speaking at the Freshers' Reception ceremony of Tofazzal Hossain Chowdhury College, Nawabganj

Freshers Reception and the Annual Prize Giving Ceremony 2010 of Tofazzal Hossain Chowdhury College, Nawabganj, Dhaka was held on August 7, 2010 at the college campus. Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman, UGC graced the function as Chief Guest while Dr. Mohammad Sabder Ali, Vice-Chancellor, Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology (DUET) was present as Special Guest. Freedom fighter Mr. Tozammel Hossain Chowdhury (Babar Mia), Chairman of the College Governing Body chaired the occasion.

UGC Chairman visits Turkey at Cultural Exchange Programme

UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam took part in a Cultural Exchange Programme to Istanbul, Turkey as a member of a high level team led by Professor Dr. Alauddin Ahmed, Adviser for Education to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, during 24-29 September 2010. The programme was organized by the Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF), Turkey.

Other members of the team were Ambassador Muhammad Zamir, Chief Information Commissioner, Right to Information Commission (RIC) and Mr. Irtiza Nasim Ali, Editor in Chief, Probe News Magazine.

During the trip, the team visited different historical and heritage places, important media, health and NGO offices, modern educational and commercial institutions of Istanbul. They visited Fatih University, a highly respected Foundation (Private) University in Istanbul, Sema Modern



Professor Dr. Alauddin Ahmed (in the middle), Professor Nazrul Islam (1st from the left), Ambassador Muhammad Zamir (1st from the right) and Mr. Irtiza Nasim Ali (2nd from the left) at the Kimse Yok Mu Solidarity and Aid Association of Turkey with its Volunteer Coordinator Mr. Metin Cetiner

Hospital, Head office of Zaman, a newspaper with largest circulation in Turkey, Samanyolu TV station, Fetih College, Kimse Yok Mu Solidarity and Aid Association, an international NGO in Turkey which provided relief and schools in Golachipa, Patuakhali after the devastating cyclone Sidr in 2007.



The Bangladesh team with the Rector, Deans and senior professors of Fatih University in Istanbul

The team had a meeting with the President Mustafa Yesil and Vice President Cemal Usak of the Journalists and Writers Foundation, Istanbul. The team's programme in Istanbul was facilitated by the Vice Principal of International Turkish Hope School, Dhaka, Mr. Bahadir Turgut.

UGC Chairman attends Pronodona-2010 Programme of Kalihati Shiksha Foundation

Kalihati Shiksha Foundation, Tangail, an educational charitable organization, organized 'Pronodona-1010' (Incentive-1010) for handing over financial aid to the best result making students and educational institutions of Kalihati Upazilla of Tangail district at the upazilla auditorium on 6 July, 2010. UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam was present on the occasion as Chief Guest and distributed the incentives. Jute and Textile Minister Mr.



*UGC Chairman along with Jute and Textile Minister
Mr. Abdul Latif Siddiquee handing over incentives to the best result making
educational institutions of Kalihati Upazilla*

Abdul Latif Siddiquee, Founder and the Chief Patron of Kalihati Shiksha Foundation and his wife Ms. Laila Siddiquee were also present on the occasion. Mr. Mansurul Rahman, Chairman of the Foundation chaired the programme.

UGC Member attends Conference on Regional Dialogue on Peace and Security in Asia and the Pacific

Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly, Member, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, attended the 'Regional Dialogue on Peace and Security in Asia and the Pacific Conference: The Rapprochement of Cultures', held during 21-22 September 2010 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, under the joint collaboration of the Institute of Malaysian International Studies (IKMAS), the Institute of Occidental Studies (IKON), both at University Kebangsaan Malaysia



*UGC Member Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly along with Bangladesh delegation at
the conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

(UKM), the Malaysian Social Science Association (MSSA), the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO and the Regional Unit for Social and Human Sciences in Asia and the Pacific (RUSHSAP), UNESCO Bangkok. Mrs. Nazia Khatun, Retired Teacher of Dhaka Women College and wife of UGC Member Professor

Shibly, also participated at the conference as an invited delegate from Bangladesh.

Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr. Abdul Rahman Embong, Advisor Malaysian Social Science Association was Chief Guest on the occasion. The conference was presided over by Mr. Darryl Macer, Regional Advisor for Social and Human Sciences in Asia and the Pacific, UNESCO.

