




50 Years Anniversary of Department of Accounting & Information Systems and 25 years Anniversary of Accounting Alumni 2020



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Message

I am delighted to learn that the 50th Anniversary of the Department of Accounting & Information Systems, University of Dhaka and the 25th Anniversary of the Accounting Alumni are going to be held on 24-25 January, 2020. On the eve of the glazing celebrations, I extend my sincere thanks and warm facilitations to all concerned of the Department. University of Dhaka, the highest seat of learning in Bangladesh, has been playing an important role in nation building activities since its inception in 1921. Nowadays, the role of Business education is of paramount importance in coping with the global arena as well as in the socio-economic development of Bangladesh. As an important Department of the Business Faculty, Department of Accounting & Information Systems has been making significant contribution in the advancement of business education in line with our national priorities. I am confident that the Department of Accounting & Information Systems will continue its rich tradition of excellence in teaching and research, thereby facilitating the process towards elevation of Bangladesh as a developed nation.

I wish the Department's 50th year celebration and Accounting Alumni's 25th year celebration a grand success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

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A Profile of Department of Accounting & Information Systems University of Dhaka

The Department of Accounting & Information Systems is one of the premier departments under the Faculty of Business Studies University of Dhaka. Accounting was taught as a subject under the Department of Economics and Commerce in the 1922-23 academic session. In 1970, the Department of Commerce was elevated to a faculty and named Faculty of Commerce comprising of two departments, namely Accounting and Management. With the introduction of Master of Commerce (M.Com) degree in Accounting, a new chapter in accounting education began in the country and has since been contributing towards the progression of business education in Bangladesh.


The Department of Accounting started its academic activities with 8 teachers and 140 students in 1970 and has swelled to over 2,200 students and 50 teaching staff at the present time. Since its inception, the department is upholding its unwavering commitment first rate teaching and research. Keeping in view the changes in structure and curricula, the department was renamed as the Department of Accounting & Information Systems in 2002.

The Faculty of Commerce was renamed as the Faculty of Business Studies as per the decision of the Academic Council of the University of Dhaka, which was approved by the National Parliament through amendment of the Dhaka University Order. The Bachelor of Commerce with Honours and Master of Commerce degrees were renamed by the Academic Council as Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) in keeping with the trend of greater appeal and acceptability in the job market, and to respond to the competitive environment in the public and private sectors.

Currently, the Department offers Undergraduate, Graduate and Postgraduate programs in Accounting with a clear philosophy to develop in students the required knowledge and understanding of theoretical concepts and practical techniques for accounting profession and overall managerial discipline. The department offers Ph.D and M.Phil degrees to suitable candidates under the supervision of distinguished faculty members who are internationally acclaimed researchers in their specialized areas. In response to the socioeconomic demands, the Department of Accounting & Information Systems have launched Master of Business Administration (Evening) program, Masters in Professional Accounting program and Master of Accountancy in Taxation program uniquely suited to the Accounting discipline, catering to the increasing demand for accounting and tax professional representing both public and private sectors.

The academic programs of the Department are conducted by highly qualified and foreign trained academic personnel with commendable academic background. Distinguished scholars through their laudable efforts have made the programs the most coveted. A large number of faculty members - individually and in teams - is actively engaged in research and have pioneered many research publications. In addition to their commitment to teaching and research, faculty members play an important role in the affairs of the university and the community at large. A good number of our faculty sit on the board of different public enterprises. The diversified academic background of teaching faculty, their research activities, and the dynamic curriculum of Accounting & Information Systems have made it one of the leading departments in the University of Dhaka.

The Department of Accounting & Information Systems has a strong alumni named Accounting Alumni. The Department and Alumni have jointly been awarding over 100 merit based and need based scholarships for a number of years. The scholarship fund was created through generous contributions by alumni members, internally generated fund, and contributions from departmental teachers. This initiative has paved the way for uninterrupted education of underprivileged students.



