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Board of Trustees Meeting

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its 22nd Board of Trustees (BoT) meeting in the University Conference Room on October 30, 2024. The meeting was presided over by the BoT Chairman Trustee Lutfu M Ayub. Important decisions were made regarding CIU's permanent campus development and key administrative matters. Distinguished trustees in

attendance included Trustee Dilruba Ahmed, Trustee Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Ismail Dobash, Trustee Md. Amin Helaly, Trustee Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Mirza Salman Ispahani, Trustee Habibullah Khan, Trustee Hefazatur Rahman, Trustee Safia G. Rahman and Professor Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Vice Chancellor, CIU.

CIU Job Fair 2023: Bridging the gap between students and employers



The Career Planning and Placement Counselling Office of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) successfully organized the CIU Job Fair 2023 at the University campus on July 20, 2023.

The objective of the job fair was to bridge the gap between aspiring students, and potential employers facilitating meaningful connections and opportunities for career development.

The fair was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of CIU, who visited the stalls and talked to the representatives of the participating organizations and thanked them for their collaboration and support towards empowering the future workforce.

Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Professor, CIUBS, Prof. Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, the Convener of the CIU Job Fair Committee 2023, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Member Secretary, along with the Deans of the four schools, the Registrar, and other prominent members were present at the event.

A total of 23 renowned national and multinational companies from diverse industries participated in the fair.

Syndicate Meeting



The 37th meeting of the Syndicate of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held on October 6, 2024 at the Conference Room of the university. The Vice Chancellor of CIU Professor Dr. M M Nurul Absar presided over the meeting.

Mr. Mukesh Chandra Biswas, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Education and Government of Bangladesh nominated syndicate member, Dr. Sheikh Muhammad Humayun Kabir, Professor, CUET and UGC nominated syndicate member, Trustee Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Dilruba Ahmed, Prof. Dr. M Ayub Islam, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dr. Rubell Sen Goopta, the Treasurer, CIU and Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Registrar, CIU and Member Secretary of Syndicate attended the meeting which took a number of important decisions.

Academic Council Meeting

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its 23rd Academic Council Meeting on September 25, 2024 at the Conference Room of the University. Professor Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Vice Chancellor of CIU presided over the meeting. Trustee Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Safia G. Rahman, Deans, Faculty Advisors, Heads of the Departments, the Registrar and the Controller of Examinations (on invitation) attended the meeting. A number of important decisions were taken at the meeting. The meeting reviewed the student enrollment status and approved the academic calendars as presented. The meeting also reviewed the scholarship and financial aid policies and approved both for implementation. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



Orientation Programs for Freshers



To welcome the freshers, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized an Orientation Program on November 11, 2024 at the CIU Auditorium.

The Treasurer, Deans, Heads of the Departments, both Academic and Administrative, briefed about various rules and facilities of the university to the freshers.

Welcoming the newly admitted students, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar stated, "You are about to embark on a new journey that will shape the rest of your life. CIU is proud to be your partner on this journey."

The Orientation Program concluded with cultural performances by the CIU Cultural Club.

Admission Tests

Admission Tests of different programs for Summer, Autumn and Spring Semesters were held at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) campus on January 8, 2023, May 23, 2023, August 22, 2023, September 12, 2023, October 1, 2023, December 9, 2023, January 16, 2024, April 29, 2024, May 19, 2024, July 10, 2024, September 23, 2024, October 28, 2024 and December 10, 2024 separately.

The Vice Chancellor of CIU, accompanied by the Treasurer, Deans, the Proctor, Departmental Heads, the Controller of Examinations and the Registrar, inspected the halls during the tests.

A good number of students sat for written tests for the privilege of getting a place in the schools of their choice.

Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Vice Chancellor of CIU, said, "We are determined to select the right candidate for the right course by preparing effective question papers in our admission tests."

Admission seekers from various colleges in and around Chattogram took part in these admission tests.



Basanta Baron Uthshob



Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club celebrated Spring Festivals '**Basanta Baron & Pitha Uthshob**' on February 13, 2023, and March 4, 2024 at CIU campus separately.

