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### BRAC Business School hosts closing ceremony for “Uddami Ami” women entrepreneurship training programme



“Uddami Ami”, BRAC Business School’s flagship women entrepreneurship training programme concluded its Cohort 6 on July 6 at BRAC University’s new campus in Merul Badda. The closing ceremony celebrated the training’s completion by 20 women entrepreneurs across varying sectors of Bangladesh. Uddami Ami has successfully trained nearly 120 women entrepreneurs in Bangladesh since its inception in September 2021.

The event was graced by Mohammad Ashiqur Rahman, Director, SME & Special Program Department, Bangladesh Bank; Md Rezaul Karim, Company Secretary, HATIL; Dr David Dowland, Registrar, BRAC University (BRACU), and Mohammad Mujibul Haque, PhD, Professor and Associate Dean (Acting Dean), BRAC Business School, BRACU.

Mohammad Ashiqur Rahman congratulated the participants on their courage to pursue entrepreneurship. He reminded the participants of the government support available to women entrepreneurs through BDT 35,000 crore allocation by Bangladesh Bank. He encouraged the participants to expand their business models and products to avail of these funds.

Rezaul Karim was delighted to host the women entrepreneurs at HATIL Factory for the industry visit session of Uddami Ami. He earnestly requested BRAC Business School and BRACU to undertake developing local business cases so that students and entrepreneurs can learn the local context of the dynamics of business in Bangladesh.

Dr David Dowland continued the praise on the courageous entrepreneurs and thanked BRAC Business School, BRAC Bank PLC, Bangladesh Bank, and HATIL for their collaborative effort to make the training programme a success.

Mohammad Mujibul Haque emphasised that BRAC Business School is actively engaged in upskilling entrepreneurs and professionals in Bangladesh. This includes developing local business cases through the 1st International Case Conference on Business and Management (ICCBM 2023) and conducting research and training programmes that offer collaborative opportunities for all stakeholders at the Uddami Ami closing ceremony.



### Brunei Darussalam High Commissioner visits Daffodil International University

Haji Haris Bin Haji Othman, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam in Bangladesh visited Daffodil International University (DIU) on July 8 at Daffodil Smart City in Birulia, Savar, Dhaka. The high commissioner praised the activities of DIU for its exclusive academic partnerships with universities in Brunei and for having a beautiful green campus. In his speech, he said that Bangladesh-Brunei Darussalam relations will reach new heights in multilateral aspects and will move forward in coming days.

Presided over by Professor Dr SM Mahabub Ul Haque Mazumder, Vice Chancellor (In-Charge) of the university, the welcome address was delivered by Dr Md Sabur Khan, Founder and Chairman, Board of Trustees, DIU and Daffodil Family. The meeting was also addressed by Dr Mohammad Nuruzzaman, CEO of Daffodil Family; Dr Md Emran Hossain, COO of Daffodil Family; Professor Dr Md Fokhray Hossain, Director of International Affairs; Professor Dr Md

Kabirul Islam, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Director of Division of Research; Syed Raihan-Ul Islam, Deputy Director, International Affairs, and Md Safiullah, Deputy Director, Daffodil Islamic Center of Daffodil International University.

Later on, Haji Haris Bin Haji Othman spoke as the chief guest at a session for the students entitled “Brunei Beyond Borders: Exploring New Horizon for Bangladeshi Youth”.

Haji Haris Bin Haji Othman emphasised supporting the skilled and trained people with professional visas and outlined the scope for notable migrant destinations for Bangladeshi students. He also mentioned that they are interested in signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with exchanges and technical collaborations at the university level in both countries, especially on entrepreneurship as he mentioned that entrepreneurial students can change the country.

### IUBAT launches pre-university English course for freshmen

The International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) has launched a pre-university English course for students admitted in the Fall 2024 semester. The inaugural class of the course was held on July 6. IUBAT Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Abdur Rab and Treasurer and Director of Administration Professor Selina Nargis attended the inauguration.

The pre-university English course at IUBAT is designed to bridge the gap between high school and university education by enhancing the English language skills of incoming freshmen. This intensive one-month programme aims to improve students’ proficiency in listening and speaking, ensuring they are prepared for the linguistic demands of university-level courses. It also focuses on building essential academic skills, such as critical thinking and effective study strategies, while fostering confidence and active participation in classroom activities. By providing a supportive environment, the course facilitates a smooth transition to university life and promotes active learning, ultimately helping students develop the necessary language and academic competencies to succeed in their studies at IUBAT.

Professor Selina Nargis highlighted that IUBAT’s pre-university English course is a one-month intensive programme designed to be completed before the start of regular university courses. Through this course, students will



develop independent and active learning skills that are essential for their success as university students. She emphasised that IUBAT is committed to providing the necessary support to transform students into valuable assets for the country.

Dr Abdur Rab remarked that many students entering the university after high school lack sufficient English communication skills. There is a significant gap between the university’s expectations and the student’s current abilities. To address this, the pre-university English course has been introduced to strengthen the foundational skills of our students.

The inaugural class was conducted by Associate Professor Sadekul Islam and Associate Professor Md Forhad Hossain from the Department of English and Modern Languages. The session was further graced by the presence of Professor Dr Momtazur Rahman, Chair of the Department of English and Modern Languages, and Professor Dr Bijoy Lal Basu, Advisor of the Department of English and Modern Languages.