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الجامعة الإسلامية العالمية شيتاغونغ
International Islamic University Chittagong



Message

Bismillahir Rahamanir Rahim

I welcome the first Convocation of International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC)

I appreciate that IIUC has the laudable objective of imparting integrated education to its students combining Science, Technology, Business and the religious knowledge. we need skilled manpower backed by deep sense of morality and patriotism. I hope that the University authority will direct its energies to achieve the goal and prepare the students to share the burden of social and national responsibility.

I wish the Convocation a total success.

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

IIUC: The First Seven Years

Prof. Dr. Abu Bakr Rafique

Pro Vice-Chancellor, IIUC

The establishment of an Islamic University in Chittagong appears to be an outcome of a historic necessity. The port city of Chittagong played the role of the gateway of Islam to the whole territory of Bengal. Chittagong has always been considered the centre of attraction for the Muslim Ummah and it continues to be a haven of Islamic culture and traditions. Establishing an Islamic University in this region was a fond dream of a great Muslim scholar named Muniruzzaman Islamabadi during the first half of twentieth century, which could not be materialized for a variety of reasons.

In 1992 the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh passed a historic Act of Parliament - the Private Universities Act 1992. This Act for the first time in the history of Bangladesh created opportunity for establishing universities in the private sector, subject to fulfillment of the pre-requisites laid down by the Ministry of Education.

Taking the advantage of this Act, Islamic University Chittagong Trust (IUCT) came forward to materialize the idea of establishing an institution of higher learning, in the private sector, wherein various disciplines like Shariah, Modern Sciences, Business Studies & Medicine etc. would be offered based on Islamic approach. IUCT discussed this idea with a group of intellectuals, Islamic thinkers, social workers and educationists at home and abroad. And finally by the initiative of this body - IUCT and by the grace of Almighty Allah (SWT) Islamic University Chittagong got the approval of the Government on 11.02.1995 and the University was founded accordingly. It started functioning from August 1995 with three Faculties and three departments. These are:

- a) The Department of Quanic Sciences & Islamic Studies under the Faculty of Shariah.
- b) The Department of Computer Science & Engineering under the Faculty of Modern Sciences and
- c) The Department of Business Administration under the Faculty of Administrative Sciences.

Within a short span of seven years the number of departments is now six and the number of students is around two thousand five hundred. The University has been able to gain confidence and trust of the people at home and abroad, due to its quality of education, popularity of the disciplines, and ability to maintain conducive atmosphere. IUC had to open its outer campus in the capital city of Dhaka to meet the ever-increasing demand of the admission seekers. The University got the official approval of the Government of Bangladesh as International Islamic University Chittagong on 10.09.2001. We have brought out more than one hundred graduates with MBA and around the same number of graduates in Quanic Sciences & Islamic Studies (QSIS), Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) and Business Administration (BBA).

We are especially grateful to all our donors, well wishers and members of the Trust who have come forward with generous help and rendered financial support and encouragement for establishing its permanent campus in a beautiful location, situated at Kumira, 22 kilometers away from city centre of Chittagong. This University is also going to celebrate the Opening Ceremony of its permanent campus together with its First Convocation marking a milestone of its rapid advancement.

The University aims at expounding the cultural background of the nation and creating awareness about the glorious heritage of Muslim Ummah and cultivating Islamic values about life and nature and the universe. It also makes ceaseless efforts for providing trained up manpower endowed with academic excellence, quality of honesty and professional efficiency, capability of contributing towards the socio-economic upliftment of the country and resurgence of the Muslim Ummah.

The University follows syllabuses of International standard, grading system of evaluation and continued Islamization process of academic curricula in different branches of knowledge and social sciences in particular. The University does also offer facilities to create and foster a congenial environment for the young learners who can find it a fully dependable seat of learning and a centre for career building aimed at harmonious development of body, mind and spirit.

IIUC has signed formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with some prestigious Universities of South East Asia and of the West like International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), University Telekom Malaysia (UTM) formerly known as Multimedia University Malaysia (MMU), University College of Cape Breton (UCCB), Canada and Islamic Foundation, Leicester, etc.

