



Board of Trustees Meetings

The **Board of Trustees (BoT)**, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) had separate meetings on 6 June 2022, 8 September 2022, 27 October 2022, and 18 December 2022 at CIU Conference Room.

Trustee Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, BoT, chaired the meetings while **Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Mr. A H M Chowdhury, Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Mr. Lutfe M Ayub, Trustee Ms. Safia G. Rahman, Trustee Ms. Dilruba Ahmed, Trustee Mr. Md Amin Helaly, Trustee Mr. Mohammed Khaled Mahmud, Trustee Mr. Ismail Dobash, Trustee Mr. Mirza Salman Ispahani, Trustee Mr. Aminur Reza Khan,**

Trustee Mr. A. Quaiyum Khan, Vice Chancellor of CIU & Ex officio member of BoT Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury and BoT Secretary & Registrar of CIU Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima attended the meeting.

In the four meetings, a number of important decisions were taken and the progress of the university activities were discussed.

‘Education in the global context has expanded greatly. But timely steps are needed to ensure quality education. ‘CIU seeks to develop students in such an education that they become an asset to the society and the country’ added BoT Chairman Mr. Towhid Samad.

CIU Team `OIKKO` Wins NASA Space Apps Challenge 2022



Competing with more than 2,000 contestants from 9 cities in the country, **Team OIKKO** of Chittagong Independent University won the Champion award in Chittagong Division at **NASA Space Apps Challenge 2022 Competition** held from 30 September to 1 October 2022.

The CIU team comprised of **Md. Asif Siddique (Team Leader), Adiba Hossain Dia, Riyadhul Haque, Samah Binth Feroz** and **Shahed Bin Rafiq**. **The Posts and Telecommunication Minister Mustafa Jabbar** handed over the prizes to the winners at the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) Auditorium, Dhaka as the Chief Guest. He stated that standing on the threshold of the fifth industrial revolution, the importance of competitions like the NASA Space Apps Challenge is undeniable.

In the Competition, the CIU team presented an excellent idea on the harmful effect of greenhouse gases on the environment. They utilized the data provided by NASA, performed data analysis and machine learning methods and presented the result via web interface as well as smartphone. This year, more than 2000 highly skilled contestants participated in this 36-hour long hackathon. **Team Oikko** became champion in their category and one of the 9 teams from Bangladesh nominated by NASA for direct entry to NASA Space Apps Challenge 2022 (Global) competition.

Syndicate Meetings



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its 29th & 30th **Meeting of the Syndicate** on 3 July 2022, and 26 October 2022 at the Conference Room of the university.

CIU VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury presided over the meeting. **Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Ms. Dilruba Ahmed, External Member Professor Dr. Md. Kamrul Hossain, CU, Mr. Mukesh Chandra Bishwas,** Joint Secretary, MoE, Professor Dr. M Ayub Islam, Professor Dr. Nayeem Abdullah, Professor Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Mr. Subrata Gupta FCA, Director, Finance & Accounts, Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Registrar & Member Secretary attended the meeting which took a number of important decisions.

The meetings approved the decisions and recommendations of the meetings of the Deans' Committee, the Academic Council and the Financial Aid Committee as presented.

The meetings also emphasized on imparting education quality of CIU students.

CIUBS Faculty Members Participate in International Conference



Three faculty members of CIU Business School participated in an international conference held virtually on 12 May 2022 titled '**11th International Conference on Management Practices and Research**'. The conference was jointly organized by the **Apeejay School of Management, New Delhi, India, CIU Business School, Chattogram, Bangladesh** and **EM Normandie Business School, France. The theme of the conference was Changing Dynamics in Management and Leadership Post Pandemic.** Professor Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, was the Keynote Speaker of the Inaugural Session, Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Associate Professor chaired the technical session-1 (Finance) while Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Lecturer presented a paper entitled '*Rescuing Bangladesh's Bankruptcy Act 1997 from Bankruptcy: Some Reform Propositions*'.

Academic Council Meeting



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its 19th **Academic Council Meeting** at the University Conference Room on 19 June 2022. CIU VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury presided over the meeting. **Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Mr. Lutfu M Ayub, Trustee Ms. Safia G. Rahman,** Deans, Faculty Advisors, Heads of the Departments, Controller of Examinations and Registrar attended the meeting. A number of important decisions were taken at the meeting to maintain congenial academic environment in the university.

The meeting reviewed student enrollment status and approved the academic calendar as presented. The meeting also reviewed the scholarship and financial aid policies and approved both for implementation. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

CIU Intra School of Law Moot Court Competition 2022



School of Law, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized the final round of '**CIU Intra School of Law Moot Court Competition 2022**' on 22 May 2022 at CIU Auditorium. The judicial system of the court, the arguments of the lawyers, the announcement of the verdict of the case, the role of the researcher and other issues related to the court were presented in the competition.

Robibul Alam Robi, Sujay Mallick and Tahira Attia Fariha were declared as the Best Researcher, the Best Co-Researcher and the Best Mooter respectively.

Mr. Mohammad Belayet Hossain, Assistant Dean, SoL, CIU presided over the final session, while Additional District and Sessions Judge, Chattogram, Joint Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Chattogram, Lawyer of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, and Faculty Members of CIU Law School were present as judges of the final round.

