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## Winners of Study UK Alumni Awards announced in Bangladesh

Winners of the Study UK Alumni Awards 2023-24 in Bangladesh were announced at a ceremony, hosted by the British Council. The awardees were recognised for their outstanding achievements as business professionals, entrepreneurs, and community leaders, and for their contribution to strengthening ties between the UK and Bangladesh. The ceremony was attended by senior representatives from government, non-government, and private organisations and UK alumni.



The Award judging panel, selected recipients for the three award categories: Science and Sustainability Award, Social Action Award, and Business and Innovation Award. This prestigious international award celebrates UK higher education and the achievements of UK alumni all over the world.

Prof. Dr Muhammed Alamgir, Chairman (Addl. Charge) and Member, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh said, "Bangladesh is currently progressing towards the Smart Bangladesh Vision 2041, and for that, we need smart citizens. Hence, ensuring proper education is now a necessity because, without education,

it is not possible to materialise innovation. I would like to commend the incredible work of the British Council and the British Government for their indispensable role in supporting us to ensure better education for all."

Tom Miscioscia, Director Bangladesh, British Council, said, "Today, we celebrate the success of the remarkable individuals who are shaping the world around them with the skills, knowledge and experience they acquired from the UK education."

Acting British High Commissioner and Development Director, Matt Cannell said, "Congratulations to

everyone nominated and shortlisted for this year's awards. The Study UK Alumni Awards celebrate the achievements of UK alumni all over the world, including here in Bangladesh."

The Business and Innovation award was presented to Prof. Khondaker A. Mamun, a graduate of University of Southampton. The Science and Sustainability Award was presented to Dr Kamrun Koly, a graduate of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Kings College London. The Social Action award was presented to Mohammad Taqi Yasir, a graduate of University of London.

## Bakeman's 3rd International Language League at NSU: Love of language and competition

The final round of Bakeman's 3rd International Language League took place on February 9 with the prize giving ceremony following on February 10 at North South University (NSU). This language Olympiad was organised by the Department of English and Modern Languages of NSU. The journey began with divisional rounds held across eight divisions from September 30 to October 21, 2023. Over 80,000 students participated in language competitions spanning Bangla, English, Chinese, and Japanese. The diverse segments, tailored for different age groups from class one to tertiary levels, included Handwriting, Spelling Bee, Short Story Writing, Impromptu Speech, Grammar, Debate, and Wall Magazine.



Distinguished personalities took the stage, including Prof. AQMA Rahman Bhuiyan, Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages, Faisal Mansoor, Senior Manager of Akij Group Ltd., Professor SK Tawfique M Haque, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Acting), Professor Abdur Rob Khan, Treasurer and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (In-charge), and Dr M Ismail Hossain, Professor at the Department of Economics.

AQMA Rahman Bhuiyan said, "The International Language League is not just a competition; it is a celebration of linguistic diversity and excellence."

The final round unfolded at NSU, drawing participants who had been selected in the divisional round. Faculty members from the NSU Department of English and Modern Languages assumed the role of judges, diligently evaluating participants across the various segments.

The prize-giving ceremony commenced at 9 AM the following day, with students from various institutions receiving medals and certificates.

## UAP holds freshers' orientation for the UMSAILS LLM programme

The freshers' orientation programme of the UNESCO Madanjeet Singh South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (UMSAILS) LLM programme was held at University of Asia Pacific (UAP) on February 10.

Twenty-six students from sixteen different public and private universities are enrolled in the UMSAILS programme with full and partial scholarships provided by South Asia Foundation (SAF). International students from Nepal, India, and Afghanistan are also enrolled in this programme.

Dr Kamal Hossain, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh and Chairperson of SAILS, delivered his speech as the chief guest. He highlighted the need



for legal and human rights education from a South Asian perspective and recognised that the Department of Law and Human Rights at UAP as the centre of excellence capable of providing quality legal and human rights education.

Architect Mambuba Haque,

Chairperson, Board of Trustees (BOT), UAP; Prof. Dr Qumrul Ahsan, Vice Chancellor, UAP; Prof. Dr Sultan Mahmud, Pro Vice Chancellor, UAP, and Prof. Dr M A Baqui Khalily Acting Dean, School of Law, University of Asia Pacific addressed the function as special guests.

## Inauguration of Center for Smart Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability (CSIRS-UIU) held at UIU

The Department of Civil Engineering of United International University (UIU) organised the inauguration of the Center for Smart Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability (CSIRS-UIU) on February 10 at the UIU Campus.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury, MP, Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, was present as



the Chief Guest. Muhammad Ibrahim, Secretary, LGD, Ministry of LGRD&C was present as the Special Guest. Vice Chancellor of UIU Prof. Dr Md. Abul Kashem Mia presided over the ceremony. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Dr Afzal Ahmed, Head, Dept. of Civil Engineering, UIU.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury said, "Work

in places where we need research to rid the world of the effects of climate change. All universities of Bangladesh should focus more on research."

He also expressed hope that the CSIRS-UIU will play an important role as a centre of excellence for the region in academic and action research and development as well as building a smart Bangladesh.