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# AIUB INAUGURATES JAPAN CORNER

The American International University–Bangladesh (AIUB) proudly hosted the inauguration ceremony of the Japan Corner, a dedicated space in the university library that aims to foster cultural exchange, academic collaboration, and mutual understanding between Japan and Bangladesh. The event took place on May 12 with guests from the Embassy of Japan, AIUB administration, faculty members, and students in attendance.

The Japan Corner was established through sponsorship by The Nippon Foundation in Japan with administrative support from the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research, and coordination from the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh. It features a curated collection of books, multimedia resources, and cultural artefacts that promote Japanese language, arts, and education.

The collection includes 186 books, donated under The



Read Japan Project, initiated by The Nippon Foundation in 2008. The project seeks to promote a deeper understanding of Japan by distributing English-language books about the country to universities and libraries worldwide. Now administered by the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research, the initiative targets young researchers, opinion leaders,

and intellectuals interested in Japan and its global impact.

The ceremony was graced by Saida Shinichi, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, as the Chief Guest. He was warmly welcomed by Nadia Anwar, Founder Member and Chairman of the AIUB Board of Trustees (BoT); Dr Hasanul A Hasan, Founder Member, BoT; Ishtiaque Abedin, Founder Member, BoT; and Dr Carmen Z Lamagna, Member, BoT.

Also present were Prof. Dr Saiful Islam, Vice Chancellor; Prof. Dr Md Abdur Rahman, Pro-Vice Chancellor; Dr Nisar Ahmed, Treasurer; Prof. Dr Manzur H Khan, Proctor; Group Captain (Retd) Dr Mohammad Zahidul Islam Khan, Registrar; and the deans of various faculties. From the Embassy of Japan, Yamamoto Kyohei, Second Secretary and Deputy Head of the Public Relations & Culture Section, accompanied the Ambassador.

## AUST holds its 12th convocation



Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) organised its 12th Convocation on May 14 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center in Purbachal, Dhaka. The event honoured the achievements of graduating students and recognised their dedication to academic excellence and innovation.

Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Adviser, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Science and Technology, presided over the ceremony on behalf of the Chancellor of AUST and President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. He conferred graduate and post-graduate degrees to 9,426 students in different disciplines. In recognition of exceptional academic achievements, 11 students were awarded the "Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Padak".

Dr Salehuddin Ahmed congratulated the new graduates and their families. Addressing the young graduates, he said, "We do not want you to be just a successful engineer, an expert in information technology, or a scientist. We want you to be a conscious citizen, a humane and visionary individual, and a patriotic person. Wherever you are, may you be a beacon of light for others."

AUST Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Md Ashraf Hoque praised all graduates for their academic accomplishments. He requested the graduates to learn from their mistakes, remain humble in success, and persevere through failure. He also said, "Our students are not confined to achievements within the country only. They have also demonstrated their competence, generosity, and leadership on

the international stage. They have made us proud, and I firmly believe they will continue to do so."

Professor Dr Ainun Nishat, a pioneering expert in water resource management and climate change in Bangladesh, graced the occasion as the convocation speaker. He extended heartfelt greetings and congratulations to everyone. Addressing the graduating students, he said, "Our country and the world are facing many challenges – climate change, technological transformation, economic inequality, and social unrest. But in your hands lies the power to be part of the solution. So, find a big purpose within your own work. Be empathetic to others, stand by those who suffer, and use your knowledge to make the world a better place."

Professor Dr Golam Rahman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, AUST, greeted the graduates and said, "Our university has always emphasised moral education, research-based knowledge creation, and innovation. We want our graduates to rise not merely with the goal of securing jobs but with the capacity to create employment. Be entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders." Members of the Board of Trustees, Treasurer, deans of the faculties, heads of all disciplines, Vice-Chancellors of other universities, members of the AUST syndicate, academic council, finance and development committee, faculty members, officers, parents, and guardians of the graduating students were present at the event. Professor Dr Mohammed Mahbubur Rahman, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of AUST, delivered the closing remarks.

## NSU welcomes freshers in Summer 2025 orientation programme

North South University (NSU) hosted its summer semester orientation programme. In the orientation programme, a total of 75 students were awarded scholarships at varying rates, including 100 percent merit scholarships granted to 21 students in recognition of their exceptional performance in the Bachelor's (Honours) admission test.

Economics, introduced their respective schools.

Dr M Fouzul Kabir Khan said, "You are entering university at a very challenging time. On one hand, there are incredible opportunities with the rise of AI, robotics, and other emerging technologies. On the other hand, traditional education is changing fast. Many top companies, like



Dr M Fouzul Kabir Khan, Adviser to the Ministries of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources; Road Transport and Bridges & Railways of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, attended the event as the Chief Guest. The event was also graced by Special Guest Azim Uddin Ahmed, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of NSU. The session was chaired by Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of NSU. Other members of the Board of Trustees, NSU, were also present at the programme.

The programme commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran and the national anthem, followed by a documentary screening. NSU Registrar Dr Ahmed Tazmeen delivered the welcome speech.

Professor Md Rizwanul Islam, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences; Professor Shazzad Hosain, Dean of the School of Engineering and Physical Sciences; Professor Dipak Kumar Mitra, Dean of the School of Health and Life Sciences; and Professor AKM Waresul Karim, Dean of the School of Business and

Google and Microsoft, no longer see a degree as a must for hiring. It's still good to have one, but what matters more now are your skills and how you keep learning. So, don't limit yourself to just what's taught in class. Be curious, take initiative, and keep learning in every way you can."

Azim Uddin Ahmed said, "Standing here today brings back many memories. I have addressed students and parents from this stage many times before. Congratulations to all the new students of NSU. I sincerely hope you all go far in life."

Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury said, "For over thirty years, this campus has been home to the country's leading private university, as recognised by THE and QS rankings. We focus not only on academic excellence but also on holistic development through over 30 active student clubs and engagement opportunities. Our goal is to produce not just graduates, but ethical, sincere, and morally responsible individuals. I urge all students to follow NSU's rules and guidelines, which will help shape you into highly valued members of society."