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I am pleased to learn that BRAC University is going to observe its 5th

convocation on 7th February 2010. On this happy occasion, I extend my

sincere felicitations to the graduates, their parents and the university authority

Quality education is the essence of the time that to be ensured collectively.

Universities, I believe, as the centre of excellence would provide world-

standard education to the students. Convocation, a solemn occasion of the

university, recognises the academic achievements of the students that they

have earned through long perseverance. It provides ample opportunities to

the graduates to enter professional life and also gives some responsibilities

to them for making welfare of the nation. I believe the graduates of the

university would put their best endeavour for the well-being of the common

President, Governing Board

BRAC University

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to graduates of

represents a milestone in our onward journey to the

staff of the university, who collectively contribute to

However, before you begin the next phase of your

lives, I urge you to consider what place you wish to

take in history. While I hope that you will go on to

fulfill your own ambitions and excel in your chosen

an obligation beyond self. You will ultimately be

remembered not for what you have achieved for

yourselves, but for what you have contributed to

confident that you will make us proud.

society. From you, we expect great things and I am

China Medical Board

It is a high honor for me to join you in this great

Graduation - like birth, marriage, parenthood - is

culmination of much investment of talent, time,

money, and most important of all very hard work!

It also marks a milestone in your life growth and

learning process. From classrooms and structured

studies, you will move into applying, using, and

As you embark on your lives and careers, these

important, not diminishing, role. For what you do

memorized in the classroom. Rather, the totality of

your educational experience has shaped how you

think, understand, communicate, and assess life's

heartiest congratulations to all of you, especially

unfolding adventures. I join in extending my

the graduates and their families, for their

adapting knowledge in pursuit of your life's

formative years will play an increasingly

in life will not be based on what you have

a landmark event of life. It represents the

celebratory event.

endeavors.

fields, you must all keep in mind that there is always

the Fifth Convocation of BRAC University. It is a

realisation of our educational goals. It is not only

our graduates, who deserve our congratulations

today, but also their parents and the faculty and

the vibrancy and excellence of this university.

moment of great pride for all of us, as this day

people imbued with the sense of patriotism.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

I wish the 5th Convocation of BRAC University a success.

PRESIDENT

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

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CHINA MEDICAL BOARD

07 February 2010

Chairman,

I am pleased that BRAC University is

It is a source of pride for the nation, I

universities have progressed since the

believe, that the vision with which private

Private University Act came into force more

than a decade ago, is indeed commendable.

This has added a new dimension to tertiary

BRAC University has moulded itself as a

research, where young professionals of

innovative thinking and action. I laud the

university for its efforts to make its curricula

Bangladesh have found a platform for

relevant to the world we live in. BRAC

centre for excellence in teaching and

celebrating its 5th Convocation. I congratulate the graduates on this

auspicious occasion.

education in our country.

of Bangladesh

University Grants Commission

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Mission

To foster the national development process through the creation of a centre of excellence in higher education that is responsive to society's needs, is able to develop creative leaders, and actively contributes to learning and creation of knowledge.

Distinctions

Chancellor's Gold Medal Nubaha Mahbub (ECO) Matthew James Reeve (MPH)

Vice Chancellor's Medal **Undergraduate Programs** Kazi Meftahul Arefin (ARC) Nabila Naushin (CSE) Supriyo Shafkat Ahmed (ECE) Sadia Hossain (BBA) Nubaha Mahbub (ECO) Naufela Nafisa Ahmed (ENG) M. Sanjeeb Hossain (LLB)

Post-Graduate Programs Caroline Anne Schneider (ENG) Mohsina Yasmin (MDS) Kamelia Khan (MBA) Md. Saiful Hossain (MDM) Matthew James Reeve (MPH) Abu Saleh Mohammad Obaidullah (MAGD)



Convocation 7th February, 2010



PRIME MINISTER GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH 25 Magh 1416

07 February 2010

Message

المنسواله والتحات التحديد

I am pleased to learn that the 5th Convocation of BRAC University is going to be held on 7 February 2010.