The festivals were observed with colorful cultural performances in which the CIU Vice Chancellor, Deans, Teachers, Students of different schools attended.

In both cases, the two-part programs began with the Pitha Festival in the morning. Every stall featured traditional pitha pastries that have been lost in rural Bengal. Puli, chital, nakshi, patisapta, pakhon, fried in oil... and so much more! The boys put on yellow Punjabis and the girls yellow sarees following the tradition. Many were seen taking selfies.

Dr. Robaka Shamsher, Associate Professor, CIUBS, and Convener of the Club conducted the program. Zinan, Sharmi, Sanjana, Hiramoni, Rezwan, Siam, Riya, Barsha, Tandra, Arijit,

Ishmam, Jamil, Sakib, Puja, Saba, Purna, Alpana, Dev, Shreya, Alvi, Pushpita, Shapno, and many others performed in the festivals. At the beginning of the cultural program, a group of students participated with the song 'Aha Aaj Ae Basante'. It should be mentioned here that CIU Cultural Club is playing a pivotal role in strengthening and promoting the image of the university in the cultural world.

City Alo Certification Program

The Orientation Program for '**The City Alo Certification Program**' with Chittagong Independent University (CIU) took place on March 19, 2023.

CIU joined as a new training partner for providing training to women entrepreneurs in Chittagong through City Alo's business certification course.

A good number of women entrepreneurs took part in the short training program which covered topics on the foundation of entrepreneurship, different forms of business ownership, marketing, bookkeeping for SMEs, etc.

Among others, Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Professor, CIUBS, Professor Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dean of CIU Business School, Mr. Anisur Rahman, Regional Head of City Bank Limited and Mr. Md. Ashraful Haque, Assistant Director, HR & In-charge, VC Office spoke about various aspects of the certification program.

Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Director of Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Sustainable Development (CEISD) of CIU, said that women entrepreneurs need confidence first to move forward. "There will be obstacles, but don't hold back creativity by shutting yourself down."



CIU Team Wins Public Speaking Competition



A team from Chittagong Independent University (CIU) became 'Runner-Up' at the **Public Speaking Competition** on the occasion of **World Tourism Day** on September 26, 2023.

The Peninsula, Chittagong organized the competition at its Jinia Hall, where a total of 12 public and private universities took part including CIU.

From there, CIU team achieved the honor of becoming Runner-Up in a tough competition. The topic of this year's competition was 'Impact of Green Investment in the Tourism Industry'.

The winning team of CIU had 11 members led by Mohammad Manjur Hossain. At the end of the competition, the Runner-Up team was awarded a crest. Meanwhile, the teachers of CIU congratulated the winning members for their achievement.

It should be mentioned here that The Peninsula has been nurturing a pool of talented students by organizing such events every year on World Tourism Day.

Maternal Health Voucher Scheme of Bangladesh: Lessons for Future Policy Directions in Maternal Health

Institute of Governance, Development, and International Studies (IGDIS), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) jointly organized a program titled '**Maternal Health Voucher Scheme of Bangladesh: Lessons for Future Policy Directions in Maternal Health**' on May 31, 2023 at Room-3302, CIUBS.

The Keynote Speaker of the program was **Professor Dr. M. Mahmud Khan**, Department of Health Policy and Management, University of Georgia, Athens.

He presented the picture of maternal health in the country by highlighting the data from a survey conducted in 52 upazilas of Bangladesh. In his keynote speech, various issues including women's maternal health care, timely childbirth, newborn care, and health check-ups were highlighted.

He added that Bangladesh achieved incredible success in reducing maternal and child mortality rate. Behind this success, along with government efforts, the support of foreign NGOs is playing an important role. Medical services should be provided to everyone at their doorsteps. Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Director of IGDIS, CIU, conducted the program. At the seminar, speakers expressed their views on improving infrastructure development, quality and scope of services at all levels across the country to achieve the goal of reducing maternal mortality rate.

A good number of teachers and students attended the program.