Present number of Students, Academic and Administrative Staff of the University:

Students: 2472 (upto Spring intake 2002)

Male: 2237, Female: 235

Academic Staff: 120

Male: 114, Female: 6

Professors: 7, Associate Professor: 1, Assistant Professors: 13, Lecturers: 95, Assistant Lecturers: 4, Faculty Members with Ph.D. Degree: 7

Administrative Staff: 120

Executive & Administrative Staff: 36, Ministerial & General Staff: 84



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I am glad International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) is going to hold its First Convocation.

Founded in 1995 with only 47 students at its main campus in three Departments, it has since registered a covetable growth rate, with its present roll-strength exceeding 2400 students, pursuing as many as six disciplines of academic studies under four Faculties in Chittagong and Dhaka. This is admirable record; and this has been possible through concerted efforts of all involved in the working of the University.

International Islamic University Chittagong is an example of what might be achieved by a well-motivated group of people should they remain resolute in their efforts and clear-eyed in realizing their dream.

The University has been up against daunting challenges; and it has overcome initial difficulties with remarkable resilience.

As a National Institution, International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) has demonstrated that a University in order to be viable must be in a symbiotic relationship with the society it is committed to serve.

I do trust and hope that International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) in the coming years will grow from strength to strength, and will play a distinctive role in the field of Higher Education in Bangladesh.

I wish the First Convocation all success.

Prof. Mohammad Ali
Vice-Chancellor
International Islamic University Chittagong



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I am delighted to learn that International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) is going to hold its First Convocation on March 28, 2002. On this occasion, I felicitate the students, teachers and management for making the University a centre of excellence.

The private universities are contributing significantly towards producing skilled human resources in the country. I hope IIUC will make substantial contribution to meet the growing needs of higher education in the country.

I congratulate the graduates and hope that they will work hard to serve the nation with firm commitment and utmost dedication.

I wish the Convocation of IIUC all success.

Allah Hafez, Bangladesh Zindabad.

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



Message

All praises are due to the Lord of the Universe and peace be upon our leader Muhammad SWA and all of his family members and companions.

It gives me immense pleasure on having been informed that International Islamic University Chittagong is going to publish a supplement on the occasion of its First Convocation at its permanent campus on March 28, 2002.

I believe that this supplement will play an important role in upholding the image of this University in the global context and in gaining confidence of the Muslim Ummah. Because this supplement will be considered a historic record of the list of graduates from various disciplines as well as of the educational and missionary activities of this University.

I do hope that the graduates of this University will be models of morality and character for those of other universities in the country and the society as well.

I wish continuous progress and success of this University.

Peace be upon Prophet Muhammad SWA and his family and followers.

Dr. Abdullah Omar Naseef
Chairman
Islamic University Chittagong Trust

IIUC: A Private University with a Difference

Shah Abdul Hannan

The Private Universities Act was passed in 1992 as a result of persistent efforts of a group of persons dedicated to the progress of education in the country. At that time the Public Universities funded by the government were not in a good shape. Mostly because of political reasons, the quality of education deteriorated, classes were not being held regularly; besides there was long 'session jam' and also widespread violence leading to many deaths. There were also other problems of finance and management and lack of adequate and qualified teachers. In this context the government allowed the establishment of Private Universities so that the students can study in a terror free and 'session jam' free atmosphere and the tendency of the students to go out of the country for studies is contained.

International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) got its charter in 1995 (at that time known as Islamic University Chittagong) and its main campus is in Chittagong (which is being shifted now from Chittagong city to its permanent campus at Kumira) and its second campus was set up in Dhaka on 1st January 2000. It offers undergraduate courses in Computer Science, Business Administration and Shariah Sciences. IIUC is a Private University with a difference.

At this stage it is appropriate to discuss the history of Islamic Education Movement in modern times. Islamic Education Movement, which is otherwise widely known as the Movement for the Islamization of Knowledge, as a new phenomenon started its journey sometime in 1977. A group of scholars thought that the educational system in the Muslim World is not fulfilling the needs of the Muslim countries and that it should be thoroughly revised and updated. In this backdrop, the first Islamic Educational World Conference was held in Makkah in 1977 in which more than 300 academicians, scholars and intellectuals participated. The first conference made certain significant recommendations for the Islamization of Knowledge. Later more such conferences were held in other parts of the world in which clerics, academicians, scholars and intellectuals of various countries joined.

