



16th Convocation 2014


Thursday, December 18, 2014

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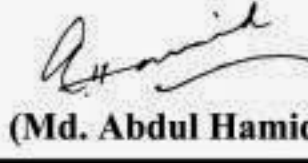
PRESIDENT
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

I am delighted that Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is going to hold its 16th Convocation on December 18, 2014. On this auspicious occasion, I would like to congratulate the graduating students, their parents, and the university authority on their collective endeavours towards making aspirations of students into reality.


Bangladesh is in need of enormous skilled and well-informed human resources, not only for achieving its wide range of development activities, but also for coping with the challenges posed by globalization. Quality education is of the essence, necessary to face global challenges. Keeping this in mind, it is important that universities, both public and private, as centres of excellence, impart a high standard of education for the students to deal with the needs of the society and the country as well. The Government of Bangladesh, in this regard, has taken various steps including the setting up of new universities, enactment of Private University Act 2010, formulation of National Education Policy 2010, adopting the Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project, Bangladesh Research and Education Network etc. I believe that our universities will utilize their full potential with a view to materializing the hopes and aspirations of the nation. I hope that the graduating students of IUB would serve the nation imbued with the spirit of patriotism and dedication.

I wish the 16th Convocation of IUB a success.

Khoda Hafez. May Bangladesh Live Forever.



(Md. Abdul Hamid)



Minister
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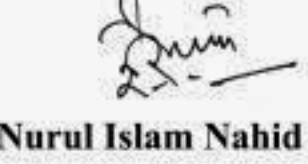
It gives me immense pleasure in congratulating the new graduates of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) as the University is celebrating the 16th convocation in its 21 years of existence as a centre of excellence in higher education.

Since its inception in 1993, IUB has played a definitive role in the contemporary world that is characterized by remarkable technological advances, diversified industrialization, and extensive use of skilled human resources. To their credit, the IUB students, equipped with a diversified educational experience, have contributed, and continue to contribute, to the social and economic development of the country.


The IUB graduates deserve plaudits for being able to be gainfully employed in the multifarious sectors of the country, as well as for gaining admission for pursuing higher studies in prestigious institutions in different parts of the world. It gives me great satisfaction that IUB has already gained the reputation as being one of the best private universities in Bangladesh.

On the eve of this august occasion, I wish every success of the university and believe that the new graduates from this institution have been instilled with the commitment to give their utmost efforts towards the country's development and prosperity.

I wish the convocation a resounding success.



(Nurul Islam Nahid M.P.)



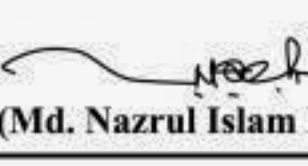
Secretary
Ministry of Education
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

It gives me immense pleasure to know that Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is holding its 16th Convocation on Thursday, 18 December, 2014. On this glorious occasion, I would like to pass on good wishes to all the graduates for successfully receiving their degrees. Let me also appreciate their parents for supporting them during the period of their study at the university. I also thank the distinguished members of the trust, faculty and management of IUB for making this organization to a notable height.


In this knowledge-based world, our country requires more qualified and skilled manpower for national development.

I am sure that IUB will remain committed to pedagogic excellence and will continue its effort towards producing professionally competent and socially engaged graduates.

I wish the Convocation a grand success.



(Md. Nazrul Islam Khan)




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

On behalf of the Trustees of Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) I wish to convey heartfelt congratulations to all the students of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) who will earn their graduation degrees at the 16th Convocation of the university. During your time at IUB, each of you will have learned much more than the degree earned; you will have been a part of the unique IUB experience, where we strive to provide the best learning and physical facilities for our select group of students. IUB has always stressed on the quality of education and strictly limited the number of students so that the teacher-student interaction is more personal and effective. It is a matter of great pride that IUB Alumni are today successfully working in many parts of the world. We expect this year's graduates to also rapidly realize and exceed their career objectives. You now have the knowledge and the tools to tackle any task effectively and create the future you want for yourselves. I ask you to dream big – because that is what is in store for each of you, any limiting thoughts are for others, not IUBians!

