



BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology

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Celebrating **5 Years of** Glorious Journey

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Message

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I am happy to learn that BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) is going to celebrate its 5th Anniversary in a colorful manner. On this happy occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the students, erudite faculty members, Board of Trustees of BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology for their relentless efforts to develop skilled manpower for the RMG sector in Bangladesh. RMG sector has been playing an important role in earning foreign currencies and creating job opportunities especially for the women. But nowadays, this sector is very competitive as our neighboring countries along with other south and south-east Asian countries are running to establish and widen their global market in this sector. Therefore, our special attention should be given on the demand of foreign buyers according to their taste and choice. The knowledge of fashion and technology is of paramount in creating diversity and meeting the universal need for fashionable garments. I believe that our young generation, who are creative and innovative, would render their best endeavour in making excellence in this sector.

The Government of Bangladesh is committed to ensuring quality education from primary to tertiary level with a view to making a knowledge-based society. Universities, as the centre of excellence, have ample opportunities to impart quality and modern education to the students so that they can confidently face the global challenges. I believe universities, both private and public, would play their pivotal role in realising the hopes and aspirations of the people.

I hope that the student of BUFT will contribute towards building a happy and prosperous Bangladesh by utilizing their knowledge and skills imbued with the spirit of patriotism.

I wish the 5th Anniversary of BUFT a grand success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Md. Abdul Hamid
Md. Abdul Hamid



Nurul Islam Nahid, MP Minister
Ministry of Education
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Message

I am very delighted to know that BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) is going to celebrate its 5th Anniversary on 14 March 2017. I know that as a center of excellence for the study, research and development to serve the nation, BUFT is dedicated to development of human resources for the readymade garment, textile and allied sectors of Bangladesh.

The University is working to produce skilled manpower to fulfill the shortage of mid-level personnel and reduce the dependency on foreign expertise in the garments sector, and thus, enable us to save hard-earned foreign currency to remain in the country.

I believe BUFT is conscious about its responsibilities towards all sections of the student community and the nation as a whole. I congratulate and appreciate those who have given their best efforts to make this success.

I wish all the success of BUFT.

Nurul Islam Nahid
Nurul Islam Nahid, MP



Muzaffar U. Siddique
Founder Chairman
Board of Trustees, BUFT

Message

It is a matter of great pleasure that BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) has completed five years of its glorious journey. During this period the university has been able to attain a laudable success in the field of education. Besides disseminating knowledge the management of the university has been involved in the task of developing and ensuring comfortable infrastructural facilities for the students as well as the faculty members. I am grateful to almighty Allah for this success.

I am very hopeful that BUFT will play an important role to produce skilled manpower to meet the global challenges of the 21st century and overcome the huge shortages of skills at the mid-level management of the RMG sector. I am confident that BUFT imparts both quality education and training in leadership skills for RMG sector.

I hope that BUFT students will utilize all the skills they have learnt in developing the state of technology and management in their respective workplaces and also take up the challenges in bringing Bangladesh on the top of clothing technology map of the world.

I wish all the above trends will continue to flourish BUFT's success at all time.

Muzaffar U. Siddique
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Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed
Vice Chancellor, BUFT

Message

With the creation of BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) five years back, not just another university in the private sector had been added, rather the first university in Bangladesh to cater to the special needs of the most important sector i.e., RMG, had been established. BGMEA through creating a trust for founding BUFT had taken a visionary step in establishing this specialized university. Next generation stakeholders in our RMG sector will perhaps understand the value and importance of this milestone decision better than the current patrons. Apart from being universal in its course-curricula, like any reputed university of the world, BUFT will train and groom necessary human resources to make our RMG sector self-reliant. Sustainability of our RMG sector in the long run will depend on our ability to excel over our international competitors. We must take advantage of our strengths and overcome our weaknesses. In future, the RMG sector's potency shall be embellished by an adequate supply of highly skilled manpower graduating from this university.

At BUFT we emphasize on creativity and quality education. Our vision is to make this university a centre for innovation and excellence through a pedagogy, which can be effectively transferred to the society at large and specifically to the RMG sector. Desired developments may emerge in the areas of product, process, technology, management, and marketing. We shall consider ourselves successful only when it would be possible to make such positive changes impacting the people and economy of Bangladesh.

