

IUBAT VC participates in SAQS meeting in India

Prof. Dr. Abdur Rab, VC of IUBAT participated in the Accreditation Award Committee Meeting of South Asia Quality System (SAQS) held on April 10, 2018 at the AMDISA Head Quarter in Hyderabad, India.

The SAQS is an autonomous wing of Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA) that assesses educational and administrative qualities of a business school with reference to standards set by SAQS Council and if satisfied grants accreditation to the school for a period varying from three to five years.

Upon submission of a Self Assessment Report by an applicant business school, an International Peer Review Committee consisting of five members including a Corporate Member examines the report and physically verifies the school to assess authenticity of the contents of the report. The recommendations of the committee are reviewed by SAQS Committee and are sent to the eight-member Accreditation Award Committee which is the apex body to consider award of accreditation. Prof. Abdur Rab is a permanent member of the Award Committee. He is also a past President of AMDISA.

BRACU holds orientation programme for Summer 2018

Inaugurating "Freshman Orientation Programme – Summer 2018" in Golf Garden in the capital, BRAC University (BRACU) VC Prof. Syed Saad Andaleeb PhD requested guardians to allow their children to study in subjects of their preference.

He said most parents want their children to become doctors or engineers but this world would become very much boring if there were no entrepreneurs, artists, writers, or media people.

Registrar Lt. Col. Md. Foyzul Islam (Retd.) congratulated students for starting this new chapter of life. Pro-VC Prof. Ansar Ahmed PhD presented the closing remarks. He also informed students about "BRACU Voice", an email platform for students where they can speak on important issues.

The event saw the screening of video presentations giving participating freshers an overview of BRACU and its residential campus.

Representatives of several administrative departments also gave individual presentations regarding their services and a BRACU alumni reflected on her experiences in BRACU.

Department heads, faculty members, and officials welcomed the students along with their parents who attended the orientation.



DIU organises 21st International Convention on Students Quality Control Circles

The closing and certificate giving ceremony of the 21st International Convention on Students Quality Control Circles 2018 (ICSQCC 2018) was held on May 5, 2018 at the permanent campus of Daffodil International University (DIU). Asaduzzaman Khan MP, Minister of Home Affairs was present in the closing and certificate awarding ceremony as the chief guest of the convention while Prof. Dr. Yousuf M. Islam, VC, DIU was present as the special guest.

The closing ceremony was also addressed among others by David Collingwood Hutchin, Director General of World Council for Total Quality & Excellence in Education (WCTQEE); Dr. Jagadish Gandhi, Chairman, WCTQEE; Dr. Vineeta Kamran, Executive Director, WCTQEE; AMM Khairul Bashar, Chairman, Bangladesh

Society for Total Quality Management (BSTQM); Prof. Dr. MR Kabir, Convener of ICSQCC 2018; and Syed Masud Hasan, Managing Director, Center for Management Development.

Based on the theme of "Quality Education for Global Peace and Sustainable Development", around 1000 participants including 500 foreign students and delegates from USA, UK, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Mauritius and other countries participated in the convention.

The main objective of the convention was to create awareness about total quality management (TQM) in academics and inform the delegates about the latest developments in quality improvement in academics as well as exchange information about implementation of TQM in educational institutions.

ULAB collaborates with ISI and Wellesley to launch first ever online Bangla cognitive research test project

The first ever online Bangla cognitive research test project has been launched recently by a research team of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) in collaboration with Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata, and Wellesley College, USA. Dr. Garga Chatterjee of ISI and also visiting faculty at ULAB and Dr. Jeremy Wilmer of Wellesley College, USA are associated with the project.

Worldwide, cognitive tests are used for research purposes with an aim to understand various novel aspects of human behaviour, predict human behaviour and decipher patterns. In recent years, such research projects are increasingly conducted online to tap into the potential of the increasingly huge online presence in nearly every country including Bangladesh.

The ULAB-ISI-Wellesley collaborative research team

has developed a set of adaptations of online cognitive tests and have now created them in a Bangla only platform making it convenient for Bangladeshis to participate in online research tests. The research project has 2 important tests - one for measuring individual attention capacity and the other for measuring reasoning for visual patterns. The collection of data is already underway with the participation of more than a hundred students of ULAB. Data about school leaving examinations in Bangladesh is also being collected, which the researchers will use to correlate with the measured cognitive capacities, thus giving an idea about the aspects of human cognition that school leaving test performances draw upon.

The link for taking the test is http://www.testmybrain.org/setup_restart.php?b=537

IUB holds Summer 2018 semester orientation programme



Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) implemented its Summer 2018 semester's orientation programme for newly admitted undergraduate students on May 5, 2018 at the university's own campus in Bashundhara, Dhaka.

Welcoming the newly enrolled students and the parents, Prof. Milan Pagon, Pro-VC, IUB heartily thanked them for choosing IUB towards crafting their lives by coping with new challenges. He called upon the freshers to capitalize the 'IUB Life' in order to coming out as the best professionals in respective fields along with becoming responsible and quality human beings to serve the humanity.

Mona Rahman, Deputy Registrar of IUB requested the

students to be abide by the rules, and assured of extending all essential cooperation to the new students and their parents.

Prof. Mohd. Aminul Karim, Dean, School of Business; Prof. Mohammed Anwer, Dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science; Dr. Abdul Khaleque, Dean, School of Environmental Science and Management; Dr. Mahbub Alam, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; and Prof. Rita Yusuf, Dean, School of Life Sciences also welcomed the new students and spoke in the programme by highlighting the strengths, opportunities and progressive learning environments of respective Schools.