I gratefully acknowledge the hard work put in by the faculty, management and staff to make your learning experience at IUB effective and enjoyable. The Trustees of ESTCDT can indeed take pride that the first institution they built 22 years back is firmly on track to becoming a premier institution of higher education in the region.

Every person has infinite potential – go and create your beautiful, ethical, inclusive world!

Best regards,



(Saifur Rahman)

IUB Honour List	
Summa Cum Laude	Mahbuba Raiyan Milky BBA in Human Resource Management
Nayeema Reza BBA in Finance	Yasmin Arafat BBA in Finance
Mithila Alamgir Juhi BBA in Finance	Nusrat Fatema BBA in Finance
A.H.M. Golam Sarwar BSc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Sabhanaz Rashid Diya BSS in Media and Communication
Afroja Sultana BBA in Finance	Mushtari Manzoor BBA in Finance
Magna Cum Laude	Md. Samiul Khan BBA in Finance
Umm Salma Abu Baker BBA in Accounting	Salma Akther BBA in Finance
Sumaia Hossain BBA in Finance	Israt Chowdhury BBA in Finance
Eriko Sultana BBA in International Business	Syed Safayet Karim BSc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
Sk. Hashmi Rafsanjani BBA in Finance	Shanjida Ahmed BBA in Marketing
Sajib Chakraborty BSc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Rawnak Hossain BBA in Finance
Saila Israt Annie BSc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Nahid Hasina Sarwar BBA in Marketing
Shabnam Shahreen Sifat BSc. in Computer Engineering	Muhammad Morshed Alam BSc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
Sayantani Chowdhury BBA in Accounting	Nafisa Jahan Faruqi BBA in Finance
Nawmi Mannan BSc. in Environmental Management	Chowdhury Ehtesham-Al- Mahmud BBA in Accounting
Tahsin Ferdous Ara Nayna BSc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering	

Alumni Awards

The Association of IUB Alumni (AIA) is awarding five outstanding graduating students of IUB in five categories- for being all-rounder, valedictorian and for contributions in community service, sports and cultural activities.

IUB Profile

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) established in 1993 is the leading private university in Bangladesh with an explicit focus on Research and Global partnerships. We are a full service, meritocratically elite university with a current enrollment of 5,500 students, 6500 Alumni and 250 faculty members (of which 25% have PhDs mostly from North America).

IUB Campus

The IUB campus sprawling over 3 acre, has an amphitheatre, state-of-the-art laboratories, well-equipped library with online access to journals and books, above 50 classrooms, lecture galleries, auditorium, gymnasium, food court, playground, medical centre, counselling centre and an alumni office.

IUB also has dormitory facilities for female students from outside Dhaka and International students and a guesthouse for visiting scholars.

Research Strength

The faculty members of IUB are actively engaged in research and publish regularly in peer-reviewed journals. Along with conventional classroom based teaching, students are engaged in research relatively early in their studies. IUB has academic research collaborations with various universities including Harvard University, Stanford University, University of Colorado at Boulder, Brown University, McMaster University, University of Heidelberg, University of South Alabama, Southern Illinois University, University of Vermont, University of Minnesota, Aga Khan University, Institute of Psychiatry in Pakistan, Public Health Foundation of India, Institute for Research and Development, Sri Lanka.

Schools and Academic Programmes

Our academic curriculum is based on a North American liberal arts model and the medium of instruction is English. We currently offer 24 undergraduate and 20 graduate programmes under six schools:

- School of Business
- School of Engineering and Computer Science
- School of Environmental Science and Management
- School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- School of Life Sciences
- School of Public Health

Academic Terms & Admission

IUB has three academic terms: spring, summer and autumn with classes commencing in January, May and September respectively. Admission tests are conducted in November, April and July, two months prior to the beginning of each term.