As the outcome of painstaking efforts of learned scholars of various disciplines to formulate a pragmatic Islamic Education Policy through the Islamic education conferences and contribution of eminent Islamic organizations and individuals, the first Islamic University, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), was established.

Later more Islamic universities have been established in other parts of the world following the model of IIUM. One such university has been established in Islamabad, Pakistan, another in Uganda in Africa and another in Kushtia, Bangladesh. It must be admitted that Islamic University Kushtia has, to some extent, lost direction because of political environment within the country, and the University could not make much headway following the model of IIUM. Nevertheless it has to be accepted that Islamic University Kushtia also made some contribution in the Islamization of Education and Islamization of Knowledge. Later Darul Ihsan University and Islamic University Chittagong were established with the same mission.

To many it remains a question why Islamization of Education is important and this demands an in-depth examination and critical and careful analysis. Islamization of Education is significant because the root cause of all problems and malaise of the Ummah, the Muslim community, is education.

One principal reason for the crisis of the present civilization is that ethical and spiritual values did not receive the importance they deserved for inclusion in the academic syllabus and curriculum of most advanced countries for at least one hundred years. As an outcome of this disrespect to eternal moral values, our educational institutions have produced violent and cruel men devoid of love, affection, fraternity, brotherhood and fellow feeling. What has happened in Bosnia, Kosovo, Chechnya, Iraq, Kashmir, Afghanistan and more recently in Gujarat in India is the result of modern education, which has produced cruel and violent men. Modern man is not imbued with the eternal humane values and therefore most sophisticated nations do not mind to bomb unarmed civilians, women and children. Nobody can hope to change this sorry state of affairs, and improve the face of modern civilization unless the educational curriculum is restructured and emphasis given on moral and ethical values.

What is, therefore, required to reorganize education on the foundation of ethical principles and combine moral education with professional necessity. Professional excellence has to be integrated with morality and ethics, which basically can be derived from religion.

The task of the entire humankind is to think and reflect on how to restructure the educational system and not to give excessive emphasis only on professional knowledge for if we do so then we shall only produce robot and not man with soul and values. In fact we have to structure educational system in such a way, for all nations in all countries worldwide, which shall integrate professional knowledge with ethics and morality. It should however be made clear that the establishment of a Islamic University does not mean that the door of such educational institutions shall remain closed for the non-Muslims. Islamic University is open for all. Any student can study in such a university and the teachings of Islam shall not be imposed on the non-Muslim students. Non-Muslim students shall have to study only the educational program including University Requirement Courses. It needs to be further examined whether non-Muslim students can be offered optional subjects in some disciplines or areas.

IIUC has been established with the above philosophy and objective in mind. It is pursuing this mission with earnestness.

The Private Universities have now become a very important part of our educational system. They deserve serious attention by the Government so that they become the center of excellence as universities should be. They should be run on non-profit basis so that the people can derive full benefit from these universities. Moreover, higher education should not be turned into a business. At the same time these universities should be kept out of bureaucratic control so that they can develop in freedom. I hope the above suggestions would get appropriate attention of the Government.



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International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) is the outcome of long-cherished desire of the people of Chittagong. Since 1930s several attempts of establishing an Islamic University in Chittagong failed due to various adverse situations. The Islamic University Chittagong Trust (IUCT) took the initiative in 1992 and after persistent efforts of more than three years Islamic University Chittagong came into being in 1995.

By the grace of Allah SWT, International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) is holding its first convocation and at the same time inaugurating its permanent campus with twelve buildings of various sizes after ten years of the initiative and six years of the commencement of academic activities. This pleasure cannot be expressed in words and nothing can be more cheerful than this event for the Trust members. It is a moment of extreme pleasure and self-contentment for those who worked hard for a long time for its establishment. At its inception, this University started its journey with only three rented rooms but today its first convocation is being held on a spacious campus of 20 acres. It is a matter of great pride that the best scholars of the Muslim world are involved in its development.

I, on this august occasion, express my heartiest congratulation and gratefulness to all students, teachers, administrative staff, invited guests from home and abroad and above all the people of the country.

Alhaz Mohammad Badiul Alim
Secretary
Islamic University Chittagong Trust