I salute the founders for implementing an epic decision to establish BUFT with the cooperation of all concerned. The future looks bright.

Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed
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Achievements & Awards

During the five years journey we have a lot of achievements for improving quality education and sustainable development in the education sector. Our achievements:-

- BUFT has got permanent membership of IFFTI
- BUFT achieved Corporate Membership of Textile Institute and SDC, UK
- 6 faculty members achieved International Ph.D and Fellowship;
- BUFT Students were awarded in SDC International Design Competition 2011, Hong Kong and Dubai, India 2013
- BUFT Debate team became Champion in ATN Bangla Inter University Public Parliament Debate Competition, 2015
- BUFT became Champion in International Migrant Day Parliament Debate Competition, 2016
- Seventeen faculty members received training in Nyenrode Business University, Netherlands under NICHE Project funded by Dutch government
- BGMEA-BUFT Journalism Fellowship-2015 and 2016 was awarded to 12 journalists
- 500 students, teachers and officers received certificate from Ministry of Cultural Affairs for participating in National Anthem singing program on 26th March 2014
- 02 students of FDT Dept. were Awarded with 1st & 2nd place in a Graphic Design Competition jointly organized by TESCO and Interstoff Asia Essential of Bangladesh;
- 10 meritorious students of BUFT completed higher education from NIFT, India, under BUFT and NIFT faculty and students exchange program
- BUFT faculty members participated in International Fashion Expo-2015 in Germany
- 04 students left for higher education to Hanseo University, South Korea
- 27 faculties and students left for higher education to Wuhan Textile University, China
- BUFT student attended in South Asian University Student Festival-2015, India
- BUFT became member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities

ROAD TO EXCELLENCE:

BGMEA UNIVERSITY OF FASHION & TECHNOLOGY

Muzaffar U. Siddique
Founder Chairman, Board of Trustees, BUFT



INTRODUCTION TO EXCELLENCE:

In the early eighties the garment industries started to emerge in Bangladesh. The factories were mostly in small buildings or houses converted into factories. Little did anyone imagine that this sector would one day supersede all other export sectors in Bangladesh and become not only the largest foreign exchange earner but also the largest direct employer in the country creating employment for more than 40 lacs of people, mostly women. Besides, there has been linked growth in different sectors like banks, insurance companies, transportation, textiles, backyards linkage industries and other service industries, employing a further 2 crore of Bangladeshi workers. Because of this rapid growth along with the shortage of experts and technical human resources the RMG sector had to depend on expatriate workers from neighboring countries like India, Sri Lanka, China, Philippines who flocked into Bangladesh for lucrative jobs in the garments industry. Last year India alone was the recipient of \$5 billion remittance from the Indian expatriates working in Bangladesh. Today most of the large retailers of the world have opened up sourcing offices here, where unfortunately still most of the senior positions are held by foreign expatriates.

This has become a challenge for the newly emerged apparel sector. Having a tremendous growth the industry foresaw the need for creating a centre of excellence to start developing the young Bangladeshi talents, to encourage them to join this sector and to learn the technical skills needed to become executives in multinational and local companies and help them to take up jobs currently being held by foreign expatriates. This would eventually help to curtail the demand for foreign expatriates and save foreign currency.

With this vision the BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) secured the permission from the Government on 14th of March 2012 to start its journey as a full-fledged private university to create skilled human resources that will one day be able to manage and lead this private sector.

With the BGMEA's road map for 50 Billion Dollar Export by 2021, BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) will surely play an important role to achieve its vision.

On 14th March 2017, BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) is going to celebrate its 5th anniversary. A celebration for its ROAD TO EXCELLENCE that has taken the newly founded University to international exposures.

From its inception the Board of Trustees put first priority into having its own campus as per the rules of the UGC that a private university must have its own campus with a minimum of 3 bighas of land. BUFT initially procured a 5.73 acres of land on the bank of Turag river with scenic beauty, but started construction of a 12 storied mega structure of nearly 450,000 square feet space, with 2 underground parking garages for 200 cars. Today the whole building is nearing completion and is expected to start the first year classes in the new campus by March 2017. Later BUFT procured more lands around the main campus currently having 17 Bighas. This is a huge success. On BUFT's 5th anniversary, the campus will be alighted by our brilliant students and faculties. No other private university in Bangladesh has achieved such a growth in just 5 years and now with its own brand new state of the art campus.

