

## IUB holds Annual Academic Award 2019 Ceremony

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) awarded its most talented students through a ceremony held on October 3, 2019 at IUB campus in Bashundhara, Dhaka. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury MP, Deputy Minister of Education distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest. A Matin Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB; Prof. Milan Pagon, VC (Acting), IUB; and Md. Anwarul Islam, Registrar, IUB also distributed prizes and spoke on the occasion.

IUB acknowledges and rewards university's brilliant students for their academic excellence through precious award giving ceremony every year. This year's academic awards were given in Dean's List, Dean's Merit List, Dean's Honor List, Vice Chancellor's List, and Vice Chancellor's Honor List. This year 516 students for Spring 2018, 522 students for Summer 2018, and 502 students for Autumn 2018 semester which is about 8 percent of total enrollment of each semester were recognised. It is to be mentioned that 49 percent awardees were female.

Deans and Heads of different Schools and Departments, members of the faculty and administration, parents, guardians and students were present in the ceremony.

## UIU holds book unveiling ceremony

A book unveiling ceremony titled "Stochastic Processes and their Applications in Business" written by Prof. Dr. Abu Sufian was held at United International University Auditorium on October 5, 2019. Prof. Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, unveiled the book as chief guest while Prof. Dr. Chowdhury Mofizur Rahman, VC, UIIU, presided over the ceremony. Pro-VC Prof. Dr. Hasnan Ahmed, vice chancellors of different universities, and teachers were present among others.

The chief guest said, "The infrastructure of most private universities in the country is not standardised. In that case, UIIU has created a green campus and set a rare precedent."

The purpose of this book is to help students and researchers understand the basic concepts of stochastic processes and to equip them with skills necessary to conduct stochastic analysis.

## Teams from DIU shine bright at SBC Competition in Canada

Teams SOTEJ and SORBOJOYA of Daffodil International University (DIU) have achieved multiple awards at Social Business Creation (SBC) competition held in Canada. The competition was held on September 30, 2019 at HEC Montreal, Canada, where 33 teams from 15 countries joined in the finals of SBC competition.

Team SOTEJ achieved the Social Business Concept Award for presenting an idea about a platform to encourage entrepreneurship in rural areas, receiving CAD 2000 cash prize. On the other hand, team SORBOJOYA achieved Social Business Idea Award besides being runner-up for presenting an idea about low-cost sanitary napkins using indigenous materials. On the fourth edition of SBC, four teams from DIU represented Bangladesh at the world finals. DIU has been the regional partner of SBC since 2017. This year, DIU also introduced mentoring platform for the participants powered by Social Business Students Forum (SBSF), Youth Partners for this competition's Bangladesh chapter.



## IHSB students distribute relief to flood victims

On August 30, 2019, students and teachers from International Hope School Bangladesh (IHSB) set off for Meher Nagar, in Belkuchi, Sirajganj district, to aid the flood victims in that area through relief distribution. The group included six A Level students, Principal Roksana Zarin, Deputy Head Shokhidilo Mirza, Ehteshamul Haque from the senior section, Ahsanul Mamun, and Nazmun Nahar, Head of Section of Uttara preschool and primary section.

The idea was conceived by the volunteers of Social Outreach Club of IHSB who planned to raise funds for the event by organising a concert on August 3. The event was a success owing to the students, parents, guardians, well-wishers, and staff who came forward to help the cause.

Yasar Savron, Chairman of IHSB, and Roksana Zarin, Principal of IHSB, took initiative and selected Meher Nagar, an area severely affected and away from the mainland hence resulting in them not receiving relief. They were joined in their efforts by the UNO of Belkuchi, S M Saifur Rahman, who took active part in the distribution. In her speech, Principal Roksana Zarin expressed the school's aim to be with the people of our country in weal and woe and that on any occasion, they try to be with the people in need.



## CIDER Int'l School students participate at Oxford MUN

CIDER International School of Chattogram sent 16 students from Grades 7 to 12 to Oxford MUN, which took part in Suntec City, Singapore, organised by Oxford Global and World View.

The team of delegates left for Singapore on October 6, 2019, under the supervision of Vice Principal Neeti Tripathi along with the activity coordinator Biplob Mallick. Principal G. C. Tripathi wished them best of luck for the conference. The team members took several online sessions as well as numerous mock sessions to excel their eligibility for international MUN. Apart from taking part in the competition, the students got the chance to mingle with the pros and cons of international policies, politics, delegations, negotiations, financial policies, cultural legacies and experienced a brand new flavour of ultra-modern aspects. After paying a visit to places of historical interest and natural landscape, the team will return on October 13, 2019.

## NSU organises professional development programme for faculty members

The Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of North South University (NSU) organised a professional development programme for faculty members on October 3 and 4, 2019. Dr. Maher Spurgeon, Consultant and Director of South Asia Programs of United Board conducted the training sessions on "Whole Person Education". More than 100 full-time faculty members of NSU attended the programme. It covered topics related to effective teaching, team work and human relationship from teaching and learning perspective. The Director of IQAC Prof. Dr. Nazmun Nahar delivered the welcome address to the faculty members. Pro-VC Prof. Dr. Md. Ismail Hossain welcomed the participants and emphasised on modern teaching methods and adaptability in the changing environment. The mission of NSU-IQAC is to establish and nurture an environment congenial to quality learning and teaching.

## Photographic Society of RUET organises regional exhibition

Photographic Society of RUET (PSR) organised a two-day regional photography exhibition titled "Northern Rendezvous". The exhibition was inaugurated on September 26, 2019. It went on to exhibit 50 single photographs from all genres and a photo story. The judges of this event were renowned photographer Pulok Kumar and wildlife photographer Rifat Iqbal.

The exhibition had quite an impact on the northern district photographers as people came to see the stunning works of some of the most talented young photographers.

The exhibition ended with a prize giving ceremony for the top three photos. The prize giving ceremony was attended by the moderator of PSR Harun or Rashid, President of Rajshahi Photographic Society Farid Aktar Porag and renowned photographer GM Mehedi. The top prizes went to Rb Rashed Khan Bony, Md. Rizwanul Shams, and Hasan Muhommod Robin, respectively.

## IBA, DU teacher attends int'l fellowship programme

As per MoU signed on March 6, 2019 between Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka (IBA, DU) and Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, USA, Tasneema Afrin, Assistant Professor, IBA, University of Dhaka is visiting Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, under Herman B. Wells - M.O. Ghani Faculty Fellowship Program.

She left Dhaka on September 19, 2019 for the fellowship and will return on October 15, 2019. She is expected to work on prospects to build relationship between IBA and Kelley School of Business. The fellowship is sponsored by M. Osman Yousuf, son of Dr. M.O. Ghani.