



# BRAC University

## 6<sup>th</sup> Convocation

7<sup>th</sup> February 2011



Chancellor's Message



**PRIME MINISTER**  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
DHAKA

25 Magh 1417  
07 February 2011

### Message

I am delighted to learn that BRAC University is observing its 6<sup>th</sup> Convocation on February 07, 2011. On this memorable occasion, I congratulate the graduating students on their successful completion.

The Government is committed to ensuring the quality education from primary to tertiary level with a view to making a knowledge-based society. Universities, as the centre of excellence, have ample opportunities to impart quality and modern education to the students so that they can confidently face the global challenges. I believe universities, both private and public, would play their pivotal role in realizing the hopes and aspirations of the people. I again congratulate the graduating students and hope that they will contribute towards building a happy and prosperous Bangladesh by utilizing their acquired knowledge and skill imbued with the spirit of patriotism.

I wish the 6<sup>th</sup> Convocation of BRAC University a success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

*Zillur Rahman*  
Md. Zillur Rahman

Prime Minister's Message



**PRIME MINISTER**  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC  
BANGLADESH

25 Magh 1417  
7 February 2011

### Message

I am happy to learn that BRAC University is going to organise its 6<sup>th</sup> convocation on 7 February 2011. I congratulate the graduates, their parents and the faculty on this happy moment.

The government is working hard to ameliorate socio-economic condition of the country by putting emphasis on education. Highest budgetary allocation has been provided to the sector. I hope the graduates of this university, with a strong sense of patriotism and responsibility, will utilize their talents to build a prosperous Bangladesh as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

I wish the 6<sup>th</sup> Convocation of BRAC University a successful one.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh Live Forever

*Sheikh Hasina*  
(Sheikh Hasina)

Education Minister's Message



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

### Message

I am pleased to know that BRAC University is observing its 6<sup>th</sup> Convocation on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2011.

On this auspicious occasion, I extend my heartiest felicitations to the graduating students and congratulate them on their achievements. Parents and guardians of the students, the faculty and the staff of BRAC University also deserve special thanks for their significant roles in preparing the students with knowledge, values and expertise.

I hope the graduates, with a strong sense of patriotism and responsibility, will begin this new phase of their life and utilize the knowledge and skills they gained at their alma mater in building a better Bangladesh

I wish the 6<sup>th</sup> Convocation of BRAC University all success.

*Nurul Islam Nahid*  
(Nurul Islam Nahid, M.P.)

UGC Chairman's Message



**Professor Nazrul Islam**  
Chairman

### Message

20 December 2010

It gives me great pleasure to see that a large number graduates is receiving degrees in the 6<sup>th</sup> Convocation of BRAC University. I congratulate the graduates on this auspicious occasion.

Since its inception in 2001, BRAC University has created a niche for itself in the field of higher education in the country. It has secured a place of high distinction in quality teaching and research. BRAC University produces young professionals steeped in high ethical values and imbibed in the spirit of selfless devotion and service to the nation. I am happy to note that BRAC University has a generous scholarship scheme to help and encourage meritorious and underprivileged students. This is quite in conformity with Brac's vision of creating a world free from poverty and ignorance.

I also congratulate the proud parents and guardians who often endured hardship and difficulties, yet kept on encouraging their wards in reaching the desired goal. I am sure together we shall build a better future for our nation and indeed the world.

*Nazrul Islam*  
Professor Nazrul Islam.

Convocation Speaker's Message



### Message

I am honoured and delighted to be the guest speaker at the 6<sup>th</sup> Convocation of BRAC University on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2011.

BRAC University is young, but it has much to offer in showing how to inspire young women and men with the knowledge, skills and motivation to pursue productive lives in our complex and inter-connected world.

The link between BRAC and the university provides a source of evidence based knowledge on how to empower poor people – particularly women – to achieve their potential. Those graduating this year, and in previous years, must feel a particular pride in that connection, and have an empathy with the need to bridge the knowledge gap between those who have been fortunate enough to benefit from university education and the less well educated majority of the population.