Fintech- the Future Money System and Unlocking the Door of Fintech Career



Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) organized a talk on '**Fintech- the Future Money System and Unlocking the Door of Fintech Career**' under the Connecting with C-Suite series on February 6, 2023 at CIU Auditorium.

Nagad's Chief Business Officer **Mr. Sheikh Aminur Rahman** was the Keynote Speaker in the program. He illustrated the various aspects of Fintech in his deliberation, and replied to a flurry of queries from the audience.

Among others, Prof. Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dean of CIUBS, delivered the opening remarks while Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Head of HRM Department passed the concluding remarks.

The event was also addressed by Mr. Rajib Biswas, Head of Chittagong Corporate, Nagad Ltd.

It was attended by a large number of participants including business students, faculty members, management staffs, and the sales team of Nagad Ltd.

Seminar on 'Next Generation Business Executives - A Global Perspective'

Institute of Governance, Development, and International Studies (IGDIS), Chittagong Independent University (CIU), and Bangladesh Center of Excellence (BCE) of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce & Industries jointly organized a knowledge sharing seminar titled 'Next Generation Business Executives - A Global Perspective' on February 2, 2023 at CIU Auditorium.

Prof. Abhilash S Nair from Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode (IIMK), India was the Keynote Speaker in the program. He stated that in the era of modern technology, the mindset, thinking, and perception of the young people are changing day by day.

Therefore, it is important to bring changes to our university curriculum, keeping in mind the talent of the new generation, he added. Prof. M M Nurul Absar, Director, IGDIS, CIU delivered the address of welcome, while Mr. Omar Mukhtar, Director of Reliance Assets and Development Ltd, a BCE Trustee Organization delivered the opening remarks. Faculty members, students, and management members participated in the event. It should be mentioned here that IGDIS, a non-teaching research institute of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) is conducting research and training programs regularly.



CIUBS Celebrates Global Entrepreneurship Week



Chittagong Independent University Business School organized a knowledge and experience sharing session on the occasion of Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) on November 14, 2023 at CIU Auditorium.

The event was graced by two young entrepreneurs **Ms. Luthmela Farid**, Vice President, Chittagong Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and **Mr. Sajeed Bin Sulaiman**, Managing Director of Soas Agro Ltd. as the Key Speakers.

In her address, Ms. Luthmela highlighted the future trend of artificial intelligence in business, entrepreneurial challenges and resilience in Bangladesh, and future course towards the net-zero business opportunities.

Mr. Sajeed Bin Sulaiman, another Key Speaker of the event, shared the experience of his corporate journey, and the story of his transition from a corporate leader to an entrepreneur. The session was ended by the concluding remarks from Prof. Dr.

Syed Manzur Quader, Dean, CIUBS. Rafiqul Alam and Jamila Akter, two students of CIU Business School hosted the program.

CIU National Debate Championship 2023

SLASS Debating Society (SDS), Chittagong Independent University successfully organized a program titled 'CIU National Debate Championship 2023' on July 8, 2023 at CIU Auditorium.

The National Debate Competition was arranged in parliamentary format and organized in the university's own campus.

Students of 18 reputed schools, colleges and universities across the country participated in this competition with great enthusiasm and excitement.

Victory came to **Chittagong University School of Debate (CUSD)** while **Noakhali Science and Technology University (NSTU)** got the place of runners up in the competition after an intense debate amongst the finalist teams.

Among others, Dr. Shah Ahmed, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS), CIU, Mr. Asiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor and Advisor of SLASS Debating Society (SDS), Mr. Rifat Ahmed, Lecturer and Moderator of SDS, Fabiha Tabassum, President of the club were present in the program.



Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot



The **Department of English**, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a performance titled "**Staging Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot**" on August 3, 2023 at CIU Auditorium.

The play is a true innovation of the '**Theater of Absurd**' genre where two tramps, Vladimir and Estragon, wait for the arrival of the mysterious Godot, who continually sends word that he will appear, but never does.

Vladimir and Estragon are a pair of human beings who do not know why they are put on Earth; they make the tenuous assumption that there must be some point to their existence, and they look to Godot for enlightenment. But their hope remains unfulfilled.

