

## Lamborghini museum architect delivers lecture at BRAC University

BRAC University hosted a lecture by Italian architect and designer Fabio Novembre – known for projects including the Lamborghini Museum and the AC Milan headquarters. Novembre founded Novembre Studio in 1994. His studio has created designs for global brands including Kartell, Stuart Weitzman, Cappellini, and Triade.

Named “Ambassador of Italian Design for Bangladesh in 2026”, Novembre engaged with leading institutions and industries in Dhaka from March 30 to April 2 as part of the Embassy of Italy in Dhaka’s observance of Italian Design Day 2026.

The lecture marked the 155th event of BRAC University’s Angan Lecture Series and was organised by the Department of Architecture under the School of Architecture and Design, in collaboration with the Embassy of Italy, Dhaka.

Presenting his work to students, Novembre spoke about how design can convey feelings, stories, and human identity. He encouraged

students to develop their own design thinking, not to be discouraged by setbacks, and to draw inspiration from personalities they admire.

He said that every person had unique qualities, emphasising that educational institutions should identify and support those strengths so that individuals can flourish.

Addressing the event, Ambassador of Italy to Dhaka Antonio Alessandro said the Italian Design Day initiative highlights design and architecture as tools to help address challenges related to the environment, transportation systems, and cities.

Earlier, Novembre and Alessandro toured BRAC University’s sustainable campus and described its architectural design as “groundbreaking”. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Syed Ferhat Anwar shared the university’s mission and vision, including its aim to become one of the leading universities of the Global South.



## BUFT signs MoU with DPDT to establish Technology and Innovation Support Centre

BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology (BUFT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Patents, Industrial Designs and Trademarks (DPDT) under the Ministry of Industries on April 2 to establish a Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC) at the university.

The initiative aims to strengthen research and innovation by providing access to patent databases, technical information, and support services, while promoting the protection, commercialisation, and transfer of intellectual property. Under the agreement, DPDT will serve as the national focal point, coordinating the TISC network and facilitating access to global patent resources with training support. BUFT will ensure necessary infrastructure, manpower, and operational management, along with promoting TISC services across academic and industry platforms.

At the signing ceremony, BUFT was represented by Faruque Hassan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Prof. Dr Engr Ayub Nabi Khan, Vice-Chancellor (Designate); and Prof. Dr Md Alamgir Hossain, Pro VC (Acting), along with senior university officials and faculty members. The event was also attended by Md Jahangir Hossain, Director General, DPDT; Dr Ashok Kumar Roy, Director (Patents and Industrial Designs); and Md Habibur Rahman, Deputy Director (Patents).

## IUBAT signs MoU with BRACNet to strengthen industry-academia collaboration

International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BRACNet Limited (BNL) to promote mutually beneficial industry-academia collaboration.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Dr Md Momtazur Rahman, Registrar of IUBAT, and Arif Hossain, Head of Operations of BRACNet.

The signing ceremony was attended by distinguished guests, including Prof. Dr Abdur Rab, Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Selina Nargis, Treasurer and Director, Administration; Prof. Dr Md Monirul Islam, Dean, CEAT; Prof. Dr Utpal Kanti Das, Chairman, Computer Science and Engineering; Prof. Dr Sajal Saha, Director, Miyan Research Institute; and AKM Sharfuddin, Director, Placement and Alumni Office. From BRACNet, Md Yousuf Ali Emon, Assistant General Manager (ICT Sales); Afrin Kawsar, Team Lead, HR; and Saiful Arefin, Head of Transmission, were present, along with senior officials and faculty members from both institutions.

The MoU aims to establish a strong partnership focused on innovation, knowledge sharing, and the practical application of academic and technological expertise. Through this collaboration, both institutions seek to support student development, enhance institutional capacity, and contribute to digital transformation initiatives.



## International climate course launched with support from four universities

A two-month international course titled “Environmental Science and Climate Action” has been launched with support from four universities.

The initiative is being implemented by Stamford University Bangladesh, the University of Dundee’s Binks Institute for Sustainability, Michigan State University’s Asia Hub, and Nanjing Agricultural University. The programme is being organised by the Centre for Atmospheric Pollution Studies (CAPS), the Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER), and Mission Green Bangladesh.

The inauguration ceremony was held on April 2 at the Vice-Chancellor’s conference room at BRAC University (BRACU). Prof. Dr Sharif N As-Saber, Vice-Chancellor of Stamford University Bangladesh, attended as the chief guest, while the course was formally inaugurated by BRACU registrar Dr David Dowland.

Delivering the welcome address, Prof. Dr Ainun Nishat, Emeritus Professor, BRACU, emphasised that climate change is no longer merely a theoretical concern but a matter of survival. Prof. Dr As-Saber highlighted the need to integrate academic learning with field-level research and innovation. Dr Dowland stated that there should be no gap between education and practical action in ensuring environmental protection.

Others who spoke at the event included Prof. Dr Ahmad Kamruzzaman Majumder, Chairman of the Centre for Atmospheric Pollution Studies (CAPS)



and a professor in the Department of Environmental Science at Stamford University Bangladesh; Raufa Khanam, Deputy Director of C3ER; and Ahsan Rony, Executive Director of Mission Green Bangladesh. Dr Nandan Mukherjee, Senior Lecturer and Director at the Binks Institute for Sustainability, University of Dundee; Jennifer Wargo, Associate Director of the Asia Hub at Michigan State University; and Dr Liu Yutao, Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Office at Nanjing Agricultural University, also delivered remarks.

Among those present at the event were Prodeepto Mobarook, Head of PRD at Stamford University Bangladesh; Md Nasir Ahmed Patowary, a lecturer in the Department of Environmental Science at Stamford University Bangladesh; and Marziat Rahman, Lead Researcher (Pollution and Climate Change) at CAPS.