Message

A H M Mustafa Kamal, FCA, MP
Minister
Ministry of Finance
Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

It is my great pleasure to know that the Department of Accounting & Information Systems, University of Dhaka, is going to celebrate its Golden Jubilee on January 24 & 25, 2020 along with the department's own Accounting Alumni Association celebrating their 25th Anniversary.

Department of Accounting & Information Systems has always been at the forefront of imparting quality accounting education of the country, producing great talents from among its students. Accounting graduates have been leading from the front in all sectors of the country. In trade, business and government the contribution of the accounting community can never be overlooked. I believe that the graduates of this department are one of the best that the University has to offer to the local and global job market. Today's business world is fraught with many challenges and the accounting professionals are equipped to face those challenges head on.

The department and its alumni have a very rich lineage that the existing students can be proud of. The Joint Anniversary Celebration will strengthen the bond between the veteran accounting professionals and the aspiring new graduates that will help promote professional excellence. I hope the new generation of alumni of this department will carry on this legacy and enrich it even more.

As an alumnus of this prestigious department it gives me tremendous joy to participate in this grand celebration. I wish the very best and success in this once-in-a-lifetime event.

AHM Mustafa Kamal
(AHM Mustafa Kamal, FCA, M.P.)



M. A. Mannan MP
Minister
Ministry of Planning
Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message


I am immensely delighted to learn that the Department of Accounting & Information Systems, University of Dhaka, is going to celebrate its 50th Anniversary on January 24 & 25, 2020. It also marks the 25th Anniversary of the Accounting Alumni Association, one of the largest alumni associations of the University.

Accounting professionals have been contributing to the various sectors of the country and have successful imprints in their work, be it within the borders of the country or abroad. The sense of discipline, sheer commitment towards accountability and overall ethical standpoint of these people have created a special place for the accounting discipline within the society. They are working diligently to promote better governance and thereby ushering positive change to the community. The graduates of this department can surely be considered as some of the best the country has to offer.

The celebration of the joint programmes will mark a unique and special occasion for the accounting community of the country as it emanates a strong message of unity, high standard and rich heritage.

I hope that this event will prove to be a great assemblage between the old and the new. I wish the event a grand success and commendation to all the people involved.

M. A. Mannan MP
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Message

Yussuf Abdullah Harun, FCA
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It is a great honor for me to be a part of the 50. Anniversary of the Department of Accounting & Information Systems and 25. Anniversary of Accounting Alumni, University of Dhaka. This department is one of the leading departments of the University of Dhaka. Over the last five decades, the department has been able to contribute significantly to the economic and social development of the country by creating business leaders and entrepreneurs. I believe this event of celebration will be a great opportunity for current students and alumni to be a part of a life time event the like of which has never happened before.

Global developments in the recent past are a clear indicator of a profound change that is taking place in the business landscape. There have been rapid and accelerating advances in science and technology that are altering the work place as never before. The knowledge era is empowering customers and employees, re-shaping the social, economic and political institutions and creating a symbiotic relationship between environment and humans. As a result, the social, philosophical and moral principals powered by increasing knowledge creation are transforming business, government and societies on a global scale. Accounting is playing a major role in this part by providing both financial and non-financial information to the users for their better decision making purposes. The Department of Accounting & Information Systems with its world class curriculum and highly trained faculty members has been training students to perform courageously and professionally in Bangladesh and abroad since in birth in 1970.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the departmental teachers, the Accounting Alumni who have spent their valuable time and effort to make this event successful.

With best wishes,

Yussuf Abdullah Harun
Yussuf Abdullah Harun, FCA

TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF THE ACCOUNTING ALUMNI: A CHRONICLE

The University of Dhaka started its academic journey on 1 July 1921. Accounting was taught as a subject of Commerce in the Department of Economics and Commerce under the Faculty of Arts from 1922-23 academic session. At the beginning, the degree awarded was B.Com. (Pass). Since 1948-49 academic session, M.Com. course was introduced. The Faculty of Commerce was established in 1970 with two departments: Department of Accounting and Department of Management. Prof. Dr. M. Habibullah became the first Chairman of the Department of Accounting on 09 October 1970. In 1978, the Departmental teaching techniques were changed to the semester system. The Faculty of Commerce was renamed as the Faculty of Business Studies on 16 July 1995 and a four-year BBA program was introduced from the academic session 1994-95.