On this occasion, I extend my heartiest felicitations to graduating students and congratulate them on their achievement. Credit also goes to their parents, guardians, the faculty and all members of BRAC University, who have played vital roles in bringing the students to this hallowed juncture.

I hope that the graduates will nurture a dream to embrace the duty of transforming the socio-economic landscape of Bangladesh.

I wish the Convocation all out success.

May Bangladesh Live Forever SM ENGAN

Sheikh Hasina

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu

Nurul Islam Nahid M.P. Ministry of Education Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Message

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the graduates of BRAC University on the successful completion of their degrees. Each one of them has achieved an important milestone and will join the ranks of the increasingly distinguished alumni of this university.

I firmly believe that education is the most meaningful investment that society can make to make great strides in development, and in attaining the values of tolerance, mutual respect and enlightenment. The higher the level of education, the deeper will we root ourselves in a culture of democracy-a culture that is interral to the economic and social transformation of our

Needles to say, the skills and training that a good education provides equip an individual to better navigate the terrain of an incresingly complex world, and confront emerging challenges with greater confidence.

I urge the graduates to proceed on their journey with the idea that their education must have an outcome above and beyond what dividends it brings in their personal lives. At every step of the way, remember that you are the future leaders of Bangladesh and the future of our nation rests collectively on your shoulders.

I wish the graduates every success in their future endeavours.

fostering development

Steeped in the values inherited from its parent institution, BRAC University aims to educate young people who will be creative and independent thinkers with a deep engagement with the culture and traditions of Bangladesh, a keen awareness of its problems, and the inspiration to work for its development. In their very first year, students are sensitized to these issues through two specially designed courses taken during the residential semester in Savar.

Even outside the classroom, BRAC University tries to inculcate concern for others, and encourages development-related activities and outreach. The 'Shohayota Fund' was established using faculty and staff contributions, with matching funds from BRAC, to assist students who might be facing an unexpected crisis. Student clubs and forums often get involved in community service. After cyclones Sidr and Aila, student clubs and forums worked together to raise funds and relief materials. Their initiative and enthusiasm in responding to the needs of the larger community illustrates the kind of active citizenship and willingness to give back to one's community that we try to encourage and inculcate.

The challenges of the twenty-first century are complex and formidable, not only in Bangladesh, but in the ever-expanding global village of which we are a part. To meet those challenges, the leaders of tomorrow must be creative and dynamic, able to deal with fast changing realities. BRAC University provides a 'broad-based education' where students are required to take at least a quarter of their courses outside their major field of study, so that they acquire both depth in their chosen field, as well as breadth in terms of general knowledge.

Communication skills, both oral and written, are emphasized by the English language courses conducted by the Centre for Languages, which now offers courses in other languages. By emphasizing group work, projects, and co-curricular activities, CfL strives to create an enjoyable and student-centric learning environment that motivates the students and improves their communicative fluency and leadership skills. The residential semester gives students a unique opportunity to grow individually and as a community. Removed from the familiar bearings of home and family, students learn how to function independently, as well as communicate and cooperate with others.

To be a centre for excellence in higher education, a university must offer academic programs that are contemporary and relevant, a topnotch faculty that can deliver high quality education, and modern facilities in line with the latest technology. The academic programs at BRAC University are highly relevant to today's world. Our graduate programs have been developed in partnership with leading institutions in those fields.

Along with cutting-edge academic programs, the university strives to recruit faculty who will be able to keep pace with the latest trends in their fields. Faculty development programs are in place to help the junior faculty achieve their full potential. Last but not the least, a high quality educational experience needs the support of up-to-date technology and campus facilities. BRAC University is housed in its own buildings, and our classrooms are equipped with networked computers and multimedia facilities. We have a growing library of more than 18,000 books, and access to thousands of e-journals from any computer on campus. We have fourteen computer labs, a CISCO lab, a media lab, nine architecture studios, video-conferencing facilities, and laboratories for physics, applied physics and electronics, electronics and communication engineering, and biotechnology.