The play was performed by some students of the Department of English. They are Fariya Najmim Trisha, Md. Rafiqul Alam Mazumder, Israt Jahan, Nujhat Jahan and Marshiad Afrida. Farah Tasnim was the script editor. Ms. Ummey Haney Pinkey, Lecturer, Department of English, SLASS, directed the program. It should be mentioned

that Department of English, CIU regularly stages plays based on stories from English literature.

CIU Tech Carnival 2023

Independent Science and Engineering Club (ISEC), Chittagong Independent University organized '**CIU Tech Carnival**' on July 13, 2023. The Main Speaker of this program was **Mr. Munir Hasan**, General Secretary of Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad, and Co-Founder of BDOSN.

Professor Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, former Dean of School of Science and Engineering (SSE) presided over the program, while Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Associate Professor and Head, Department of ETE, and Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor, and Head, CSE delivered speeches in the program. The day-long event included a Programming Contest, Robotics Contest and Quiz Contest. A total of 22 teams from various colleges of Chittagong City took part, while **Abrar Al Samit**, a student from Chittagong College, emerged as the champion in the main programming contest.

On the other hand, the winners of the project showcasing phase were **Arka Barua**, **Naimul Hasan Rafi** and **Chowdhury Trisha**, members of the '**MES Coders**' team.



CIU Robo Race Competition 2023



School of Science and Engineering (SSE), Chittagong Independent University organized a day-long competition titled '**CIU Robo Race**' on October 5, 2023 at the CIU Campus. 23 teams from different educational institutions took part in the competition.

Dr. Mahfuzul Haque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, inaugurated the event. In his speech, he mentioned that the Robo Race Competition will make science-minded students interested in creative work.

Dr. Rubell Sen Goopta, Dean, SSE presided over the program, while Mr. Rakayet Rafi, Lecturer, SSE, and Coordinator of Robo Race 2023 conducted the event.

The competition was divided into two phases. Victory came to **Premier University team**, Chattogram, while **Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology**, Dhaka got the place of runners up in the competition.

The members of the winning team were Sadequr Rahman, Ashraful Alam and Tarek Hossain. The prizes were given to

the winners at the end of the program. CIU Robo Race Competition intends to help young people develop their creativity and problem-solving skills through a fun and engaging way.

Two Teams Win NASA Space Apps Challenge 2023

Two teams from School of Science & Engineering, Chittagong Independent University won the **NASA Space Apps Challenge 2023** for the second time held on October 7, 2023 at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), Dhaka.

The 9th iteration of this competition was organized by Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) in collaboration with BASIS Students Forum.

The CIU Champions Team '**Recursion**' was comprised of **Riyadul Haque, Shahed bin Rafiq, Jayantika Singha, Papry Sen, and Avirup Dutta**, while Kazi Tahmid Sadat, Adiba Hossain Dia, Pritu Ghosh, Samah Binth Feroz, Musfiqur Rahman Akib are all members from Runner-up Team '**Tukhor**'.

More than 2,000 contestants from 9 cities across the country participated in the NASA Space Apps Challenge.

Out of the 210 teams, the top 50 teams directly participated at IUB premises and the remaining 160 teams participated virtually in a two-day hackathon. Meanwhile, all the teachers of CIU, Officials, and students congratulated the winning team members. NASA organizes the competition to help talented young people from various fields from around the world find innovative solutions to global problems. As a part of this project, BASIS has organised the program locally in 9 cities of Bangladesh (Dhaka, Chattogram, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barishal, Rangpur, Mymensingh, and Cumilla).



Preparation Strategy for Judiciary and Advocateship



Mr. Kazi Shariful Islam
Metropolitan Magistrate,
Chittagong Metropolitan
Magistrate Court, Chittagong.



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Chittagong Independent University School of Law (CIU-SoL) organized a career talk titled '**Preparation Strategy for Judiciary and Advocateship**' on June 14, 2023 at CIU Auditorium.

