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# Independent University, Bangladesh

## The 14th Convocation at a glance

The Fourteenth Convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is being held on Thursday 20 September 2012 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. H.E. Mr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chancellor of the University will preside over the Convocation. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Education will be present as the Special Guest, while Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor, MP, famed media personality of the country, will be the Convocation Speaker. A record number of 934 students will graduate this year, 572 of whom are undergraduates and 362 graduates, from various programmes of the university. A total number of 63 students, made up of 61 undergraduates and 2 graduates, have earned academic honours. Four of them, two each from the undergraduate and graduate classes, have received Chancellor's Award (Gold Medal) for completing their programmes with a perfect CGPA of 4.0 out of possible 4.0. IUB wishes Godspeed to all the graduating students of 2012.

## IUB Profile

Founded in 1993, Independent University, Bangladesh is one of the oldest private universities in Bangladesh where academic excellence is a tradition, teaching a passion and lifelong learning a habit.

IUB currently has about 5000 undergraduate and graduate students and over 4500 alumni. The student population is projected to grow at 10% annually. The students of IUB experience an exciting academic life with copious opportunity to explore and nurture their innate talent.

IUB has always maintained its motto of sustaining an ideal student teacher ratio of 20:1. It has close to 250 faculty members committed to delivering academic excellence and providing the students with a unique learning experience. Hence the teaching approach of our world class community of faculty is distinctive.

IUB has moved to its brand new state-of-the-art campus in Bashundhara, Dhaka. The University also has dormitory facilities and guest houses for foreign students and visiting scholars.

IUB is distinctive in its emphasis on a broad-based liberal arts curriculum based on a North American model which is significantly at variance with traditional disciplines of other universities in the country and the region. The mission of IUB is to deliver a high quality education which will help foster thinking across disciplines, encourage tolerance and understanding of diverse cultural and social traditions, nurture essential values and prepare students for a fast changing world.



The University has 6 schools (the School of Business, School of Engineering & Computer Science, School of Environmental Science & Management, School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, School of Life Sciences and School of Public Health) offering 4-year undergraduate programs in Finance, Accounting, Marketing, Management, MIS, HR Management, Economics, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Telecommunication Engineering, Computer Science, English Literature, English Language Teaching, Media & Communication, Anthropology, Environmental Science & Management, Microbiology, Biochemistry and Genetic Engineering. IUB also offers graduate programs at the master's level in Business Administration, Computer Science, Telecommunication Engineering, Software Engineering, Computer Networks and Communications, Public Health, Development Studies, Natural Resources & Disaster Management, Environment & Management and Media and Communication.

Currently, like other private universities, approximately 69% of the student enrollment is in business related subjects reflecting market demands. IUB is committed, however, to providing a diverse set of curricular offerings and is rapidly expanding its portfolio to include in the next two years subjects such as Microbiology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Sociology, Architecture, Government and Political Science, Public Policy, Law and Pharmacy.

Aside from teaching, IUB is committed to supporting research. The Centre for Health, Population and Development (CHPD) at IUB is a university wide centre which coordinates and facilitates research, scholarly activities, and policy dialogue in the multi-faceted relationships between development, health and population. It has faculty associates both from within and outside IUB and sponsors a regular research seminar series, periodic international conferences on important themes and produces a working paper series.

To support research and training on cutting edge issues of national and global importance, IUB in collaboration with Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies and International Institute for Environment and Development, UK, has set up an International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD). ICCAD

will be able to draw on the extensive resources of IUB across a range of disciplines relevant to climate change and development.

The university has recently established a constituent Bangla Language Institute (BLI) which will conduct Bangla Language Teaching program for students from anywhere around the world throughout the year and cater to the requirement of peace corps, Fulbright critical language enhancement award, Fulbright language teaching assistant, foreign language studies and short course for NGOs and members of the diplomatic corps. Meanwhile, it has an ongoing summer Bangla language teaching program for students from American Universities conducted by Bangla Summer Institute (BSI) under BLI in association with Council of American Overseas Research Centers.

Following the philosophy on which the University is founded, drawing on the best from the East and the West, IUB has linked up with some of the world's best universities and institutions to provide an academic environment relevant to the contemporary world. IUB has established collaborative arrangements in research, faculty and student exchange and curriculum development with a number of foreign universities and institutions including Harvard University, Stanford University, Brown University, the University of Colorado, Hamline University, the Higher Education Consortium of Urban Affairs (HECUA) in Minnesota, USA, McMaster University, Canada, Middlesex University, UK, Pokhara University, Nepal and Can Tho University, Vietnam.

