AIUB- APQN International Workshop on Quality Assurance

A two day International workshop on the "Development of Measurements for Higher Education Quality Assurance in Bangladesh" was held at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka. The Workshop was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Professor Nazrul Islam, chairman University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh while Dr. IU Vai Pan, President of AUAP (Association of Universities in the Asia and the Pacific) attended as the special guest. Dr. Carmen Zita Lamagna, Vice-Chancellor of AIUB (American International University-Bangladesh) and organizer of the Workshop delivered the statement of purposes and welcome address.

This International Workshop was organised by the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) and supported by Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN) in collaboration of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP), the Association of Universities in Asia and the Pacific (AUAP), and the University Grant Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh. More than 20 foreign participants coming from 15 countries, and about 30 top local Educationist/Vice-Chancellors from Public and Pirvate Universities including the High officials of Ministry of Education, Members of the UGC participated. Five International Standard key-note papers were presented in the Workshop.

The outputs of the Workshop will be a valuable inputs to the government of Bangladesh in finalizing the framework and policies for upcoming Accreditation Council for higher education in Bangladesh.



English Writing Center at SUB

Dulal Chandra Mondal

The Department of English of Stamford University, Bangladesh has recently established English Writing Center at both Dhanmondi and Siddeswari Campus. For Dhanmondi campus room no. 410 of D-Block (Keari Plaza) and for Siddeswari campus room no. B-604 have been selected for the centre. Some skilled teachers are giving their efforts here from 8 am to 5 pm for developing the writing skill of students and providing them with practical knowledge of English as well. Initially, it was meant for the students of the Dept. of English, but now it is open for all students of Stamford University, Bangladesh who feel an urge to enhance their competence in English.

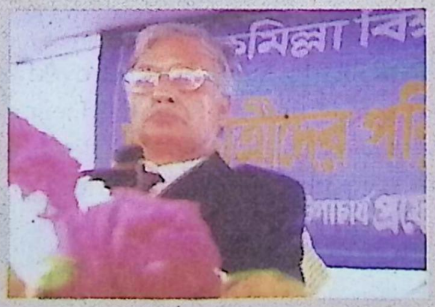
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The Journey of Comilla University

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The first Orientation Programme of Comilla University was held on May 28, 2007 at the University Campus amid great festivity. Professor Dr. Golam Mowlah, founder Vice-Chancellor of Comilla University, presided over the programme. While emphasizing the importance of quality education in a competitive world, the Vice-Chancellor said in his speech "Universities should follow state-of-the -art-curricula so that students can work at the cutting edge of knowledge and technology. He further said, "University has a great role to play for giving shape to new ideas suitable for the country; today's students are the future of the country. The sagacity, prudence and wisdom cannot be acquired without the pursuit of knowledge."

The Vice-Chancellor said that a university offers education of highest standard to equip the students with modern knowledge and technology for increasing the professional skills. Apart from meeting the requirements of standard and professional needs, education will serve the other purposes towards the development of mental faculties and values. That will enable the individuals to understand



their responsibility and accountability in society. He further mentioned that the main aim of the students should be to remain engaged in studies and research to acquire knowledge."

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