The Chief Guest of this program was Mr. Kazi Shariful Islam, Metropolitan Magistrate, Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Court, while Mr. Mohammad Belayet Hossain, Dean of SoL, Ms. Sanjana Haque, Recommended Judge of Chittagong Judges Court and Mr. Hasnath Kabir, Lecturer, SoL, CIU delivered their speeches in the program as Special Guests.

Chief Guest Mr. Kazi Shariful Islam stated that it is important to be more confident than hard working for success. Being confident does not mean that you will always consider yourself talented.

The speakers at the seminar gave various advice and guidance to the students on preparing for judicial and advocacy. Significant number of Law students from Chittagong University, International Islamic University, and Premier University were present in the seminar.

Workshop on 'Procedure of Criminal Adjudication'

Chittagong Independent University School of Law (CIU-SoL) organized a workshop titled '**Procedure of Criminal Adjudication**' on October 26, 2023 at Room No-1402, CIU.

The Key Speaker was **Mr. Alamgir Muhammad Farukey**, Additional Registrar, Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

He stated that a citizen needs a legal protection framework to lead a good life. And to establish these legal rights, we need to know about the procedural aspects of criminal cases.

The Key Speaker Imparted various information with the students about the basics of criminal cases.

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU was present as the Chief Guest, while Ms. Nazneen Akter, Assistant Dean, School of Law presided over the program. Faculty members and students of the Department of Law also participated in the seminar. The program concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where students had the opportunity to directly interact with the Keynote Speaker.



Photo Gallery



MoU signed between CIU and Lanka Bangla Securities Ltd. on November 6, 2023 at CIU Conference Room.



Breast Cancer Awareness program organized by CIU Social Welfare Society on November 1, 2023 at CIU Campus.



CIU HRM Society organized 'Panel Beaters 2023' on February 23, 2023 at CIU Auditorium.



A group of students of 'Operations & Supply Chain Management' course, MBA program visited KAFCO on March 11, 2023.



Rickshaw Painting Exhibition organized by Department of English, CIU on December 5, 2023 at CIU Minhaj Complex.



Seminar on 'Mining Mobile Apps and App Reviews to Make Recommendations to the Developers' organized by SSE on February 15, 2023 at CIU Auditorium.



A group of EEE department students visited the Dohazari-Kaliaish 100MW Peaking Power Plant and Bakalia 132/33kV Grid Sub-station on March 18, 2023.



Career Talk on Information Technology organized by SSE on January 10, 2023 at CIU Auditorium.

IEEE CIU Student Branch Re-Launch & SSE Freshers' Program



Independent Science & Engineering Club (ISEC), and **CIU Robotics Club** jointly organized a program titled **IEEE CIU Student Branch Re-Launch & SSE Freshers Program** to inspire future engineers on January 25, 2024 at CIU Auditorium.

The event started with a warm welcome and a presentation by Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Associate Professor and Head, Department of ETE, and Councilor of the IEEE CIU Student Branch.

He stated that this step will help the students become more skilled in various sectors including Artificial Intelligence, IoT, Robotics, Machine Learning, etc.

Dr. Rubell Sen Goopta, Dean, SSE presided over the program, while Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor and Dean, SLASS, and Tanvir Alam Khondakar, SSE Student and President of the Club delivered their speeches.

At the event, the new committee members and students of the Engineering School who took admission in the Spring 2024

semester were welcomed with a cake-cutting ceremony. **Rafid Mohammad Ibtesam**, a student of SSE, anchored the program. An IEEE Student Branch gives students a community of peers, and a connection to faculty and industry professionals who drive innovation in countless technical fields.

Seminar on 'Research and Career Pathways'

Institute of Information Technology and Industrial Research (IITIR) and School of Science and Engineering (SSE), Chittagong Independent University jointly organized a seminar titled '**Research and Career Pathways**' on February 25, 2024 at CIU Campus.

Dr. Abu Riduan Foisal, a Senior Project and Electronic Engineer at Crystal Aquatic Systems in Australia was the Keynote Speaker in the program, while Dr. Rubell Sen Goopta, Dean, SSE presided over the seminar.

