



Message

PRESIDENT
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
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I am indeed very happy to know that the Independent University, Bangladesh is going to observe its 11th Convocation on July 10, 2007.

Convocation, the gliding ceremony of the University, is important not only for its festivity but also its acknowledgement. In an age of globalization, quality education is of the essence to face the challenges of the 21st century. Quality education emanates from combined efforts such as state-of-the-art curricula, congenial atmosphere of the campus, teacher-students relations, availability of information and enthusiasm for teaching. I hope all the universities will ensure these criteria for imparting truly quality education to the students. On the happy occasion of this convocation, I extend my heartfelt felicitations to the graduating students and wish them a bright future.

I wish the 11th Convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh all success.

Allah Hafez, Bangladesh Zindabad.

Professor Dr. Iqbaluddin Ahmed

Message

University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

I am pleased to learn that IUB is holding its 11th convocation today. Universities in the private sector have broadened the scope and opened up a new chapter of higher education in the country, but they should maintain high academic standards so that their graduates are fit to face the highly competitive realities of the contemporary world.

I congratulate the graduating students who have earned success by dint of relentless hard work and, at the same time, remind them that higher education is for acquiring knowledge for professional success as well as for leading the country to prosperity and progress. The nation demands of them to perform their duties to the country with commitment, honesty and dedication.

I wish the convocation a great success.

Professor Nazrul Islam
Chairman

Message

Every Convocation is a landmark for a University, so is the 11th Convocation of the Independent University, Bangladesh today. IUB as a premier private sector University is proud to present to the country 424 successful graduates equipped not only with high class education but also confidence, ability and human qualities to serve their country competently. We congratulate them, while we share their joy and that of their parents for what they have achieved with sacrifices of their family, assistance of their teachers and most importantly, the hard work they had put in themselves.

Putting them at the threshold of life we wish them godspeed and success in whatever they like to pursue, higher studies, research, teaching or just respected well remunerated employment somewhere.

S.M. Al-Husainy
Chairman
Governing Council, IUB

Message

On the occasion of the 11th Convocation of IUB, I congratulate the trustees, the management, the faculty and most importantly the graduating students who have made all of us so proud.

On this occasion, it is worthwhile to reflect that what makes IUB distinctive is its commitment to a liberal arts education which strives to make students both competent professionals and engaged, tolerant, broad-minded global citizens. Our hope is that our graduates will retain life long their passion for learning along with a commitment to justice and public service.

Convocations always evoke mixed emotions of sadness and joy as they represent the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. I bid you (the graduating students) bon voyage as you move into a brave new world. We will miss you and you will always be part of our family.

Prof. M. Omar Rahman
Pro Vice Chancellor

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IUB Profile on Spotlight

Vision of university education

IUB is one of the first private universities in Bangladesh with campuses in Dhaka and Chittagong. IUB offers academic programmes relevant to the contemporary life and society in a learning environment that supports free and independent thinking. It provides students courses which are highly professional, supported by the latest information technologies and laboratory facilities. The students take compulsory National Culture and Heritage course to be aware of the past and commitment to the nation. It has a compulsory course "Live-in-Field Experience" under which all students live in village and study rural life. The students undergo compulsory internships for hands-on experience of their future professions. It encourages creation of knowledge by supporting and providing scopes of research, writings and publication. At IUB all professional programmes are founded on liberal arts and social sciences as well as opportunities of co-curricular activities so that students pass out as well-rounded and creative professionals. For this, IUB's alumni have distinguished themselves in their respective fields of profession and studies at home and abroad, and are making positive contributions to the development of the societies in which they live and work.

University Campus

Baridhara Campus: The present campus of the University is located in the lush green environment at Baridhara, Dhaka. The Campus is spread over 16 rented buildings, each with small green areas.

Bashundhara Campus: IUB's own campus is under construction at Bashundhara, Dhaka and it will be completed by 2009. The proposed campus will have requisite-class rooms, a number of galleries, conference rooms, faculty rooms, an auditorium, a state-of-art IT centre, a library with audio-visual equipment, science laboratories, school computer rooms, cafeteria, etc.

Chittagong Campus: IUB established a second campus at Chittagong in 1999 and is the first private university in Bangladesh to extend its teaching facilities to the port city.

Faculty

IUB is very restrictive in maintaining its number of students to ensure closer individual attention to each student. It is worth mentioning that it has 148 full-time faculty excluding those on leave for higher studies and 41 adjunct faculty members.

- Out of the permanent faculty members, 42 have Ph.D. degrees mostly from North America, Canada and Australia, in addition to the faculties having Ph.D from Japan and other countries.
- The highly qualified and experienced faculty members educated at some of the world's finest institutions maintain a vibrant learning environment at IUB.