Financial Aid

- Discounts on tuition fees are offered based on performance in IUB admission test and financial need
- 50% financial discounts are offered for concurrently admitted siblings & spouse on entry

Student Employment

- Teaching Assistantship (TA),
- Graduate Assistantship (GA) and
- Student of Duty (SoD) in various academic and administrative units of IUB

Scholarship for Female Students

100% scholarship with free board & lodging will be provided to meritorious underprivileged female candidates from outside Dhaka provided by Shaheed Khalek & Major Salek Bir Uttam Trust.

Live-in-Field Experience

IUB's pioneering programme, Live-in-Field Experience, a 3-credit programme mandatory for all undergraduate students, gives 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. The LFE programme received acclamation from home and abroad.

2+2 Programmes

IUB has established 2+2 programmes with

- University of South Alabama,
- Southern Illinois University,
- University of South Australia and Griffith College.

Under these programmes students can complete 2 years of an undergraduate major at IUB and then transfer to the respective partner university to complete the remaining 2 years.

IUB Library

- Over 22,000 square feet space over four floors in the IUB campus.
- Accommodates over 450 students at a time
- A collection of over 25,000 print books
- 1000 books on "Liberation War"
- AV section with 2000 CDs
- Electronic access to 20000 periodicals
- Over 50 carrels equipped with computers to use electronic resources

Visiting Scholars

IUB is the leading host institution for Fulbright scholars in Bangladesh. Current ongoing exchange programmes are with:

- Harvard School of Public Health,
- Southern Illinois University,
- University of Vermont Medical School,
- Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA);
- U.S. Department of State.

Research Centres & Institutes

CHPD

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.

CSSR

IUB has recently established the Centre for Social Science Research (CSSR) a sub-project under a project entitled as "Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP)" funded by the University Grants Commission, Bangladesh. The Centre strives for world-class social science research employing innovative research methods for improving quality of tertiary education by inspiring research-led teaching in classroom.

ICCCAD

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).

Nazrul-Abbasuddin Ahmed Research & Study Centre

Kazi Nazrul Islam & Abbasuddin Ahmed Research & Study Centre was instituted by IUB to do research on Nazrul & Abbasuddin, to publish books, journal, CDs, films; and to organize exhibitions and seminars.

Bangla Language Institute (BLI)

The university has established a constituent Bangla Language Institute (BLI), which conducts Bangla language training programme for international students. BLI hosts the prestigious Critical Language Scholarship Programme (CLS), Bangla Language Training programme for Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA), Researcher and Clinton fellows, Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) programme, in-country language training programme for diplomats and short courses for NGO professionals, independent scholars and researchers.

Affiliation with International Academic Associations

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 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).

Degree Programmes Offered at IUB	
Undergraduate Programmes	Graduate Programmes
School of Business (MBA)	School of Business (MBA) • Banking • Finance • Marketing • Human Resource Management
• Accounting • Finance • Marketing • Management	• Management Information System • Human Resource Management
• International Business • Investment Management • BSc in Economics	• Entrepreneurship Development & Management • MSc in Economics
School of Engineering & Computer Science (BSc)	School of Engineering & Computer Science (MSc)
• Computer Science • Computer Engineering • Electrical & Electronic Engineering • Electronic & Telecommunication Engineering	• Computer Science • Software Engineering • Telecommunication Engineering • Computer Networks & Communication
School of Environmental Science & Management (BSc)	• Electrical & Electronic Engineering
• Environmental Management • Environmental Science • Population Environment	School of Environmental Science & Management (MSc)
School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (BSS, BA)	• Natural Resources & Disaster Management
• Media & Communication • Anthropology • Sociology	• Environment Management • Climate Change and Development
• English Literature • English Language Teaching • LLB (Hons.)	School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (MSS)
School of Life Sciences (BSc) • Microbiology • Biochemistry	• Development Studies • Media & Communication
	School of Public Health (MPH) • Master of Public Health

