



FIRST CONVOCACTION 2002

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY



East West University: A profile

Message
Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim
I welcome the first Convocation of the East West University.

The first Convocation marks an important milestone in the development of the University. The credit for this laudable achievement belongs to the founders, faculty, administration and students of the University and their parents - all of whom have contributed to its rapid progress.

I congratulate the first batch of graduates of the University on their commendable achievement and wish them success in meeting the challenge of the new century.

Professor A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury
President
People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message

I am delighted to learn that East West University (EWU) is holding its first Convocation on 2 January, 2002.

I convey my heartiest congratulations to the first batch of graduates for their pioneering role and commendable achievement. The convocation is also the symbol of success of years of painstaking teaching and training by the university faculty and vital support and encouragement provided by parents. This indeed is an occasion for all to celebrate.

The purpose of higher education is not merely to acquire knowledge and skills. EWU Graduates, I believe, will also be able to bring new ideas and innovative approaches to their professional life in order to meet the demands of a dynamic and highly competitive world. I wish them all success.

M. Osman Faruk
Minister
Ministry of Education
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message

It is matter of great satisfaction that the First Convocation of East West University is scheduled to be held on 2 January 2002. It marks the day when the university will fulfill its commitment to provide top quality higher education to the first batch of students. It is also a measure of the success of East West University in creating and maintaining a high level of public confidence in its standards of education, peaceful academic environment and continuity of programs. On this auspicious occasion I extend my heartiest congratulations to the graduating students and record my deepest appreciation to the founders, faculty, parents, guardians, benefactors and the university administration whose united efforts have made it possible for the university to celebrate its achievement. With its highly qualified and experienced faculty, internationally recognized programs, state of the art computer and digital laboratories, library, language laboratory, software development center, career counseling service and individual care of students East West University is now firmly set to make rapid strides and contribute significantly to the development of higher education in Bangladesh.

M. Monwarul Islam
Vice Chancellor

Graduating Students:

- Bachelor of Business Administration**
- Rezwana Anwar
 - Suchita Nahid Salam
 - Ehtasham Kabir Chowdhury
 - Nowshad Shamul Arefin
 - Nadira Yasmin
 - Saber Khusru
 - Syed Abidur Rahman
 - Mostafa Md. Najur Rahman
 - Shams Arifin
 - Labiba Salsabil
 - Shabbir Ahmed
 - Shahrim Sanjeed
 - Syed Parwez Sajjad
 - Mostafa Alvi
 - Somme Cum Laude & Gold Medalist**
 - Valedictorian
 - Anila Kabeer
 - Md. Sarwar Jahan
 - Shakil Uddin Ahmed
 - Jubaida Gulshan Mohiuddin
 - Mohammad Rezaul Karim
 - Mohammad Nasir Uddin
 - Farida Easmin
 - Iffat Hussain
 - Sadia Afreen Chowdhury
 - Mir Amzad Hossain
 - Mohammad Mizanur Rahman
 - Shamsia Islam Chowdhury
 - Tamanna Ferdous Syed
 - Mohammad Quamrul Islam
 - Rajia Sultana
 - Huben D' Cruze
 - Khandaker Hasibul Hasan
 - Zainul Abedin Chisty
 - Dilruba Afroz
 - Mohammad Hasibul Islam Khan
 - Mohammad Tareq Jamir
 - Nayla Sharmin Shami
 - Jayed Hussain
 - Magna Cum Laude**
 - Farha Naz
 - Abdullah-Al-Masud
 - Md. Iqbal Mahmood
 - Sifat Pervin
 - Mohammad Emdadul Haque
 - Mohammad Taj-Ul-Islam
 - Md. Tabrez Bin Mahbub
 - Somme Cum Laude & Gold Medalist**
 - Ahmed Mubdur Rahman
 - Ruhina Halim
 - Mahmud Hossain
 - Mohammad Nayan Mahady
 - Mohammad Mizanur Rahman
 - Rawak Ferdous Khan
 - Khondoker Rakib Haider
 - Mohammad Abu Sayem
 - Mohammad Zakirul Islam

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**
- Taneen Mustafa
 - Roksana Kabir
 - Tasked Jabid
 - Magna Cum Laude**
 - Samina Islam
 - Sadia Islam
 - M.M. Waliullah
 - Somme Cum Laude & Gold Medalist**
 - Mohammad Morshed Alam
 - A.K.Md. Rezwana Mohiuddin
 - Shafkat Kibria
 - Md. Mokhasur Rahman
 - Mohammad Mushfekul Islam
 - Mohammad Faysal Zaman
 - Tahnia Mostayin
 - Mohammad Hasan Ferdous
 - Mohammad Khaled Ibtne Shahed
 - Kazi Muhammad Morzhidur Rahman
- Bachelor of Arts in English**
- Fatema Jalil
 - Liza Reshmin
 - Md. Shaifur Rahman
 - Magna Cum Laude & Gold Medalist**
 - Syeda Shakila Ali
 - Ambareen Raquib
- Executive Master of Business Administration**
- Md. Abdus Sobhan
 - Biplay Banerjee
 - Mir Farhad Ali
 - Hasan Shirazi
 - Golam Rahman Mohammad Khaled
 - Selinuzzaman Chowdhury
 - Sylvester Halder
 - Kajal Kanti Sen Gupta
 - Muhammad Shakhawat Hossain
- Master of Business Administration**
- Md. Shamsuddoha
 - Md. Shahidul Alam

