

15th CONVOCATION

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INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH



PRESIDENT
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Message

I am very pleased to learn that Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is going to hold its 15th Convocation on December 7, 2013. On this august occasion, I would like to congratulate the graduating students, their parents and the university authorities on their collective hard work towards materializing this event.

Bangladesh needs enormous skilled and well-informed human resources to realize its enormous development potential, as well as to cope with the contemporary world. Quality education is essential for building a knowledge-based society and universities as centres of excellence need to provide world-class education to their students. I am confident that the graduates of IUB, imbued with a sense of patriotism, will give their best effort towards the well-being of the people of Bangladesh.

I wish the 15th Convocation of IUB all success.

Khoda Hafez, Bangladesh Chirojibi Hok.

(Md. Abdul Hamid)



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 15th convocation in its 20 years of existence as a centre of excellence in higher education.

It is heartening to note that IUB graduates are well employed both within and outside 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 convocation, I wish 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 community and country.

I wish the convocation a great success.

(Nurul Islam Nahid M.P.)



Chairman (State Minister)
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

Message

It gives me immense pleasure to know that the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is going to hold its 15th Convocation Ceremony on 7 December 2013. 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 sectors. I hope the university will equip its graduates with skills and knowledge through providing quality education. At present, private universities are an integral part of our higher education 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 their students since its inception. I am confident that the graduating students of the university will serve the nation through their acquired knowledge and skills with sincerity, honesty and patriotism.

I wish the convocation a grand success.

Prof. Dr. A. K. Azad Chowdhury



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

Message

Twenty years ago a group of patrons got together and contributed their time, money and energy for creating the Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) with the goal of creating centres of excellence for education and social development. The first venture of the Trust - the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), after nineteen years is proudly holding its 15th Convocation. IUB. It is a matter of great pride and satisfaction that IUB has been able to maintain a world class standard, and the best testament is our well-placed alumni, out-performing most others in the professional world.

On this propitious juncture, on behalf of ESTCDT, my heartiest congratulations to the graduating students and their proud parents, including those from the erstwhile IUB, Chittagong campus, now, Chittagong Independent University (CIU). I am confident that wherever our graduates go or whichever profession they undertake they will make us all proud by keeping their commitment to excellence, and remembering the values of good social citizens. May the IUB experience give each student the opportunity to seek and realize the infinite potential within them.

The members of the faculty and management of IUB deserves special mention for their unstinted efforts and dedication which makes IUB a unique institution where students are able to do more than acquire a degree.

Lastly, I wish to put on record the whole-hearted support given by the Trustees of ESTCDT over the past 20+ years, who all continue to work tirelessly without any expectation of personal gain.

Long live IUB.

Best regards,

Saifur Rahman

The 15th Convocation at a glance

The fifteenth Convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is being held on Saturday, 7 December 2013 at the Army Stadium, Banani, Dhaka. As delegated by the Hon'ble President of the Country, Prof M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor of Independent University, Bangladesh will confer the degrees to the graduating students. Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, former Chief Adviser to the Caretaker Government will be the Convocation Speaker. A record number of 1955 students will graduate this year, 1246 of whom are undergraduates and 709 graduates, from various programmes of the University. A total number of 182 students, made up of 179 undergraduates and three graduates, have earned academic honours. Five of them, two from the undergraduate and three from the graduate classes, have received Chancellor's Award (Gold Medal) for completing their programmes with a perfect CGPA of 4.0 out of 4.0. IUB wishes Godspeed to all the graduating students of 2013.

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 5200 undergraduate and graduate students and over 6300 alumni. The 5200 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 260 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 a guest house 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 discipline-specific curricula 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 programmes in Finance, Accounting, 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 programmes 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 Law, Biotechnology, Sociology, Architecture, Government and Political Science, Public Policy 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). ICCCAD 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 established a constituent Bangla Language Institute (BLI) which conducts Bangla Language Teaching programme 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 programme 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 tied 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 programmes in collaboration with Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC), USA, University of South Australia (UniSA), Australia and Griffith College, Dublin (GCD), Ireland. Under these

programmes a student can complete 2 years of BBA/ Media Communication programme 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 programme, 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 programmes have received acclamation from home and abroad. IUB has been successfully hosting study-abroad programmes for cohort of foreign students on a regular basis in partnership with top tier universities of USA such as Harvard University, Vermont University, Southern Illinois University and 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 top 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), 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.

Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman 15th Convocation Speaker

Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, an eminent educationist, lawyer and Justice, was born in Murshidabad in the year 1930. He obtained BA Honours (1949) and MA (1951) in History from Dhaka University and subsequently BA Honours (1958) and MA (1962) in Modern History from Oxford University, England. He was an activist in the Bangla Language Movement.

Justice Rahman began his career as a Lecturer of History at Dhaka University in 1952. He was called to the Bar from Lincolns Inn in 1959. He joined Rajshahi University as a faculty member and served there as Dean, faculty of Law (1961) and Reader, History (1962-64). Justice Habibur Rahman changed his profession in 1964 and joined the Dhaka High Court Bar. He served as the Assistant Advocate General (1969), Vice President of High Court Bar Association (1972) and member of Bangladesh Bar Council (1972). He is a Fellow of the Bangla Academy and the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, an Honorary Bencher of the Lincolns Inn, London and an Honorary Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford. He went to Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Antigua and Barbuda to observing the holding of general elections there.