The aim of the conference was to integrate Human Security and Peace activities into university curricula to ensure that reflections on human security and peaceful living among students of the region are sustained in the long term, beyond the end of the International Culture of Peace Decade (2001-2010). This forum is also supposed



*Bangladeshi delegates Professor Atful Hye Shibly and Mrs. Nazia Khatun with the
Chinese, Thai & Japanese delegates*

to provide a space for Policy-Makers, Academics, Teachers, Students and persons who are involved in peace and security issues in Asia and the Pacific to share experiences and knowledge in order for them to further develop and strengthen their careers.

Professor Dr. M. Muhibur Rahman appointed as UGC Full-Time Member



Professor Dr. M. Muhibur Rahman, Director, Centre for Advanced Research in Sciences (Centre of Excellence), Dhaka University, has been appointed as a Full-Time Member of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh on 5 September 2010. He was a former Professor of Department of Chemistry, University of Dhaka.

UGC Personnel News



Mr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC of Bangladesh, attended a three-day long UCTS International Conference, organized by University Mobility for Asia and the Pacific (UMAP), Thailand, in cooperation with South-East Asian Ministers of Education organization (SEAMEO), Regional Institute for Higher Education Development (RIHED) and the ASEAN Universities Network (AUN). He presented a paper prepared by Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman, UGC titled 'Overview of Higher Education Credit Transfer System: Implication and Beneficence: Sceneries of Bangladesh' at the conference held in Bangkok, Thailand during 28-30 June 2010.



Mr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh attended the seventh Steering Committee Meeting on the Establishment of the South Asian University (SAU), held in New Delhi during 21-22 September 2010, as a member of Bangladesh delegation. Other Members of the delegation were Mr. Md. Safiur Rahman, Director General (SAARC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Md. Mainul Islam, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance. In the meeting modalities of rules, Regulations and Business plan of SAU, which was evolved through last six meetings of the steering committee, have been finalized. It may be mentioned here that the SAU has started functioning in its temporary campus at Jawharlal Neheru University with the Master in Development Economics and Master of Computer Applications courses. Student from all SAARC Member Countries, including five from Bangladesh has enrolled in the courses. Mr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, along with other steering committee Members, also visited the temporary campus of SAU.



Mr. Md. Mizanoor Rahman, FCMA has been promoted to the post of Additional Director from the post of Deputy Director of the Finance and Accounts Division of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh on 17 May 2010.



Dr. Mohammad Ali has been promoted to the post of Senior Medical Officer of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh on 24 June 2010. Prior to joining the new post, he served UGC as its Medical Officer. Dr. Mohammad Ali obtained MBBS degree from the University of Dhaka and FMD degree from University of Science and

Technology, Chittagong (USTC).

Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) News

Complete Proposals (CPs) scrutinized at HEQEPU timely

A total of 552 Complete Proposals (CPs) were scrutinized by HEQEPU by 1st week of September 2010. The CPs were received from UGCAIF secretariat of 29 public universities and from 3 private universities which were initially screened by the UPSC and endorsed by university authority.

The number of CP received as per windows were 238, 227 and 68 for Window 1, 2 & 3 respectively. Moreover, as per discipline the number of CPs are in Humanities & Social Science-102, Science & Technology-361, University-wide-67 and for Self-assessment-03.

The project personnel have scrutinized the CPs with utmost sincerity and sent it to UGCBAIF for further action.

Evaluation of CPs are running in full swing

Out of 552 CPs, 456 were declared qualified by UGCBAIF and have been distributed among the Members of Area Review Panel. AIF unit has been maintaining close contact with the member of ARP in order to meet the queries if any in the way of evaluation the CPs.

Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam and Professor Dr. Amena Begum, Members of University Grants Commission with the guidance of Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman of UGC have been monitoring the overall evaluation process. The evaluation of CPs would be completed within the deadline of 21 October, 2010.

Procurement Process is getting momentum

A total of six procurement packages is in the final stage of processing to procure goods & services for HEQEPU. In which BdREN Equipment-phase 1, LAN and ITEquipment of UGC, Lease Agreement with Power Grid Company of Bangladesh, Installation and Commissioning for Web based Software Solution for Private University Management System are the significant package to procure. Tendering process for Printing of Quarterly Newsletters of HEQEP is also under process.

Monitoring & Evaluation task

A series of Monitoring & Evaluation takes namely: a) action Plan of MEU for next 2 years, b) Semi-annual Monitoring Report Format, c) First Semi-annual Monitoring Report for May 2009-June 2010, d) Draft TOR for Satisfaction Survey, e) Evaluation of Procurement Training and d) Assistance to AIF for sorting and sending CP to Area Review Panel have been completed.

