



EAST WEST UNIVERSITY CONVOCAATION 2008



Sky View of Future EWU Campus

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY: A PROFILE

Mission Statement

Rated among the top private universities of Bangladesh, East West University is an institution that promotes eastern culture and values, and meaningfully blends eastern and western thought and innovation. As an institution of higher learning that promotes and inculcates ethical standards, values and norms, East West University (EWU) is committed to the ideals of equal opportunity, transparency, and non-discrimination.

The primary mission of EWU is to provide, at a reasonable cost, tertiary education characterized by academic excellence in a range of subjects that are particularly relevant to current and anticipated societal needs. Central to the university's mission is its intention to provide students with opportunities, resources and expertise to achieve academic, personal and career goals within a stimulating and supportive environment. EWU is not only striving to maintain high quality in both instruction and research, it is also rendering community service through dissemination of information, organization of training programs and other activities. Sensitive to the needs of its students and staff, EWU is committed to providing a humane, responsive and invigorating atmosphere for productive learning and innovative thinking.

History
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 Protogi Foundation for Education and Development (PFED). East West University is its first major project. Members of the Board of Directors of the University are: Mr. Jalaluddin Ahmed, Mr. S.M. Nousher Ali, Mr. Farooque B. Chaudhury, Dr. Rafiqul Huda Chaudhury, Mr. Syed Manzur Elahi, Dr. Mohammed Farshuddin, Mr. Mohammed Zahidul Haque R.Ph., Dr. Saïdur Rahman Lasker, Dr. Muhammad A. Mannan, Professor M. Mosleh-Uddin, Mr. Shelley A. Mubdi, Mr. M.A. Mumin, Dr. Khalil Rahman, Mr. H.N. Ashequr Rahman and Mrs. Razia Samad.

After being accorded permission by the Government under the Private University Act (Act 34) of 1992, East West University was launched in 1996. Classes started in September 1996 with 6 faculty members and 20 students in the present campus located at 45, Mohakhali Commercial Area, Dhaka. Currently, there are 191 faculty members and approximately 5,000 students enrolled through a process of selection.

Accreditation and Collaboration
East West University is accredited by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and its curricula and programs have been approved by the Bangladesh University Grants Commission. The President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is the Chancellor of EWU. The Vice Chancellor, the Pro-Vice Chancellor, and the Treasurer are appointees of the President of the country in his capacity as the Chancellor of the University.

East West University has formal collaboration agreements with the following overseas universities: Pace University, New York, USA; Suffolk University, Boston, USA; Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, USA; University of Luton, Bedfordshire, England, UK; University of Fukui, Fukui City, Japan.

EWU has also entered into collaboration agreements with a number of other well-known universities in the USA, UK and Australia.

Location
The temporary campus is located at 41, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 49 Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka. It consists of 6 (six) buildings-3 (three) twelve-storied, 1 (one) fifteen-storied, 1 (one) seven-storied and 1 (one) six-storied-with approximately 1,85,240 (one lakh eighty five thousand two hundred and forty) sqft. of space. The campus is situated in the heart of the city and can be easily accessed by all modes of public transport. With a view to building its own campus, EWU has purchased 555.75 decimals of land at Mouja Vadham, P.S. Tonj, District Gazipur. It has also received an allotment of 1 (one) bigha of land in Uttara from RAJUK. The university has purchased a total of 7.4 bigha land at Aftabnagar, Rampura on the Protogi Sarani adjacent to BTV. Design of the new campus at Aftabnagar is underway and construction work will commence this year. The University intends to move to its own campus by Fall 2010.

Degrees Offered

Currently, EWU offers the following four-year Bachelor's Degrees:
B.B.A. (Majors in Accounting, Marketing, Finance, Management, International Business, Human Resource Management (HRM) & Management Information System (MIS))
B.S. in Economics
B.A. in English
B.Sc. in Computer Science
B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering
B.Sc. in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
B.Sc. in Information and Communications Engineering
Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering
B.Pharm (Bachelor of Pharmacy)

English is the medium of instruction and of examinations for all programs.

