

1st convocation

2006

Leading university



President
People's Republic of Bangladesh

I am pleased to know that Leading University is going to celebrate its first Convocation this year. On the occasion of this August Convocation, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the graduating students, parents, guardians, teachers as well as the University authority as a whole.

Convocation is a memorable day both for the graduating students and for the University as they get an ample opportunity to evaluate themselves in the context of present world. I hope the graduating students of Leading University would be able to face the challenges of the wider world by dint of their talent, competence, courage and creativity. I wish a better future for the graduates.

May Allah be with us in our onward march.

I wish the convocation a great success.

Allah Hafez, Bangladesh Zindabad

Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed



Dr. M. Osman Farruk, Ph.D
Minister for Education
Govt. of The People's Republic of Bangladesh

I am glad to know that Leading University is going to hold its 1st Convocation on 17th September, 2006.

Higher education is a prerequisite for a sustainable development of a country. It helps to develop an enlightened society by offering a highly skilled and innovative manpower. The present Government always encourages the quality of higher education for the development of the country.

I hope, the graduating students of Leading University are competent enough and equipped with necessary knowledge and skills to give their best in the progress and prosperity of the country. I congratulate all the graduating students and wish them all success in life.

I wish the convocation a great success.

Osman Farruk, MP



Mr. Ragib Ali
Chairman
Leading University

Occasions of contentment in a man's life come rare. Those of complete contentment are scant. Almighty Allah has granted me one of those scant occasions today, the day of the 1st convocation of the Leading University. My soul bows down before the Lord in gratefulness for allowing me the opportunity to witness this grand occasion in my life.

The Leading University, established in the holy land of Sylhet in 2001 with an outer campus in Dhaka, both housed entirely in own campuses, has established itself as a leading center of learning in this country. It is, in fact, the vanguard of higher education in the public sector in Sylhet. Quality education has been the motto of this university from the very beginning. I am sure that the graduates of this university have become rich with the necessary knowledge and skill to face this challenging global society of today and to lead their contemporary society to the right path for the future.

On this auspicious occasion I recognize and appreciate the efforts of the management, faculty, student and their parents / guardians for their cooperation in preserving the academic atmosphere and sanctity of the university which together has brought today the Leading University to its present position of prestige.

My words are limited to express the sentiments that I feel for the graduating students of today. I just congratulate them and wish them happy, bright and glorious life.

Ragib Ali

Aim
The aim of the university is to turn out accomplished students at the end of their academic career through the rigours of academic discipline and responses of the teaching and administrative staff of the university to individual needs of students for acquisition of knowledge, skills, desirable values and outlook. These graduates will be able to meet requirements of educated young men and women at home and abroad.

Mission
The mission of Leading University is to provide internationally comparable higher education at reasonable cost in a range of subjects that are particularly relevant to current and future societal needs in trade, industry and public services. To attain its mission LU offers adequate resources, opportunities and expertise to students so that they can achieve their high academic and career goals. As a seat of higher learning that promotes and inculcates ethical standards, values and norms, Leading University is itself committed to those high ideals.

History
The establishment of the Leading University in Sylhet, a holy city in the country, was exclusively a noble idea of a distinguished personality, Mr. Ragib Ali, who is well known for his philanthropic contributions to educational institutions all over the country. He established more than a hundred educational institutions at different levels and of different kinds including a medical college—Jalalabad Ragib-Rabeya Medical College and Hospital at Sylhet. Mr. Ragib Ali is a pioneer in establishing the first private university in Bangladesh—North-South University. He is the founder Vice-Chairman of North-South University and the current Chairman of Asia Pacific University and the North-South University. On his proposal for establishing the Leading University to the Ministry of Education on 24th August 1996, the Ministry issued charter on 28th August, 2001 to establish this university under the Private University Act, 1992. The Leading University was inaugurated on 4th March, 2002. It started its first semester that day. It had on its rolls 106 students in that semester in undergraduate programs. The relatively larger number of students in the initial semester was a source of inspiration to the organisers of the University. It has a total of 543 students at beginning of Spring 2006.

Degrees
The Leading University began with three undergraduate programmes – Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons.), Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in English and Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computer Science and Engineering. Later, we have added two graduate programmes namely, MBA and EMBA. We are planning to start Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Bachelor of Education in English Language Teaching and M.Sc in Computer Application. The total range of undergraduate and graduate programmes at present are as follows

- ▶ Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours).
- ▶ Bachelor of English (Honours).
- ▶ Bachelor of Computer Science and Engineering (Honours).
- ▶ Master of Business Administration
- ▶ Master of Business Administration (Executive)

The following programmes are planned to be started from Summer 2006 Semester or so:

- ▶ Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronic (Honours).
- ▶ Bachelor of Education in English Language Teaching.
- ▶ Master of Science in Computer Application

Mr. Ragib Ali, Founder Chairman of Leading University is a distinguished industrialist of the country. He is also currently Chairman of North South University. Beside, he is Founder Chairman of University of Asia Pacific, Dhaka; Jalalabad Ragib-Rabeya Medical College, Sylhet; Ragib-Rabeya Degree College, Biswanath Sylhet; Donor of Ragib Ali Hall, Modon Mohon College, Sylhet.