CIU Alumni Committee Meeting



Chittagong Independent University Alumni Committee held its **5th meeting** in the University Conference Room on 19 May 2022. Heads of different Departments, Faculty Members, School Managers, and Administrative Officials were present. The Members reiterated their whole-hearted support for making CIU a centre of excellence in higher education.

Orientation Programs for Freshers

To welcome the freshers, four schools of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized '**Summer Orientation-2022**' programs on 26 May 2022 at their classrooms and CIU Auditorium separately. The Deans, Heads of different Departments, both Academic and Administrative, briefed various rules and facilities of the university to the freshers.

The new students shared the story of their getting into CIU during the program. Later, the school authority heartily received them with flowers and chocolates. CIU admits students in BBA, BSC in CSE/EEE/ETE, BA in English, MBA, LLB, LLM and MA in English.

Welcoming the newly admitted students, the Vice Chancellor stated that CIU had set an example in providing quality education of global standard. He instructed the freshers to study hard. Other speakers imparted valuable advice, encouraging students to prioritize punctuality and maintain focus.



Orientation program for newly enrolled students of the Autumn 2022 semester of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) took place on 15 September 2022 at the CIU Auditorium. University freshmen were given a reception in a joyful environment.

Terming CIU as a family, the VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said in his speech of the Chair that the first day of campus life is a memorable one for the freshers. "The aim of the students admitted today should be building up themselves as a complete man by developing their knowledge and skills in due course of time," he added in the program. The Deans and Registrar also addressed the students during the event. A cultural program by CIU students performing folk songs, poems and dance performances marked the grand closing of the festivity.

Prof. Dr. Tamgid Visits CIU Business School



Prof. Dr. Tamgid Ahmed Chowdhury, Director, E/MBA Programs of North South University (NSU) paid a courtesy visit to the CIU Business School of Chittagong Independent University on 24 May 2022. During the visit, an Exchange of Views was held between Prof. Chowdhury and the CIUBS Faculty Members on exploring joint research opportunities, and other academic affairs. Prof. Chowdhury handed over a book authored by him to the CIUBS Faculty Members while he was presented with a copy of the CIU Journal as a gift.

A Talk by Dr. Sujit Kumar Dutta at Department of English

The **Department of English, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS)** of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) in association with American Corner, Chittagong, organized a talk titled '**Diaspora: Adjustments and Maladjustments**' on 16 June 2022 at CIU American Corner.

Professor Dr. Sujit Kumar Dutta, Professor, English & Communications, George Brown College, Toronto, Canada (Retired Professor, Department of English, Chittagong University) was the Key Speaker, while Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English, SLASS conducted the program.

Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, the Dean of SLASS, and Dr. Shah Ahmed, Associate Professor, Department of English, spoke on the program among others. A good number of English Faculty Members from other universities and students attended it.

The Main Speaker Dr. Sujit Kumar Dutta shared the experiences of his long and illustrious teaching career, both home and abroad. He also shared his views on higher education.

The Department of English under School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, regularly arranges workshops, seminars, and talks to facilitate connections between students, scholars, and professionals.



SSE Organizes Sports Festival



Independent University Science and Engineering Club (iSEC), Chittagong Independent University organized a day-long sports event for the Engineering students on 16 June 2022 at Chatto Turf, Nasirabad, Chattogram with enthusiasm and festivity.

Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Dean, School of Science & Engineering (SSE), CIU distributed prizes among the winners as the Chief Guest after the competition. "The role of sports is very important in building a beautiful and healthy life"-he added in his speech.

Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor, and Convener of iSEC, monitored the program. Teachers, Heads and a good number of students of SSE attended the event. It had two parts: Boys' Football and Girls' Cricket. Two teams namely '**Kreigerz**' and '**Supernovas**' became the champions in the sports event. Girls' team showed great talent in bowling and batting in the cricket match.

The sports event welcomed all sports enthusiasts from the School of Science & Engineering, from seasoned players of cricket and football lovers, to be part of this exciting sports event. CIU's extracurricular activities play a significant role in enriching student-to-student connections and fostering a strong sense of teamwork.

Firefighting Exercise held at CIU



Sudden fire! Teachers and students were shocked!!! But this was not a real incident. Fire extinguishers rushed in with moment's notice. The **Administration Department**, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized two firefighting demonstration (awareness) programs titled '**Firefighting Exercise**' on 16 June 2022 at CIU campus. Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, Director, Administration, & Acting Director, Planning and Development, Senior Administrative officers, and Junior Staffs attended the exercise.

The eyewitness stated that this demonstration added value to their practical life. They believe this session will be an expedient solution to quickly overcome any unpredictable situation which may take place at CIU.

Inter-University Public Speaking Championship 2022



A 10-day long Public Speaking competition titled '**Inter-University Public Speaking Championship 2022**' ended on 29 June 2022 at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) auditorium. **SLASS Debating Society (SDS)**, CIU organized the event, where a total of 62 contestants from 8 universities of Chittagong took part. Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences distributed prizes among the winners as the Chair after the competition. 'If you want to improve your communications skills, there is no alternative to enriching your knowledge with new information along with practice'-he added in his speech. Winners of the competition were Md. Fokrul Islam Rabby (Champion), Keya Chanda (First Runner-up) and Turjo Barua (Second Runner-up). Mr. Asiqur Rahman, Chief Moderator of SDS & faculty member of the English department coordinated the event. Dr. Shah Ahmed, Associate Professor, Department of English delivered a speech in the program. Teachers, Judges, debaters, and a good number of participants from different universities were present.