EWU plans to offer the following Bachelor's degree programs in the near future:
Nursing, Law, Journalism, Health Management, Management Information System (MIS), Population Sciences, Applied Physics and Electronics, Biomedical Engineering

EWU also offers the following Graduate (Masters) Degrees:
MBA Regular and Executive
Master of Arts in English (MA in English)
Master of Bank Management (MBM)
Master in Development Studies (MDS)
Master of Laws (LLM)
Master of Computer Applications (MCA)
Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering (MS in CSE)
Master of Science in Telecommunications Engineering (MS in TE)
Master of Population Reproductive Health, Gender and Development (MPRHGD)
M.Pharm. (Under process of approval)

Computing and Lab Facilities at East West University

(a) Computing Facilities
East West University gives top priority to IT literacy of all students. To support its students, the university has established seven computer labs equipped with more than 300 computers. In addition, there are more than 250 computers for faculty members, administrative staff, the library and labs. The computers are networked through a fiber optic backbone. Internet access to the network is provided through the university's own VSAT connection, which has a capacity of 2MBPS. The university is in the process of expanding the capacity to 3MBPS.

(b) Lab Facilities
The university is committed to developing and maintaining state-of-the-art labs for students and faculty members. EWU has the following Lab facilities:
Electrical Circuits and Machines Lab
Electronics Lab
VLSI Lab
Digital Systems Lab
Telecommunication Lab
Computer Communications and Networking Lab
Physics Lab
Pharmacy Labs

The EWU Center for Research and Training (EWUCRT)
The primary objective of the center is to create knowledge through academic and applied research and disseminate acquired knowledge through training and publication. CRT operates through a Research Committee comprising of representatives from the Board, Deans and Chairs of the Academic Department. The current Chairperson of the Center is Dr. Rafiqul Huda Chaudhury. CRT publishes the *East West University Journal*, a bi-annual publication of multi-disciplinary research papers following a rigorous process of strict reviews. CRT also publishes working papers, occasional papers and annual research abstracts to publicize and record the academic contributions made by faculty members of EWU.

Software Development Center (SDC)
The mission of the Software Development Center (SDC) is to provide EWU students with real-world experience in designing and developing quality software for offices, banks, institutions and industries. The Software Development Center at EWU is a member of BASIS (Bangladesh Association for Software and Information Services).

East West University Library
Since its inception EWU Library has been an integral part of the University and has been designed to meet the information, research, and curriculum needs of its students, faculty and staff members for research and development activities. It is growing steadily with the university and is constantly serving vibrant community of students and faculty.

The general collection consists of

approximately 21,615 volumes, primarily scholarly monographs, periodicals, text books, magazines, related reference books, dissertations, pure reference books, reports, journals (print copy 140 titles), on-line journals (06 databases), 2,573 Journals, BIPC (Bangladesh INASP-Peri Consortium), Bangladesh Studies.

Career and Employment
The Career Counseling Center provides appropriate guidance to students about future career plans. The center liaisons with prospective employers and arranges internships and part-time jobs for students and graduates.

The Career Counseling Center works to place students with leading business organizations of the country who can expand their activities by utilizing fresh minds imbued with modern skills and expertise. The Career Counseling Center organizes job fairs, workshops and seminars on a regular basis for career-seeking individuals. Besides, the largest job portal in Bangladesh, BDJobs.com, has established a linkage with the Career Counseling Center to extend job services to EWU graduates.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
Since its inception, East West University has been awarding merit scholarships and need-based financial assistance to deserving students. Every year the university distributes at least 9% of its total earnings among 20% or more of its regular students. Such scholarships/financial assistance are not available to those students who have already spent the normal study time required for the programs for which they are enrolled.

According to the provision of the Private University Act, 1992, private universities are required to provide scholarships to 5 (five) percent of its enrolled poor but meritorious students. Since its inception, the founders of East West University have adopted a policy of not paying any profit or dividend to themselves but of using a good part of its operating surplus towards nurturing merit and providing financial support to those in need. In the last eight years, the scholarship and financial aid policy adopted by EWU has become a source of great encouragement to meritorious but financially constrained students. The academic world has greeted this policy pursued by EWU enthusiastically.

Benefits to students are awarded in the following forms:


- 1. Merit Scholarships**
EWU has generous merit scholarships/financial aid programs. Taka 3,24,00,000 (three crore twenty-four lakhs) was awarded to 1,168 students in 2007. Full-year tuition waiver merit scholarships (for a maximum of one-fourth of the total credit requirement of the program for undergraduate students) are awarded to:
(i) Top scorers in the undergraduate admission test with a minimum score of 75% marks; 2 from the Faculty of Business and Economics, and one each from the Faculties of Sciences & Engineering and the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Top scorers in the graduate admission test with a minimum score of 75% marks; one each in MBA and Telecommunication Engineering, provided that at least 20 students get admitted into the program.
(ii) Students securing GPA of 5.0 in the most recent HSC Examination (excluding 4th subject marks);
(iii) Students securing GPA 5.00 in the most recent HSC Examination (this will be applicable only for six students from six divisions who are from poor financial background);
(iv) Students securing 6 (six) A's in "O" levels and 2 (two) A's in "A" levels;
(v) Top 10% students of each batch of