Mr. Ali is also a leading person in business, commerce and industry. He is the Chairman and Managing Director, Sylhet Tea Co. Ltd; Founder Vice Chairman, Southeast Bank Limited and Bangladesh General Insurance Company Limited; Elected Director of FBCCI; Founder President, Moulavibazar Chamber of Commerce and Industries; Member, International Chamber of Commerce and Bangladesh Enterprise Institute.

Mr. Ali is equally contributing in other sectors. He is the Founder Chairman, Ragib Rabeya General Hospital, Biswanath, Sylhet; Founder President, Ragib Rabeya Sporting Club, Hobigonj, Sunamgonj and Moulavibazar Advisor and Main Patron of Bangladesh Writers Club and Jatio Kabira Parishad; Sponsor, Ragib Rabeya Shahittaya Award, Director, Daily Financial Express; President, Board of Directors of the Daily Sylhetar Dak. He made financial contribution to construct and renovate the Sylhet Press Club. He is also the Founder Chairman, Ragib Rabeya Foundation; President, Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad, Dhaka; Founder Chairman, Sylhet Muktiyodha Kallyan Trust; Ragib Ali Kallyan Trust; Kabi Delwar- Ragib Ali Kallyan Trust.

Profile ▶ Leading University

Scholarships and Waivers
The Private University Act 1992 stipulates tuition waiver to 5% poor and meritorious students of the total number of students in the University. We have so far extended tuition waivers to 94 students to the total students of 543, constituting 17% of students, far in excess of statutory provision of 5% of total. Our tuition waivers system at entry including scholarships are as follows:

- Students scoring GPA 5.00 in HSC ▶ Full tuition waiver
- Students scoring GPA 4.00 in SSC & 4.00 in HSC ▶ 50% tuition waiver
- Students scoring GPA 3.00 in SSC & 4.00 in HSC ▶ 30% tuition waiver
- Students scoring GPA 3.00 in SSC & 3.50 in HSC ▶ 20% tuition waiver
- Female students ▶ 25% tuition waiver
- Second child of same parents ▶ 50% tuition waiver

In addition, on completion of three semesters, the student in each department receiving the highest CGPA of 3.75 or above is entitled to scholarship equivalent to a full tuition waiver.

The Campus

Leading University has at present a temporary campus in Madhuban Building of Bandarabazar, Sylhet and its outer campus lies in 83, Shiddeshari, Dhaka. The main campus at Sylhet was exclusively planned and designed for the purpose of university accommodation on the fourth floor of the building comprising floor area of 30,000sqft. Recently, another floor on the fifth floor has been constructed to meet rising demands for accommodation, adding another 30,000sqft, making a total of 60,000sqft floor area. This floor is ready for use from Summer 2006. The auditorium has a capacity for an assembly of 1200. The floor has earmarked spaces for more laboratories in future. Every teacher has been given a separate office room for undisturbed consultation with students and study. Students have been provided with study centres in addition to study hall in the library and separate lounging space for male and female students in addition to their common rooms. A larger cafeteria has now been provided to meet growing future needs. Nearly a dozen classrooms have been added too. Our proposal for acquisition of 6 acres of land is pending with the Government.

Laboratory

Each department has well-equipped modern labs. The Computer Science and Engineering and Electrical and Electronic Departments have a large Computer Lab, a Digital Lab and a Net-work Lab. We are planning to set up a Machine Lab soon for Electrical and Electronic Department. English Department has a state-of-the-art modern Language Lab.

Library

The University has a fairly well-equipped central Library with an unfurnished and congenial environment. The Library has recently been shifted to a large air-conditioned hall to provide spacious arrangements for study. The library is enriched with 10,000 books including reference books and dictionaries. Newspapers, magazines are also provided for the benefit of the students. The books are classified according to Dewey Decimal Classification System (DDC). It has computerized cataloging system developed by Computer Science & Engineering department.

In recent time Leading University progressed significantly in different fields of academic, administrative and co-curricular activities. With the highly qualified and competent teaching staff and other resource persons, well equipped modern Laboratories, socio-cultural and co-curricular activities; all the departments of Leading University are putting in relentless efforts to unfold the potentials of the students. It is expected that LU will develop further in the days to come with its mission of grooming up students to face the challenge of global competition in the new millennium.

Profile ▶ Chairman Mr. Ragib Ali

Mr. Ragib Ali, born in Sylhet, is also a pioneer tea-planter of the country. He is the owner of many tea gardens, including the Malonichara - the first tea garden established in 1854 under British Bengal along with other gardens like Rajnagar, Dalai, Lovachara etc. Not only has he succeeded to establish hundreds of tea gardens in the small holdings of the poor people at Panchagarh District of North Bengal, but also he was generous to make them the proud owner of all these gardens.