CIU Joins Hand with City Bank for City Alo Program



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and **The City Bank Limited** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) titled '**The City Alo Certification**' to work together for different causes related to women entrepreneurship on 19 July 2022 at CIU Conference Room.

Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Registrar, CIU, and **Mr. Sheikh Mohammad Maroof**, AMD & Chief Business Officer, The City Bank Limited signed the agreement on their respective behalf.

CIU VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury witnessed the signing ceremony. CIU faculty members, Senior Administrative officers and City Bank officials were present among others in the program.



The City Alo Certification Program, conducted in collaboration with Chittagong Independent University (CIU), is a business certification program for women entrepreneurs in Chattogram region. Through this specially designed program, women entrepreneurs can get in-depth knowledge of managing a successful business and also gather knowledge on many other crucial topics related to business.

An inauguration program was held on 27 August 2022 at American Corner, Chittagong, while a total of 27 women entrepreneurs from different walks of life have participated in the program.

Mr. Tuhin Ahmed, Unit Head of Women Banking Branch (City Alo Enterprise), City Bank Limited, **Mr. Anisur Rahman**, Chittagong Regional Head of Branch, Professor Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dean of CIU Business School, faculty members- Professor Dr. Mir Mohammad Nurul Absar, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Associate Professor Dr. Engineer Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Assistant Professor Abu Sohel Mahmud, Faculty Members and Assistant Director of HR Ashrafal Haque were present.



The certificate giving ceremony of **City Alo Certification Program** with Chittagong Independent University was held on 15 October 2022 at City Bank Corporate Branch, Agrabad, Chittagong. Certificates were handed over to the students of the first batch.

Ms. Nasrin Akter, Head of City Alo, Women Banking stated that our program is aimed to help the women who want to establish themselves as entrepreneurs.

Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Director of CEISD of CIU, said that women entrepreneurs need confidence first to move forward. "There will be obstacles, so don't hold back creativity by shutting yourself down."

The entire program was conducted by Mr. Tuhinur Alam, Unit Head (City Alo Enterprise) of City Bank.

Professor Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dean of CIUBS, Professor Dr. Mir Mohammad Nurul Absar, CIUBS, Mr. Mridul Kanti Sushil, Regional Head of City Bank Limited, Chittagong, Mr. Anisur Rahman, Regional Head of Branch, Ashrafal Haque, Assistant Director of HR, CIU were present.

Mr. Arman Mofiz Visits CIU



Mr. Arman Mofiz, Bangladesh Regional Adviser of University of Portsmouth, UK paid a courtesy call on Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Chittagong Independent University at his office on 7 August 2022.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest, specially the potential for academic and research collaboration between the two universities.

Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, Director, Administration, CIU attended the meeting. The Vice Chancellor handed over a souvenir to the guest.

CIUBS Futsal Contest 2022

The day-long **CIUBS Futsal Contest- 2022** ends with great enthusiasm at the ground of Chatto Turf on 6 August 2023. As many as 14 teams comprising the students, alumni of CIU Business School, and CIU Staff took part in the event.

The team **Kreigers FC** became the undefeated champion while team **Berzerk FC** was the runner-up.

Mr. Ishtiqak Karim Shafin was the top scorer of the tournament while Mr. Zuhayer Kyas and Mr. Wazid Mostafa became the Player of Tournament and Best Goal Keeper respectively.

Prof. Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dean, CIU Business School remained present as the Chief Guest at the prize giving ceremony while Mr. Abu Sohel Mahmood, Proctor, CIU & In Charge, CIU Sports Club attended the event.

Furthermore, the gallery were filled with a good number of CIU students who cheered on their favorite team. Their presence further enkindled the ambience of the contest.



CIU Engineers' Fest 2022



Independent University Science and Engineering Club (ISEC), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a colorful program titled **CIU Engineers' Fest 2022** on 11 August 2022 at Hotel Agrabad, Chattogram.

The two-part program began with welcome speeches. CIU VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chief Guest, while Mr. Bishwajit Chowdhury, Joint Editor, The Daily Prothom Alo was present as the Special Guest. In the following segment, the SSE students showcased their talents through a colorful cultural program in the evening.

Professor Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Dean, SSE presided over the program. CIU Deans, Head of different Departments both Academic and Administrative, guardians and students attended the cultural event.

Mr. Abdul Hai Sarkar Visits CIU



Former Chairman of Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) Mr. Abdul Hai Sarkar paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury on 5 September 2022.

Mr. Abdul Hai Sarkar is currently also serving as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB).

During the meeting, they discussed on quality education in Chittagong, modernization of syllabus and the possibilities of academic and research collaboration between CIU and IUB, Dhaka. Deans, Heads of different Departments, Faculty Members and the Registrar were present. Mr. Sarker appreciated the learning ambience of CIU during his visit.

Corporate Series: Connecting CIU Student with the Corporate World



The **9th Corporate Talk**, organized by the **CIU Business School**, was held on Wednesday, Aug 17, 2022 at the CIU Auditorium. **Mr. Mominul Islam**, MD & CEO of IPDC Finance Ltd. was present as the Key Speaker of the event which it was attended by the CIUBS Faculty Members, Sr. officials of IPDC Finance, and a large number of students from the CIU Business School.

Having shared his corporate experience towards becoming the youngest MD in the financial sector, the Key Speaker stressed on perseverance, passion for learning and sense of purpose in order for becoming successful in a career. The event was followed by a Q/A session.

Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Professor & Dean, CIUBS said, "A part of our continuous efforts to excel in providing transformative business education, we arrange these corporate talks. Listening to the stories from the business leaders about their real life challenges, achievements and philosophies, our graduates can prepare themselves well for their journey to the corporate arena. Also, these events give them invaluable opportunities to expand their network."



Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) organized a Corporate Talk titled '**Voice of Home-Grown Managing Director**' on 17 November 2022 at the CIU Auditorium. The Main Speaker of this program was **Mr. Zahir Uddin Ahmed**, Managing Director, Confidence Cement Limited. Professor Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dean, CIUBS presided over the program, while Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar presented the resume of the Main Speaker in the event.

Mr. Zahir Uddin Ahmed in his speech stated that the greatest knowledge in the world is to know one's limitations and try to correct those limitations. Students should always maintain positive thoughts and positive attitude.

Ms. Jamila Akhter, student of BBA, anchored the program. A good number of teachers and students attended the program.

2nd Admission Tests held



2nd Admission Tests for different schools for **Autumn-2022 Semester** were held smoothly at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) campus on 13 September 2022. A good number of students attended the written test for the privilege of getting a place.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, inspected the examination halls accompanied by the Deans, Proctor, Department Chairs, Controller of Examinations and Registrar.

The attended examinees were very optimistic with their admission test results and expressed their expectations that they would embark on their academic journey together at CIU.

Admission seekers from various colleges in and around Chattogram took part in the admission test. Guardians were seen accompanying their wards to the campus on the day of the admission test.

Book Distribution Ceremony



Department of English, Chittagong Independent University organized a book-giving ceremony program for the 2nd-semester students, who successfully completed their first semester of the university on 18 September 2022 at Room-1702, SLASS, CIU.

Dr. Shah Ahmed, Associate Professor and Dean, Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Visiting Scholar and Faculty Advisor, Ms. Shakila Mustaque, Lecturer, Mr. Asiqur Rahman, Lecturer and students of SLASS were present in the program.

The students were very happy to receive books as gifts on the occasion. They stated that the first semester campus life of CIU was so wonderful that it tripped by on rosy wings!

Vibrant Admission Festivals Held at CIU



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a two-day long **Admission Festival for Autumn 2022** in a festive atmosphere. CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury inaugurated the program on 4 September 2022 by releasing balloons into the sky.

He expressed that the students will achieve success in the future with the combination of patience, diligence, hard work and talent.

Deans of different Schools, Academic Advisors, Heads of different Departments and the Registrar attended the program. Convener Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar conducted the event.

A colorful cultural presentation was part of the admission festival which added further festive mode. The current students' spontaneous participation in this festival was highly notable.

Tanveer Ahmed, a new student from Haliashahar, Chattogram said, "I am impressed to see the environment of the CIU campus. I like the learning environment. Please pray for me."



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a day-long **Admission Festival** for Spring 2023 semester on 8 December 2022 at CIU Campus. CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury inaugurated the program by releasing balloons into the sky. In his inaugural speech, the CIU VC stated that education in the global context has expanded greatly. CIU seeks to nurture students in such a way that they become assets to the society and the country. Convener Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar conducted the event while Deans of different Schools, Academic Advisors, Heads of different Departments, Registrar attended the program. The Admission Festival provided an opportunity for prospective students to interact with faculty members, staff and current students of CIU and offered financial waiver on spot admission.

Nuzhat Sultana, admission seeker who came from Haliashahar, told the PR team that she enjoyed the idea of opening the doors of the University for the Prospective Admission Seekers. She added that she is a book lover since her childhood and she was amazed to see the CIU library and specially the Mujib Corner.

MoU Signing with P2P and Evercare Hospital Chattogram



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and **P2P** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 5 September 2022 at CIU Conference Room. Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Registrar, CIU, and **Mr. Mostofa Ashrafal Islam Alvi**, Managing Director, P2P signed the agreement on their respective behalf.

Under this MoU, CIU students will get an opportunity to do internship in various departments of P2P including CRM, Sales, Brand, Marketing and Engineering. P2P will also offer job opportunity for deserving CIU interns. CIU VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury witnessed the signing ceremony. CIU faculty members, Senior Administrative officers, P2P officials were present among others in the program.



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and **Evercare Hospital Chattogram** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 28 September 2022 at CIU Conference Room.

Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Registrar of CIU, and **Ms. Farah Sultana Shahid**, Head of Corporate Marketing, Business Development, Evercare Hospital, signed the MoU on behalf of respective organizations.

Under this agreement, CIU VC, teachers, students, management staff and their families will enjoy discounts on healthcare facilities offered by the Evercare Hospital Chattogram. Deans, Departmental Heads and Administrative Officials attended the program.

Autumnal Melody 2022



English Club, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a colorful program titled '**Autumnal Melody 2022**' on 20 October 2022 at CIU Auditorium. The event was memorable for all the students and teachers. The Chief Guest Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, the Vice Chancellor of CIU was delightfully enjoyed their performance and wished them well.

Ms. Sanjida Afrin, Lecturer, and Acting Moderator of English Club, chaired the program, while Dr. Shah Ahmed, Dean, Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Advisor of SLASS, Mr. Kazi Md. Siful Aspea, Head, Department of English were present among others. Mr. Asiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor, SLASS coordinated the whole program. **Israt, Mortuza and Nil**, three students of SLASS, anchored the program.