Alumni Journey

As part of its extra-curricular activities, Accounting Week was organized in the Department of Accounting in 1992. A large number of former students of the Department were engaged in the week-long programme. This assemblage provided the opportunity amongst the Alumnus to initiate the process of a call for the 1st Accounting Reunion of the graduates of the Department on February 11, 1994. The reunion paved the way to form the alumni association. A 37-member convening committee was formed with Dr. M. Harunur Rashid (72 batch) as the Convener and other 36 members (71 batch to 11th batch) including two female members, Ms. Salma Karim (5th Batch '85) and Ms. Sultana Nahida Newaz (9th Batch '89), and our favorite teacher of Economics Dr. Mustafizur Rahman. There has not been much activity during the period 1994-1999, except the incubation of a DREAM. With the assumption of Office as Chairman of the Department of Accounting by Prof. M Harunur Rashid in 1999, Accounting Alumni was revamped in the year 2000. The 2nd Re-union of the Accounting Alumni was organized on September 07, 2001. By then, a Constitution for the Alumni was adopted and published during the Re-union. A new 33-member Executive Committee was formed by a general consensus for two years with Prof. Dr. Syed Masud Husain (LM-0072) as the President and Mr. A.K.M. Kamrul Islam, FCA (LM-0017) as the General Secretary as mandated in the constitution. From then onward, the Alumni journey never looked back and gradually founded on solid ground to complete its 25th year (in 2019), as we are now. Prof. M Harunur Rashid remains to be the source of inspiration and active drive for the Accounting Alumni. A large number of Alumni lovers and active drivers have already been surfaced during this journey. Annual general meetings were conducted regularly, financial statements were audited, new executive committee was elected by consensus bi-annually and took office at regular interval. The incumbent Executive Committee is the 10th EC of the Accounting Alumni and so far eighteen Annual General Meeting (AGM) and one EGM were convened. The Accounting Alumni was registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms under the Societies Act in 2015 during the tenure of Mr. Haider Ahmed Khan's presidency. This is the largest departmental Alumni in the University of Dhaka with 2,400 plus life members on board so far.

The Department was renamed as the Department of Accounting & Information Systems on November 24, 2002 and the Accounting Alumni takes the pride to remain in the mainstream support system for the welfare of the students and in all efforts of the departmental development initiatives. The Accounting Alumni extends support to undertake the overall educational expenses of 25 most needy students of the department every year and is thriving to increase the number of such scholarships in the near future.

The incumbent Executive Committee with Mr. Swadesh Ranjan Saha FCA and Mr. Mohamed Tofail Ahamed deserve special thanks from Alumnus for keeping their pledge to establish Alumni's own office. Accounting Alumni is going to housing in its own office soon at New Eskaton Road. Since 2001, the reminiscence of the all past ten Executive Committees, except the first one, is full of insurmountable glory. Bi-annual Re-union, bi-annual picnic took place regularly in an environment full of fun and joy during all these years. It has organized an International Conference of Contemporary Accounting in collaboration with the department of Accounting and Information Systems in 2009. It has organized local and international excursion for the Alumnus and their families on a regular basis.

Memorial Foundation:


Professor Dr. Md. Habibullah Foundation: In commemoration to the contribution of Prof. Habibullah Foundation was established under the auspices of the Accounting Alumni to encourage research and publication on Accounting and its allied fields.

Ramjan Ali Foundation: Mr. Shamsul Haque, 1st batch Alumnus contributed fund to establish a foundation in memory of his father to extend support higher studies in Accounting.