Foreign and national collaborations

The teaching environment is supported by research and other collaboration with foreign and national universities and institutions. It has entered into collaborative agreements with a number of universities and institutions: Some of these are Hamline University, USA, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale USA, Higher Education Consortium of Urban Affairs, USA, McMaster University, Canada, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies, USA, Middlesex University, UK, and Cantho University, Vietnam. The collaborations are primarily in the field of research, faculty and student exchange, and curriculum development.

Centre for Health, Population and Development (CHPD) is engaged in research collaborations with Harvard University, Brown University, University of Colorado at Boulder, RAND, ICDDRDB and is also involved in co-ordinating training workshops with the Planning Commission of Bangladesh and UNFPA.

International Association: IUB is also member of a number of international academic associations, such as, American Association of University Administrators, Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific, International Association of University Presidents and International Association of Universities. The purpose is to maintain standards of academic administration, programme association and share their experience.

Degrees offered: Bachelor's degrees

The four schools of the University offer four-year Bachelor's degrees in 16 disciplines.

School of Business:

BBA:

- Accounting
- Finance
- General Management
- Marketing
- Management Information Systems (MIS)
- Human Resources Management (HRM)
- Economics

B.Sc:

School of Engineering & Computer Science:

B.Sc:

- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Computer Information Systems
- Electronic & Electrical Engineering
- Electronic & Telecommunication Engineering

School of Environmental Science & Management:

B.Sc:

- Environmental Management
- Population Environment
- Land & Water Resources Management

School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences:

BSS:

- Media & Communication

The School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences also offers foundation courses that provide a liberal background for students of all disciplines.

Master's degrees:

The University offers Master's degrees in 11 disciplines.

MBA:

- Marketing
- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- Banking

MSc:

- Computer Science
- Telecommunication Engineering
- Software Engineering and
- Computer Networks & Communication

MSS:

- Development Studies

MPH:

- Public Health

MSc:

- Environment Management

On-going expansion

The School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences has already been expanded into four departments.

- Department of Media & Communication
- Department of English
- Department of Modern Languages
- Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

The School now offers minors in Anthropology and Sociology for students other than Engineering. The University plans to offer in Bachelor degrees in English Language, English Literature and English Language Teaching.

Study programmes for foreign students

The educational programmes of IUB have drawn international attention. Those are

Live-in-Field Experience (LFE): The high profile of this programme is the annual participation of students from the United States. Every year a number of American students under the sponsorship of Higher Education Consortium of Urban Affairs (HECUA), USA join IUB students and stay with them for two weeks in villages to study rural life. The programme has been able to draw the attention of US academics. Last year HECUA has received the prestigious US Andrew Hessel Award for Innovation in International Education through participation of US students in the LFE programme of IUB.

Bangla Language Programme: About 15-20 US students come annually to study Bangla language for a nine weeks programme at IUB. The Bangla learning programme for US students has been started under the sponsorship of American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS), USA.

Internship Programme: The University has also a regular internship programme for foreign students on health and development under which it has hosted students from Harvard University, USA, University of Pennsylvania, USA and University of Calgary, Canada in the past.

Student Support Programmes

Financial aid and Assistance: The University has various types of financial assistance for students in the form of IUB scholarship, partial and total tuition waivers and other forms of financial benefits. The University spent 1.31 crore this academic year out of which 1.10 crore was spent for the students in Dhaka and 21 lacs for the students in Chittagong.

Campus Jobs: IUB has a scheme on Campus employment of students at its various schools, offices, libraries and other departments.

Chancellor's Gold Medal: Every Year The Chancellor's Gold Medal is given to the top students at the convocation ceremony.

Academic Counselling: At the time of admission, students are assigned to advisors for academic guidance.

Co-curricular Activities: IUB promotes and encourages student activities. The purpose is to provide a co-curricular educational experience of high quality and to foster student learning in the domains of intellectual, social, physical, emotional, vocational, and mental development.

Division of Student Activities: The University has a fully fledged division to organize and guide students co-curricular activities and sports. It has a gymnasium, rehearsal rooms and equipments to support students activities.

Student Centre: The Student Centre run by DoSA provides scopes for indoor games and music practice room, lounges, living areas, foyers and balconies for students' activities. It has also a photocopy shop and a canteen.

Student Council: The students have an elected Student Council to organize and assist in all kinds of students co-curricular activities. The members are annually elected to form the council.

Clubs: Also enriching the quality of campus life are the various co-curricular activities, which allows students to express themselves in various aesthetic forums through clubs such as, Literary Society, Debating Club, Club of Engineering & Computer Science, Business Students Society, AIESEC, Environment Club, Art Club, Bangla Club and HOPE associates.