The schedule also included the famous story 'The Necklace', thematic music, drama 'Bhadra Samaj Jat' based on the culture of Noakhali and Chittagong.

Seminar on 'Nuclear Power Plant and Reactor Design'



School of Science and Engineering (SSE), Chittagong Independent University organized a seminar titled '**Nuclear Power Plant and Reactor Design**' on 20 October 2022 at CIU campus. **Mr. Palash Kumar Bhowmik**, Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Idaho National Laboratory, USA was the Main Speaker of the program, while a good number of students attended in the event.

Mr. Palash Kumar Bhowmik stated that if advanced technology is used, nuclear power will become a breakthrough resource in developing countries like Bangladesh in the future.

During this time he presented various images of natural gas and energy resources to the students of the university. Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Dean, SSE presided over the program, while Dr. Rubell Sen Goopta, Assistant Professor, SSE conducted the seminar.

School of Science and Engineering regularly organizes this type of seminar.

EBL Conducts Campus Recruitment



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a **campus recruitment** event with **Eastern Bank Limited (EBL)**, a leading commercial bank of Bangladesh on 27 October 2022 at CIU Auditorium.

The top participant students will be getting opportunity to work with EBL as Trainee Officers and subsequently be absorbed as Assistant Officers.

The event conducted a written test followed by an interview session in which a good number of students from CIU participated.

Mr. Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, Branch Area Head, **Mr. Nazran Kabir**, Manager, **Mr. Riyad Hossain**, Head of People's Acquisition, EBL were present Among others.

Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Acting Director, Career Planning Placement Counseling, CIU conducted the program.

Professor Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dean, and Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Head, General Management & HRM, CIUBS spoke prior to the program.

The representatives from EBL were happy with the huge number of participants and expressed their desire for further cooperation with CIU.

Public Speaking Workshop



A session on public speaking organized by Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) was held on 22 November 2022 for the students of Business Communication and Soft Skills Lab. It was conducted by **Mr. Md Golam Dastagir Jony**, CEO of Brainyard Academy of Smart Skills.

It was a highly interactive session where the Key Speaker shared various tips and techniques for effective public speaking. The event ended with a question-answer session. Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Assistant Professor, CIU Business School was present as well. He stated that in the era of AI one of the most sought after soft skill would be to communicate effectively and therefore CIUBS ensures that the students at CIU are equipped with this essential skill through these types of events.

Director of Alliance Francaise Chittagong Meets CIU VC



Director of Alliance Francaise Chittagong Mr. Bruno Lacrampe called on Chittagong Independent University (CIU) Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury at his office on 10 November 2022. Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Registrar, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Controller of Examinations, Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, Director, Administration and Dr. Gurupada Chakraborty, Deputy Director of Alliance Francaise Chittagong were present on the occasion. The VC thanked the guest for his visit to CIU and his interest in supporting CIU students for higher studies in France.

Intra CIU Case Championship 2022



The closing ceremony of '**Intra CIU Case Championship**' powered by PFEC GLOBAL was held on 23 November 2022 at the Chittagong Independent University (CIU) Auditorium. **CIU Intrinsic Finance Club** organized the event. Over 23 teams participated in the competition and the School of Law team '**Hope**' emerged as the Champion, and the Business School team '**Market Mogul**' became the Runner-Up.

Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Assistant Professor of CIU Business School, and Ms. Sharmin Akhter, Student Counselor of PFEC Global spoke on the occasion. Sharara Sultana Hasan, President of the Club presided the event. Rahim Hossain and Niloy Karmkar, two students of CIUBS conducted the event. At the end of the function, the names of the new committee of Intrinsic Finance Club were announced.

Chowdhury Siam Sazid of the team '**Market Mogul**' stated that competition like this may help improve their management and problem-solving skills and enrich their knowledge.

CIU intrinsic Club organizes case competitions every year to prepare students for their future professions as the case study method helps students develop problem solving, critical reasoning, analytical thinking and teamwork skills.

Autumn Tech Fest 2022



Independent Science and Engineering Club (ISEC), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a day long program titled 'Autumn Tech Fest-2022' on 30 November 2022 at Ground Floor, Roksana Manzil, CIU. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, CIU Vice Chancellor was the Chief Guest in the program, while Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Dean, SSE presided over the program. Dr. Rubell Sen Goopta, Assistant Professor, SSE spoke on the event.

More than 200 students in 15 teams participated in the event where the participants presented their projects and ideas. Three teams were declared as the Champion and Runners-Up. The guests handed over crests and certificates to all the winning teams.

Pritu Ghosh, a member of the champion team said, "It is difficult to express with words how much my team members were dedicative to gather ideas for this fest." The event was hosted by **Jayantika Sinha**, a student of SSE.

Vibrant Club Activities at CIU



Independent Marketing Club (IMC) of Chittagong Independent University organized a program titled 'Career Counselling' on 31 May 2022 at CIU Auditorium. **Mr. Kazi Naim**, Founder & CEO, Kore Search conducted the program while a good number of students were present. The Key Speaker highlighted the importance of job performance, employee interaction, job commitment and leadership quality.



Chittagong Independent University Intrinsic Finance Club (CIU-IFC) organized a training program titled 'Investment in Stock Market' on 9 June 2022 at CIU Auditorium. **LankaBangla Securities Limited** was the Strategic Partner of the program.