Dr. A. Majeed Khan

16th Convocation Speaker

Dr. A. Majeed Khan, born in Faridpur in 1929, and educated in Kolkata, London, and Minnesota, has the distinction of being the first Ph.D. recipient in Sociology and Anthropology from Bangladesh. He is a member of 'Phi Beta Kappa', the most prestigious honor society for promoting liberal arts and sciences in the United States, and was bestowed a 'Doctor of Humane Letters', a prominent honorary doctorate for advancing higher education, from Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dr. Khan has held positions as a distinguished visiting professor and senior Fulbright fellow at Hamline University, Minnesota and a resident fellow in the Department of Rural Sociology at the University of Wisconsin. He has also taught at universities in Holland, Sweden and Jordan.

Dr. Majeed Khan has served as an ambassador of Bangladesh to France, Spain and Morocco, a senior director of the United Nations Development Program, UNDP, a member of the Executive Board and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, UNESCO, and a Cabinet Minister for Education and for Planning, among other departments, in Bangladesh, during the 1980s. He was decorated with the Officer de l'ordre des Palmes Academiques by the Republic of France for his contributions to education, science and culture.

His exceptionally meritorious service to the field of education and unparalleled vision was instrumental in the successful establishment of numerous institutes and organizations such as:

- The Academy for Rural Development in Comilla, Bangladesh in 1958 with Dr. Akhter Hamid Khan
- The Department of Social Work at Rajshahi University in 1964,
- The Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust,

ESTCDT, in 1991, which later established the first private university in Bangladesh: Independent University, Bangladesh, IUB, in 1993, and


- The University of Information Technology and Sciences, UITS, in 2003, as its founder Vice Chancellor.

Dr. Khan spent seven years as President of Independent University, Bangladesh and under his able leadership, IUB solidified its status as one of the nation's leading private universities and emerged as a leader in the area of providing liberal arts education to the nation. He is also currently a board member of Chittagong Independent University.

To date, Dr. Majeed Khan has authored over 100 professional articles, monographs and book chapters and edited a compendium of biographies entitled *Twenty Great Bengalis*. Presently, he is engaged in co-editing the second edition of a collection of essays by distinguished authors and scholars, a reader on National Culture and Heritage, to be published by IUB.

Since 2009, Dr. Khan has been working with a group of like-minded scholars, scientists and social leaders to initiate and fast-track a movement for holistic economic development of an agro-based economy through research in biotechnology and synthetic biology. This initiative is now known as the Committee of Action for Research, Extension and Services-CARES, of which Dr. Khan is the current Executive Chairman. Recently, the Association of Universities of Asia and Pacific, AUAP, has elected Dr. Majeed Khan a member of its Advisory Council.







Last year, Independent University, Bangladesh, conferred upon Dr. Khan the title and honor of President Emeritus in recognition of his selfless service and commitment to the development of higher education and for his determination, enthusiasm, and leadership in introducing the concept of private university education in Bangladesh.




The 16th Convocation at a glance

Total number of Graduates	1163	Number of Graduates according to Schools	
Undergraduate Programme	729	School of Business	Undergraduate 579
Graduate Programme	434	Graduate	400
Award and Honour Summary		School of Engineering & Computer Science	Undergraduate 111
Chancellor's Gold Medal Recipients (CGPA 4.00)	5	Graduate	9
Summa Cum Laude (CGPA 3.95 and above)	5	School of Environmental Science & Management	Undergraduate 12
Magna Cum Laude (CGPA 3.80-3.94)	26	Graduate	10
Cum Laude (CGPA 3.60-3.79)	52	School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Undergraduate 27
		Graduate	7
		School of Public Health	Graduate 8