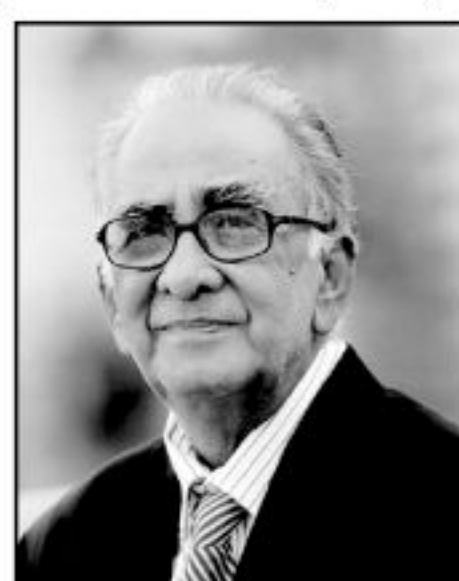
He served as a Judge of the High Court Division (1976-85), Judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court (1985-95), Acting Chief Justice (1990-91) and as Chief Justice of Bangladesh (1995). Justice Rahman participated in many international conferences of lawyers and jurists including the Conference of Chief Justices of Asia-Pacific in Perth, Australia (1991), the Fourth Commonwealth

Chief Justices' Conference in Abuja, Nigeria (1992), First SAARC Chief Justices' Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal (1995).

Justice Rahman retired from service as Chief Justice of Bangladesh in 1995. He took the oath as the Chief Advisor of the Caretaker Government on 31 March 1996 for supervising the elections of the Jatiya Sangsad in 1996.

He is the author of eighty books in Bangla on law, language, literature, poetry and religion and seven books in English. He has translated the Holy Quran into Bangla. He has translated from English Tao Te Ching to Bangla. From the English translation he has two anthologies of poems, one in Chinese and another in Russian. He has twelve books on Law, twelve books on Rabindranath Tagore, nine books on languages and nine books in verse. One of the books has been translated in Chinese and another into English.

His is the first Bangla thesaurus, yathashabdo, the first Bangla dictionary of religion; jar ja dharmo, the first Bangla rhyming dictionary, Mitrahkar, and the first Bangla A to Z book of references of the Holy Quran, Koransutra. He has compiled Twenty First February Speaks for All Languages, an anthology of poems on mother tongues. Justice Rahman received the Bangla Academy Award (1984) and the Ekushay Award (2007) for literature.



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 15th Convocation in Dhaka on 07 December 2013.

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 15th Convocation of IUB a grand success.

(Sheikh Hasina)



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 15th 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, faculties and staffs, 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 utilize all they have learnt in the university not only for their own advancement but for the development of the nation.

I wish the convocation a success.

(Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury)



Chairman
Board of Trustees
Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

Message

It's an honour and a privilege to address IUB's class of 2013. The Convocation is a day of recognition as we acknowledge the success and achievement of 15th batch of graduating students. Your success has come through personal sacrifice, perseverance and dedication. To the graduates: I hope that this day will be an occasion you will remember fondly for the rest of your lives. It's also an important day for parents, family and friends.

IUB is proud of its graduates and we hope you are equally proud to be joining a community of alumni that is over 20 years old and 4,500 strong. We hope you will take confidence from that long history which shows IUB graduates have gone on to great success.

As you stand on the border of moving into life beyond IUB the inevitability of real world will confront you. You will face new and exciting challenges in the months and years ahead. We hope that your experience and education in IUB has served you well to face up to those challenges. It is rewarding to see that you have already completed one step in that life-long learning process. You are the ambassadors of IUB to the world; as leaders you have the responsibility of upholding the University's name and the values your teachers and parents have imbued in you. We believe that you will face the world now with a determined motivation, strong work ethics, and a vision for achievements, both personal and for your Country.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Trustees and myself, I wish you success for the future. Congratulations and good luck!

Affectionately
Rashed Chowdhury



Vice Chancellor
Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

Message

On the occasion of the 15th 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 20 years of excellence in education. It is worthwhile to reflect that what makes IUB distinctive is its commitment to a liberal arts education which challenges students to become not only qualified professionals but also socially engaged, tolerant and broad-minded global citizens.

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.

M. Omar Rahman
(Prof. M Omar Rahman)

Programmes of IUB

Undergraduate Programmes

School of Business (BBA) • Accounting • Finance • Marketing • Management
• Management Information System (MIS) • Human Resource Management (HRM)
• International Business (IB) • Investment Management • BSc in Economics
School of Engineering & Computer Science (B.Sc.) • Computer Science
• Computer Engineering • Electrical & Electronic Engineering • Electronic & Telecommunication Engineering
School of Environmental Science & Management (B.Sc.) • Environmental Management • Environmental Science • Population Environment
School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (BSS, BA) • Media & Communication
• Anthropology • English Literature • English Language Teaching (ELT)
School of Life Sciences (B.Sc.) • Microbiology • Biochemistry

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

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Bachelors of Business Administration
Major: Marketing
Minor: Economics
CGPA: 4 (on a scale of 4)

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Tanzina Ahmed Choudhury
Bachelors of Business Administration
Major: Finance
Minor: General Management
CGPA: 4 (on a scale of 4)

Recipient of Chancellor's Gold Medal

Ahmad Mufassir Masum
Master of Business Administration
Major: Marketing
CGPA: 4 (on a scale of 4)

Recipient of Chancellor's Gold Medal

Shampa Sadia
Master of Business Administration
Major: Finance
CGPA: 4 (on a scale of 4)

Recipient of Chancellor's Gold Medal

Sayema Sultana
Master of Business Administration
Major: Finance
CGPA: 4 (on a scale of 4)