



INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH

SECOND CONVOCATION

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Independent University, Bangladesh

Established in 1991 in cooperation with two British universities as a university college, the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), was subsequently authorized to function on its own under the Private University Act 1992. It opened its doors to students in the spring of 1993.

The mission of the university is to produce world class graduates within the local environment, with knowledge and skills to provide leadership in enterprise, public service and welfare. It produced the first batch of students in 1997 following a four-year course of study.

IUB's goal-directed curriculum prepares students for a career based on applied technology grounded in liberal arts and science, behavioural understanding and competence in two international languages.

President recognised

Dr A Majeed Khan, President of Independent University, Bangladesh, was recognised with an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by the trustees of Hamline University, St Paul, Minnesota, USA, at its commencement on 23 May 1998 in recognition of his lifelong dedication to liberal education and development of culture.

Previously, he was honoured as *Officier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques* in 1996 by the French Government for his contribution to education and culture. In 1990 he was elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*, the most prestigious honour society of the United States, in recognition of his high attainment in liberal scholarship.

IUB AT A GLANCE

Location: Temporarily located in the tranquil neighbourhood of the diplomatic zone of Baridhara in Dhaka. Its permanent site is being developed at Kaliakoir.

Faculty: The faculty consists of 50 full-time and part-time scholars representing nine nationalities; Britain, Canada, China, France, India, Russia, Sri Lanka, the United States and Bangladesh.

Admission: Minimum eligibility - completion of 11/12 years of pre-university education under any national/international system or inter-university transfer.

Academic Calendar: The academic year is divided into semesters of 15-17 weeks. A six-week summer session is held in June-July which is optional to regular students and is charged separately.

Degrees offered: BSS, BBA, BSc, MA & MBA

Courses: Eightythree courses are offered in social science, environmental science, business management and a broad range of interdisciplinary studies.

The core courses of the schools are:

School of Business: principles of accounting, marketing, management, microeconomics and macroeconomics, intercultural aspects of business, accounting information system, econometrics, international economics, international finance management, banking and finance, investment management, securities valuation on management, advanced marketing management, business law.

Facilities



The Library

IUB has a rich library of more than 6,000 titles. It acquired 2,029 books and subscribed to 46 periodicals during 1997. A noteworthy collection in the general category was the 30-volume Encyclopedia Americana.

In addition to books and periodicals, it has audiocassettes, videocassettes and CD-ROMs. It is planning to set up an audio-visual area with a number of television sets, audio/video players and computers to maximize the use of audio/video cassettes and CD-ROMs. It is also planning to acquire more CD-ROMs instead of voluminous hard copies of reference materials. It had already collected Encyclopaedia Britannica in CD-ROM released in 1995. IUB President personally collected "Bangla Parichaya" and gave it to the library to be added to its CD collection.

Monem Computer Centre (MCC)

MCC is a complex of computer facilities. It consists of four units - the main, GIS, Population laboratory and the Graduate School laboratory. Recently facilities were enlarged and also technically upgraded. Two new sections were added linked to the main servers with new sub stations.

MCC is online with unlimited access from any workstation of the network. The students, faculty members and staff can browse the World Wide Web from any terminal they logged from. IUB was the first institution to offer personal Internet E-mail accounts to all its students, teachers and staff. There is also a computer lab for research in software and programme development.

Message



As the Independent University, Bangladesh, holds its second convocation. I congratulate the graduating students on their achievements and wish them every success in life.

Some of the private universities in Bangladesh such as IUB have provided much needed competition in higher education and opened up wider options of study to the students. Their record of strict adherence to the academic calendar and maintenance of congenial academic atmosphere in the campus can have a salutary effect on the education system as a whole.

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Minister for Education

IUB teaching takes place in small classrooms aided by electronic global contact (internet, e-mail), hands-on computers, libraries, laboratories and

class-in-field. An integral part of the IUB curriculum is a course on national culture and heritage. Another is a field-work based experience about life and society of Bangladesh.

Message

I congratulate the 34 students who are graduating today after completing four years of study at IUB. I also congratulate their parents for their trust in us.

We are indeed happy that we have been able to maintain the academic calendar and hold convocations in successive years.