I commend BRAC University – its founders, leaders, faculty and administration, for the fine work they have been doing over the years. I look forward to meeting the class of 2011, and listening to their ideas about the major challenges of our world. In particular, I would like to share some ideas about the concept of climate justice, linking climate change, development and human rights. Bangladesh is known as a country giving leadership on the challenge of climate change, and I know I will be stimulated and inspired by my visit to BRAC University.

Mary Robinson  
Former President of Ireland

Chairperson, Board of Trustees', Message



**Chairperson, Board of Trustees**  
BRAC University

Today's Sixth Convocation ceremony marks another milestone in BRAC University's ongoing journey towards growth and progress. On this auspicious day, I congratulate all the graduates for successfully completing their courses and commend them for their outstanding results. This day marks a turning point, as you step out of University life and go on to tackle the many challenges and opportunities the world has to offer. Undoubtedly, your time as a student at the University will have nurtured your ability to overcome and thrive as you embark on this transition.

I congratulate the parents and guardians of the graduates, for the roles they have played in helping the students accomplish their goal. I thank our faculty members and staff for their tireless efforts, to provide these students with the highest standard of education in the country. I also thank our distinguished members of the Board of Trustees and the Academic Council for their time, energy and wise counsel.

Our vision behind setting up BRAC University was to provide broad-based learning that leads to critical thinking and the ability to accommodate a diversity of perspectives. Over the course of the last decade, the University has made remarkable progress in fulfilling that vision. BRAC University has created a niche for itself in research activities in the fields of Education, Governance, Social Development, Public Health and Life Sciences. The research carried out by the University is indeed making an important contribution to social and economic progress.

Once again, let me offer my praise to the graduates. I hope the next chapter in your lives brings you success and a continued commitment to learning. I urge you to take the knowledge you have gained from your time here at the University to contribute to making a positive change, towards the betterment of our society and improving the lives of those who have not had the privileges you have had.

Congratulations and warm wishes for the future.

*Sir Fazle Hasan Abed*  
Sir Fazle Hasan Abed KCMG

### 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: 2619  
Graduate students: 646  
Faculty members: 377

Financial aid disbursed in 2010: Tk. 35.39million

### Profile of the Graduates

Equipped with the knowledge and skills gained at BRAC University, our first five 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 success.

At our 6<sup>th</sup> Convocation, a total of 497 students are graduating: 309 students from undergraduate programs, and 188 students from graduate programs, in the following disciplines: Bachelor's degrees in Architecture, Business Administration, Computer Science & Engineering, Computer Science, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Economics, English, Law, Physics

Master's degrees in English, Economics, Biotechnology, Business Administration, Development Studies, Public Health, Governance and Development, Disaster Management, Early Childhood Development Educational Leadership, Planning and Management, and Post Graduate Diploma in Macroeconomic Analysis.

## Congratulations Graduates !

### CHANCELLOR'S GOLD MEDAL FOR 2010

**SHAMMUR ABSAR CHOWDHURY**  
Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Electrical  
Engineering  
**MORSEDA CHOWDHURY**  
Master of Public Health

### VICE CHANCELLOR'S MEDAL FOR 2010

**Undergraduate Program**  
**QUAZI MOHD. ASHIQ - UZ - ZAMAN**  
Bachelor of Architecture  
**SHAMMUR ABSAR CHOWDHURY**  
Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Electrical  
Engineering  
**RASHED SARWAR**  
Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronic  
Engineering  
**MONAMEE AFROZE ISHIKA**  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
**FARAH CHOWDHURY**  
Bachelor of Social Science in Economics  
**TANZEEL CHOWDHURY**  
Bachelor of Arts in English  
**NAKIB HAIDER PROTIK**  
Bachelor of Science in Physics