Project Director Mr. Ruknud Deen Ahmed goes on retirement

The service of Mr. Ruknud-Deen Ahmed, Project Director of HEQEP and Additional Secretary of the Government of Bangladesh has been attached with the Ministry of Establishment for completion of his retirement formalities of government service with effected from 26th August. The role of outgoing Project Director in implementation of the project was highly lauded by the academic communities as well as HEQEP personnel in a concluding meeting held at HEQEPU.

Mr. Md. Korban Ali, AIF Co-ordinator of HEQEP has been assigned as Project Director in-charge till the joining of new Project Director. Moreover, Md. Mohshin, Deputy Secretary has joined as Senior Procurement Officer of the project with effect from August 24, 2010.

AIF Sub-Project Proposal Evaluation Workshop



UGC Chairman addressing the inaugural session of AIF Sub-Project Proposal Evaluation Workshop of HEQEPat UGC

A five-day long workshop on AIF Sub-Project Proposal Evaluation was held during 20-22 and 25-26 July 2010.

UGC Chairman PNI was present as Chief Guest of the inaugural session of the workshop. UGC Members - Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Professor Dr. Md. Abdur Hakim, Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly and Project Director of HEQEP Mr. Ruknud Deen Ahmed were also present on the occasion.

Workshop on Quality Enhancement in Higher Education at UGC

HEQEP organized a workshop on quality enhancement in higher education on July 01, 2010 at University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh auditorium with participation of Vice-Chancellors, Deans and senior Professors of different universities.

UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam was present at the workshop as Chief Guest while it was chaired by UGC Member Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly. The workshop was also addressed by UGC Member Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam and Ruknud Deen Ahmed, Project Director, HEQEP.

UGC Chairman, while explaining the aims and objectives of HEQEP, urged upon the teachers to meet the challenges in enhancing the quality of higher education.

Among others, the workshop was attended by Professor Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan, Vice-Chancellor, Rajshahi University, Professor Dr. Md. Saifuddin Shah, Vice-Chancellor, Khulna University, Professor Dr. Shah-E-Alam, Vice-Chancellor, Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University, Professor Dr. Mozaffar Hussain, Vice-Chancellor, Pabna Science and Technology University, Professor Dr. Nitish Chandra Debnath, Vice-Chancellor, Chittagong Veterinary & Animal Sciences University, Professor Dr. M Afzal Hossain, Vice-Chancellor, Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University.

Public Universities News

Dhaka University

The University of Dhaka celebrated its 89th founding anniversary on July 01, 2010 at its own campus. Dhaka University started its journey on this day in 1921. Since then, teachers and students of the university have been a beacon of hope for the nation. The theme of this year's celebration was "Higher education to build digital Bangladesh".



Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, MP, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education Ministry, along with DU Authority cutting a cake on the occasion of 89th founding anniversary of DU

To mark the day, the university authority chalked out a number of programmes including discussion meeting, commemorative meeting, debate competition, friendly soccer matches and cultural programme.

A large number of students and teachers of the university brought out a colourful procession from the administrative building. DU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. AAMS Arefin Siddique led the procession that paraded different streets on the campus which ended at the Teachers-Students Centre (TSC).

A discussion was held at the TSC auditorium on this year's theme where the Vice-Chancellor was present as Chief Guest. Registrar Syed Rezaur Rahman moderated the function while Professor Ahmed Shafi presented the keynote paper. Former DU Vice-Chancellor Professor M Moniruzzaman Miah and former Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Shahadat Ali, DU Teachers' Association President Professor Khandaker Bazlul Haque, among others, spoke on the occasion.

DU Senate and Syndicate members, Deans of different Faculties, Chairmen and Directors of different departments and institutes and Hall Provosts were also present at the discussion with Treasurer Professor Mizanur Rahman in the Chair.

Speaking at the function, Professor Arefin Siddique said, Dhaka University would have to take the leadership in building digital Bangladesh. The university led different democratic and education movements including the language movement and liberation war in 1971. He also urged all teachers and students to continue their research and academic activities for the welfare of country.

◆ Dhaka University Mass Communication and Journalism Alumni Association (DUMCJAA) arranged a Roundtable on 'The 89th Years of Tradition and Glory of Dhaka University: Past and Present Reality' at the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of the university on July 03, 2010.

Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury was Chief Guest at the function. DU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. AAMS Arefin Siddique presided over it. Former Vice-Chancellors of the university Professor SMA Faez and Dr. Moniruzzaman Mian, Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Harun-Or-Rashid, Professor Emeritus Dr. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, President of Dhaka University Teachers Association Dr. Bazlul Haque Khondakar, Dr. Anwar Hossain, former Vice-Presidents of DUCSU Professor Mahfuza Khanam and Mahmudur Rahman Manna and journalist Monwar Hossain took part in the discussion.