For this achievement I would like to pay a tribute to the faculty and the staff of the university as well as the members of the Governing Council, trustees and friends of the university



Dr Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury
Rector



School of Communication: international communication, development communication, system analysis and design, mass media and society, communication research methodology, computer mediated communication, database management system, comparative broadcasting systems, probability & statistics, rural development and communication.

School of Environmental Science and Management: environmental biology, ecology and conservation, environmental pollution and waste management, environmental economics, public relations in environmental management, integrated resource management and environmental law, natural hazards risk management, geodemography of poverty & environmental management, environmental regeneration and human welfare, coastal ecology.

School of Liberal Arts and Science

The school offers a variety of courses classified as basic, foundation, languages, elective and minor. It also conducts two six-credit courses - National Culture and Heritage (NCH) and Live-in-Field Experience (LFE) for familiarising the students with the country's cultural heritage and exposing them to the way life is lived by the common people.

The school as yet does not offer a major programme of study.

Student Activities: Debating Club, Poetry Circle, French Club, Computer Club, Students Publication and Music Club. Facilities for intramural sports and recreational activities are available for all interests.

Honorary Fellow 1998

National Professor Muhammad Shamsul Huq

Distinguished scholar, researcher, diplomat and author of several books, National Professor Muhammad Shamsul Huq was educated at the universities in Calcutta, Dhaka and London. During his long and outstanding career spanning over several decades, he was appointed as Minister of Education and Foreign Minister, Vice Chancellor of the Universities of Dhaka and Rajshahi, Chairman of the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies and President of the National Association of Social Sciences.



Currently President of the Foundation for Research on Educational Planning and Development and Chairman of the National Advisory Group on Asia-Pacific Information Network, Professor Shamsul Huq participated in many international conferences at summit and ministerial levels. His writings cover issues relating to security, foreign policy and education. He was made National Professor in 1989 in recognition of his unique contribution to education and research nationally and internationally.

On the recommendation of the faculty, the Governing Council has appointed National Professor Muhammad Shamsul Huq and Honorary Fellow of Independent University, Bangladesh.

Special curriculum features

National Culture and Heritage (NCH)

It has been IUB's policy to give all its students not only knowledge and skills but also a deeper understanding of the national culture and heritage. This will enable them to be aware of their rich cultural background and be better leaders of the country. NCH is a compulsory 6-credit course and involves field visits to places of cultural interest.

Live-in-Field Experience (LFE)

The IUB curriculum has been designed to provide education in subjects relevant to the country's endogenous development needs and future employment prospect of the graduates. Accordingly, every student is required to be familiar with the life of the majority of the population. In Bangladesh still over 80 percent of the population live in the rural area.

The course is offered to students of second year and higher classes. It is a university graduating requirement and carries 6 semester credits. The course is offered once a year as five-week full-time engagement between December and January.

Community Relations : Extension and Continuing Education Centre (ECEC)

The mission of IUB is to achieve the goals of higher education and of sustainable economic growth of the country through a two-way relationship between the university and community. To this end, Extension and Continuing Education Centre (ECEC) identifies, develops and offers short courses for the business community in order to advance and update personnel skills of employees and job seekers.

To meet specific needs of different client groups including students, young executives and entrepreneurs, ECEC offers short courses in the different uses of English language. It also organizes regional conferences, workshops and roundtables on executive development programmes.

ECEC is backed by competent faculty of the university and international collaboration with Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Indian Institute of Management (Ahmedabad) and Paris Graduate School of Business (ESCP).

Graduate School

It offers a 15-month 48-credit Euro-Asian MBA Programme jointly with Maastricht School of Management (MSM) of the Netherlands. The degree is awarded jointly by both the institutions.



Is p a h a n i C o m p o s i t e L a b o r a t o r i e s (I C L)

ICL has four units for (a) chemical environmental pollution monitoring and basic chemistry, (b) environmental biology, (c) physics and electronics, and (d) Geographic Information System. These are used for conducting chemical, physico-chemical and electro-chemical analysis of air, water and soil pollutants. With the help of modern computerised instruments ICL is able to analyse critically such toxic substances as arsenic, mercury, lead, chromium, cadmium and copper in natural waters.

