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**Message**

**President**  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
BANGABANDHU, DHAKA  
26 Kartik 1426  
10 November 2019

I am glad to know that Daffodil International University, in collaboration with the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB), is hosting the '18th Asian University Presidents' Forum (AUPF) 2019' in Dhaka,

Education is the key to national and global development. The world is transforming at an extraordinary pace, and consequently, the realm of education and the demand of the industries are also changing. Especially, the impacts of technological advancement and globalization have created an urgent need to change the traditional philosophies and methods of education. The government of Bangladesh has given special attention to ensure the quality of education with a view to making an education orientated and intellectually sophisticated society. Collaboration among the universities especially in the field of research, teaching, human resource development and technological innovations is imperative in creating demand oriented human resources and technologies.

I am pleased to know that the key aspect of the 18th Asian University Presidents' Forum is to systematically introduce the entrepreneurial spirit in the academia by implementing educational strategies. This will pave the way for creating future entrepreneurs and global leaders, which also perfectly aligns with the vision of Digital Bangladesh. I hope the proceedings of the event will serve as a very useful resources in future for the researchers, educators as well as for the practitioners in this field.

I wish the '18th Asian University Presidents' Forum 2019' a grand success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

**Md. Abdul Hamid**



Originating from a friendly collaboration between institutions of higher education in China and Thailand, the Asian University Presidents Forum was officially established in 2002 to include higher education institutions across Asia. Since then, the forum has been held annually in different Asian countries and has fostered relationship and cooperation among participating institutions. In fact, cooperation is at the heart of the mission of the forum. Its mission is to "Increase Communication, Exchange Information, Share Experience and Seek Common Development." Since its inception, AUPF has expanded throughout Asia and has congregated annually in different Asian countries. In line with this, DIU is proud to be the host of the forum in 2019 in Dhaka. DIU management warmly invites and welcomes participants from around the world to the 18th Asian University Presidents Forum to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh during November 22-24, 2019. This would be a great opportunity for the participants to interact and collaborate with other university presidents and leaders.

**Message**

**Prime Minister**  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
7 Agrahayan 1426  
22 November 2019

I am happy to know that Daffodil International University and Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh are jointly organizing the 18th Annual Conference-2019 of Asian University President's Forum (AUPF) on 22-24 November 2019.

The theme of the conference is "Future of Entrepreneurship Education and Experiential Learning: Determinants of Developing Successful Entrepreneurial Eco-System in Asian Economies." I would like to say, the theme of this conference is very relevant to the contexts of Bangladesh and other Asian countries as well.

Bangladesh today is considered as a role model for development. Bangladesh has made remarkable progress in various sectors following the footsteps of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's economic development vision. We are working unremittingly to transform Bangladesh as a middle-income country by 2021 and a developed-prosperous one by 2041.

The present Awami League government has taken various steps for investment promotion that include an exhaustive entrepreneurship development programme aiming at developing 300,000 entrepreneurs over a period of three years. I hope this drive of entrepreneurship creation would sustainably help our economy to grow and create new jobs.

I believe this conference will help us achieve our goals more efficiently as the mission of this forum is to increase communication, exchange information, share experience and seek common development.

I wish the AUPF Conference-2019 a grand success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

**Sheikh Hasina**

**Message**

**Minister**  
Ministry of Education  
Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh

I am delighted to know that Daffodil International University in collaboration with the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB) is hosting the 18th Asian University Presidents Forum in Dhaka on November 22-24, 2019.

University education is a critical component of human development and the importance of university education in sustainable growth and prosperity of any country is vital. It provides the youths with both advanced training and higher-level skills that are necessary for every job. Unfortunately, today's youths are confronted with severe unemployment and underemployment problems, where the worst sufferers are the educated youths. It is now the responsibility of both the government and the universities to provide youths with experiential learning and create opportunities to enable them to use their energies for productive purposes.

The AUPF-2019 theme accords a higher priority to the active engagement of the students in the learning experience that can flourish their entrepreneurial leadership qualities. Under the visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, we in the Ministry of Education are engaged in reviewing our curriculum and assessment process to enable our learners to pick up required skills. We want the industry and academia to collaborate and prepare our learners at the higher education level for job market and also to impact entrepreneurial leadership skills. For, development of productive entrepreneurship is the crucial tool for us that can help reduce this unemployment and underemployment problem drastically.

I hope Daffodil International University will keep this national spirit in their collaborations and continue doing the great job they have undertaken.

I wish the AUPF-2019 a great success.

Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh live forever.

**Dr. Dipu Moni, MP**



AUPF 2018, Host University: Petra Christian University, Indonesia



AUPF 2017, Host University: Panpacific University, Philippines



AUPF 2016, Host University: Asia University, Tokyo, Japan

**Message**

**Deputy Minister**  
Ministry of Education  
Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to know that Daffodil International University in collaboration with the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB) is going to host the 18th Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF) 2019 during 22-24 November 2019.

The Asian University Presidents Forum has come a long way since 1999, originating from a friendly collaboration between institutions of higher education in China and Thailand. The mission of the forum always aims at increasing communication, exchanging information, sharing experience and seeking common development. It is great to see that with the progress of time more Asian countries and universities are getting to be a part of this to discuss a wide range of topics regarding higher education. I am glad to see that Daffodil International University, which has always been very advanced in adopting all the changes offered by today's progressive technological advances and globalization, is hosting the occasion. I hope everyone will take the opportunity to enhance and share their knowledge and resources.

