


Convocation 2013

IUBAT

An Environment Designed for Learning

IUBAT—International University of Business Agriculture and Technology

Founded 1991 by Md Alimullah Miyan

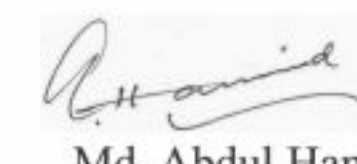


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It gives me immense pleasure to know that the International University of Business Agriculture and Technology, IUBAT is observing its fourth Convocation. On this auspicious occasion I congratulate the graduates, their parents, faculties and university authority.

Convocation is a landmark event that acknowledges the hard work of students and evaluates the performances' of the universities. University, the center of excellence plays significant role in building skilled and efficient human resources by imparting quality and modern education. I wish all the universities-private and public would contribute more in preparing the future generation to face the challenges of globalization. I believe the outgoing graduates will utilize their gained knowledge and skill for the prosperity of Bangladesh imbued with the spirit of patriotism. I wish the Convocation of IUBAT a success. Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh live forever.



Md. Abdul Hamid
Honorable Chancellor of IUBAT and
President, People's Republic of Bangladesh



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Convocation-2013 makes me nostalgic as I think of struggling days of 1989 when the idea of establishing a non-government university was presented to the Ministry of Education, Government of Bangladesh (GoB). The concept was developed at Kansas State University (KSU) in March-April, 1989 (documented on April 3, 1989) and KSU issued letter of intent to participate in establishment of this university on April 27, 1989. Formal representation was made to GoB on July 27, 1989, while IUBAT opened its door on January 16, 1991 with academic support from Asian Institute of Technology and Assumption University, Thailand. Literally none believed that such university can be established in Bangladesh, but this is not only a reality now but around 60% of the university students (excluding national and open university) study in non-government universities.

Thus, the idea bloomed into a movement and the paradigm of access to tertiary education shifted from elite to populist mode. More universities are being established to accommodate our youth and this is a wonderful achievement within 42 years of victory of our great nation.

IUBAT has many first to its credit in terms of concepts, disciplines and physical development. It is the first to move to its permanent campus in the historic city of Dhaka. It is our great honor and privilege to welcome all the dignitaries to the lush green campus of the university designed by a volunteer British architect for an university of 21st century.

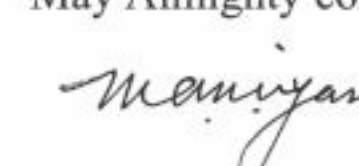
IUBAT is also the first to develop an outreach approach for inclusive higher education under Knowledge Based Area Development (KBAD) for financing education to create one technical graduate from each village/moholla of Bangladesh. IUBAT student body includes representatives from 479 Upazillas and only 8 Upazillas are yet to be covered. The extension work is going on at the level of unions and villages. The KBAD concept has allowed many individuals to graduate from a tertiary educational institution which would not have been possible otherwise. Our motto is to ensure access to professional higher education to all segments of people regardless of financial standing of the family to create prosperity in our society.

We have come a long way and look forward to even longer list of achievements in the future and my heartiest felicitation to the graduating students. It gives me untold sense of accomplishment to see them enjoy the fruit of their toil and dedication. I share their victory and join them in anticipation of greater career achievement.


My gratitude to all who extended cooperation and partnership from home and abroad in our long journey. I believe we will remain in enduring partnership in progress and contribute our best to build our societies and promote international understanding, goodwill and peace. My gratitude also to all the dignitaries present today to share our joy.

Best of luck to my beloved students.

May Almighty continue to show you path of wisdom.



Prof M Alimullah Miyan, PhD
Vice-Chancellor, IUBAT




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High quality education – from primary school to university – is crucial to the development aspirations of Bangladesh. We at Simon Fraser University are pleased to have supported IUBAT over the last two decades – and we intend to continue our support in the years to come.

Since its modest beginnings in the early 1990s as one of the first non-government universities in Bangladesh, IUBAT has grown to become one of the highest quality universities in the country. I recognize there is much still to be done to both protect and enhance academic and research excellence at IUBAT, but I take the occasion to congratulate the University on its astonishing accomplishments.

I very much look forward to visiting the University as convocation speaker, and look forward to meeting both graduating students and faculty colleagues, as well as learning more about the challenges facing education in Bangladesh.



Robert M. Gordon, M.A. (Hons), Ph.D.
Associate Dean of Arts and Social Sciences,
Professor of Criminology,
Director of Applied Legal Studies.



IUBAT - A Profile

HISTORY

IUBAT—International University of Business Agriculture and Technology is the first non-government university established in Bangladesh. Initial planning began in 1989 and the university was established in 1991. The university was established through cooperative agreements with Kansas State University, USA, Assumption University and Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand. From a modest beginning, the university has a student body of nine thousand plus with a faculty of around two hundred.

