

# PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A CHANGING WORLD University-industry relations essential

UGC discussion told

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Speakers at a discussion stressed the need for strengthening collaboration between university and industry to make the university graduates employable in the fast-changing job market.

The country has a large youth population, but they need to be equipped with a right set of skills to meet the growing demands of skilled graduates in the industrial firms especially in the IT sector, they said. They suggested modernising university curricula with incorporating industrial attachment programmes.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) in association with the Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) and DataSoft Systems Bangladesh Ltd organised the discussion titled, "University-Industry Collaboration for Skilful and Innovative Human Resource Development in IT Sector", in the UGC auditorium of the capital.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, vice chancellor of the University of Asia Pacific, said although the issue of collaboration has been widely discussed in the country, the progress is still not mentionable.

Citing examples of some countries, he said the top universities in the world, especially in

the US, keep a continuous interaction with the industry. Many companies, on the other hand, set up IT parks or industries nearby the university campus so that the faculty members and students can work closely with them.

"Physical proximity is very important here," Prof Jamilur added.

Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology said, "There are many universities in our country, but we cannot utilise all the graduates who are coming out of those. We need to address this."

He said the universities should be given the chance so that they not only help students acquire required skills and leadership qualities but also become proper human beings.

University-industry collaboration is a must, Prof Zafar said, urging the industries to ensure the facility for the universities outside Dhaka.

Although big industries are supposed to be built nearby the universities, the reality is different in Bangladesh, he said. "This must be ensured," he added.

Prof Saiful Islam, vice chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, suggested creating a platform where universities will understand the need for industries and industries will find research and resources for further development.

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## The long wait

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approved the project.

Once implemented, the project would electrify at least 60 square kilometers of the island with priority given to hospitals, government offices, and important markets of the upazila.

Mahfujur Rahman Mita, MP from Sandwip constituency, told The Daily Star that the power supply through this submarine cable would bring about a radical change in the economic and social life of Sandwip.

"It will also open the door for marine tourism, and create opportunities for economic zones as chars are rising from underneath the sea."

## Two flyovers

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According to the report, accidents and casualties on roads in Bangladesh are lower than many other countries including India, Pakistan, South Africa, China, Thailand, Russia, Malaysia and Sri Lanka, the minister also said.

To further reduce casualties on the roads, the government has taken steps such as providing training to drivers by BRTA, identifying 121 black spots on highways and banning auto rickshaws on 22 highways, he also said.

# ACC had no jurisdiction

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added. "So, the case does not stand," he said.

Aminul said the prosecution's charge that Khaleda Zia abused power as the prime minister to raise funds for the trust is false. She opened the trust not as a prime minister, but rather as an individual, "so this is a private trust".

"From the testimony of the prosecution witnesses, we could tell that nobody brought complaint against the trust." So the case is of "nil evidence", he said.

The ACC filed the case in August 2011 accusing four people including Khaleda Zia of abusing power to raise funds for the trust from unknown sources. The three other accused are Harris Chowdhury, Ziaul Islam Munna and Monirul Islam Khan. Of them, Harris is on the run.

On Tuesday, Mosharraf Hossain Kajal, public prosecutor of the case, completed closing arguments and sought the highest punishment, seven years' imprisonment, for the accused.

Yesterday, Aminul Islam, a defence counsel for Munna, started arguments after Khaleda appeared before the court at 11:25am.

He said similar cases have been filed against leaders of the ruling party. The High Court quashed a case against incumbent Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader filed by the ACC, simply because he was not interrogated during the investigation. "Whereas, this case has no base at all, but it still continues," Aminul said.

During cross-examination, Harun-or-Rashid, the complainant and the case's investigation officer, said he did not take one Shariful Islam's statement as he was dead, said Aminul. "Shariful Islam, a BNP leader from Kishoreganj, is still alive," said Aminul, adding, "He [IO] gave false informa-

tion [before the court]."

The defence counsel said the Zia Charitable Trust was originally formed in 1993 under Khaleda Zia's leadership. The then BNP leaders AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and Matin Chowdhury were among its seven trustees. Then, the account of the trust was with Fakirapool branch of Sonali Bank, he said. But, the trust was formed afresh in 2005 as some of the trustees died while Badruddoza left BNP and the account of the trust was transferred to the Prime Minister's Office branch of the bank.

Refuting the defence's claims, Mosharraf Hossain Kajal, the case's public prosecutor, however, told reporters after the court proceedings that as per the document, the trust was formed in 2005.

Kajal said the defence counsels not only challenged the jurisdiction of the ACC to file the case, but also challenged almost all the orders of the trial court, with the HC and the SC. But, no court gave a decision in their [defence] favour. They [prosecution] have been able to prove the charges with testimonies of 32 prosecution witnesses and other documents.

Later, the court adjourned the case proceedings until February 25. Kajal said the court gave the long adjournment considering the ongoing SSC examinations. The movement of Khaleda Zia and her security arrangement create traffic jams, so they sought long adjournment to avert the proceedings during the exams. The court usually holds hearing on Khaleda's case for three days in a week.

The same court on January 25 fixed February 8 for delivering the verdict in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case, in which Khaleda Zia and five others are accused.

## Swiss president

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Kutupalong camp in Cox's Bazar district, where Switzerland provides humanitarian aid to Rohingya refugees who have fled persecution in Myanmar.

The programme schedule of the Swiss president also includes meeting representatives of the civil society and meeting representatives of Swiss businesses in Bangladesh.

President Berset will visit the Dhaka Art Summit, of which the Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia is a partner.

Officials said the bilateral economic relations between the two countries are growing and the volume of trade between the two countries has more than doubled since 2010. After Bangladesh, President Berset will visit South Korea where he will attend the opening of the Olympic Winter Games.

## Muggers stab

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capital's Demra yesterday.

Mahbubur Rahman, 29, was attacked when he was collecting money from the bKash agents, said Demra police. He was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

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