Besides, IUB is also offering three 2+2 programs in collaboration with Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC), USA, University of South Australia (UnISA), Australia and Griffith College, Dublin (GCD), Ireland. Under these programs a student can complete 2 years of BBA/ Media Communication program at IUB and then get a transfer to the respective partner university and complete the remaining two years over there.

There has been a steady flow of international students and visiting scholars to its campus. IUB's pioneering program, Live-in-Field Experience, where students get a distinctive opportunity to learn about rural life, complement the unique course, National Culture and Heritage, a comprehensive study of the history, society and culture of Bangladesh. These programs have received acclaim from home and abroad. IUB has been successfully hosting study-abroad programs for cohort of foreign students on a regular basis in partnership with top tier universities of USA such as Harvard University, University of Vermont, Southern Illinois University and The Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs. In fact, IUB is the one private university in Bangladesh which has hosted the highest number of international students and renowned scholars from across the world.

In order to maintain standards of academic administration, programme association and collaboration on mutually interesting endeavors, the University has associated itself with a number of international academic associations such as the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), Commonwealth Education Partnership (CEP), American Association of University Administrators (AAUA), Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP), International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) and International Association of Universities (IAU).

Over the years, IUB has given this world a significant number of quality graduates who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields at home and abroad. IUB equips students with knowledge, values, skills and qualities that make them extraordinary.

## Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor 14th Convocation Speaker

Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor is a renowned media personality of Bangladesh. He is also a legislator, entrepreneur, and a political and performing arts activist. His activities in the field of the performing arts is vast, varied and spans across a wide distance in time. He has been involved primarily in group theatre, where he has performed in fifteen stage productions covering over one thousand performances. They have been widely acclaimed by generations of theatre goers. He has also directed a number of plays and written a few for both the stage and television.

Mr. Noor's talents do not end there. He has acted in over 110 TV single dramas and serials and over fifty radio plays. Furthermore, he has acted with distinction in several full-length feature films. Mr. Noor has an international presence, having performed in stage plays in a number of countries, including India, Great Britain, the United States of America, and Japan. In addition to acting, directing and writing, he has also produced around fifty audio-visual materials for both commercial and social communication media.

Mr. Noor has been a highly successful entrepreneur in his profession, which includes being the Chairman of Daboni Chitra Ltd, Managing Director of Asiatic Events Marketing Ltd, Desh TV Limited, and Maitree Printers Ltd, Deputy Managing Director of Asiatic Marketing

Communications Ltd, and Director of Asiatic Mindshare Ltd, Asiatic Estates Ltd, and MRC-Mode Limited. The range of media-related companies that he is involved in may easily be gleaned from this piece of information.

Mr. Noor's versatility is further evidenced by his involvement in politics. As an activist he was involved in student politics during his university life and has been active in various socio-political movements. He was an intrepid participant in Bangladesh's glorious War of Liberation. In national politics Mr. Noor was the publicity secretary of Bangladesh Awami League in 2002, and was elected as the party's cultural affairs secretary in 2009. He has twice been elected to the Jatiyo Sangsad from the Nilphamari-2 constituency, first in 2001, and again in 2008.

Mr. Noor holds membership of a variety of organizations, including being a founder trustee of the Liberation War Museum, president of the Abreji Samannay Parishad, member, executive committee of the International Theatre Institute, vice-president of Nagorik Natya Samprayada, a central committee member of Shomnilito Shlangskritik Jote, and general secretary of Bangladesh-Russia Friendship society. He has travelled widely in many countries. He collects paintings and antiques and enjoys music and reading.



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**Prime Minister**  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
**Message**

I am happy to know that Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is going to hold its 14th Convocation in Dhaka on 20 September 2012.

On this auspicious occasion I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to the graduating students, their parents, the trustees, the members of faculty and the management of IUB.

The fresh graduates, I hope, with their acquired knowledge, skill and commitment will definitely be able to face the challenges of the present century and thus contribute immensely to the socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

I wish the 14th Convocation of IUB a grand success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

(Sheikh Hasina)



**Advisor to the Prime Minister**  
(Education, Social dev. & Political Affairs)  
Prime Minister's Office  
**Message**

I am happy to learn that the 14th Convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is going to be held on 20 September 2012. This is a very significant event for the graduating students and their families. Let me congratulate the graduating students, their parents, and the members of the IUB trust, faculty and management.