In the life of every person there comes a point when he or she realizes that out of all the seemingly limitless possibilities of youth he has opted for a path that will take him towards fulfillment. As a forerunner among private Universities in Bangladesh, East West University is poised to lead talented youths of Bangladesh towards such a path and transform them into resourceful, knowledgeable individuals imbued with wisdom and learning.

As early as 1992, the Government of Bangladesh enacted the Private University Act to broaden the scope of higher education in Bangladesh by encouraging private institutions to offer educational opportunities at the post-higher secondary level. The Private University Act of 1992 (as amended in 1996) has certainly become a watershed in the history of higher education in Bangladesh. The idea of establishing a private university to provide quality education at an affordable cost in Bangladesh was first mooted by a group of prominent academics, business leaders, professionals and education enthusiasts led by Dr. Mohammed Farshuddin. With this end in view, this group formed a non-profit, non-political, charitable organization called Progoti Foundation for Education and Development (PFED). East West University is its first major project. This Foundation is chaired by Syed Manzur Elahi, an Advisor in the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh in 1996 as well as in 2001. In 1996, East West University was given permission by the Ministry of Education to confer the Baccalaureate degree in different branches of Science, Arts and Social Science, and conduct programs under specific curricula. Dr. Mohammed Farshuddin was the first Vice-Chancellor of the University for the period of 1996-98. Through relentless work, dedication and single-minded devotion, East West University has succeeded in its goal. Its first batch of graduates, the Class of 2001, testifies to the fact that the dream cherished by all the founding members of East West University has finally been realized.

Mission: East West University believes that it can play a constructive role in the intellectual life of the nation in the new millennium by blending the traditional values of the East and the technological advancement of the West. It is completely dedicated to live up to its name by synthesizing eastern culture and values with western thought and innovation. It also aims to create a platform for the talented youth of our country so that they can offer dynamic leadership for future generations. However, the main objective of East West University is to emerge as an academic institution with a reputation for academic excellence and for devotion to the production and dissemination of knowledge.

Vision: As a University, East West stems from the moral principle of Immanuel Kant who urged each of us "to treat humanity whether in your own person or in that of others as an end only and never as a means". Our endeavor is to foster quality education that will encompass the ethical, social, and professional dimensions and will contribute to a forward-looking society. East West University believes that it is only through the combination of an individual's inherited culture and values with the attainments of science & technology that a balanced development can be attained by an underdeveloped country like Bangladesh.

Goals: As an institution with vision, East West University is dedicated to the pursuit of the following fundamental principles:

- (1) To provide ample opportunities for our youth to enable them to reach the frontiers of knowledge at a reasonably affordable cost.
- (2) To serve the nation by creating a superior and customized academic environment that will produce graduates equipped with knowledge and skills to lead Bangladesh forward in the twenty-first century.
- (3) To create a pool of highly qualified faculty members dedicated to top quality teaching and research.

Accreditation & Collaboration: East West University has been accredited by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Its curricula as well as its programs have been approved by the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh. The Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is the Chancellor of East West University. The Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and the Treasurer of the University, are appointees of the Hon'ble President of the country in his capacity as the Chancellor of the University. With increased globalization in the world, and at a time when knowledge is extending all frontiers by transcending national boundaries, East West University's ambition is to emerge as both a receiver and a generator of knowledge. Fully aware that the new century will be the century of sound knowledge, progressive ideas and values, and that whoever possesses the most outstanding knowledge and skill holds the key to the future, East West University has entered into formal collaboration and academic agreements with some leading universities of the world. They are as follows:

- Pace University (New York, USA)
- Suffolk University (Boston, USA)
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (Chicago, USA)

East West University intends to negotiate more agreements and establish more links with other well-known universities of USA, UK and Australia.

Under graduate programs: Currently, East West University offers Bachelor degrees in the following undergraduate programs:

- Bachelor in Business Administration with concentration in Accounting, Marketing, Finance, Management, International Business & Management Information Systems.
- B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering
- B.Sc. in Communication & Information Technology.
- Bachelor of Arts in English.
- BSS in Economics

New programs such as Environmental Studies, Population Science, and Health Management will be offered soon.