Career Guidance and Employment: The Career Guidance and Placement (CGP) department provides opportunities to the students to discuss ideas with their career counsellors to focus on the future career options and job placement. This department maintains close links with the national and multinational companies directly by arranging talks, workshops and through its publication the "Career".

Laboratory and Other Facilities for Study Programmes

Central Information and Technology Services (CITS): The University has been a leader in integrating technology into students academic as well as beyond the classroom life and its Central Information Technology Services plays a lead role in this field. It has in use 668 computers, 135 printers, 22 scanners and 27 multimedia projectors to provide digital teaching support to the academic programmes. The Central Computer Centre consisting of Six Labs is networked to provide all kinds of computer related services to the faculty, students, officials and the university community.

School Computer, Digital and Electronic Labs:

- The School of Engineering & Computer Science** has 3 Computer Labs equipped with a total of 155 brand computers, two with 50 computers each and one with 55 computers known as General Purpose Lab (GPL). The School maintains its own Digital Library which contains an archive of print, video & audio material. At present there are over 30,000 records in the library. It has Electronics and Telecommunication Labs for the engineering programmes. The labs have the latest equipments for lab experiments such as Oscilloscopes, Signal Generators, Digital Multimeter, etc.
- The School of Business** has also 3 Computer Labs for course work. All facilities provided by CITS are available to students. It has a Digital Archive in which important source material are kept in systematic way. The School has access to JSTOR, JRA, AMA and Emerald. The facilities provide the latest development in the business world.
- The School of Environmental Science and Management** has its own digital facilities along with its chemistry and biology labs.
- The School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences** in addition to its own computers, use CITS Labs. Chittagong Campus has 3 Computer Labs equipped with the latest connectivity and programmes to support teaching course and other uses.

Laboratories: Laboratory facility is essential for effective teaching and learning as it sustains and enhances the ability to teach. IUB has developed 6 well equipped labs which are Physics Lab, Chemistry Lab, Biology Lab, Environmental Lab, GIS Lab and MPH Lab to conduct laboratory work and research.

Central Library: IUB has a well-stocked course oriented Central Library with electronic communication backup. The library have over 21,000 volumes books and subscribes to over 100 journals and periodicals apart from electronic information material.

Electronic Library: The Central Library has online access to Emerald, Jstor, Oxford University Press Journal and Hinari. All book and journal titles can be accessed through IUB library online databases.

School Libraries: There are seminar and departmental libraries in different schools. These are: MBA Library, Environment Management Library, Population Library and Chittagong Campus Library. The libraries emphasize service to students.

American Corner at Chittagong Campus: The American Corner, located at IUB Chittagong campus, provides educational information about USA.

Academic Distinctions		Valedictorian		Valedictorian	
 Khandker Hamidur Rahman M.Sc Engr 2007 Major: Telecommunication Engineering CGPA 4.00 (Scale of 4)	 Sabrina Hossain MBA 2007 Major: Finance CGPA 4.00 (Scale of 4)	 Kamruddin Parvez MBA 2007 Major: Finance CGPA 4.00 (Scale of 4)	 Fatema Hossain MBA 2007 Major: General Management CGPA 3.93 (Scale of 4) Magna Cum Laude	 Sama Mostafa BBA 2007 Major: Finance CGPA 3.93 (Scale of 4) Magna Cum Laude	

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Message

Convocation is a very special event for any university. I congratulate Independent University, Bangladesh on the occasion of its 11th convocation. This, no doubt, is the manifestation of its growth and success as a private sector institution of higher learning.

Convocation is also a unique milestone in the life of the graduating students. It celebrates the past while anticipating the future. My heartfelt felicitations to the graduating students and their proud parents.

I wish the graduating students continuing success.

Yaqub Quadri
(Ayub Quadri)

Message

Last year when IUB held her 10th convocation she had stepped into her first double digit convocation. Now beginning with her 11th convocation this year, IUB will have just begun her long journey towards the triple digit convocation 89 years from now. Long live IUB, Long live Bangladesh.

A human life is extremely short. But a human endeavor in the service of a nation is not. Fifteen years back such an endeavor was made by a group of individuals with diverse background to congregate into a single body and naming it the **Education, Science, Technology & Cultural Development Trust** which in turn founded **The Independent University, Bangladesh**.

The trustee members of ESTCDT unequivocally believe that Bangladesh can grow and nurture herself in the world community only through good leadership. Each Bangladeshi is a potential warhorse, a source of energy and force. This force needs to be harnessed and utilized for greater nation building through good leadership. IUB was founded by the ESTCDT to mould such leaders.