The task of a university is not only to disseminate knowledge, but to create new knowledge through research and scholarship. Our Institute of Educational Development offers a graduate program in Early Childhood Development, the first of its kind in Bangladesh, and will soon be launching an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, Planning and Management, another first in Bangladesh. Similar ground-breaking work is being done by the James P. Grant School of Public Health which has pioneered a new model of public health education based on experiential learning in a rural setting which becomes a field laboratory for teaching and research. The BRAC Development Institute is taking part in a global research consortium called 'Pathways of Women's Empowerment,' and the Institute of Governance Studies, which publishes the annual State of Governance in Bangladesh report, offers a unique Master's program that trains mid-career civil servants to effectively face the complex challenges of governance in the context of Bangladesh. The university is an affiliate of the World Bank sponsored Global Development Learning Network which enables individuals and organizations around the world to communicate and share knowledge on development issues through video-conferencing.

creation of knowledge

Institutional Linkages

BRAC Business School

o Asian Institute of Technology (Thailand)

- o Asian Institute of Management (Philippines) o University of South Australia (Australia)
- o Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (USA)

BRAC Development Institute

- o Brooks World Poverty Institute, University of Manchester (UK) o Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex (UK)
- o MacArthur Foundation (USA)
- o The Earth Institute, Columbia University (USA)
- o Alliance Forum Foundation (AFF)
- o Save the Children (UK) o WaterAid
- o American University of Cairo (Egypt) o University of Ghana
- o Bahia University (Brazil)

Department of Architecture

- o Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre, Thailand o Kyoto University, Japan
- o Northumbria University, UK
- o Kathmandu University, Nepal

Faculty Development and Capacity Building o George Washington University (USA)

Institute of Educational Development o Columbia University (USA)

o George Washington University (USA)

o University of Sussex (UK)

BRACU in brief

Undergraduate programs in Economics, Law, English, Architecture, Business Administration, Physics, Applied Physics & Electronics, Computer Science, Computer Science & Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering.

Graduate programs in Development Studies, Public Health, Governance & Development, Business Administration, Disaster Management, Biotechnology, English, Applied Economics, Early Childhood Development.

Undergraduate students: 2178 Graduate students: 462 Faculty members: 250 Financial aid disbursed in 2009: Tk 32 million

- o Open Society Institute (UK)
- o Aga Khan Foundation (Canada)
- o National University of Educational Planning and Administration (India)

Institute of Governance Studies

o Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (USA)

o George Mason University (USA)

- o University of Manitoba (Canada)
- o Key Centre, Griffith University (Australia)
- o Monash University (Australia)
- o Basel Institute of Governance, Basel University
- (Switzerland) o School of Public Policy and Management (Korea)

James P. Grant School of Public Health o Harvard School of Public Health (USA)

- o Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University (USA)
- o Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University (USA) o George Washington University (USA)
- o London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK)
- o Karolinska Institute (Sweden)
- o University of Amsterdam (Netherlands) o University of Nagasaki (Japan)
- o Sree Chitra Tinural Institute for Medical Science & Technology (India)
- o Centre for Health and Population Research, ICDDR,B (Bangladesh)
- o University of Maryland (USA)

Student Activities

o University of Illinois at Springfield (USA)

Students at BRAC University participate in a thriving extracurricular arena with 32 active clubs and forums which operate under the auspices of the Student Affairs Office. Each semester kicks off with a Club Fair where all the clubs and forums set up booths to showcase their activities and attract new members. The clubs and forums organize seminars, workshops, study tours, debates, film shows, cultural programs, community service, sporting events, etc. They also represent the university at various inter-university and national level competitions. Among a clutch of honours that BracU students earned in 2009 were two prestigious awards at the 4th South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST), while the school of law came out champions at the 5th National Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition held at Dhaka University.