Mr. Ali is an illustrious person and his by own become an institution by his noble deeds. His name and fame has spread far and wide and he is highly acclaimed nationally and internationally. As Honorable Prime Minister of United Kingdom Tony Blair commented about Mr. Ragib Ali that "You have certainly acted most charitable towards those less fortunate than yourself and a great many people have benefitted from your kind and worthwhile endeavors to improve their lives. You set an outstanding example, which I trust that other might follow."

His dedication and commitment to the nation is praiseworthy. Throughout his life he has relentlessly contributing towards the establishment of several schools, colleges, universities, mosques, madrasahs, religious institutions, construction of roads, culverts and bridges all over the country, installation of hundreds of drinking tube-wells, publications of news papers, magazines and books and promotion of sports and cultural activities. His efforts in poverty alleviation of the masses have drawn special attention. Because of his generous and extensive grants, donations and assistance he is widely known as **Danbir Ragib Ali** at home and abroad.

LIST OF GOLD MEDALIST



CHANCELLOR AWARD
Department of Computer Science & Engineering
Md. Asrar Ferdous Chowdhury
JANUARY-2006



FOUNDER CHAIRMAN AWARD
Department of Computer Science & Engineering
Md. Hussain Shahriar
APRIL-2006



CO-CHAIRMAN AWARD
Department of English
Naureen Rahnuma
MAY-2006



VICE-CHANCELLOR AWARD
Department of Business Administration
Md. Fasihul Mostofa
MAY-2006
MAY-2006



VICE-CHANCELLOR AWARD
Department of Business Administration
Anayet Kanm Chowdhury
MAY-2006



CHANCELLOR AWARD
Ashim Kanth Deb
SEPTEMBER-2004
Master of Business Administration



CHANCELLOR AWARD
Mohammad Moinuddin
SEPTEMBER-2004
Master of Business Administration



CHANCELLOR AWARD
Md. Abdul Muyeen
MAY-2005
Master of Business Administration



CHANCELLOR AWARD
Meer Mahbubul Alam
JANUARY-2006



Prime Minister
Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

I am glad to know that the Leading University is going to hold its First Convocation Ceremony on 17 September 2006. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the graduating students, teachers and management of this Sylhet-based university on this auspicious occasion. I hope that the graduating students will make all-out endeavors to apply their knowledge and skills gathered at the university in their professional careers and thereby contribute their mite to the advancement of our society and nation.

I wish the Convocation all success.

Allah Hafez, Bangladesh Zindabad

Khaleda Zia



Professor M. Asaduzzaman
Chairman, University Grants Commission and
Convocation Speaker

I am delighted to learn that Leading University (LU), Sylhet is holding its 1st Convocation on 17th September 2006. A new batch of LU graduates will be able to serve the nation with the skill and knowledge they have attained through hard work and dedication. I hope their education and training will lead them to meaningful careers as well as opportunity for higher education. I convey my heartiest congratulations to the graduating students for their success, and to their parents and teachers for important support and supervision they provided.

The present age of globalization is full of challenges & competitiveness. The graduates will need knowledge, skill, aptitude, commitment and perseverance to face the challenges effectively. I hope that the outgoing LU students of 2006 will demonstrate their skill, knowledge and dynamism in their respective chosen fields.

We from the University Grants Commission (UGC) are all concerned about the quality of education in our educational institutions. As a centre of higher learning university is the place for creation of knowledge and dissemination of knowledge. Thus university should be a place of brilliant students and teachers. The authorities should also provide an excellent environment where teachers & students can exercise knowledge. Inshallah, from the UGC, we will do everything possible to promote quality in education in general & higher education in particular.

I wish the students all success in life.

I wish the university all the best.

Asaduzzaman

M. Asaduzzaman



Professor Dr. ABM Shahidul Islam
Vice-Chancellor
Leading University

It gives me great pleasure to exert to you all, on behalf of Leading University, a hearty felicitation on this ceremony of its 1st Convocation on 17th September 2006. It is indeed a memorable day for the University. We recognize our graduating students who are the living proofs of our achievements.

Leading University started its academic activities on March, 2002. It is to be mentioned that the university is established by renowned philanthropist Mr. Ragib Ali, who is well known for his philanthropic contributions to educational institutions all over the country. The aim of the university is to turn out accomplished students at the end of their academic career through the rigours of academic discipline and responses. The graduating students indeed has gone through the process and achieved the grand success.

I should appreciate the relentless effort made by a team with a blend of experienced and young faculty members to guide the students to achieve their goal and congratulate them on this solemn occasion of convocation.

Finally, I congratulate the graduating students of Leading University on this 1st Convocation Day and wish them all success in life.

ABM Shahidul Islam



CHANCELLOR AWARD
Khondakar Fahim Uddin Ahmed
MBA Program
SPRING - 2004



CHANCELLOR AWARD
Md. Mahbubur Rahman
MBA Program
SUMMER - 2004

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