MISSION

The overall mission of IUBAT is human resources development through quality education fostering creation of knowledge conducive to socio-agro-economic advancement of developing societies in general and of Bangladesh in particular. This overall mission is being attained through ensuring relevance in curriculum, quality in teaching delivery, dynamism in adaptation to changes, internationalization in transferability of knowledge and equity in access by all groups. Besides, the University promotes scholasticism through research and application of knowledge in different subject areas mainly in the context of Bangladesh.

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS

Over the period, IUBAT has gained national and global recognition through membership, recognition and affiliations with good number of scholarly bodies, academic networks, affiliating organizations as well as global directories. The international stature of the university achieved great height through establishing academic links with seventy plus institutions in Europe, USA, Canada, Australia, Asia and Africa. IUBAT baccalaureates can pursue higher education in any university of the world and credit transfer from IUBAT is accepted by all universities throughout the globe. Some of the salient institutions of IUBAT accreditation and affiliations are listed below:

- Government of Bangladesh
- University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC)
- Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), England
- International Association of University Presidents (IAUP), USA
- Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), USA
- Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development, UNU-IAS, United Nations
- Global Consortium of Higher Education & Research for Agriculture, USA
- World's Poultry Science Association
- Worldwide Opportunities for Organic Farms (WWOOF), UK
- World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC), Thailand
- Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA), India
- International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), Germany
- International Society for Labor and Social Security Law (ISL&SSL), Switzerland
- International Labor and Employment Relations Association, Switzerland
- National Geographic Society, USA
- Society for International Development
- Association of SAARC Universities
- Association of Non-Government Universities in Bangladesh
- Educational Testing Service (ETS), USA
- Hobson's MBA Casebook, UK
- The Europa World of Learning, England
- Yearbook of International Organizations, Belgium
- Global Directory of Research Institutions, USA
- Community of Science (COS), USA
- International Education Directory of Colleges and Universities (World-wide accredited institutions), Australia
- International Handbook of Universities, UNESCO
- The Network for Knowledge Transfer on Sustainable Agricultural Technologies and Improved Market Linkages in South and Southeast Asia (SATNET)

CAMPUS AND LEARNING ATMOSPHERE

IUBAT curriculum is of international standard, approved by the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh and taught by qualified and experienced local and foreign faculty. The grooming provided to students is professional and career oriented.

Instructions are conducted by qualified and experienced faculty drawn from the country, region and overseas. The cooperating universities abroad are a big resource base for visiting faculty and arrangements have been made to have visiting faculty to reflect the intercultural orientation of the university, some of which is also availed through international students admitted to the university.

English is the medium of instruction and communication in all IUBAT programs, communications and activities. IUBAT programs emphasize task based and participative methods of instruction and use modern teaching aids like multi-media, flipcharts, overhead projectors, video-clippings to supplement the classical mediums. A heavy reliance is placed on coaching, project work, practice session and laboratory work. Students are encouraged to engage in shared learning by forming study groups and work teams. The program emphasizes development of closer interaction between teachers and students in formal and informal situations for educational and mental development of the students. Educational programs, particularly in engineering, nursing, physics & chemistry, computer science, hospitality and agriculture are backed-up by laboratories established in the campus. IUBAT has cooperative arrangements with hospitals and clinics in Dhaka for practical and practicum, especially with respect to students in nursing and health sciences. IUBAT students enjoy following attractive learning atmosphere:

- Permanent campus on 5.5 acres of own land
- Specially designed by a British architect for a university of the 21st century
- Healthy environment with scenic beauty on the bank of river Turag
- Classes with individualized instruction
- Record of scheduled classes that meet consistently
- English skills developed in all students
- Computer training for all students
- Excellent national and international faculty including resident faculty from North America and European Union countries and Australia
- Linkages with many universities with credit transfer and higher study facilities
- International standard learning experience
- Professional counseling and guidance
- Financial support through scholarship, grant, fee waiver, rebate, deferred payment, campus job, special offer, student loan, etc
- Career guidance with practicum and job placement at home and abroad
- Extracurricular activities
- Part of modern Uttara residential area
- Assistance in finding accommodation at reasonable cost in the locality
- Well connected with all sections of metropolitan Dhaka and neighboring towns
- Evening classes for MBA and Engineering degree programs

EDUCATIONAL FINANCING

IUBAT has set out the long term vision of producing one technical graduate from each village/ward/moholla of Bangladesh to contribute towards creation of a knowledge based society. To materialize this vision IUBAT has special provision for supplementing the family resources of a student through scholarship, grant, fee waiver, deferred payment, campus job, student loan and the like. It is IUBAT policy to cater to needs of all qualified students who aspire for higher professional education regardless of the income level of his/her family through appropriate educational financing arrangements.