In this age of globalization, challenges for quality education have increased tremendously. I hope that the outgoing graduates are prepared to face the real world with knowledge, zeal and foresight.

I take this liberty to extend my best wishes to the graduating students and IUB with highest considerations.

(Prof. Dr. Alauddin Ahmed)



**Secretary**  
Ministry of Education  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
**Message**

It gives me immense pleasure to know that Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is holding its 14th Convocation. On this memorable occasion, I congratulate the graduating students on their successful completion. I would like to extend my heartiest felicitations to its Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, graduating students and their proud parents on this auspicious occasion.

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) has been making a significant contribution to higher education since its inception. As a centre of excellence, this university imparts quality and modern education to the students so that they can confidently face global challenges. I again congratulate the graduating students and hope that they will be able to use all they have learned in the university not only for their own advancement but for the advancement of the nation.

I wish the convocation a success.

(Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury)



**Message**

I would like to share with the 14th Graduating Batch an interesting book The Mystery of Numbers by Anne Marie Schimmel which I recently read. Needless to mention the contents of the book have to do with numerology - and the interpretation of numbers and how throughout the ages it has fascinated humanity. On the number 14 she observes this to be an interesting lunar number as it takes the waxing moon full 14 days to reach perfection as a full moon. I would like to believe in numerology and claim that the 14th Batch of IUB has reached such perfection. And why should I not believe her number interpretation when she goes on to make her observation about Prophet Muhammad, (peace be upon him) and I quote "...one of his names, Taha, has the numerical value of 14 and this points to the fact that he, radiant like the full moon, appeared in the dark night of this world to illuminate it with his perfect spiritual and corporeal beauty".

From the above, my message to the 14th Batch should be quite obvious. Follow in the footsteps of the Prophet and illuminate if not the whole world, at least the world of the downtrodden and the helpless near you. Extend your helping hand to all those who need you...and you will be surprised how many people need you!!!

Make IUB proud of you.

May the Almighty keep you in good health and mind to serve Bangladesh wherever you are.

Affectionately

Towhid Samad  
Chairman  
Board of Trustees

## Programmes of IUB

### Undergraduate Programmes

**BBA** •Accounting •Finance •Marketing •Management •Management Information System (MIS) •Human Resource Management (HRM) • International Business (IB) •Investment Management  
**BSS** •Media & Communication •Anthropology •Sociology  
**BA** •English Literature •English Language Teaching (ELT)  
**BSc** •Economics •Environmental Management •Environmental Science •Population Environment •Computer Science •Computer Engineering/Electrical & Electronic Engineering •Electronic & Telecommunication Engineering

### Graduate Programmes

**MBA** •Banking •Finance •Marketing •HRM  
**EMBA** •HRM •Finance •Marketing •Entrepreneurship Development & Management  
**MSc** •Computer Science •Software Engineering •Telecommunication Engineering •Computer Networks & Communication •Natural Resources & Disaster Management •Environment Management •Climate Change  
**MPH** •Master of Public Health (MPH)  
**MSS** •Development Studies •Media & Communication



**PRESIDENT**  
People's Republic of Bangladesh  
**Message**

I am pleased to learn that Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is going to hold its 14th Convocation on September 20, 2012. On the eve of the august occasion, I take this opportunity to extend my warm felicitations to the graduating students, their parents, faculty and the university authority on their collective endeavours.

Universities, both public and private, are the seats of higher learning and research which uphold peoples hope and aspirations. Keeping that in mind, our universities of the country have been playing immense contributions in establishing our nationhood and progress since their inception. Today our vision is to build a knowledge-based society where everyone will contribute from their respective position to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh. I believe the universities would come forward to materialising the goals by imparting state-of-the-art education and blooming intrinsic value of the students.

I wish the Convocation every success and extend my best wishes to the graduating students for the future.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

(Md. Zillur Rahman)



**Minister**  
Ministry of Education  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
**Message**

I am delighted to congratulate the new graduates of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) as the University is celebrating the 14th convocation in its 19 years of existence as a centre of education par excellence.

Since its inception in 1993, IUB has played a definitive role in this world of tremendous advancement of technology, industrialization and harnessing of human resources. IUB's student body, with pedagogic acumen, has diversified its educational experience and has contributed to the economic growth of the country. It is heartening to note that IUB graduates are well employed in the country, and have also gained admission to prestigious universities abroad. To my utter satisfaction, IUB already gained the reputation as one of the best private universities in Bangladesh.