Mr. Mohammad Amir Hossain, General Manager and Regional Chief, LankaBangla Securities Limited was present as the Chief Guest while Professor Dr. Syed Manzur Qader, Faculty-in-Charge, presided over the program. The discussants emphasized the importance of the money and capital markets.



Chittagong Independent University-HRM Society (CIU HRM Society) in association with **BRAC Institute of Skills Development** conducted a seminar titled 'BRAC-Opportunity and Office Management' on 16 June 2022 at the CIU Auditorium.

Mr. Md. Raihan Chowdhury, Area Manager, Skill Development Program, BRAC, was the Keynote Speaker, while Mr. Ashikul Mahmud Erfan, Lecturer, CIU Business School and Faculty-in-Charge of CIU HRM Society presided over the program.

The speakers highlighted the importance of job performance, employee interaction, public speaking, networking, career planning, office management and leadership quality. The program attracted large number of enthusiastic participants.

Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Professor and Head, General Management & HRM and Ms. Muzdalifa Anzum, Adjunct Lecturer, CIU Business School were present.



Independent Marketing Club (IMC) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a day long program titled 'Sparkling Entrepreneur' on 28 June 2022 at CIU premises. CIU VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury inaugurated the program as the Chief Guest. He observed that this kind of event would inspire CIU students to build a developed country in the future. Dr. Robaka Shamsher, Faculty-in-Charge, IMC presided over the program, while Deans and Heads of different Departments, Faculty Members, Administrative Officials and Students attended the program. There were 9 participating stalls in the fair, while two stalls were declared the best in the program. The Two stalls are: 'FabulousSs Three' and 'Foodies'. The students were profoundly excited and satisfied with the event organized by IMC. Stalls of various kinds of products including tasty foods, clothes, handicrafts, and paintings attracted attention of the visitors at the fair.



Three-Day Long workshop ended on 13 October 2022 at CIU campus organized by **Chittagong Independent University** Robotics Club to mark their club journey. Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Associate Professor and founder of the CIU Robotics Club conducted the whole program. He discussed the various aspects of Robotics including the use of Arduino Uno, an Open Source Microcontroller Board and use of different Sensors and actuators to the participants. Each of the three sessions was held for three hours, while 24 students participated in each session.

"The entire world is moving forward through the 4th industrial Revolution and Robotics is an integral part of it" added Tahsin Tasnim Mim, a student of Engineering School who participated in the workshop.

CIU Robotics Club works for the School of Science & Engineering students with the objective to facilitate students to understand, design and learn Robotics and to provide interested students with opportunities to express their skills, knowledge, and creativity through conceptualizing, designing, and programming robots.



Chittagong Independent University-HRM Society (CIU-HRM Society) conducted a classroom session titled '**Sharpening Session 3.0: Boost Up Your Mental Health**' on 16 November 2022.

Ms. Tofa Hakim, Psychologist (Co-founder, Managing Partner & Consultant Psychologist) of Serenity-PSS Center, was the Guest Speaker. The session highlighted the importance of mental health, how to handle stress, and how to improve our lifestyle. A good number of students attended and participated in the program having fun yet thoughtful discussions.

The students experienced a continuous session on mental health at their campus.

The club's Faculty-in-Charge Mr. Ashikul Mahmud Erfan commented, 'Mental health awareness is crucial because it helps us understand our emotions and reactions. University students face intense academic and social pressure, which can trigger anxiety, depression, and isolation. By recognizing these challenges, universities can create supportive environments and students can seek help without stigma, leading to a more fulfilling learning experience.'



Creative Writers' Club, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a workshop on '**Gothic Writing**' on 13 October 2022 at Minhaj Complex. Dr. Shah Ahmed, Associate Professor and Dean of SLASS gave an introduction of Gothic Writing/ Literature drawing an allusion from Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'. Mr. Kazi Siful Aspea, Head of the English Department shared his opinion on Gothic Writing along with his petrifying experience while reading Amitav Ghosh's 'The Calcutta Chromosome'. Ms. Shakila Mustaque, Assistant Professor, SLASS, and Club Moderator encouraged students to move forward with enthusiasm. Apart from the English Department, students from SoL and CIUBS also participated in this workshop.

Farah Tasnim, General Secretary, Samanta Sabbir, Executive Member, Afsana Jahan Wadud, Media Secretary of Creative Writers' Club coordinated the whole program.



Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of Chittagong Independent University inaugurated **SLASS Cultural Club** on 17 November 2022 at CIU Campus. The members of the new club arranged a day-long program including a colorful cultural show.

The CIU VC wished all the best to the members of the club. He said, "Bengali culture has a glorious tradition. I hope SLASS Cultural Club will create an impression of fascination in the coming days to spread among the new generation".

Ms. Leema Sen Gupta, Assistant Professor, and advisor of the club presided over the program. The Dean, Head of the English Department, Faculty Members and Students were present in the program.

The event held Folk-Gaan, traditional dance performances, recitation, etc.

Autandrilla Chakroborty, a student MA in English and an active member of CIU SLASS Cultural Club stated that the club is formed with a aim to promote the Benglai Culture noted for its songs, music, dance and drama. The Club will organize year round quality cultural programmes.