Valedictorian and Chancellor's Gold Medal Recipients

Valedictorian	Chancellor's Gold Medal	Chancellor's Gold Medal
 Maeesa Ayesha CGPA 3.98 Summa Cum Laude BA in English Literature	 Tanzina Ahmed Choudhury CGPA 4.00 MBA in Finance	 Razibul Hasan CGPA 4.00 MSc. in Computer Networks & Communications
Chancellor's Gold Medal	Chancellor's Gold Medal	Chancellor's Gold Medal
 Ali Ashraf Molla CGPA 4.00 MSc. in Computer Networks & Communications	 Azmina Panjwani CGPA 4.00 MBA in Human Resources Management	 Nabila Rahman CGPA 4.00 MSc. in Environment Management



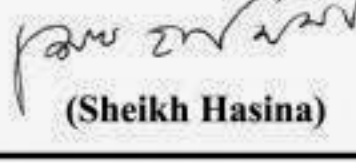
Prime Minister
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

I am happy to learn that Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is going to hold its 16th Convocation in Dhaka on 18 December, 2014. On this occasion, I extend my heartiest congratulations to the graduating students, their parents, the faculty members and the management of IUB.


Our government has attached top priority to education aimed at building a knowledge-based society. Private universities have become an integral part of the government's endeavour to disseminate higher education. The government is also providing all necessary support to the private universities to ensure quality education.

I hope that the graduates of IUB will make valuable contribution in building a 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by the greatest Bangalee of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

I wish the 16th Convocation of IUB every success.



(Sheikh Hasina)

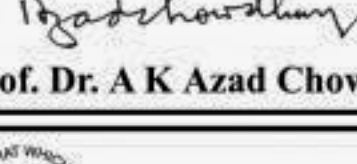


Chairman (State Minister)
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh


It gives me an immense pleasure to know that the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is going to hold its 16th Convocation ceremony on 18 December, 2014. On this occasion, I would like to extend my warm felicitations and congratulations to the graduating students, their proud 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 universities will equip its graduates with updated knowledge and skills through providing quality education. At present, private universities are an integral part of our higher educational system. I believe that IUB has been playing an important role in the 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)



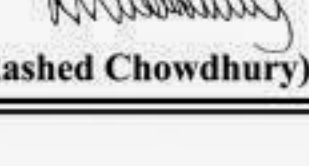
Chairman
Board of Trustees
Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

It is my pleasure, as well as honour, to address the IUB graduates of 2014. On this joyous day of the 16th Convocation, IUB salutes the graduating students on their success, which has been attained through hard work, determination, and perseverance. This is an occasion that I hope will remain as an everlasting memory for you, dear graduates. It is also one that your parents and family members will recall with pride and fondness.

Now that you have graduated, waiting for you will be the real world. The challenges in it will be manifold, but I am confident that your education and experience at IUB have prepared you well to cope with them. It is also my expectation that you will bring strong work ethics, deep-seated motivation, and a resolve to do well by yourself and your country as you embark on your new journey in life.

IUB is truly proud of its graduates, and I am certain that your feelings are reciprocal towards your alma mater. You will be ambassadors of IUB to the world, and we are confident that you will be up to the task.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Trustees and myself, I wish you every success for the future. Congratulations and bon voyage!



(Rashed Chowdhury)



Vice Chancellor
Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

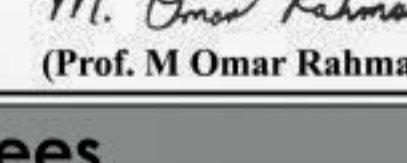
Dear Graduates,

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.

Our goal has always been to prepare our students to be among the intellectual, cultural, scientific and professional elite. Today, yet another cohort of superlative IUB graduates will join their peers to make a distinctive and positive mark on society, locally and globally.

The IUB Trustees, Students, Faculty and Management Staff have together created a learning environment which has grown in substance and reputation for over two decades. Today, IUB is renowned globally for its academic excellence in teaching and research. As new alumni, your perspective is extremely important to IUB as we look toward the future, and we will be counting on your participation and support as a continuing member of the IUB community.

I wish you all success as you move into a brave new world. I hope that you will retain your lifelong passion for learning along with a commitment to justice and public service.



(Prof. M Omar Rahman)

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