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## Daffodil International University hosts three-day “Full Consortium Meeting 2025” of the Erasmus+ SQUARES Project

Daffodil International University (DIU) hosted the “Full Consortium Meeting 2025” of the Erasmus+ SQUARES Project, co-funded by the European Union, in Dhaka from January 28 to 30. Delegates from Italy, Estonia, Poland, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Pakistan joined the event to discuss the project updates and share best practices of skills in education and academic quality. At the beginning of day one, the event started with the inauguration ceremony in presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Pro Vice-Chancellor, relevant academic experts of DIU, project coordinator,

delegates from project partners, and more.

The SQUARES – Sustainability and Quality Assurance for Academic Governance and Redesign Engineering Studies – Project from Erasmus+ CBHE KA2 aims to address skill gaps between higher education institutions, industries, and the job market in Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and the Pakistan by introducing transversal skills in energy, civil, and industrial engineering as well as enhancing quality management systems for course development and institutional management.

## IUB hosts 1st Bangladesh National Round of the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition 2024-25

The 1st Bangladesh National Round of the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition 2024-25 took place from January 23 to 25, 2025, at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). Hearth Bangladesh and IUB’s School of Law jointly organised the competition, bringing together 34 universities to engage in advocacy on environmental law.

The final round featured Dhaka University (DU) and East West University (EWU), with DU emerging as the champion. Taposhi Rabeya from DU was named the “Best Mooter (Final)”, and Mahir Chowdhury Abir from Eastern University earned the “Best Mooter (All Over)” title. IUB secured a place among the top eight teams. The semi-finalists included DU, Chittagong University, EWU, and Eastern University.

The final round was judged by Justice Shamim Hasnain, Member of the Law Commission, Bangladesh, and Justice J B M Hassan and Justice Zafar Ahmed, both judges of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

During her keynote speech at the inaugural ceremony, Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Adviser to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and the Ministry of Water Resources, said, “I wanted to practice law but did not want to ask money from people. My work at BELA – Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association – has allowed me to practice law and reach communities without access to other lawyers. Whatever we do for our living, we must respect the natural equilibrium, avoiding



contamination of soil, water, and air. If you prepare for challenging times by learning from the mistakes of the past, the future will not be as unsafe.”

Prof. M Tamim, Vice-Chancellor of IUB, said, “This competition creates opportunities for networking, peer learning, and forming bonds that last beyond the event. It is a platform to share experiences that books cannot provide. Participants also benefit from interactions with real judges, gaining unique insights into the legal profession.”

The event concluded with a closing ceremony attended by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Tamim, Prof. Dr Mohammad Nazmuzzaman Bhuiyan, Dean of the School of Law at IUB, and Porob Naser Siddique, Executive Director of Hearth Bangladesh. Prof. Bhuiyan emphasised the competition’s role in building professional competence and awareness of environmental law.

## Dr Md Sabur Khan receives Honorary Doctorate from NIMS University

Dr Md Sabur Khan, Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Daffodil International University (DIU), has been conferred an Honorary Doctorate Degree by NIMS University, Jaipur, India, during a special convocation ceremony held on January 27, 2025. The award was presented in recognition of Dr Khan’s outstanding contributions to education, entrepreneurship, and leadership on a global scale.

The convocation ceremony was attended by distinguished dignitaries, including Dr Fernando Leon-Garcia, President of CETYS University, Mexico, Dr Kakha



Shengelia, President of Caucasus University, Georgia, and Prof. Dr Balvir S Tomar, Founder and Chairman of NIMS University.

Dr Khan was acknowledged for his visionary approach to transforming higher education in Bangladesh and beyond, as well as his role in fostering international collaboration and innovation in academia. He has served as the President of the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP) for 2023-2024. Currently, he holds several significant positions, including

Chairman of the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB), Treasurer-Elect and Member of the Standing Committee of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP), and Chairman of the Advisory Council of AUAP.

In his acceptance speech, Dr Khan expressed his gratitude to NIMS University and its Board of Governors for the recognition.

“This recognition is not only a personal milestone but also a testament to the collective efforts of Daffodil International University in driving innovation, entrepreneurship, and excellence in education,” said Dr Khan.

The Honorary Doctorate adds to Dr Khan’s long list of accolades and further solidifies his reputation as a global leader in education and innovation.

NIMS University is one of India’s leading institutions of higher education, renowned for its commitment to academic excellence, research, and innovation. Located in Jaipur, Rajasthan, NIMS University provides a diverse range of programmes and is recognised for fostering impactful contributions to society.