On this 11th convocation, I along with my fellow trustees share this moment of immense joy with all the class of 2007 and also share the glorious pride of the IUB management and faculties in seeing the class of 2007 walk out of their classrooms into the real world.

The IUBIAN of 2007 has arrived - Long live IUB, Long live Bangladesh.

Towhid Samad
Chairman, ESTCDT

Message

Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2007, on your remarkable achievement! With your perseverance and dedication, and with the committed effort of your faculty, you have earned yourself an invaluable reward, your degree. Today, as we celebrate your graduation, we also celebrate the beginning of a new chapter in your life, a chapter for which you have been prepared well.

In your life ahead, approach your work with passion and commitment, embrace the challenges with confidence and avail the opportunities with an open mind. Remember small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

The success of IUB alumni makes our belief stronger that you, as IUB graduates, have the qualification and qualities to make your individual mark on the society and at the same time make a positive impact on the society itself. I am confident that you will spread the values and knowledge IUB has imbued in you and be an inspiration to others.

I take the opportunity of this solemn occasion to recognize the contributions of the IUB community - the faculty, the management, the Trust and the guardians, which have made possible to shape a distinctive image of IUB and remain progressively dynamic as a center of higher learning in the country.

Congratulations to the graduates once again and best wishes for a very happy and fulfilling life ahead.

Prof. Bazul Mobin Chowdhury
Vice Chancellor

IUB Fellows and their disciplines	
1997	National Prof. M Innas Ali Education, First Rector-IUB
1998	National Prof. Muhammad Shamsul Huq Education Former Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister, Chittagong University
1999	Prof. Nurul Islam Development Economics, International Food Policy Research Institute, USA
2000	Prof. Rehman Sobhan Economics, Executive Chairman Centre for Policy Dialogue
2001	Prof. Jamal Nazrul Islam Mathematics, Director, Centre for Mathematical and Physical Science, Chittagong University
2002	Prof. Jean Louis Armand Education President, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
2003	Prof. A F Salahuddin Ahmed History University of Dhaka, Jahangir Nagar and Rajshahi
2004	Prof. Robert Hunter Wade Political Economy London School of Economics, UK
2005	Prof. Dr. Mohan Munasinghe Environment, Energy and Economics Chairman, Munasinghe Institute of Development, Sri Lanka
2006	Prof. Geof Wood Sociology Dean, Faculty of the Humanities & Social Sciences University of Bath, UK
2007	Prof. Ataul Karim Electrical Engineering Old Dominion University, Virginia, USA

Fellow of the Year

Mohammad Ataul Karim

Mohammad Ataul Karim is at present the Vice-President for Research at the Old Dominion University (ODU) in Norfolk, Virginia, USA. He is on the Governor's Virginia Research and Technology Advisory Commission and in the board of Mid-Atlantic Institute for Space & Technology. Karim is North American Editor of Optics and Laser Technology, an Associate Editor of IEEE Transactions of Education, a Member of the Editorial Board of Microwave and Optical Technology Letters.

Prof. Karim is author of 10 text and reference books, 350 research papers, and 6 book chapters. He is an elected fellow of the Institute of Physics, the Institution of Engineering & Technology and Distinguished Engineering Fellow of the University of Alabama. Mohammad Karim received his BSc Honors degree in physics from the University of Dacca in 1976, and MS in physics. MS in electrical engineering and Ph.D. in electrical engineering degrees from the University of Alabama respectively in 1978, 1979 and 1981. Dr. Karim's area of research encompasses optical computing, information processing, pattern/target recognition, night vision, displays, electro-optical systems and sensors.

Recognition of Services

Valerie A Taylor, OBE

Born in Bromley, Kent, UK in February, 1944 Ms Valire Taylor was trained as a Physiotherapist at St. Thomas Hospital London. She was awarded a Fellowship of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (FCSP), UK. In 1969, she was posted to the Christian Hospital, Chandraghona, Chittagong Hill Tracts to commence a physiotherapy department in the general hospital. Interrupted by the Liberation War, she was evacuated to the UK in March 1971 and returned to take up duties in November 1971.

She continued to work in Chandraghona for 3 years. In 1973-75 she returned to the UK to visit spinal injury centres and raise funds to commence a centre for the treatment and rehabilitation of the paralyzed in Bangladesh. In 1979 the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) was born in two converted cement storerooms on the Mirpur Road. After 11 years CRP moved to its own site at Savar where today it has put down its roots over a 12 acre site. In 1995, she was given the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to the paralyzed. In 1998 she was granted Bangladesh citizenship and in 2004 awarded the Independence Award by the Government of Bangladesh.