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BRACU in the world

At BRAC University, learning extends beyond the classroom. Whether it is exploring indigenous architecture in Bandarban, participating in a case competition in Seattle, discovering Tagore's humanistic vision at Shantiniketan, or presenting papers at international conferences, our students have been actively and inquisitively exploring the world beyond the university and leaving their mark on it. Study tours and field trips frequently complement classroom learning, and our students hone their skills by participating in programming contests, case competitions, design competitions, debates, etc. They have travelled as far as Canada and the Netherlands to present their research, and have been selected to attend the US State Department sponsored South Asian Undergraduate Student Leaders Institute.

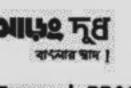
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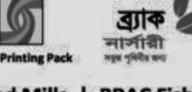
Communication Engineering, English, Law, and Physics.

Master's degrees in Applied Economics, Biotechnology, Business Administration,

Development Studies, Disaster Management, English, Governance and Development, and Public Health.



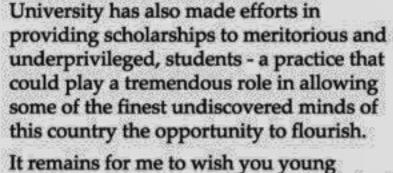












It remains for me to wish you young graduates every success in your lives ahead and I hope that you will carry the spark of idealism imbued in you by this institution in all your future work.

Professor Nazrul Islam



Vice Chancellor **BRAC University**

With every year that goes by BRAC University

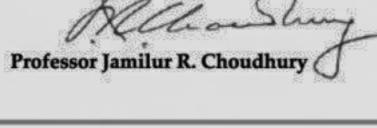
It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the fifth graduating class of BRAC University on this auspicious day.

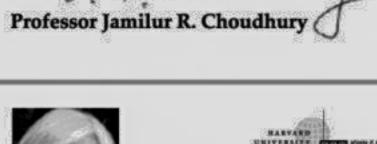
is moving ahead with tremendous strides and our students and graduates are the finest proof of this progress. Our attainment today is the fruit of hard work, sincerity and devotion, and that is what we are celebrating today. Parents and guardians also deserve special recognition for all they have done to ensure that the graduating students reach this academic milestone successfully. Congratulations are due to them as well! And, needless to say, the faculty and staff that form the backbone of this institution deserve praise for always striving to

I hope all of you will succeed in following your dreams, and someday become leaders in your fields. Continue to learn from others, widen your knowledge and gain deeper wisdom: this is my advice to you for your future advancement!

help students achieve their full potential.

Once again, I congratulate you on your achievement and wish you the best as you set out into the world.







Harvard Kennedy School, WIEGO Network It is a great pleasure and privilege to

congratulate BRAC University and its fifth graduating class. The challenge facing higher education today is how to equip the next generation of leaders with the skills they need to find answers to

complex development problems and the

values they need to promote social justice.

Now nine years old, BRAC University has equipped five batches of graduates with many of the necessary skills and values. As the graduates pursue their careers in private enterprises, public service, or nongovernmental organizations, they will need to draw and build on these skills and

values. I commend BRAC University - its founders, leaders, and faculty - for a job well done. And I congratulate the 2010 graduates of the University on their hard work and achievements. I wish you all the best for your future work

and for your commitment to human development and social justice.

Marty Chen

Profile of Graduates

Equipped with the knowledge and skills gained at BRAC University, our first four batches of graduates are working in media, advertising, non-government organizations, telecommunications, educational institutions, multinational companies, banks and financial institutions, software companies, etc. We are justifiably proud of them and we expect that our fifth batch of graduates will follow and build on their At our fifth convocation, a total of 561 students are

programs, and 176 students from graduate programs, in the following disciplines: Bachelor's degrees in Architecture, Business Administration, Computer Science, Computer Science & Engineering, Economics, Electronics &

graduating: 385 students from undergraduate

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