Gold Medal: Mr. Al Maruf Khan, 4th batch Alumni member contributed fund to decorate the best student of the department with a gold medal.

Mr. Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron, former General Secretary of the Alumni contributed fund to the departmental Scholarship fund and the Alumni to offer scholarship to the needy students.

Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ahmed Siddiq, Prof. Begum Khaleida Khanam contributed funds to the department in the Scholarship fund while Prof. Dr. Harunur Rashid and many other Alumni members continue to provide fund to the Alumni in its offering of annual scholarship to the students.



Message

Mohammed Muslim Chowdhury
Comptroller & Auditor General of Bangladesh

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to know that the Department of Accounting & Information Systems, University of Dhaka is going to celebrate its 50th anniversary and Accounting Alumni its 25th anniversary on 24 and 25 January 2020. I would like to congratulate all students, teachers, staffs and alumni on these special occasions.

In my opinion, the Department of Accounting & Information Systems, University of Dhaka has always been at the forefront in establishing effective workforce by developing students with the required knowledge and understanding of theoretical concepts, techniques for accounting profession and broader managerial discipline. The programs are tailor made for professionals, business executives, entrepreneurs and graduates who are willing to contemporize their extant knowledge base for achieving a better fit between themselves and the socio-economic environment. Since accounting discharges 'accountability and transparency'-it becomes an inevitable part in fund management (public and private) for achieving good governance.

I believe these programs will help to increase communication, exchange information, share experience and attain common platform to have further development in accounting profession.

I wish the '50th Anniversary of Accounting Department and Accounting Alumni 25th Anniversary Celebration' a grand success.

Mohammed Muslim Chowdhury
Mohammed Muslim Chowdhury



Message

Profssor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah
Chairman
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh


It gives me immense pleasure to know that the Department of Accounting & Information Systems, University of Dhaka is going to celebrate its 50th anniversary along with the 25th anniversary of Accounting Alumni on 24 and 25 January 2020. I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations and felicitations to the students, faculty members and accounting alumni.

University Grants Commission, as an apex body of the Universities of Bangladesh, promotes and maintains the standard of university education and also works as advisor on various issues related to higher education and research in Bangladesh. Since its inception, the University of Dhaka has a distinct character of having distinguished scholars as faculties who have enriched the global pool of knowledge by making notable contribution in the fields of teaching and research. And as one of its pioneering departments, Department of Accounting & Information Systems has always been advanced in adopting new challenges offered by today's globalization and progressive technological advancements.

I am hopeful that this congregation will lead to greater bonding between current students and alumni and assist implementing educational strategies that will create future entrepreneurs and global leaders.

My best wishes for these celebrations and its success.

Profssor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah
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Message

Profssor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman
Vice Chancellor
University of Dhaka

It is my honor to be a part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Department of Accounting & Information Systems (AIS), one of the pioneer and oldest departments at the University of Dhaka. The Department, since its establishment has earned its reputation as an excellent research, teaching and learning platform for accounting professionals in Bangladesh.

The business education at the University of Dhaka started as "Department of Commerce" under the Faculty of Arts in 1921. In line with growing demand and necessities, the AIS department, along the Department of Management started as an independent faculty in 1970. Since then, the AIS department has made itself a best career choice for accounting professions in Bangladesh. This department, with its globally renowned researchers and faculties has contributed significantly to advance quality accounting education in Bangladesh.

The Department of Accounting & Information Systems has given its a world that is smaller in terms of access, larger in terms of possibility, and richer in terms of cultural awareness and understanding. Through integrative study, research, immersion, and exposure to the world through academic journey, students and alumni of this Department have gained new perspectives and developed new horizons. The alumni of the Department have earned strong reputation in various industries as successful entrepreneurs, chief executive officers, analysts, chartered accountants, researchers, academics and more.

As our country is graduating from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to a Middle Income Country (MIC), and visioning to become a developed nation by 2041, the role of the accountants and accounting education will be equally important. I believe that this prestigious Department will contribute to our country's development journey with its excellent research and academic rigor in accountancy.