To institutionalize the educational financing IUBAT has established an educational cooperative in the form of IUBAT Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. (IMCSL). One of the prime objectives of IMCSL is to mobilize funds for providing educational loan and scholarship to the members and their dependents to help them pursue higher education and professional training. IMCSL is a prelude to establishment of an Educational Bank with a wider mandate. The conceptual framework for this has been elaborated in Knowledge Based Area Development: A Step Towards Community Self-Reliance document (www.iubat.edu/kbad).

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Research is being carried out in a number of areas such as education, labor migration, industrial relations, disaster management, climate change, cyclone mitigation, environment, corporate social responsibility, commodity chain, trade regulations, health service delivery, liquid waste management, natural gas, energy, primary education, girls participation in secondary education, electricity rate regulation, captive power generation, solar energy, food and nutritional security, farm socio-economic analysis, sustainability etc. So far, nine research monographs and one book have been published. IUBAT carries out researches on the topic of international importance in collaboration with World Meteorological Organization, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Food and Agricultural Organization, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, World Health Organization, Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA), Asia Pacific Network (APN) and the like organizations.

EVENTS

Each semester IUBAT remains vibrant with many educational, research, conference, exhibitions, sports, games and cultural events made lively with widespread participation of faculty, students, officers, staff and neighboring community. Visiting professors from renowned universities around the world keep attending IUBAT each semester. They conduct classes as well as address seminars on critical issues for wider audience organized in the campus. Reception and farewell to visiting professors are also frequent. Besides, cultural events are organized on various special occasions including observance of various national and international days of significance in addition to in house events like convocation, orientation, foundation, parents' night, throughout the year. These events serve as a medium of developing solidarity among the IUBAT family in addition to building bridges of cooperation with outer world.



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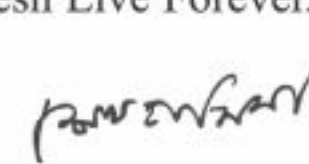
I am happy to know that International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) is going to hold its fourth Convocation on 02 October 2013. On this occasion, I extend my greetings to the graduates, their parents, teachers and the management of IUBAT.

Our government has been working hard to enhance the socio-economic condition of the country by putting emphasis on education. We have been allocating the highest budgetary allocation in the education sector with a view to achieving a Digital Bangladesh by the year 2021. Universities help generate new ideas, promote enduring knowledge and assist in the inculcation of moral and ethical values in order to transform students into conscious, responsible and proactive citizens.


I hope that the graduates of this university will engage themselves to meet the challenges of transforming the socio-economic landscape of the country and help build a prosperous Bangladesh as dreamt by the greatest Bangalee of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

I wish the fourth Convocation of IUBAT all success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu May Bangladesh Live Forever.



(Sheikh Hasina)
Prime Minister
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh




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It gives me immense pleasure to know that IUBAT—International University of Business Agriculture and Technology is observing its fourth Convocation. On this promising occasion, I convey my heartfelt felicitations to the graduating students, their parents and the university authority.

I firmly believe that proper education enables the citizens to achieve effective state of affairs in a democratic nation. The knowledge and skills that a good university imparts to the students allow them to navigate the roadmap of an increasingly complex world and confront emerging challenges with greater confidence. I am sure that during their pursuit of knowledge, the graduates of IUBAT have made the best use of all the resources and prepared themselves for the future with a view to bringing about welfare for our people.

I wish the Convocation of IUBAT all success and I also wish all the endeavor of graduating students a success in their professional life.



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



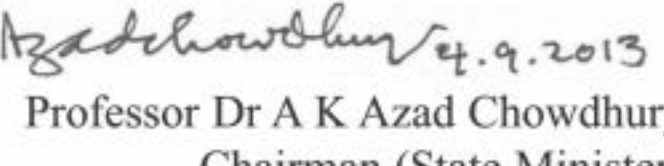
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I am delighted to know that IUBAT—International University of Business Agriculture and Technology is going to hold its fourth Convocation on October 2, 2013. I heartily congratulate all the graduating students, their parents and their teachers, as well as the IUBAT management on this occasion.

Since its inception in 1991, IUBAT has secured a place of high distinction in quality teaching and research. I am happy to note that IUBAT has a generous scholarship scheme to help and encourage meritorious and underprivileged students. Through its Knowledge-Based Area Development (KBAD) concept, the university is committed to providing higher education to male and female students from each village/ward of Bangladesh. This is undoubtedly a noble commitment to the society. I am also happy to know that IUBAT is relentlessly working to materialize its idea of an Educational Loan Scheme and eventually an Educational Bank (Shikkha Bank).

I wish the IUBAT graduates all success in their life and I am confident that they would serve the nation with patriotism, honesty and sincerity.



Professor Dr A K Azad Chowdhury
Chairman (State Minister)
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