The dream of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was to develop our youths in such a way that they may bring glory to our country by proving their merits to the whole world. Based on this vision, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged all universities to raise their standards of education by collaborating with other universities of Asia and the world in order to attain peaks of excellence in the field of knowledge.

I congratulate Asian University Presidents Forum for their success and efforts and wish the 18th meet a grand success.

Joy Bangla  
Joy Bangabandhu

**Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury**

**Message**

**Chairman**  
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

I am very glad to hear that Daffodil International University (DIU) in collaboration with the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB) is going to host the 18th Asian University Presidents' Forum (AUPF) on 22-24 November 2019 in Dhaka. It is certainly a great opportunity for Daffodil International University as well as our country to organize such a prestigious event for the first time in Bangladesh.

Since Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF) has been established to create cooperation among institutions of higher education across Asia, this gathering can be a great place for exchanging and embracing time demanding approaches and strategies for the academic progress in our region. Besides, the 18th session of AUPF will focus on entrepreneurial education a vital issue which needs to be addressed in many underdeveloped countries in Asia. For the financial growth of the countries like Bangladesh, it is high time to enrich and equip our students with the entrepreneurial knowledge and spirit to create more employment opportunities in near future to minimize the burden of overpopulation and underemployment.

I would like to thank everyone at Daffodil International University and the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh involved with this great task.

I wish the 18th Asian University Presidents' Forum a great success.

**Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah**

**Message**

**Chairman**  
Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh & Foreast International University

My heartiest felicitations to Daffodil International University for hosting the 18th Annual Conference 2019 of AUPF (Asian University Presidents Forum) during November 22-24, 2019 in collaboration with the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB). Such initiatives are very important to create linkage with renowned universities around the world, particularly within Asia.

In this 21st century, students are required to attain multi-diversified leadership skills to achieve recognition in the entrepreneurial world. The theme of this conference perfectly reflects this need: "Future of Entrepreneurship Education and Experiential Learning: Determinants of Developing Successful Entrepreneurial Eco-System in Asian Economies".

I am hopeful that this congregation will introduce the entrepreneurial spirit in the academia systematically and fruitfully. Moreover, this event will be a notable landmark for implementing educational strategies that can create future entrepreneurs and global leaders. My best wishes for AUPF Conference and its continuous success.

**Sheikh Kabir Hossain**

**Message**

**Chairman**  
Board of Trustees  
Daffodil International University Bangladesh

I am delighted to invite and welcome all to the 18th Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF) during 22-24 November 2019, being held for the first time in Bangladesh. It is a great honor for the Daffodil International University to be the host of this prestigious event, supported by the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB).

The theme of the 18th AUPF is "Future of Entrepreneurship Education and Experiential Learning: Determinants of Developing Successful Entrepreneurial Eco-System in Asian Economies". You will have great opportunities to interact with distinguished speakers, join innovative discussions and participate in great dialogues. We believe the concept of entrepreneurship will grow leadership quality among students all over the world to make them successful in a career so that they can also, to contribute to society.

I cordially thank and pay my profound gratitude to the AUPF standing committee, and wish every success of the 18th AUPF in DIU and Bangladesh.

**Dr. Md. Sabur Khan**

**Keynote Speaker**  
**Baybars Altuntas**  
Chairman  
World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF), Turkey

Mr Baybars Altuntas is the Chairman of the World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF) – an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPII) chaired by the Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, Co-chair of the Washington DC- based Global Business Angels Network (GBAN), Vice President of the Brussels-based European Trade Association for Business Angels, Seed Funds, and many more.

He is the developer of the world-renowned entrepreneurship theory, the Altuntas Start-up Compass Theory, researched by Sheffield University and used in numerous MBA programs. Appointed as JCI Ambassador, following Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary General of the United Nations. Profiled regularly by leading international media such as CNN International, Bloomberg, BBC etc.

The former Senior Advisor of the London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) for the Elite Program Mr. Baybars is the only entrepreneur to be granted a personal audience with former President Obama at the Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship in Washington DC.

**Message**

**Vice Chancellor**  
Daffodil International University

On behalf of the Daffodil International University, I extend a warm welcome to the distinguished higher education leaders from various Asian countries as well as around the world to attend the 18th Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF). The theme of the 18th AUPF is "Future of Entrepreneurship Education and Experiential Learning": Determinants of Developing Successful Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in the Asian Economies. In line with this, DIU is proud to be the host of the forum during 22-24 November 2019 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The AUPF provides the opportunity for participants to present papers on challenges, problems and solutions, to showcase educational products that tackle these issues and to forge partnerships to jointly tackle the issue of inculcating growth of Entrepreneurship.

I am pleased that Daffodil International University in collaboration with Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB) along with its partnering institutions and event partners, i.e., Global Entrepreneurship Network and World Business Angels Investment Forum have got together on this pressing issue of producing Entrepreneurial mindset with the skills required for the development of Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in Asia Economies.

I would like to thank DIU Board of Trustees for supporting the event and all our distinguished local and international participants for joining AUPF 2019. We extend our heartfelt gratitude respectively to the Honorable Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, M.P and Honorable UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah for gracing the opening and closing ceremony as the Chief of the event. I would like all to join me in thanking the Almighty for creating the opportunity for all of us to get together on this occasion to work towards a common goal.

I wish the 18th Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF) 2019 a grand success.

**Professor Yusuf Mahbubul Islam, PhD**

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