The following scholarships are currently being offered under the Medha Lalon Fund scheme:

1. Sujat Ali Mazumder Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
2. Anjuman Ara Begum Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
3. S.M. Sahiuddin Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
4. Rowshan Ara Begum Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
5. Sanuwar Bakht Chaudhury Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
6. Sofia Khatun Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
7. Lutful Bari Md. Munsur Chaudhury Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
8. Shamsunnessa Begum Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
9. Sherifa Chowdhury Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
10. Sherfunnessa Begum Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
11. M. Mahtabuddin Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
12. Chamak Chand Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
13. M. Sujat Ali Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
14. Shakina Khatun Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
15. Mujibur Rahman Lasker Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
16. Khodeza Abu Taher Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
17. Moulvi Muhammad Shamsheer Ali Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
18. Momena Khatun Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
19. Hajee Shabuddin Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
20. A.B.M. Ghulam Mohiuddin Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
21. Abu Ahmed Abdul Hafiz Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
22. Syeda Shahr Banu Chaudhurani Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
23. Abdulla Kater Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
24. Habiba Khatun Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year
25. Alhajj Abdur Rahman-Begum Walida Rahman Scholarship Tk. 35,000 a year

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE

Government approval:	January 1996
Classes Started:	September 1996
Initial Enrollment:	20 Students
Current Enrollment:	Gross: 10,670 (admitted so far) Net: 5,000 (attending classes now)
Faculty Members:	Full Time: 123 Adjunct: 68
Graduation:	Convocation 2002: 96 Convocation 2003: 161 Convocation 2004: 268 Convocation 2005: 387 Convocation 2006: 416 Convocation 2007: 644 Convocation 2008: 879




CHIEF ADVISER
GOVERNMENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

I am happy to learn that the 7th convocation Ceremony of East West University is going to be held in Dhaka on the 3rd March 2008. On this occasion, I congratulate the graduating students, their parents and the faculty members.

I hope that the students graduating from this university will make use of their knowledge to serve the society and contribute towards socio-economic development of the country.

I wish the Convocation all success

Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed
Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed




CONVOCAATION SPEAKER
JUSTICE MUHAMMAD HABIBUR RAHMAN
FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF BANGLADESH AND
FORMER CHIEF ADVISER
CARETAKER GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to learn that East West University is going to hold its 7th convocation. I feel greatly honored to be a part of this program as the Convocation Speaker.

I take this opportunity to extend my warm felicitations to the students graduating successfully after years of hard work. I also congratulate the faculty members, the officers and the staff as well as the guardians whose selfless assistance and dedication have made this occasion possible. Education is prioritized universally but it is more crucial for Bangladesh given her poor record in reaching the basic requirements of life to all of its people. I hope that the graduating students will take note of this and that our national problems and aspirations will find their due places in their dreams and endeavors.

I wish this convocation every success.

Muhammad Habibur Rahman
Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman



CHAIRMAN
UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION OF BANGLADESH

Congratulations to the graduating students, their parents, the faculty members and the university administration on this auspicious occasion of East West University's seventh convocation.


East West University has undoubtedly come a long way since its inception in 1996. It has been successful in inculcating not only knowledge but human qualities among its students. It is now recognized as one of the top ranking educational institutions in the country. I sincerely believe that students of this reputed institution will live up to its reputation and leave their mark in the overall development of the country.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again congratulate the graduates and wish them success in all their future undertakings.

Nazrul Islam
(Professor Nazrul Islam)

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Mr. Mohammed Zahidul Haque R.Ph.											
Dr. Saïdur Rahman Lasker											

Name of Scholarship	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007					
1. Merit Scholarship (Ph.D. holders & Merit Scholarship Award)	62	4,838,320	104	4,064,640	113	8,473,000	142	1,047,281	113	96,91,400
2. Medha Lalon Fund	37	720,000	59	1,242,000	69	1,818,000	68	1,331,040	94	11,54,000
3. Financial Aid	127	2,033,300	343	6,004,800	517	9,336,960	681	12,882,480	523	1,36,30,000
4. Merit Scholarship (Ph.D. holders & Merit Scholarship Award)	90	3,561,971	133	3,423,475	153	4,042,200	190	3,831,105	321	45,34,320
5. Merit Scholarship (Ph.D. holders & Merit Scholarship Award)	22	1,090,400	33	1,363,000	32	1,291,520	39	1,802,880	63	18,76,800
6. Special Assistance	15	285,300	21	399,300	26	243,450	37	491,340	14	4,39,800
7. Total	306	10,962,771	681	19,061,301	960	26,882,520	1,227	32,500,000	1,108	1,34,28,412
Percentage (%) of net Tuition Revenue	6.79%	6.02%	6.84%	6.94%	10.94%	10.40%				
Percentage (%) of net Tuition Revenue	14.08%	18.02%	23.33%	26.79%	21.73%					



PRESIDENT
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH


I am glad to learn that East West University is going to hold its 7th Convocation on 3rd March 2008.