DUMCJAA President Professor Shaikh Abdus Salam presented the keynote paper and moderated the roundtable, while DUMCJAA General Secretary Muhammad Shamsul Haque delivered the welcome address.

Speaking at the function, Matia Chowdhury called upon all concerned of the university including teachers and students to play more effective role in maintaining congenial atmosphere on the campus.



Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury, MP along with DU VC & Pro VC at the roundtable discussion of DUMCJAA

At the function, a crest and a bouquet were also handed over to Musa Ibrahim, the first Bangladeshi who conquered the Everest, the highest mountain of the world.

◆ The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) accorded reception to 17 newly retired teachers of the university on July 26, 2010 at the TSC auditorium. DU Vice-Chancellor Professor Arefin Siddique attended the function as Chief Guest with DUTA President Professor Dr. Bazlul Haque Khondakar in the Chair. DUTA General Secretary Professor ABM Obaidul Islam delivered the welcome speech while Professor Dr. Mubina Khondakar read out the Note of Honour.

Addressing the occasion Professor Arefin Siddique remembered the contribution of the retired teachers to

their respective fields. He urged their cooperation to the university family in the future and prayed for their long life.

The retired Professors are Dr. Nirukumar Chakma, Dr. ABM Habibur Rahman Chowdhury, Dr. Syed Fazle Elahi, Dr. Gazi Harunur Rashid, M Rafiqun Nabi, M Mustafizur Rahman, Dr. Gias Uddin Ahmed, Dr. M Muhibur Rahman, Dr. Abul Khaiyer, Dr. M Nazrul Islam, Dr. Ashraf Uddin Chowdhury, Khadija Khatun, Jalalur Rahman, Dr. Rafiqul Islam Sharif, Ahmad Fakhru Alam, M Nasir Uddin and Shanti Narayan Ghosh.

Rajshahi University

Rajshahi University celebrated its 57th founding anniversary with enthusiasm, festive mood, fanfare and participation of students, teachers and staff on July 08, 2010 at its own campus. Education Minister Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid MP and RU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Abdus Sobhan jointly inaugurated the programme by releasing pigeons and balloons.



Education Minister Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP along with State Minister of Home, Advocate Shamsul Haque Tuku, MP leading the procession of RU Anniversary Day

State Minister of Home, Advocate Shamsul Haque Tuku MP, RU Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Nurullah, Fazle Hossain Badsha MP, Rajshahi City Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton and university officials were also present on the occasion.

Several hundred students and teachers, with the beats of drums, marched the major points of the university campus, celebrating Rajshahi University Day 2010. Rajshahi University flag was hoisted in the academic buildings and in residential halls.

Former Vice-Chancellors, emeritus professors, teachers and former students joined a colourful procession carrying festoons, placards, banners and flags. Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid led the procession on the campus.

Later, everyone placed floral wreaths at the Shaheed Minar, the university mass grave and the grave of Shaheed Shamsuzzoha.

A discussion was also held at the Kazi Nazrul Islam Auditorium of the university, marking the day. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid addressed the programme as

Chief Guest, while State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku, Rajshahi City Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, former president of RUCSU Fazle Hossain Badshah MP, former general secretary of RUCSU and Barind Multipurpose Development Authority Chairman Nurul Islam Thandu spoke at the session as Special Guests.

RU Vice-Chancellor Abdus Sobhan chaired the programme and Pro Vice-Chancellor M Nurullah, Registrar MA Bari also addressed the meeting among others.

Nurul Islam Nahid said the government pledged to keep congenial atmosphere in all the educational institutions in Bangladesh but the government alone can not ensure such atmosphere. He requested the students not to involve in any kind of violence on the campus.

Shamsul Haque Tuku urged upon the university authorities and the student community to take a bold stand against fundamentalism on the campus. The programme included a friendly football match. Natto Kola and Sangeet Department organized a cultural programme in Kazi Nazrul Islam Auditorium.

◆ Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA) arranged a farewell reception to 14 recently retired Professors of the university at the Zuberi House of the university on August 07, 2010.

The retired Professors are: Dr. Atful Hye Shibly (History), Shawkat Ara (Psychology), Dr. Shah Alam (Botany), Dr. Abdus Sattar (Mathematics), Dr. Abdul Halim (Social Work), Basudeb Kumar Das (Chemistry), Paritosh Kumar Chakraborty (Chemistry), Sayenuddin Ahmed (Chemistry), Kanailal Roy (Language), Mosaraff Hossain (Economics), Omar Ali (Management), Mokarram Hossain (Accounting and Information Systems), Ashini Kumar Mallick (Mathematics) and Abdul Aziz Khan (Arabic).