Graduate Programs: A two-year MBA program was introduced in 2000 with particular emphasis on coursework that will

equip students to face modern business challenges successfully. Individuals who are currently employed in an organization can enroll in the Executive MBA program, which is designed to



ensure discipline and a proper academic environment. Some of the important clauses of the code are: zero tolerance on cheating and severe penalty and retribution for resorting to any unfair means, academic dishonesty, or any sort of social misconduct or untoward behavior. Strict compliance of these laws by students is enforced by University proctors and by a high-powered Disciplinary Committee.

(4) One competitive edge EWU possesses over other leading private universities is its large pool of full-time faculty. It chooses faculty members through a rigorous and transparent selection process. Faculty members possess outstanding academic records and impeccable professional credentials. Many of them have foreign degrees and exposure. This allows for cross-fertilization and exposure of students to the latest ideas in each discipline.

(5) Academic advisors play a very crucial role in students' performance, particularly in the semester system. In EWU, each student is assigned an academic advisor at the beginning of the school year. He/she assists students to achieve their academic and career goals. EWU students are evaluated on the basis of the Grade Point Average (GPA) system. GPA earned by EWU students correspond to the following classes attained by students in some universities.

GPA 3.00 and above = First Class
GPA 2.50 to 2.99 = Second Class
GPA 2.00 to 2.49 = Third Class

Seminars & Professional Events: A university should accommodate think tanks that will not only disseminate knowledge but also create new knowledge and ideas. With that end in view, East West University has already organized several seminars and workshops. This reflects its interest in the academic analysis of major national and international issues. On 5th August, 1996 it organized a lively seminar on 'Bangladesh toward 21st Century: Development Options, Opportunities and Constraints' which was inaugurated by the former Minister of Finance of the Government of Bangladesh, Mr. Shah A.M.S. Kibria. Among the participants were distinguished intellectuals such as Professor Rehan Sobhan, eminent academics, and policy makers. The keynote paper was presented by Professor Nurul Islam, the first Deputy Chairman (Minister) of the Bangladesh Planning Commission. The second major event sponsored by EWU was a national seminar on 'Human Resource Development in Information Technology: Prospects and Problems' on 10th March, 2001 at IDB Bhaban, Dhaka. Distinguished scholars and IT professionals were present in this very productive exchange of views and ideas. The seminar raised important issues and made specific recommendations to the government for further development of this sector.

Co-curricular Activities: In addition to academic interests, students of East West University engage themselves enthusiastically in co-curricular activities. The University has nine student clubs that enable

them to exhibit their abilities in non-academic areas and stimulate their imagination. Another function of these clubs is to promote leadership and discipline among students. A designated faculty works as a moderator to supervise each of these clubs. The major clubs are:

1. The Cultural Club 2. The Debating Club 3. The Environmental Society 4. Sports Club 5. Computer Club 6. Photography Club 7. English Conversation Club 8. Business Club 9. EWU MBA Club

A 3-day art competition was organized by the Environmental Society of EWU from 26th January to 28th January 2001. Students of EWU exhibited their art works in this event. East West University Computer Club organized a seminar on 'Career Prospects and Learning Goal' for its students on 30th May, 2001.

Career Counseling Center: From Summer 2001, East West University established a highly proactive center for career search for new graduates and potential graduates. In an era of intense competition for jobs, the center is designed to provide support and advice to students searching for possible employment opportunities. It also extends technical support to students who are interested in pursuing higher education abroad in USA, Canada, Australia, or anywhere else. The Career Council Office also maintains a record of all our alumni or interns who are working in different national or multinational organizations. In Fall 2001, EWU organized a Job Fair in its premises where different commercial, financial, consulting and IT firms participated and set up booths. They explained their main business focus and gave guidelines to students and collected resumes from them for examining the prospects of future employment.

Library: East West University has a growing library housed in two separate floors consisting of over 7050 volumes chosen to meet students' needs. The books are arranged in a systematic manner in classified shelves. There are a number of full-time librarians to assist the faculty and students to check out books. In addition, the library subscribes to about thirty different journals and magazines representing the disciplines of Computer Science, Business, Economics, English Language and Literature, and other subjects. The library utilizes GDS/ISIS, a sophisticated software developed by UNESCO, to provide information about the collections of the library.

Labs & Amenities: The academic environment is one of the key factors in facilitating exchange of knowledge between students and teachers. Conscious of this fact, at East West University we have clean, spacious, and fully air-conditioned rooms that ensure an atmosphere ideal for transmission of knowledge and class discussions. All classrooms are equipped with overhead projectors and shielded from exterior noise and pollution. In addition, we have two state-of-the-art computer labs and a digital lab for students. Two separate faculty lounges equipped with computers are used by faculty members for research and academic activities. A medical center attended by two full-time physicians provides health services for everyone in the university. In addition, there is a card phone booth, a prayer room, a cafeteria, two large study rooms in different buildings, and two separate common rooms with a television for male and female students.