Chittagong Independent University Social Welfare Society (CIU-SWS) and Lions Club of Chittagong Parijat Elite jointly organized a Free Medical Campaign on 18 November 2022 at Pathantooly City Corporation Boy's High School, Chattogram. Students and teachers of CIU took Active part in the campaign. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Associate Professor, CIUBS, while Lion Sheikh Shamsuddin Ahmed Siddiqui (PMJF) was the Chief Guest in the program. It offered basic health Diagnostics such as eye, dental, general health checkup, blood grouping and diabetes tests, ear and nose piercings free of cost.



Creative Writers' Club, Chittagong Independent University organized a cultural event titled 'Spooky Celebration' on 1 December 2022 at CIU Students Center.

In the program, the students played roles of the popular characters of the stories and novels written by three famous writers of English Literature: **Christopher Marlowe, William Shakespeare, and Emily Bronte**. CIU VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was the Chief Guest at the event. Dr. Shah Ahmed, Dean of SLASS, and Mr. Kazi Md. Siful Aspa, the Head of the Department of English were present among others. Ms. Shakila Mustaque, Assistant Professor, and Moderator of the club presided over the program.

Mumtahena, Samanta, Trisha, Nujhat, Nudrat, Puja, Sumit, Asif, Rabiul, Nayan, Ryan, Tushar, Simran and Tahsina, played different roles in the program. Farah Tasnim wrote the script of the stories.

Tahsina Chowdhury Taha, President of the club illustrated feelings of the participants who took part in such program for the very first time. The stage performances enthralled the audiences and rejuvenated the students of the department. The Chief Guest hopes that the Department of English will keep the endeavour up.

Student Visits: Exploring the Real World



A team from **CIU Business School** comprising students of various departments went to an Industrial Tour to the **BSRM Mirsharai Plant**, Mirsharai, Chattogram. The objectives of visiting this state-of-the-art factory of BSRM were to provide the students with a field experience idea about the business operations at source as well as to infuse them with the entrepreneurial spirit.

The tour was also attended by Dr. M. Nayeem Abdullah, Dean, CIU Business School, Dr. MM Nurul Absar, Head, Dept. of HRM, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Head, Dept. of IB, and Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Head, Dept. of Accounting.



A group of students from the **Department of General Management and HRM**, CIU Business School, Chittagong Independent University visited **KDS Accessories Ltd** on 20 October 2022 to complement their coursework and classroom activities.

During the visit, they gained first hand knowledge of a standard people-intensive factory setup and operations, particularly from the Management and HRM perspectives. Students were accompanied by their Department faculty members Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Ms. Tamanna Binte Zaman and Mr. Ashikul Mahmud Erfan. Mr. Anwarul Azam, Vice President of Admin and HR, KDS Accessories Ltd guided the tour at the site.



A group of final year LLB students of **School of Law**, Chittagong Independent University visited **Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Court-4** as a part of their Live-in-Field-Experience (LFE) program on 10 November 2022. The activities of the entire program was monitored by Mr. Adnan Kabir and Ms. Sanjana Haque, both Lecturers from Sol. **Mr. Kazi Sharif**, Judge, CMM Court-4 was present during the visit.

During the visit, the students gained hands-on experience in different sectors of our judiciary system, including trial procedure of metropolitan judge court, civil and criminal proceedings, etc.



Two groups of students from the **Department of Accounting and Department of Finance and Economics**, Chittagong Independent University visited **Pacific Jeans, CEPZ, Chattogram** as a part of their coursework and classroom activities on 4 December 2022. They gathered first-hand knowledge on its operations, particularly from the Management and HRM perspectives.

Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury led the team, while Professor Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah and Ms. Umme Humaira, Lecturer of CIUBS accompanied the students.

Mr. Ajay Shil, AGM of Pacific Jeans Ltd. briefed the students about the factory.



A number of senior students of **Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS)** visited **Khadim Nagar Cha Bagan, Khushir Gul, and Mokamer Gul, Sylhet** from 20-24 December 2022 under the Live-in-Field-Experience (LFE) course.

Later, the students presented their life, general situation of the area, economic income pattern and other issues in the form of reports.

The activities of the entire program was monitored by Professor Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Associate Professor Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, and Lecturer Ms. Umme Humaira, CIUBS.

The **Live-in-Field-Experience (LFE)** program at CIU exemplifies the university's innovative approach to education, seamlessly blending academic theory with real-world applications.

National Mourning Day 2022



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed the **National Mourning Day 2022** commemorating the 47th Martyrdom Anniversary of Father of the Nation **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman** and the members of his family, who were brutally killed on the frightful night of 15 August in 1975. The National Day Observance Committee of CIU organized a discussion on 15 August 2022 with due solemnity, which was attended by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury as well as the teachers, students and staffs of the university. Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Convener of the committee presided over the program. Several speakers also spoke on Bangabandhu's contribution.

CIU Celebrates Sheikh Russel Day 2022



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) celebrated **Sheikh Russel Day 2022** as part of a nationwide celebration of the birthday of Sheikh Russel, the youngest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The National Day Observance Committee of CIU organized a discussion program on 18 October 2022 at the CIU Conference Room, which was attended by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury as well as the teachers and staffs of the university.

Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Convener of the committee presided over the program.

CIU Observes Martyred Intellectuals Day 2022

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed the **Martyred Intellectuals Day (Shahid Buddhijibi Dibosh)** with due solemnity on 14 December 2022 at the CIU Conference Room. A discussion program was organized by the National Day Observance committee with the Vice Chancellor as Chair.

While addressing the program, VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said, "The intellectuals wanted an independent state. Only one country's name was written in their thoughts, ideals and values, that is Bangladesh. So we have to work for the new Bangladesh along the path shown by them."