The programme was conducted by RUTA General Secretary Professor Ananda Kumar Saha, while RUTA President Professor Azizul Islam presided over it. Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly, Professor Shawkat Ara and Professor Basudeb Kumar Das spoke on the occasion. Hundreds of teachers of Rajshahi University were present on the occasion.

National University

National University (NU) has introduced online admission system in Masters (final year) to make the admission process easy and hassle-free for its students.

The admission seekers no longer need to stand in long queue at the colleges for admission. They can directly use the internet for filling in the digitized prescribed forms using NU website, after receiving permission from respective colleges.

NU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah told that on the first day after the introduction of online system, they were surprised to receive huge number of

applications. "It proves that the mass people of the country need the digital technology in their day to day life and they are capable to use the opportunity of new technologies," he added.

Pabna University of Science and Technology

The Pabna district administration has handed over 30 acre of land at Rajapur village in Pabna Sadar upazila to the Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST). At the land-handing ceremony Md. Mojibur Rahman, Chief Engineer, Education Engineering Department and Saydur Rahman, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Education) were also present among others.

PUST Vice-Chancellor Professor Mozaffar Hossain said, it is the first step towards fulfilling the dream. We have overcome a major obstacle. Now it is a matter of time to establish the full-fledged university. We are hopeful about starting the construction work within this year, he added.

The Pabna University of Science and Technology started its journey in 2007-08 session with four subjects and four other new are now being offered also. Over four hundred students have registered in last two sessions.

Bangladesh University of Professionals

The 5th Expert Consultation Workshop on Disaster Management Curriculum Jointly organized by (BAU) & CDMP was held on 31 July 2010 at BUP, Mirpur Cantonment.



Food & Disaster Management Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, MP and other distinguished guests at the Expert Consultation Workshop at Bangladesh University of Professionals

Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, MP, Minister, Ministry of Food & Disaster Management Peoples Republic of Bangladesh was present as Chief Guest and Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Jahir Uddin Ahmed was present as Special Guest. The workshop was divided into two sessions. the first session was chaired by Major General Md. Shafiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of BUP. The second session was business session.

Bangladesh Agricultural University

The golden jubilee (50th founding anniversary) of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) was celebrated at its own campus with due festivity and elaborate programmes. Marking the occasion, the BAU authority chalked out a day long programme including hosting of national and university flags, Colorful rally, tree plantation, seminar, farmers gathering and inauguration of fish museum at BAU. The main theme of the programme was 'Power of Food, Freedom through Agriculture'.

Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury was Chief Guest at the inaugural session while Captain (Retd) Mujibur Rahman Fakir, MP and State Minister for Cultural Affairs Advocate Promode Mankin, MP were Special Guests. BAU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. M. A. Sattar Mandal chaired the function.

Student Affairs Adviser of BAU Professor Md. Mustafizur Rahman and BAU Registrar Md. Nazibur Rahman also spoke at the inaugural session. BAU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. M.A. Sattar Mandal presented the keynote paper on 'BAU Achievement and Vision'.

The inception of the erstwhile veterinary in 1957 which later turned into BAU in 18 August 1961 introduced higher agricultural education in the country and is the third largest University among the public and private universities of Bangladesh. The Government promulgated its ordinance on August 18, 1961. The university formally came into existence on September 2, 1962.

At present this university is one of the most renowned technical institutions in Asia. BAU has been playing a pioneer role in the development of agriculture and its research in the country.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University

As part of nationwide afforestation programme, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (BSMRAU), Gazipur began a tree plantation campaign on the campus on July 22, 2010. BSMRAU Vice-Chancellor Professor Abdul Mannan Akanda inaugurated the month-long programme as Chief Guest by planting a sapling of fruit tree on the Fisheries Faculty building premises.

The university Deans, Departmental Chairmen, Director, Proctor, Provosts, Registrar, faculty members, officials and employees were present at the inaugural ceremony. BSMRAU tree plantation committee convener Nasimul Bari presided over the ceremony. Earlier, a colourful procession was brought out on the campus marking the occasion. The committee undertook a massive programme to plant about three thousand fruit saplings, timbers and medicinal plants during the month-long drive.

