

German Ambassador visits IUB

"Bangladesh's exemplary progress needs to come to the attention of German people through people-to-people exchange," said H.E. Peter Fahrenholtz, the Ambassador of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Bangladesh. Fahrenholtz expressed his views on Bangladesh-Germany relationship during his recent visit to the Department of Media and Communication at IUB. The Ambassador also met Prof. Milan Pagon, VC (Acting) of IUB.

Later, he undertook a guided tour to the Broadcast Journalism (TV) Lab and Audio-Visual Post Production Lab of the Department and took part in a friendly talk show at Broadcast Journalism (TV) Lab hosted by Prof. Zakir Hossain Raju, Head of the Department. The Ambassador had a separate get-together with students and faculty members of the department. During these meetings, aspects of bilateral relations as well as possibilities of educational and cultural exchanges between IUB and German Universities were discussed.



IUBAT students build solar-electric car

On May 22, 2019 IUBAT's Mechanical Engineering (ME) students showcased their very own solar-electric car to an enthusiastic crowd comprising teachers, BRTA officers, media personnel, students and alumni. The car, built from recycled metal and auto-rickshaw parts, was fully designed and built in IUBAT's ME lab-workshop by ME students. With a top speed of 30 km/hr, zero emission and a cost of only BDT 25,000, the car is suitable for intra-city commute.

Four student innovators Nazmus Sakib, Md. Irfan Uddin, Md. Fazle Rabbi and Yaqub Arifat developed the car as part of their B.Sc. final research project under the supervision of Dr. Muammer Din Arif, senior lecturer in the ME department. The concept car was driven inside IUBAT's expansive and scenic campus in Uttara, Dhaka and was filmed by media personnel. After the demonstration, the VC of IUBAT, Prof. Dr. Abdur Rab addressed the distinguished guests and delivered a short speech on the importance of developing renewable energy based vehicles to mitigate the dangerous pollution in Dhaka city. The key speaker was Md. Shahidul Azam, Assistant Director of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) who observed the test drive of the car and commented that it was inspiring to see IUBAT involved in applied research for societal benefit and suggested that government-university collaboration should be developed to support and commercialise such green technology as part of the modernisation vision of the government.

The exhibition was concluded by the Chair of the ME department Prof. Dr. Engr. AZA Saifullah who congratulated the students and opined that collaboration among IUBAT, government and corporate can make this type of green electric vehicle a viable reality in the near future.



UIU faculty member wins APVIA Award 2019

Shahrar Ahmed Chowdhury, Director, Centre for Energy Research of United International University (UIU) won the Asian PhotoVoltaic Industry Association (APVIA) Award 2019 for his academic contribution and innovative research to the solar energy industry. The award ceremony was held on the eve of 13th SNEC Conference and Exhibition in Shanghai, China on June 3, 2019. Chowdhury received a certificate and crest on the occasion.

It is mentionable that previously Chowdhury had received Momentum for Change Award from the United Nations, Intersolar (Europe) Award in Munich, Germany and Education Leadership award from World Education Congress for his research innovation, educational contributions and works in the field of renewable energy.

Shahrar Ahmed Chowdhury has been working to develop both the educational and commercial aspects of solar photovoltaic utilisation of Bangladesh over the last decade.



EU congratulates newly appointed UGC Chairman

Eastern University (EU) congratulated the newly appointed Chairman of University Grant Commission (UGC) Prof. Dr. Kazi Shahidullah. A higher-ranked delegation from EU met at his office on May 29, 2019 to congratulate him.

The delegation comprised of Md. Liaquat Hossain Moghul, Chairman of Board of Trustees; Prof. Dr. Shahid Akhtar Hossain, VC; AS Mahmud, Treasurer; Prof. Dr. Md. Anwar Zahid, Dean of Faculty of Law; Prof. Dr. Md. Mahfuzur Rahman, Dean, Faculty Engineering & Technology; Mohd. Moniruzzaman Akhand, Chairperson of English Department; Sajed Fatemi, Director of Public Relations and Kazi Farhana Islam, PS to VC (In-charge).

During the short meeting, VC Prof. Dr. Hossain extended warm welcome to Prof. Dr. Shahidullah. He gave an introduction about Eastern University, its development prospects and cooperation. Prof. Dr. Shahidullah expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the warm reception by EU.



AIUB Robotic Crew participates in 2019 University Rover Challenge Finals

AIUB Robotic Crew (ARC) from American International University Bangladesh (AIUB) participated in the 2019 University Rover Challenge Finals, held from May 30 to June 1, 2019 at the renowned Mars Desert Research Station in USA. The University Rover Challenge (URC) is a project of The Mars Society, an international non-profit human to Mars organisation. A total number of 84 teams representing 13 countries took part in the initial phase including 5 teams from Bangladesh. In March 2019, through a System Acceptance Review (SAR) milestone, the top 36 teams were selected to compete in the final stage at the research station in southern Utah, USA.

AIUB Robotic Crew (ARC) stood 18th in the world, 4th among the Asian teams and the top scorer between the two teams from Bangladesh.



BESA hosts Female Dota 2 Championship

Bangladesh E-sports Association (BESA) recently hosted an all-girls Dota tournament, dubbed the "Female Dota 2 Championship". The tournament was sponsored by CDesign and co-sponsored by Auroral Tech Limited.

A total of five teams, featuring all-girl rosters, participated in the tournament. Dota 2 is one of the most popular online games in Bangladesh, among young girls and even mothers, as evident when looking at the participants in this tournament.

The tournament kicked-off with an online league between the five teams on May, with the top two teams set to face off in a LAN final at Auroral Gaming Lounge in Mohakhali. After the gruelling league games, team Aspiring Gaming and Night Fury topped the table and would be heading to the finals.

Auroral Gaming Lounge hosted the finals on June 1, 2019. And after a best of three series of games, team Night Fury emerged as champions, winning 2-1.

With a prize pool of BDT 20000, the champions received BDT 10000 while the first runners-up received BDT 5000 and the second runners-up were provided a total of USD 25 in Steam codes.