With this development the management has become even more focused on the academic curriculum development. BUFT has identified rightly that to be an international standard university affiliations are necessary. And it thus aims to have collaborations with large and reputed universities across the world so that the courses offered in BUFT are also of international standard.



ACADEMIC OFFERINGS AND PLANNING:

With the approval of the University Grants Commission (UGC) BUFT is offering the following Bachelor Degree programs:

1. Apparel Manufacture and Technology (AMT)
2. Fashion Design and Technology (FDT)
3. Knitwear Manufacture and Technology (MKT)
4. Textile Engineering (TE)
5. Textile Engineering and Management (TEM)
6. Business Administration (BBA) and
7. English.

BUFT also offers MBA in Apparel Merchandising, M.Sc in Textile Engineering, Apparel Manufacturing Technology and

Fashion Design.

Currently BUFT is working with the UGC on plans to open Faculty of Engineering with 5 departments namely (A) Department of Mechanical Engineering (B) Department of Electrical Engineering (C) Department of Civil Engineering (D) Department of Architecture and (E) Department of Computer science.

This will help BUFT to spread its wing to our young brilliant students to bring success in their lives and to our beloved Bangladesh in new dimensions.

With the development of quality education and curriculum, there is a tremendous need for recognition by reputable foreign universities so that we can be judged and compared with international educational institutions. With that vision the Board of Trustees is working very hard to meet the standards and sign collaboration agreements with many internationally reputable universities.

COLLABORATIONS:

Among the few collaborations, the BUFT has signed MOU with National Institute of Fashion & Technology (NIFT), India. This is a very successful MOU which was signed 5 years back in presence of the Honorable Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh.

Under the terms of this agreement four of our final year students will go to Delhi for a semester there. This is being conducted smoothly benefiting our students immensely. This MOU is up for renewal and under process for signing.

BUFT signed a collaboration agreement with Wuhan Textile University, China, which became functional immediately after the MOU was signed in presence of our Honorable Prime Minister and the Vice Premier of China during her visit to Bangladesh.

Wuhan is a textile based highly reputed university in China. BUFT has sent 15 and 12 students in 2 years period for Masters Degrees, and 2 of our faculty members enrolled in their PhD programs. The collaboration is being actively executed.

With the short span of 5 years, BUFT has signed further 5 more MoUs with the following renowned universities overseas:

1. Saxion University, The Netherlands
 2. Hanseo University of South Korea
 3. Technical University of Liberec, Czech Republic
 4. RMIT Australia
 5. Deacon University Australia
 6. University of South Wales, UK
- Recently world reputed universities like Manchester University, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK, have agreed to have collaboration with BUFT. In the MoUs with all those renowned foreign universities I have signed as Chairman of BUFT. It is indeed great honour for BUFT that our Honorable Prime Minister along with the Honorable Prime of India Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mark Rutte and the Vice Premier of China Ms. Liu Yandong witnessed the 3 signing ceremonies.

BUFT is thankful to our honorable Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, who has been very supportive of our development. BUFT has always been bestowed with her good wishes. In her last official trip to the Netherlands she allowed us to accompany her as part of her business delegation. The presence of our honorable Prime Minister in the MoU signing ceremony between Saxion University and BUFT shows her wisdom and vision for the development of the education sector of the country. This signing ceremony was also witnessed by the Honorable Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mark Rutte.

Apart from the internationally reputed universities that BUFT has established collaboration, it also has cooperation agreements with many national and international development agencies and organizations like (A) Ministry for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, the Netherlands, (B) MDF Training & Consultancy Collaboration for CSR Education, Netherlands, (C) American & Efrid (BD) Ltd, (E) Gerber Technology, USA, (F) British Council, Bangladesh, etc.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR ROAD TO EXCELLENCE: Only by academic activities excellence cannot be achieved. For this it is essential that the students are deeply involved in extra curricular activities throughout the year. BUFT has developed 13 students clubs within the university campus such as English Club, Debate Club, Business Club, Textile Club, Fashion Club, Photography Club, Apparel Club, Cultural Club and Games & Sports Club for extra academic activities of the students. These clubs have brought huge enthusiasm among the students. BUFT students regularly participate in national debate competitions and on 3 occasions they were the national champions. This has brought tremendous exposure for BUFT and the achievements are enormous. Besides, BUFT organizes Interdepartmental Football and Cricket tournaments helping students facing challenges to become intelligent and responsible adults.