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

Hon'ble President and Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) appointed Professor Dr. S. M. Nazrul Islam as Vice-



Chancellor of the University for the next four years. He joined in his assignment as Vice-Chancellor on August 31, 2010. Dr. S. M. Nazrul Islam is a Professor of the Department of Mechanical Engineering of BUET and President of Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB). After completing B.Sc. in 1969, Professor Islam joined

the Department of Mechanical Engineering as a Lecturer and later on completed the M.Sc. programme from BUET. He did his Ph.D from University of Windsor, Canada. He was the Dean of Engineering of Maiduguria University, Nigeria and also a Professor at Al-Fateh University, Libya. During his career in BUET, he held the positions of Head and Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Director, Directorate of Students Welfare (DSW), and Director, Centre for Energy Studies.

Khulna University of Engineering and Technology



Professor Dr. Muhammad Alamgir of Civil Engineering (CE) Department of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET) joined as the Vice-Chancellor of KUET on July 21, 2010 on a four-year term.

Dr. Alamgir started his career as a lecturer at the BIT, Khulna and later joined KUET as a Professor in 2002.

He served the university in various capacities including Hall Provost, Head of CE Department, Dean and Syndicate Member.

Sylhet Agricultural University



Hon'ble President of Bangladesh and Chancellor of Sylhet Agricultural University (SAU) appointed Professor Dr. Md. Shahid Ullah Talukder, an eminent educationist and scientist of international repute, as the Vice-Chancellor of Sylhet Agricultural University. Professor Talukder joined as the 3rd Vice-Chancellor of Sylhet

Agricultural University. Prior to his joining the present position, he was serving the Department of Irrigation and Water Management (IWM) of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), Mymensingh as a Professor.

Noakhali Science & Technology University



Hon'ble President of Bangladesh and Chancellor of Noakhali Science & Technology University (NSTU) appointed Professor AKM Sayedul Huque Chowdhury, Department of Agronomy, Bangladesh Agricultural University, as the Vice-Chancellor of NSTU. He joined in his new post on 27 September 2010.

Private Universities News

Association of Private Universities meets President

A three-member delegation of the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB), led by its Secretary General Professor Dr. M Alimulla Mian, called on the President Md. Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban on July 12, 2010.

During the meeting, the President called upon the private universities to provide quality higher education with less tuition fees, particularly for the poor students.

He said the private universities would have to emphasize research activities along side ensuring adequate academic infrastructures for students and faculty members.

He also emphasized on establishing more private universities outside Dhaka with a view to facilitating higher education for rural students across the country.

The APUB delegation apprised the President of various problems of the private universities. Nearly 215,000 students are pursuing higher education at some 54 private universities across the country, they added.

President assured the delegation of his all-out support and cooperation to ensure quality higher education at the private universities.

Secretaries concerned to the President's office were present at the meeting.

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh



ULAB Vice-Chancellor Professor Rafiqul Islam handing over a crest to Hon'ble President Md. Zillur Rahman on the 1st Convocation of the university

The first convocation of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) was held on July 20, 2010 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Hon'ble President Md. Zillur Rahman presided over the function, while UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam spoke as the Special Guest. Ameerah Haq, Under Secretary General of the United Nations, spoke as the convocation speaker.

The President said the private universities must take measures to remove all barriers to imparting quality higher education in their own interest. Many private universities

have no adequate logistic and infrastructure facilities, capable teachers and well-equipped library, he added.

More sincere endeavors of the private universities are required to attain the desired goal. Congratulating the graduates, the President urged upon them to work for the interest of the common people.

President of ULAB Board of Governors, Kazi Shahed Ahmed and ULAB Vice-Chancellor Professor Rafiqul Islam also spoke on the occasion. M Ghulam Sundry Don spoke as the valedictorian.

A total of 146 students from different disciplines were conferred undergraduate and post graduate degrees while Mohammad Abdulla-Al-Mamun and M Aminur Rahman received gold medals from the President for their outstanding results.

Daffodil International University

A roundtable conference on 'Education and Mass Media: Perspective Bangladesh' was organized by the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication of Daffodil International University on August 01, 2010 at the VIP Lounge of Jatiya Press Club.



Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, MP, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education Ministry, along with other distinguished guests at the Roundtable Conference of DIU

Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Rashed Khan Menon MP was present at the conference as Chief Guest.

Moderated by Professor Dr. Sakhawat Ali Khan, Adviser, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, other panel of discussants were Professor Dr. Moniruzzaman Mia, former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, Professor Dr. Aminul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of Daffodil International University, Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Governors, DIU, Prof Abul Ahsan Choudhury, Mr. Kamrul Hassan Monju, Executive Director, Massline Media Center, Mirza Tarequl Qader, Executive Director, BIJEM and Dhaka University faculty member Dr. Abul Mansur Ahmed.