Among others, Deans and Heads of different Departments, Faculty Members, the Registrar and Administrative officials attended the program.

Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Convener of the committee conducted the program.



Victory Day 2022

Chittagong Independent University celebrated the Victory Day on 16 December 2022 with due festivity and grandeur. To mark the day, the university organized a program including discussion session which was attended by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury as well as the teachers and staffs of the university. The Vice Chancellor in his speech, mentioned that the real victory would come only when we collectively move our beloved country forward in all areas. CIU National Day Observance Committee organized the program, while Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Convener of the committee conducted the program. CIU students enthusiastically participate in and celebrate National Days on campus with great zeal and fervor. Such celebrations strengthen the bond among students and promote a spirit of national identity and solidarity.



Photo Gallery



Prof. Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Director, IQAC, CIU, and Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Additional Director, IQAC, CIU, paid a visit to the Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC), Dhaka in order to attend a series of training programs held at the Council's training room on 1 June 2022.



Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Associate Professor, CIUBS, Mr. Kazi Md. Saiful Aspea, Assistant Professor, SLASS, Mr. Raisul Islam Rasel, Assistant Professor, SSE and Mr. Md. Hasnath Kabir Fahim, Lecturer, SoL, CIU participated a two-day training program held on 5th and 6th June 2022 organized by UGC in Dhaka.



A group of LLB students of School of Law (SoL), Chittagong Independent University visited the District Judge Court on 8 September 2022 to gain some practical knowledge. Mr. Md. Hasnath Kabir, and Mr. Tanvir Ahmed, both Lecturer, SoL led the team.



A guest lecture session for the MBA students was held on 22 November 2022 at CIU Business School under the Applications of Corporate Finance Theory course, conducted by Mr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, First Vice President & Head of Branch, Dhaka Bank Limited.



SLASS Debating Society organized a seminar titled 'Cinematic Translation of Literary Works: Faithful or Creative?' on 11 August 2022 at Room-1701, Minhaj Complex, CIU. Dr. Shah Ahmed, Dean, SLASS was the Key Speaker in the program.



A group of CIU students playing favorite game 'carrom' during their class break. The picture is taken from the Students' Centre of CIU.

Promotions



Dr. Md. Rezaul Karim
Professor
SSE



Ms. Shakila Mustaque
Assistant Professor
SLASS



Mr. Sayeed Hasan
Assistant Professor
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Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar
Professor & Head
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Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah
Professor & Head
Dept. of Finance



Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury
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Dept. of Marketing



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Mr. Kazi Md. Siful Aspea
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Mr. Mohammad Faruk Hossain
Lecturer
SoL



Dr. Syed Manzur Quader
Professor & Dean
CIUBS



Dr. Shah Ahmed
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Graduation Ceremony and Law Fest Spring 2022



School of Law (SoL), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a colorful program titled **'Graduation Ceremony and Law Fest Spring- 2022'** on 23 June 2022 at Ambrosia, Agrabad, Chattogram. The two-part program began with welcome speeches by the program convener Mr. Md. Aktarul Alam Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, SoL. CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was the Chief Guest in the program.

He emphasized that the first step in studying law is to be able to analyze a subject. Deep thinking is very important in this case. "The graduates have concluded their academic journey and are poised to enter the professional realm, they are now equipped to make meaningful contributions to their communities and the society" he added.

Vice Chancellor expressed his optimism that the graduates will maintain communication with the university and keep CIU informed about their accomplishments in their respective fields thereby enriching the alumni community and bringing pride to their alma mater.

Professor Zakir Hossain, Advisor, School of Law, presided over the program, while Deans and Heads of different Departments, Faculty Members and Administrative officials attended the program. A cultural program was also held on the occasion.



CIU Teams Win 'Startup Business Idea Contest 2022'



Two teams from Chittagong Independent University (CIU) won the Champion and Runners-up trophies in the **'Startup Business Idea Contest 2022'** organized by **Junior Chamber International (JCI) Chittagong Cosmopolitan** on 1 October 2022 at the GEC Convention Hall. In addition to CIU, students from several public and private universities of Chittagong participated in the competition.

The members of champion team **'BRAVO'** from CIU are **Saidul Azhar Rishi, Amina Hasan, Niloy Karmakar and Amanur Rahman**. Their topic in the competition was to make soft toys for children by processing harmful discarded cigarette filters.

The Runners-Up team **'ALFA'** members are **Mufaddal Abbasi, Umme Hani Chowdhury, Tarek Jasim and Henadi Jasim**. Their topic was to get instant assistance through a mobile app to repair a car when it breaks down.

RJM Footwear Limited Managing Director **Mr. Jasim Ahmed**, Shopup Chief of Staff **Mr. Ziaul Haque Bhuiyan** and JCI National President **Irfan Haque** were the judges of the competition.

Scholarships

Students studying at CIU receive generous financial support from the university. There are various categories of support such as Merit Scholarship, Tuition Fees Scholarship, Board Merit Scholarship, Merit Based Scholarship, Sibling Scholarship, Ethnic Minorities Scholarship, etc.

The following amount was disbursed as financial support to CIU students in Summer 2022 & Autumn 2022.

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Undergraduate	2,05,51,020/-
Graduate	81,89,500/-
Autumn 2022	
Undergraduate	2,11,04,300/-
Graduate	79,66,000/-



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