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT: As mentioned at the introduction, BUFT is seriously focused on the infrastructural development necessary for ensuring capacity building. As we gradually move to our state of the art permanent campus with educational facilities of international standard from March 2017, perhaps BUFT is the first private university in Bangladesh that is moving to its own state of the art campus within only five years from its inception. With a total 16 bighas of land it has ample scope to expand further.

It houses a state of the art library, auditoriums, modern classrooms, 53 labs, cafeteria and health facilities such as a reference centre for CSR providing education/trainings on CSR, mainstreaming gender, including SRHR values addressing innovative management to respond to labor market needs in Bangladesh.

QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR AN EDUCATION OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD: Besides focusing on the infrastructural development of the university, as part of quality assurance, we are regularly having our curriculum reviewed by experts from home and abroad. Systems have been put in place to monitor the performances of our faculty members. There are 121 teachers who were recruited after rigorous vetting procedures and most teachers have developed high national and international exposure. BUFT management is constantly in search of quality teachers and strictly maintains quality teaching standards through feedback.

RESEARCH & TRAINING: After Rana Plaza incident RMG sector was under tremendous pressure to ensure ethical and environmental standards that run all the way through the supply chain. BUFT is playing an important role and currently undergoing a project titled 'Corporate Social Responsibility, SRHR and Innovative Leadership in the Readymade Garment Sector in Bangladesh' to develop BUFT as a reference centre for CSR providing education/trainings on CSR, mainstreaming gender, including SRHR values addressing innovative management to respond to labor market needs in Bangladesh.

The project is jointly financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, MDF, (Bangladesh & Netherlands), Nyenrode University (The Netherlands), Mott MacDonald, MVO(The Netherlands), and CSR (Bangladesh). BUFT has strengthened their capacities in CSR, Gender and SRHR, and has developed a CSR Curriculum to be delivered as a Foundation Course across all the curricula. In addition, development of a Leadership Series is in progress. Other activities include market-driven research. BUFT was engaged in a British Council funded three-year long project entitled Development Partnerships in Higher Education (DelPHHE) for sustainable fashion that brings together London College of Fashion, BUFT and UNIDO and



PRIME MINISTER
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

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I am happy to know that BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) has completed 5 years of its journey and arranged its 5th year celebration on 14 March 2017. On this occasion, I would like to congratulate the students, the teachers, the trustees and the university authority.

Awami League government has given utmost priority on higher education to facilitate country's socio-economic development. In this regard, we adopted a modern, scientific and time-befitting Education Policy to ensure quality education. We enacted Private University Act-2010 to boost up higher education facilities. Since 2009, the government established 8 public universities and gave permission to set up and operate 42 private universities. Private universities have become an integral part of our government's endeavours to build a knowledge-based society.

I hope that the students of BUFT will play a vital role in building a 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by the greatest Bangalee of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

I wish a grand success of BUFT.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina
Sheikh Hasina



Professor Abdul Mannan
Chairman
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

Message

I am very happy to learn that BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) is going to celebrate its fifth founding anniversary. I have noticed with delight that since its establishment in 2012, BUFT has been making a steady progress towards academic excellence.

This University envisages establishing itself as a Centre of Excellence to produce skilled manpower for the growing apparel industry in Bangladesh. I hope the graduates of BUFT have entered the job market to face all kinds of global challenges in the new millennium and enhance our Economic Strategy. RMG based education acquired at BUFT will help the graduates to be a part of global village and confront emerging challenges of life with confidence. I am sure that during the pursuit of the degree from BUFT, the graduates have prepared themselves for the welfare of themselves as well as the society.

I must heartily appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Chairman as well as the Members of Board of Trustees with a dedicated teaching staff and officials.

I wish every success of this university.

Professor Abdul Mannan
Professor Abdul Mannan



Md. Siddiqur Rahman
President, BGMEA
& Member, Board of Trustees, BUFT

Message

I am immensely delighted that BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology (BUFT) is going to celebrate its fifth founding anniversary. On this auspicious occasion, I would like to convey my heartfelt congratulations to all the Members of Board of Trustees, teachers, staff, students and others who have been with the glorious journey of the university.