Nasimun Ara Hoq, Assistant Editor, Daily Sangbad and Professor Abdul Mannan, former Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University were also present on the occasion.

East West University

The Orientation Program of the new students of Fall Semester BBA Program of East West University (EWU) was held on August 29, 2010 at the auditorium of the university. A total of 330 new students who were selected from approximately 1600 applicants attended the program with great enthusiasm.

Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was Chief Guest on the occasion while Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founding Vice-Chancellor and President of the Board of Trustees of EWU was Special Guest. Among others Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Vice-Chancellor, EWU, Dr. Nazrul Islam, Dean, EWU and Dr. Humayun Kabir Chowdhury, Chairperson of the Department of Business Administration, EWU were present and spoke on the occasion.



UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam speaking at the Orientation Programme of East West University

In his speech, Professor Nazrul Islam gave an outline of the recent steps taken by the government to bring discipline and transparency in the academic and extra-academic activities of the private universities. He also appreciated the leading role of East West University in providing quality education.

Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin advised the students to rear themselves as global citizens and at the same time to be entrepreneurs in Bangladesh. The session concluded with a vote of thanks from Professor Humayun Kabir Chowdhury.

Stamford University Bangladesh

The Biennial Summit of Stamford Civil Engineers Association was held on 04 August 2010 at Engineers Institution auditorium. Engineer Lt. Col. Muhammad Faruq Khan, PSC (Retired), Minister of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as Chief Guest while Md. Belayet Hossain, President of the Association presided over the programme. Professor M. Majibur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor of Stamford University Bangladesh, REHAB President Nosrul Hamid MP, former Vice-Chancellor of BUET Professor Dr. M. Habibur Rahman and Vice President of Institute of Engineers,



Engineer Lt. Col. Muhammad Faruq Khan, PSC (Retired), Minister, Ministry of Trade, at The Biennial Summit of Stamford Civil Engineers Association

Bangladesh, Engineer Munir Uddin Ahmed were present as Special Guests.

The Welcome Speech was given by Engineer Kazi Nazrul Islam, General Editor of the association. Then, several opinions and exceptional plans were presented under the title of 'Our Thought' in which they discussed jobs and promotions of engineers at different levels, exceptional plans and implementation principles of civil engineering education system, importance of association, transforming people into manpower etc.

In his speech, the Minister said, 'the present democratic government is working wholeheartedly with the purpose of building up the country with the help of modern technology aimed at preserving national culture and tradition'. He hoped that all the members of Stamford Civil Engineering Association would perform their own duties with honesty and dedication to play a strong role in building the 'Sonar Bangla', the dream of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

In the second session of the summit, a new committee was declared with a concluding cultural programme.

Presidency University

Presidency University celebrated its 7th founding anniversary on July 21, 2010 at its campuses of Gulshan and Banani in the city.

To mark the day, the university authority chalked out a two-day programme including rally, photo exhibition, movie show and cultural programme. Ms. Rokia Afzal Rahman, chairperson of Presidency University Foundation, inaugurated the programme by cutting a cake at its Gulshan campus.

Speaking at the programme, Ms. Rahman emphasized on building the habit of hard work, serious studies and moral values and urged the students to continue their research and academic activities for the welfare of the country.

Moazzam Hossain, Vice Chairman of the Foundation and Professor M Harunur Rashid, Vice-Chancellor of the university, also spoke on the occasion. Deans and teachers of different departments and officials were present at the programme.

Green University of Bangladesh



Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, MP, UGC Member Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, GUB Vice-Chancellor and other distinguished guests at the roundtable discussion on higher education at GUB

On 28 August 2010, a round-table-discussion on 'The Standard of Higher Education in Bangladesh: Our Responsibility' was organized by Green University of Bangladesh at its seminar room under the chairmanship of Professor Dr. Anwarullah Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Green University. The Chief Guest was Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, Member of the Parliament and the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee of Education and Professor Dr. Md. Tazul Islam, Member of the UGC was Special Guest.