The Speaker delivered an insightful presentation on the promising career advancement opportunities within the electronics industry, emphasizing the importance of leveraging research and academic qualifications.

He also delved into the potentiality, obstacles, and advantages of pursuing higher education abroad and its applicability to research and development (R&D) endeavors.

The seminar fostered active engagement and proved to be highly beneficial for the attending students. It concluded with an interactive question and answer session, during which students received comprehensive insights into topics such as further education and career prospects.



A Winter's Tale



SLASS Cultural Club, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a colorful program titled '**A Winter's Tale**' on February 8, 2024 at CIU Auditorium.

The Chief Guest of the program was the Vice Chancellor of CIU, Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. He stated that such creative activities develop the talents of the students and inspire them to do something new for the society.

Ms. Leema Sen Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of English, and Moderator of the Club presided over the program, while Faculty Advisor, Dean of SLASS, Head of English Department, Faculty Members and Students were present among others.

The event included Folk-Dance, Duet Bengali Song, Drama, Poem Recitation, etc. Riyan, Ifti, Autandrila, Nihab, Asif, Shreya, Mahinur, Sakibul, Zinan, Nujhat, Israt, Fariya, Pushpita, Mou, Shohan, Jamil, Muskan, Fouzia, Samantha, Safreen, Saima, Afra, Afrida, Saif, Imran, Shikti, Erin, Rinky, Rohan, Sakibul, Yamen,

Roshni, Mizan, Rahat and many others performed in the event. Sakina, Moutushi, and Mumtahana, three students of SLASS, jointly anchored the program. The cultural program served as a platform for students to showcase their talents and promote the diverse cultural backgrounds they come from.

Seminar on Cyber Crypt: Unlocking the Secrets of Cryptography

School of Science and Engineering (SSE), Chittagong Independent University and Institute of Information Technology and Industrial Research (IITIR) jointly organized a seminar titled 'Cyber Crypt: Unlocking the Secrets of Cryptography' on March 14, 2024.

Dr. Md Iftekhar Salam, Associate Professor, School of Computing and Data Science, and Head of the 'Cyber Security' Program at Xiamen University Malaysia, was the Keynote Speaker in the program. He provided a comprehensive overview of Cryptography, highlighting its profound influence on information privacy, confidentiality, and availability.

He also discussed the promising career paths and research avenues in cyber security, information security, network security, and blockchain, emphasizing on importance of academic qualifications and research contributions.

The seminar facilitated active participation from students and offered valuable insights into topics such as further education, career opportunities, and research prospects through an interactive Q&A session. Dr. Rubell Sen Goopta, Dean, SSE presided over the program. Students and Faculty Members of SSE participated in the interactive session. The Speakers mentioned that the public and private sectors need to work together against the backdrop of increased global cyber threats.



Legal Debate Competition-2024



Chittagong Independent University School of Law Debating & Mooting Club organized the Final Round of 'Legal Debate Competition-2024' on February 12, 2024 at CIU Auditorium.

A total of 16 teams participated in the competition, while out of those teams, **Nonconformist** and **Durdamaniyo** were nominated as the finalists.

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU was the Chief Guest in the program.

Prof. ABM Abu Noman, Former Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Chittagong and Prof. Shiffat Sharmin, Advisor, School of Law, Chittagong Independent University were present as Special Guests.

In addition, Prof. ABM Abu Noman moderated the Final Round. Ms. Nazneen Akter, Assistant Dean, and Assistant Professor, School of Law chaired the event.

The Government, Durdamaniyo, was the Champion led by

debaters **Jobair Bin Omar**, **Mahmodul Hasan** and **Mohammad Imran**. The Opposition, Nonconformist led by **Mohsin Haider**, **Riyazul Karim Riyaz** and **Sharawat Munir Sakifa** also performed remarkably. Sharawat Munir Sakifa was nominated as the Best Speaker.

CIU Celebrates International Women's Day

International Women's Day was celebrated at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on March 10, 2024, with the slogan 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress'.

The Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury chaired the discussion held on the occasion.