Universities, the cradle of education, have great role to play in creating human resources as well as fostering socio-economic development of the country. I am impressed to know that East West University has been coming up steadily with its motto "Excellence in Education". I believe this institution would continue the process of creating bright students who will contribute to the nation. I congratulate all graduating students, faculties, staff and management of the university on this solemn occasion.

I wish the 7th Convocation of East West University a success.

Allah Hafez, Bangladesh Zindabad.

Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed
Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed




ADVISER
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

It gives me great pleasure to learn that East West University is going to hold its seventh convocation on 3rd March 2008. Our ministry supports and recognizes the endeavours of the private sector in bestowing quality education at the tertiary level and East West University's efforts over the last decade or so have certainly been commendable; I hope it will continue to offer quality University education in the coming years too. I must congratulate East West University for attaining an eminent position amongst the private universities of the country.

In concluding, let me also congratulate the graduating students, their parents and the East West University family on this auspicious day.

Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman
(Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman)



PRESIDENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EAST WEST UNIVERSITY


We are very pleased to hold our 7th Convocation in a row. On this occasion, I would like to congratulate our graduating students, their parents, as well as our academic and administrative staff.

I am very proud of the achievement of our graduates. I hope they will be able to make their mark in their professions. However, I will feel all the more proud of them if they can go beyond the mere confines of their professions and are able to shine in all spheres of society. This may take more than the formal education they have acquired and to that end I would expect them to keep on learning from every opportunity that life offers. Let me also point out to our young graduates that their relationships with us will continue beyond this ceremony. Indeed, it will take on newer dimension as they get ready for professional life. May the projects that they have shown be fulfilled completely in the days to come.

I do believe that graduating students of East West University will be proud of their Alma Mater which has been trying its best since its inception to provide quality education to its students.

I wish them success in their future endeavors.

Jalaluddin Ahmed
Jalaluddin Ahmed



VICE CHANCELLOR
EAST WEST UNIVERSITY

I wholeheartedly congratulate the graduating class of 2008 on the Seventh Convocation ceremony of East West University. It is a great privilege for me and my colleagues to observe this auspicious day. I am proud of the fact that this success has been achieved as a result of joint accomplishments by our students, faculty members, and management of the University.

The graduating students have proven themselves worthy of the degrees and it is time for them to pluck the fruits of the hard work they put in during years of university education. Now that they have completed their studies, it is time for them to undertake major responsibilities and contribute to the development of the nation as a whole. I do not have any doubt that they are capable of constructing new paths, taking up unknown challenges, and bringing forth triumph and glory for themselves and for the country. I would like to remind them that they have just embarked upon a long and ceaseless journey; in this journey, they need to hold on to their dreams, tend it well in order to realize them, and ultimately to reach their final destination.

The success of these students once again proves that East West University is an institution that upholds "excellence in education." Our continuous endeavor in providing quality education, in creating knowledge through faculty research, and in delivering research-based knowledge to our students have made us one of the top ranking universities in the country. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of the University, I promise to all of you that we will keep up our efforts to achieve even better and reach higher heights.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt blessings to the graduates and wish them a bright and prosperous future.


Professor Mohammed Sharif
Professor Mohammed Sharif

SUMMARY OF SCHOLASTIC AWARDS : 2008											
Gold Medalists			Other Awards								
Awards			BBA CSE ENG ICE B.PHARM Total								
Summa Cum Laude			11			3			3		
Magna Cum Laude			14			2			0		
Cum Laude			5			3			1		
Total			30			8			4		

Undergraduate	No.	Graduate	No.
BBA	388	EMBA	143
ECO	3	MBA	46
BA in English	36	MBM	4
CSC	20	MDS	9
CSE	81	MA in English	25
ICE	38	MS in CSE	25
B. Pharm	38	MS in TE	25
Total	604	Total	275

Total Number of Degrees (604+275) 879

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