On the eve of this magnificent occasion of convocation, I with every success of the university in future and believe that the newly produced graduates from this institution are instilled with commitment to give their utmost for the improvement of the country.

I wish the convocation a great success.

(Nurul Islam Nahid M.P.)



**Chairman**  
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh  
**Message**

It gives me an immense pleasure to know that the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is going to hold its 14th Convocation Ceremony on 20 September 2012. On this occasion, I extend my warm felicitations and congratulations to the graduating students, their parents, the faculty members and the IUB authority.

In the age of knowledge economy, our country needs qualified and skilled manpower for national development in economic and social sector. I hope the universities will equip their graduates with skills and knowledge through providing quality education. At present, private universities are an integral part of our higher educational system. The role of UGC is to assist the universities to bring about qualitative change in their educational programmes. I believe, IUB has been playing an important role for nation building activities by imparting quality education to the students since its inception. I am confident that the graduating students of the university will serve the nation with sincerity, honesty and patriotism through their knowledge and skill acquired.

I wish the convocation a grand success.

Prof. Dr. A. K. Azad Chowdhury



**Message**

Nineteen years ago, a group of patrons voluntarily contributed their time, money and energy to create the Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) with the virtuous wish to form various centres of excellence for development of outstanding human capital in Bangladesh. The Trust, as its first venture, established Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) Dhaka. The Trustees continue to dedicate very substantial time and effort to ensure that IUB excels as a premier University. It is mentionable that no member of the ESTCDT receives any financial or material compensation of any kind for this. This year IUB, Dhaka is proud to celebrate its 14th Convocation!

On behalf of ESTCDT, I extend heartfelt congratulations to the University's Class of 2012. I am confident that wherever you go or whichever profession you choose, you will make us proud. I believe that you will continue to serve as commendable ambassadors for IUB by building upon our reputation for excellence as you progress through your careers. Do not lose sight of life's higher purpose. Dream big, crystallize your vision and take positive action, unselfishly. The Almighty provides unconditionally. You need only compete with 'yourself' with integrity to achieve.

I would also like to thank the parents, friends and family members of our graduates for their understanding, patience and support - moral and financial - during these demanding but rewarding years at IUB.

The members of faculty and management deserve utmost respect and admiration for their incessant hard work and determination. Thank you for helping IUB attain the status as one of the top universities in Bangladesh.

Graduating students, I urge you to maintain the relationships you built at IUB with your professors, advisers and peers. I encourage you to keep us updated on the many achievements you will experience in your careers and personal lives.

Congratulations again!

Best regards,  
Saifur Rahman  
Chairman

Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT)



**Message**

On the occasion of the 14th Convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), I congratulate the trustees, the management, the faculty and most importantly the graduating students who have made us so proud.

This year also marks IUB's 19 years of excellence in education. It is worthwhile to reflect that what makes IUB distinctive is its commitment to liberal arts education which challenges students to become not only qualified professionals but also socially engaged, tolerant and broad-minded global citizens.

Yet another cohort of competent IUB graduates will join their peers to make a distinctive and positive mark on the society, locally and globally.

Convocations are occasions which always evoke mixed emotions of sadness and joy as they represent the end of one chapter and the commencement of another. I wish you (the graduating students) all success as you move into a brave new world. I hope that you will retain lifelong your passion for learning along with a commitment to justice and public service.

We will miss you and you will always remain a part of the growing IUB family.  
Prof M Omar Rahman  
Vice Chancellor



**Valedictorian 2010**  
**Raisa Rasheeka**  
Bachelors in Social Science  
Major: Media and Communication  
Minor: Anthropology  
CGPA: 4.00 (on the scale of 4.00)



**Valedictorian 2011**  
**Rafid Haider**  
Bachelors in Science  
Major: Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE)  
Minor: Engineering Mathematics  
CGPA: 4.00 (on the scale of 4.00)



**Recipient of Chancellor's Gold Medal**  
**S.M. Saifur Islam**  
M.Sc. in Software Engineering  
CGPA: 4.00 (on the scale of 4.00)



**Recipient of Chancellor's Gold Medal**  
**Mohammad Saiful Islam**  
Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)  
Major: Human Resources Management  
CGPA: 4.00 (on the scale of 4.00)