As a Member of Board of Trustees, I have reasons to take pride in the achievements of BUFT which has grown from relatively humble beginnings to become a top-class university in Bangladesh within a brief period. Since its inception, commitment and dedication to pursuing quality education has earned BUFT trust and confidence of students and guardians, making the university as a Center of Excellence in higher education. Moreover, instead of being complacent of its achievements, BUFT is constantly striving for the better. Apart from ensuring quality educational facilities, BUFT has collaboration with world-renowned foreign universities to give its students international standard education.

I am deeply impressed by the dedication of all teachers, staff and students, which has made the university one of the top-ranked higher educational institutions in the country. I am certain that BUFT will continue its vocation of producing skilled manpower for the growing apparel industry of Bangladesh.

I wish continued success of BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology.

Md. Siddiqur Rahman
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Prof. Dr. Engr. Ayub Nabi Khan
Pro Vice Chancellor, BUFT

Message

I feel proud to see the BUFT graduates entering the wider world to take up their respective roles in the society. My heartfelt tribute to the educators who ensure that the students leave the University fully prepared to compete in the workplace of their choice. It is indeed a joyous occasion for us that BUFT has completed successful 5 (five) years with its achievement in every field of education, research, games, sports and culture.

BUFT has always been striving hard to promote the higher education and research in Fashion, RMG and Textile sectors and I am confident that the University is equipped enough to impart necessary knowledge and skills to students through quality education. In BUFT we all are working like a family, in future we will be together and play a supportive role in helping the development of this University.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Founder Chairman and the members of Board of Trustees of BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology for their whole hearted support and cooperation to the university in creating competent manpower for the RMG sector of Bangladesh.

I hope all that we have done together will help create a world of prosperity and enable us to face the challenges of new millennium.

Prof. Dr. Engr. Ayub Nabi Khan
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BUFT is also involved in SMART Project for lifecycle analysis of garment.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) : BUFT is involved with many kinds of CSR activities. Every year we are paying large amount of tax to the government. BUFT is playing a vital role to develop the sustainable education of the country. BUFT always ready to provide financial aids to our poor but meritorious students, faculties and staff for their better life. BUFT offers the most competitive rewards, benefits with financial aids to our employees. They are: Medical & health Insurance; Provident fund facilities; Scholarship/waiver to poor but meritorious students; Opportunity for eligible employees to salary loan; Maternity leave facilities; Paid and/or unpaid leave for foreign higher study; Paid and/or unpaid leave for illness of the employees or their family; Yearly best performance award to faculty members, officers and staff; Performance basis promotion opportunities; Ensuring job security; Providing education/trainings on CSR and Social welfare /Financial Aids to Street or disaster-affected people.

BUFT JOURNAL: BUFT publishes a multidisciplinary peer reviewed journal entitled 'BUFT Journal' on regular basis, to promote research in different academic fields. Two Volumes of BUFT Journal have already been published, while Volume 3 is in press.

LIBRARY: The BUFT is rapidly developing its library inherited from the BIFT library. It is a well-equipped library providing support for the students and the faculty members for research in various programs while also addressing the learning needs of about four and a half thousand students of the university. The library is publishing BUFT Newsletter, like any other reputable university, highlighting the daily events that takes place at BUFT.

CONCLUSION: For BUFT every day is a challenge it takes up to achieve its goal, to set up an international standard educational institution and systems that will continue for hundred years to come. We will leave it to the future generations to continue to keep on this ROAD TO EXCELLENCE, which is surely an uphill battle that has to be sustainable.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BUFT



Mr. Muzaffar U. Siddique Founder Chairman, Mr. Tipu Munshi, MP Founder Member, Mr. Abdus Salam Murshedy Founder Member, Mr. Md. Shaful Islam Founder Member, Mr. Md. Siddiqur Rahman Founder Member, Mr. Nasir Uddin Chowdhury Founder Member, Mr. Faruque Hassan Founder Member, Mr. S. M. Mannan (Kochi) Founder Member, Mr. Raaz-Bin-Mahmood Founder Member, Mr. Md. Atiqul Islam Member, Mr. Kutubuddin Ahmed Member, Mr. Arshad Jamal (Dipu) Member, Mr. Khandokar Rafiqul Islam Member, Mr. Md. Moshul Azam Member, Mr. Salehuddin Ahmed Member, Mr. Mohammed Nasir Member