A new addition to the English Department is the English Language Lab situated in the Bangladesh Insurance Academy building with 48 workstations.

Facts & Figures :

- Number of Students : 1696
- Number of faculty members : 68
- Number of officers & supporting staff : 75

Merit Scholarship: A provision of the Private University Act of 1992 requires private universities to award scholarships to 5 (five) per cent of its meritorious but needy students. As East West University firmly believes that nurturing talent is essential for establishing an exploitation-free civil society in Bangladesh, it offers need-based scholarships for continuing students who have attained a minimum CGPA of 2.5.

Scopes & Strategies: The cornerstone of EWU's academic policy is never to compromise with quality in favor of quantity. Hence the University follows some explicit guidelines and rules to implement its academic policies effectively. The university follows the following procedures to ensure academic excellence:

- (1) The admission test requirements work as a safety net to screen out from a large number of students appearing at EWU admission tests.
- (2) A competitive admission test is taken to ensure that only meritorious students can pursue higher education in East West University. The process ensures a good intake of students and results in upholding the quality of the students.
- (3) East West University enforces firmly a code of conduct to

consulting and IT firms participated and set up booths. They explained their main business focus and gave guidelines to students and collected resumes from them for examining the prospects of future employment.

Graduation Requirements for Undergraduate Programs:
A minimum of 124 - 156 credits for a bachelor's degree of which at least half must be earned at EWU.

- ☛ Candidates for BA in English, Business Administration and BSS in Economics require a minimum of 124 credits. (Previously, the requirement was 120 credits.)
- ☛ Students majoring in Computer Science and Engineering must earn a minimum of 156 credits to attain their B.Sc. degree. (Previously the requirement was 129 credits.)
- ☛ Students majoring in Communication and Information Technology will require a minimum of 136 credits to obtain their B.Sc. degree.
- ☛ The minimum requirement for the degree in any of these programs is a CGPA of 2.0.

Minor Requirements: Undergraduate students have the option to take a minor in a specific discipline other than their major in EWU. The minimum number of courses required to obtain a minor is 8 (eight). Students interested in doing a minor must apply through the office of the Dean of Faculties to obtain permission.

General Education Requirements: Students must also complete a specific number of general courses. Students pursuing their higher education in EWU cannot obtain his/her degree without completing these courses. That is why education in EWU is quite rigorous and ensures quality.

Message

I am delighted to learn that East West University (EWU) is going to hold its first convocation on 2 January, 2002. On this occasion I offer my greetings to the management, teachers and students for making the university a centre of excellence.

It is a great pride and satisfaction that the Private Universities Act was passed by our BNP Government in 1992 which has helped establish a large number of private universities in the country. It is also a pleasure for me to know that EWU, established under that Act in 1996, has made rapid progress and ranks among the leading private universities in meeting the growing needs of higher education in the country.

I extend my heartiest congratulations to the first batch of EWU graduates and wish them all success. I believe the knowledge, skills, and training they have acquired at EWU will help them greatly in attaining their professional goals and contributing to the progress and prestige of the country.

I wish the convocation a grand success.

Allah Hafez, Bangladesh Zindabad

Khaleda Zia
Prime Minister
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message

I am very proud and happy to learn that East West University will hold its first convocation on 2nd January, 2002.

Time flies so fast. It was only 5 years ago that this university admitted its first students and now we have our first batch of graduating students. The graduating students have worked very hard for this day and I am sure the knowledge and skills that they have acquired during the last 5 years will enable them to meet the stiff competition in real life.

My heartfelt felicitations to the graduating students of East West University for their accomplishment and also to their parents and teachers for providing them support and guidance.

I wish the graduates of East West University success in their filed of work.

Syed Manzur Elahi
President, Board of Directors
East West University

Message

The First Convocation of East West University signals the beginning of the fulfillment of a dream. A dream of producing graduates excelling in marketable world class modern education and dedicating to the socio-economic development needs of Bangladesh. The East West University model synthesizing eastern values and culture with western discipline, thought and innovation nurtures middle class merit with generous financial, technical, counselling, placement and guidance assistance to its students. The university has mainly full time teaching by a highly competent faculty. Its non-profit character ensures the deployment of the operating surplus towards further development of the university. It is my ardent hope that our graduates will measure up to the expectation of human resource leadership roles in fields of their competence.

Our Chancellor President Professor A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury is today presiding over his First Convocation as a Chancellor; East West University is, therefore, very greatly proud of this happy coincidence.

The sponsors, faculty, guardians, management and students of East West University deserve our heartiest congratulations on the successful holding of the First Convocation.

Mohammed Farshuddin Ph.D
Founder Vice-Chancellor
Chief Coordinator, Convocation Steering Committee

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