### Postgraduate Program

**IQBAL HOSSAIN**  
Master of Science in Early Childhood Development  
**MORSEDA CHOWDHURY**  
Master of Public Health  
**MD. ABDULLAH AL MAMUN**  
Master of Education in Educational Leadership,  
Planning and Management

### RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

#### UNDERGRADUATE

**Highest Distinction**  
**ARC** QUAZI MOHD ASHIQUE-UZ- ZAMAN  
**BBA** SHARINA TOFAZZAL  
**BBA** SNIGDHA IQBAL  
**BBA** SAMIRA AHSAN  
**BBA** SAYMA AHMED  
**BBA** KHONDAKER MOSTAKIM AHMED  
**BBA** MD. HASAN SAJIB  
**BBA** MONAMEE AFROZE ISHIKA  
**ECE** KHADIJA RASUL  
**ECE** ARIN HAQUE  
**ECE** RAQUIB AHMED  
**ECE** SK. LAILA AYESHA  
**ECE** SHAMMUR ABSAR CHOWDHURY  
**ECE** SYNTHIA AMAN

**ECE** FARZANA SHABNAM  
**ECE** TAOMIA TASNUBA PRAMITI  
**ECE** SANJIDA HOSSAIN SABAH  
**ECO** ISHTIAQUE HOSSAIN  
**ECO** DEEBA FARAH HAQUE  
**ECO** SABIHA ALI  
**ECO** SHAFINA ALAM  
**ECO** FARAH CHOWDHURY  
**PHY** NAKIB HAIDER PROTIK  
**PHY** MOHAMMAD MURTAZA MAHMUD  
**ENG** TANZEEL CHOWDHURY

#### POSTGRADUATE

**Highest Distinction**  
**MBA** AHMED HOSSAIN  
**MBA** FAHIM ISHTIAQUE HOSSAIN  
**MBA** FARHANA NIGER  
**IED** IQBAL HOSSAIN  
**MED** ABU FATEH MUHAMMAD ZAHEED IQBAL  
**MED** MD. ABDULLAH AL MAMUN  
**MED** UTPAL MALLICK  
**MED** MOHIUDDIN AHMED  
**MPH** AUNG ZAW MOE  
**MPH** KAUSAR PARVIN  
**MPH** MORSEDA CHOWDHURY  
**MSAE** ZAKIA SULTANA  
**DMS** MR. SUSHANT SHARMA



## Institutional Linkages

Over the years BRAC University has partnered with the following reputed academic institutions around the world to enhance our own educational experience by learning from others.

### Department of Architecture

➤ University of Illinois, Chicago, USA

### BRAC Business School

➤ Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok  
➤ Asian Institute of Management, Manila  
➤ University of South Australia  
➤ Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, USA

### BRAC Development Institute

➤ American University of Cairo, Egypt  
➤ Bahia University, Brazil  
➤ Columbia University, USA  
➤ Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University  
➤ University of Manchester  
➤ University of Ghana, Ghana  
➤ Ottawa University, ON, Canada

### Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management

➤ Northumbria University, UK  
➤ Katmandu University, Nepal  
➤ Kyoto University, Japan  
➤ Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Thailand  
➤ Asian University Network of Environment and Disaster Management (AUEDM)

### Institute of Educational Development

➤ George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA  
➤ National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi  
➤ University of Sussex, UK  
➤ Columbia University, New York, USA  
➤ Aga Khan Foundation, Canada  
➤ Open Society Institute - London  
➤ Victoria University, Canada  
➤ Yale University, USA  
➤ Portland State University, USA  
➤ University of Massachusetts, USA

### Institute of Governance Studies

➤ Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management, Seoul, Korea  
➤ Monash University, Australia  
➤ Griffith University, Australia  
➤ University of Manitoba, Canada  
➤ Basel Institute of Governance, Basel University, Switzerland  
➤ George Mason University, USA

### Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

➤ BRACARD, Gazipur, Bangladesh  
➤ BIRDEM, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
➤ CNRS, CEA, Grenoble, France  
➤ ICDDR,B, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
➤ University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh

### James P Grant School of Public Health

➤ Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, USA  
➤ George Washington University, USA  
➤ Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard University, USA  
➤ Karolinska Institutet, Sweden  
➤ London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK  
➤ Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, USA  
➤ University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
➤ University of Heidelberg, Germany  
➤ University of Illinois at Springfield, USA  
➤ University of Nagasaki, Japan  
➤ African Population and Health Research Centre, Kenya  
➤ Association for Social Development (ASD), Islamabad, Pakistan  
➤ Beijing National and Guangxi Provincial Centres for Diseases Control, China  
➤ BRAC, Bangladesh  
➤ Concerned Women for Family Development (CWFD), Bangladesh  
➤ CREA, India  
➤ Department of Clinical Medicine, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda  
➤ Engender Health, USA  
➤ INDEPTH Network, Ghana  
➤ Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK  
➤ International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research (ICDDR,B), Bangladesh  
➤ Karolinska Institutet, Sweden  
➤ London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK  
➤ National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM), Bangladesh  
➤ National Institute of Population research and Training (NIPORT), Bangladesh  
➤ Programme for the Introduction and Adaptation of Contraceptive Technology (PIACT) Bangladesh  
➤ Population Council, Bangladesh  
➤ School of Medical Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana  
➤ Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum, Kerala, India  
➤ The Australian National University, Australia  
➤ The Good Shepherd Hospital/Lubombo Regional Health Department, Swaziland  
➤ The Health Research and Social Development Forum (HERD), Nepal  
➤ University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
➤ University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

Vice Chancellor's Message



**Vice Chancellor**  
BRAC University

My heartiest congratulations to the graduating class of 2011, the sixth batch of students graduating from BRAC University.

BRAC University continues to march ahead on the road to progress and development. With each passing year, we continue to develop our curriculum to bring it up-to-date with the latest development in the academic field. We also add newer subjects into the academic curriculum to provide our students a wider array of choices. Only last year we added three Bachelors programmes in Pharmacy, Biotechnology and Microbiology. We believe that our graduates will add to the growing need of skilled manpower in these vital areas of development. That we are providing high quality of education is evident from the fact that our graduates today are well-placed in the corporate world, pursuing higher education in some of the top universities in the world, are involved in cutting-edge research activities in prestigious research laboratories. All these have been possible due to the hard work and dedication of the students, high-quality teaching by our highly qualified faculty and a service-oriented, dedicated staff. I must also recall with gratitude the timely guidance and directives that we received from the Board of Trustees, and especially its Chairperson, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed KCMG. I am also grateful to the members of the Academic Council for their help and advice. I also recall with gratitude the sincere cooperation that we receive from our founding organization BRAC, almost on daily basis.

On this auspicious day, my advice to the graduating students would be to proceed further with the solid foundation that we have laid here in BRAC University. The world outside is full of challenges and pitfalls; there are great opportunities as well the danger of failures. I am sure you are amply prepared to overcome all obstacles and challenges and go forward to win the laurels of success. I would urge upon all of you to not only work towards your self-improvement, but to give something back to the society that has nurtured you all along.

I congratulate the parents and guardians for the sacrifices they made in getting their wards where they are today. I pray for the success of the graduating students and wish them all the best as they set out on their new journeys.

*Ainun Nishat*  
Professor Ainun Nishat



### Mission

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

### Goal

The goal of the university is to provide an excellent broad based education with a focus on professional development for students, in order to equip them with the knowledge and skill necessary for leading the country in its quest for development. Along with this, the university provides an environment for faculty development in order to ensure a dynamic teaching environment. Faculty will be provided with an environment in which they can further their teaching skills and contribute to the creation of new knowledge by developing and using their research skills.

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