I am really happy to know that the Alumni of this Department is also celebrating 25th anniversary along with the Department's 50th anniversary. I hope that the alumni of this Department, like many other globally renowned Departments and Universities, will contribute and play a significant role to make this Department as one of the best accounting education platform in Asia.

I express my deepest gratitude to those who have given their time, talent, and resources to celebrate this memorable moment. The AIS Department has been built on a solid foundation. The founding vision and fifty years of commitment have created the momentum for a bright and promising future.

I wish all the very best to the accounting family members, and hope that they will continue the honor, legacy and prestige as part of the country's oldest, largest and premier academic institution in Bangladesh, the University of Dhaka. Greetings of the Mujib Birth Centenary.

Joy Bangla. Joy Bangabandhu.
Long live University of Dhaka. Long live Bangladesh.

(Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman)
Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman



Message

Swadesh Ranjan Saha, FCA
President
The Accounting Alumni
University of Dhaka


In observation of 50th anniversary of the Department of Accounting & Information Systems of University of Dhaka and 25th anniversary of the Accounting Alumni Association of University of Dhaka, I am happy to congratulate all the students, faculties & alumni members and extend my best wishes for a successful celebration. I believe, it's really a great opportunity for all of us to strengthen the bridge among all alumni members and current students of the department.

Since its inception, Accounting Department & information systems of Dhaka University has nurtured a commitment to intellectual inquisitiveness, individual goal and social responsibility within its student body. By helping students achieving academic excellence, Accounting Department & information system of Dhaka University has prepared countless accounting professionals and business leaders for successful and rewarding careers. In the current business phenomenon, the responsibility of accountants is not merely lying in counting historical financial results. Rather, accountants are playing important role to provide mechanism for holding corporation accountable for what they do. Accounting academics have been at the forefront of research and theory of social and environmental accounting. With the increasing complexity in the financial market, the role of the accountants is getting broader and more sophisticated. All the faculty members and members of Alumni Association are working relentlessly from their own position to equip our future generation to handle more complex financial markets and to make significant contribution to sustain the on-going economic growth of the country vis-à-vis the global sustainable economic development.

On behalf of the Accounting Alumni of Dhaka University, I appreciate every member associated with the Department of Accounting & Information Systems, University of Dhaka throughout its long history of their dedication to the success of their students and their continued investment in the communities they served.

Again Congratulation to all members on the significant milestone and best wishes for many more years of success of the Department of Accounting & information systems and Accounting Alumni, Dhaka University.

Swadesh Ranjan Saha
Swadesh Ranjan Saha, FCA



Message

Profssor Dr. Riazur Rahman Chowdhury
Chairman
Department of Accounting & Information Systems
University of Dhaka

It is both a privilege and an honour to be part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Department of Accounting & Information Systems, and the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Accounting Alumni, University of Dhaka on 24-25 January, 2020.

Accounting as a subject has been an integral part of the academic curriculum since 1921 taught under the Department of Economics and Commerce. The gradual elevation of Accounting to a full fledged department is a testament of its socioeconomic necessity in response to the environmental demand.

The Department of Accounting & Information Systems carries a rich heritage of high quality business education befitting the academic stature of the University of Dhaka. For the past five decades, the department has been a hub of learning and research bringing to the fore the best quality human resource who are displaying the highest level of professionalism in undertaking their roles and responsibilities across diverse enterprises both nationally and internationally. The interdisciplinary collaboration between accounting and other fields of knowledge has established the primacy of the discipline in business education. The untiring and sustained efforts of the departmental teachers, students, and support staff contribute significantly in the nation building process.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Alumni of the Department in providing all out support to the Departmental endeavor to assume a comprehensive role as part of our commitment to serve greater public interest.

I wish the Joint Celebration a resounding success.

Prof. Dr. Riazur Rahman Chowdhury
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