The other dignitaries who participated in the discussion were Dr. Akbar Ali Khan, former Adviser of Caretaker Government; Professor Dr. Moniruzzaman Mia, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Dhaka; Professor Dr. A.K.M. Fazlul Haque, Chairman of the Board of the Governors, Green University of Bangladesh; Professor Shahin Mahbuba Haque, Treasurer and Vice-Chairman of Green University of Bangladesh; Professor Dr. Abdul Mannam Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, World University of Bangladesh; Professor Dr. Mohammad Tahir, former Vice-Chancellor of BSMMU; Professor Monsur Musa, former Director General of Bangla Academy and Professor of University of Dhaka; Professor Saidur Rahman, Dhaka University; Professor Dr. Sadeka Halim, Member of Bangladesh Information Commission and Professor of University of Dhaka; and Mr. Moinul Ahsan Saber, Editor, Weekly 2000. The participants of the discussion agreed to the point that the standard of higher education in colleges and universities had degraded since the independence of Bangladesh and as such comparatively weak students are enrolling for higher education. The students' lack of knowledge in English has accelerated this decline. Besides, terrorism, unrest and struggle for the political domination/power have hampered the regular academic activities. Further problem is created by the appointment of unskilled and incompetent teachers. Not only that, new problems are created due to the unplanned spread of higher education. The standard of education is, thus under threat today. Therefore, the participants recommended some guidelines regarding upgrading the higher education.

Gono Bishwabidyalay

Gono Bishwabidyalay celebrated its 12th founding anniversary with enthusiasm, festivity and fanfare on 14 July, 2010 at its own campus.

A large number of students, teachers, officers and staff brought out a colorful rally to celebrate the day. UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam led the rally. He also visited the new campus of Gono Bishwabidyalay and planted a tree there.

Later, a discussion was held at the PHA Convention Centre of Gono Bishwabidyalay. Professor Nazrul Islam addressed the programme as Chief Guest while Professor Meshbauddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of Gono Bishwabidyalay was in the chair.



UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam along with Gono Bishwabidyalay Authority at the new campus of the university at Savar on its anniversary day

Professor Mahmud Shah Qureshi, Dean of Basic and Social Science Faculty, Dr. Mohammad Shahidullah, Dean of Health and Science Faculty, Mr. Saiful Islam Shisir, Executive Director of Gonshasthaya Kendra, Md. Delowar Hossain, Registrar of Gono Bishwabidyalay, Dr. Laila Perveen Banu, Principal of Gonshasthaya Samajvittik Medical College also participated in the discussion.

North South University

A delegation of Government of Yunnan Province, P. R. China, headed by the Honorable Governor of Yunnan, Mr. Qin Guangrong visited North South University (NSU) on August 30, 2010. On this occasion, Confucius Institute of NSU organized a reception and sponsorship ceremony at the university campus. Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was present as Chief Guest on this occasion while His Excellency Mr. Zhang Xianyi, the Ambassador of P.R. China to Bangladesh was present as Special Guest. Mr. Azimuddin Ahmed, Chairman, Board of Governors, NSU Foundation attended the programme as Guest of Honor.

NSU Vice-Chancellor Professor Hafiz G.A. Siddiqi also addressed the occasion among others. Professor Khaliqzaman Elias, Director, Confucius Institute, NSU delivered the welcome address.

American International University-Bangladesh



AIUB Founder Chairman Dr. Anwarul Abedin with the Asia's Best Business School Leadership Award

The American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) received the Asia's Best Business School Leadership Award from the Council of Management Organizations (CMO) Asia with strategic partners such as - Stars of the Industry Group, World Brand Congress 2010, Wall Street Journal, Outlook Business, Pan Pacific Singapore and United Group of Institutions. The awarding ceremony was held in Suntec Singapore on 23 July 2010. The Founder Chairman of AIUB, Dr. Anwarul Abedin received the award from the organizers.

Northern University Bangladesh

Department of Governance Studies of Northern University Bangladesh (NUB) organized a course completion ceremony of the graduating students of the first batch of MA in Governance Studies and 4th batch of the Post Graduate Diploma in Governance Studies recently at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel in the city.

Mr. Abdul Aziz, ndc, Cabinet Secretary to the government addressed the ceremony as Chief Guest while Mr. Fazle Kabir, Director General of Bangladesh Civil Service Administrative Academy (BCSAA), M Abu Bakar Siddique, Treasurer, NUB and Professor Dr. Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, Adviser, Department of Governance Studies, spoke on the occasion as Special Guests. Professor M A Razzaque, acting Vice-Chancellor of NUB, presided over the ceremony.

Southern University Bangladesh

A day-long workshop on Total Quality Management (TQM) was held at the Southern University, Chittagong on August 7, 2010. The event was jointly organized by BizEx Bangladesh Limited and SPEED (Southern Professional Education for Executive Development).

Managing Director of BizEx and Energy & Management Consultant Naseer Ahmed was the facilitator at the workshop, while Founder of Southern University Sarwar Jahan, Pro-VC Professor Dr. Sharifuzzaman were present as Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively.

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