



## Photography exhibition at IUB

Independent Photography Club (IPC) organised a three-day "Intra Independent University Photography Exhibition 2016". The opening of the photography exhibition took place on March 1, 2016 at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). The occasion was graced by Prof. G.M. Shahidul Alam, Patron, IPC; Kazi Faruque Ahmed, Director, Division of Student Affairs, IUB; Masud Chowdhury, Faculty of Media and Communication Department, IUB; Sakina Huq, Photography Club Coordinator and others.

Three hundred and fifty photographs were submitted by the students of IUB. Out of them 35 photographs were short listed for the final round. Tanvir Murad Topu, Head of the Photography Department, Pathshala South Asian Media Institute helped at selecting the photographs as judge. By the dedicated and talented club members of IPC and with the support of the President Soumyo Kabir, the exhibition turned out to be an outstanding display of photography and candid moments. The winners of the exhibition will be announced on March 3, 2016 during the closing ceremony. The exhibition will continue till March 3, 2016 at the IUB premises.

## Open Street Mapping with ULAB Sustainable Development Club



ULAB Sustainable Development club arranged a day-long workshop on "Open Street Mapping" coordinated by Open Street Mapping Community of Bangladesh and Humanitarian Open Street Map Team (HOT) on March 19, 2016. This workshop was conducted by the GIS specialist of World Bank Ahasanul Hoque and his professional mapper team including Tasauf Baki Billah, senior trainer of HOT. The point of attraction for the students was the mapping field work and data collection process which took place in the middle of the workshop, which was another part of the workshop.

The programme started with the introductory speech by the Associate Professor and Coordinator of ULAB Co-Curricular and Clubs, Dr. Pinki Shah in Computer Lab, ULAB Campus A. The Club Advisor, and Assistant Professor and Researcher, Vasundhara Tripathi, Club President, Mir Sadia Rashid and other members were also present.

## Book Reading Competition at IUBAT

Department of Languages of IUBAT — International University of Business Agriculture and Technology organised the prize giving ceremony of Book Reading Competition on March 12, 2016 at IUBAT. The 10 best among the participants of the reading competition conducted in summer 2015 received the prizes and certificates on the occasion. The programme included cultural gala and that was organised as a part of the year-long countrywide Silver Jubilee Celebration of IUBAT.

Tariq-ul-Islam, Secretary, Planning Division, Ministry of Planning, graced the programme as the chief guest. Dr. Habib Rahman, International Development Consultant at Learning Synergy, Canada

was the special guest. Farah Nasrin, the student from CBA Department received a laptop as first prize, shared her experiences and feelings in her speech.

Prof. Dr. M. Alimullah Miyan, VC and founder of the university presided over the ceremony. Dr. Momtazur Rahman, Coordinator, Department of Languages, IUBAT was present in the programme along with all other department colleagues. The Book Reading Competition was coordinated by Mansura Mahmuda, Senior Lecturer, Department of Languages, IUBAT in Summer Semester of 2015 following the methodology of British Council Book Reading Competition that had been adopted by IUBAT students from 2013.

## Faculty of UAP selected in New Faces of ASCE

Ariful Hasnat, Aff. M. ASCE, faculty member of Civil Engineering Department, University of Asia Pacific (UAP) has been selected as one of the 'New Faces of Civil Engineering' in 2016 by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). He is the first Bangladeshi to receive this prestigious honour.

Since 2002, ASCE has been honouring rising civil engineers under the age of 30 who are already making notable contributions to the profession and to society. According to an ASCE press release, the award "promotes the bold



and humanitarian future of civil engineering by highlighting the achievements of young civil engineers, their contributions to and impact on society." Hasnat's contribution will be featured in a video which will be officially recognised during ASCE's annual Outstanding Projects and Leaders (OPAL) Gala on March 17, 2016.

In addition to teaching and research, he volunteered as a material and design engineer in a project supported by UNDP and BRAC to build houses and school for the Cyclone Aila affected peoples of Satkhira.

## UIU VC selected as distinguished lecturer of IEEE

United International University VC Prof. Dr. M. Rezwan Khan has been selected as Distinguished Lecturer of IEEE for his outstanding research work on DC power system for the year of 2017-2018. IEEE is the world's largest professional association for electrical and electronic engineers. A total of 12 professors around the world have earned this honour: 3 from USA, 2 from UK, 3 from Canada, 1 from Denmark, 1 from Argentina, 1 from Korea and 1 from Bangladesh.

In mid-19th century when the power system started taking shape, there was a technical debate on the nature of power system regarding advantages of AC or DC voltage in the transmission system. AC



was adopted as a more cost-effective and efficient system as transformation of voltage from low to high values and vice versa was easy using transformers. Over a period of last 50 years, power electronics has gone through a rapid development and many of the household gadgets like TV, computer, LED light etc. and industrial

motor drives now use electronic controllers. Electronically controlled high frequency inverters have attained high power and high voltage capabilities threatening the century old AC system as redundant. Prof. Khan has been working on the DC power systems for quite some time and his research work has earned him the honor of IEEE Distinguished Lecturer for 2017-2018.