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AIUB holds seminar on “Next Generation Environmental Purification System”

A seminar titled “Next Generation Environmental Purification System” was held at the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) on May 18. The seminar was organised by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and J-TOP Corporation Limited.

The chief representative of JICA to Bangladesh, Ichiguchi Tomohide, inaugurated the seminar. He remarked that since 1973, just after two years of the independence of Bangladesh, JICA started its operation in Bangladesh and after 1980, it became the largest development partner of the nation with an investment of 300 billion yen.

JICA has contributed to the development of Dhaka MRT Project, Terminal 3 of Shahjalal International Airport Dhaka, Matarbari power plant, special economic zone, etc. He concluded that JICA has been continuously funding for the agricultural sector, cultural exchange, technology advancement, and employment creation.



At the seminar, environmental purification system was presented as the new project for the garment industry to recycle the wastewater with proper treatment and aim to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals accordingly. It was also highlighted that public health, environment, and food security are the major areas of finance. As a keynote speaker, the J-TOP president, Jiichi Nakaki, illustrated the whole process of wastewater recycling

with theoretical data and experimental demonstration. J-TOP is famous for automatic carbon-cutting technology and environmental improvement, and they already implemented their technology successfully in many countries in the last decades. Innovative technology to protect the future is the goal of the organisation with a win-win method between the local government and Japanese companies. It aims to provide all technological support in the

recycling industry using activated carbon technology.

In the seminar, Ziaul Haque, Director, Department of Environment, GoB, attended the seminar as a special guest. Dr Hasanul A. Hasan, Founder Member of the Board of Trustees, AIUB, handed over the tokens of appreciation to the guests. Dr Carman Z Lamagna, Member of the AIUB Board of Trustees, concluded the session with a vote of thanks to the guests and participants. She highlighted the importance of the topics discussed in the seminar and their acute relevance to achieve sustainability. Owners of renowned garments companies, officials from corporates, members of associations, scientists, researchers, and faculty members of numerous universities actively participated in the seminar. The seminar was coordinated by Prof. Dr Md Taufiqul Islam, Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FASS), and moderated by Shiho Tanaka, Adjunct Faculty, FASS.

Research and Publication Award 2023 held at Uttara University

The Research and Publication Award 2023 was held at Uttara University (UU) on May 18 at the university’s permanent campus. From a list of over 300 publications, the ceremony awarded the top 50 researchers with the highest impact factor from its academic community. Organised by the Centre for Research and Training (CRT), UU’s contribution to research and indexed publication saw a 300 percent increment in research output in international journals and considerable improvement in its Web of Science and SCOPUS citation index, compared to last year’s award ceremony. The researchers received recognition by certification and awards.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest Prof. Dr Biswajit Chanda, Member of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Bangladesh and Special Guest Md Omar Faruque, Director of the Private University Division, UGC.

The ceremony was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor of UU, Prof. Dr Eaysmin Ara Lekha. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Dr Md Mizanur Rahman, Director of CRT, UU.

Distinguished guests included Abid Aziz, Director of Fintech Research Group and member of the Board of Trustees and Prof. Dr Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro Vice-Chancellor of UU, the Registrar, Deans, Chairpersons, and all faculty members.

The annual research ceremony of UU awards all faculty members who participate in high impact peer-reviewed indexed publications.



IUB excels in 1st Inter-University Squash Tournament 2024

Squash players from Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) excelled in the “1st Inter University Squash Tournament 2024” held at the Station Officers Mess Alpha in Dhaka from May 10 to 11. The tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Squash Rackets Federation and the University Squash Community, Bangladesh, featured 28 participants from various universities.

Marjan Akter Monika, player and assistant coach of the IUB Squash team, emerged as the champion in the female category, with her teammate Joti Rani Roy from the Department of Accounting, who joined IUB last year with a full sports scholarship, securing the runner-up spot.

In the male category, Md Raihan, a first-semester student of Management Information Systems (MIS) who joined IUB this year also on full sports scholarship, became the runner-up. Anika Tabassum Kotha, from IUB’s Department of Pharmacy, finished in fifth place in the female category after a strong performance in the quarter-finals.

Brig Gen G M Quamrul Islam (Retd.), Secretary General of the Bangladesh Squash Racket Federation, Brig Gen Dr Nasimul Gani (Retd.), and Major Mahmud (Retd.), Joint General Secretary of the Bangladesh Professional Golf Association, attended the prize-giving ceremony.

Participants received crests and certificates in recognition of their achievements. The tournament highlighted the talent present in Bangladeshi universities, promoting sportsmanship and healthy competition.

In January 2024, IUB inaugurated an



international standard squash court, arguably the only squash court at the university level in Bangladesh, and enrolled three professional players on full scholarships. These players are expected to represent Bangladesh and IUB in the 2028 Olympic Games, where squash will be included for the first time.

In 2024, IUB players have brought multiple accolades in national level squash competitions. In February, IUB hosted the 1st ever national female squash tournament at the newly built squash court with the participation of 60 girls from across Bangladesh, where IUB’s Riyajul Zannat Urdho, another student on full scholarship from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), became runner-up in the open category. In April, Raihan and Monika clinched the champion and runner-up positions in the Men’s Open (University) and Female Open categories respectively at the 4th Bangladesh National Squash Championship 2024.