Assistant Dean of the School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (SLASS) and Convener of the Anti-Sexual Harassment Complaints Committee, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues was the moderator of the session.

The Vice Chancellor stated that with 58% of total student body comprising of female students, CIU is committed to fostering a female friendly campus where women can grow and thrive.

All the female speakers admitted that CIU is a work-friendly place for women and shared their experiences as employees at CIU. The Registrar, Deans of all Schools, Faculty Members, and Administrative Officials attended the program which concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony. In 2024, the theme of the Women's Day "Inspire Inclusion" emphasizes the importance of diversity and empowerment in all aspects of society.



IGDIS Organizes Roundtable Session



Institute of Governance, Development, and International Studies (IGDIS), and Center of Excellence for Teaching & Learning (CETL), Chittagong Independent University jointly organized a Roundtable Session on contemporary teaching, learning, research, public policy, and governance on March 14, 2024 at the CIU Conference Room.

Dr. Haroon Khan, Professor Emeritus at Henderson State University, was the Chief Guest of the program.

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU presided over it. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Professor, CIUBS, conducted the program. Deans, Heads and Faculty Members of different Schools were present at the program.

During the roundtable discussion, Professor Khan shared insights into the contemporary teaching, learning and research practices followed by leading North American universities.

He emphasized that Bangladeshi universities need to make

significant changes to their academic culture and practices to be globally recognized. In addition, he discussed the role of effective public policies in a country's overall socio-economic development. Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Professor, SSE coordinated the program.

MoU Between CIU and ICMAB

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and the **Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), exemplifying their commitment to the advancement of the accounting profession on May 8, 2024 at CIU Conference Room.

This agreement aims to expedite the journey of CIU students and graduates interested in pursuing accounting and finance degrees by offering course exemptions and admission scholarships considering enrollment in the CMA Program.

Mr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, FCMA, Vice President ICMAB and Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Professor and Dean, CIU Business School signed the MoU on behalf of their respective institutions.

Mr. Md. Mahbub Ul Alam, Executive Director, ICMAB and Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury signed the MoU as witnesses.

Among others, Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, CIU, Professor Dr. Md. Salim Uddin, President, ICMAB, Mr. Pradip Paul, FCA, Chairman, CBC-ICMAB, Dr. Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Treasurer, CIU, Registrar, CIU, Senior Faculty Members and Officials of CIU were present in the program.



Seminar on Bioinformatics



IEEE CIU Student Branch organized a seminar titled '**The Biological Big Data Analysis: Scopes and Challenges of Computational Biology and Bioinformatics**' on June 5, 2024 at CIU.

Dr. AMAM Zonaeed Siddiki, Professor, Department of Pathology and Parasitology at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Chattogram Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) was the Main Speaker in the program.

Prof. Siddiki explained the connection between DNA sequencing, identifying anomalies in DNA, discovering new medicine, and other topics that require computer science knowledge.

On the other hand, **Mr. Syed Mohammed Lokman**, Lab Instructor, Asian University for Women, and a Team Member focused on the software tools used by his team, the challenges he faced, and how he overcame them. The seminar was attended by esteemed Faculty Members of SSE, CIU.

Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Professor, SSE, CIU, and Branch Counselor of IEEE CIU SB conducted the program.

MoU Between CIU and ICSB

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and the Institute of Chartered Secretaries of Bangladesh (ICSB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on July 3, 2024 at the CIU Auditorium.

Under this partnership, ICSB will offer an accelerated path to pursue professional chartered secretary qualifications, opening up opportunities for CIU students.

ICSB will also provide CIU students with necessary resources for various training programs conducted by ICSB at regular intervals. Additionally, ICSB will prioritize CIU students when considering their employment needs.

Prof. Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dean, CIU Business School, and Mr. M Nurul Alam FCS, Senior Vice President, ICSB, signed the MoU on behalf of their institutions.

Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Vice Chancellor, CIU was present as the Chief Guest, while Prof. Dr. Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Treasurer, CIU, and Mohammad Abdullah Al Mamun FCS, Treasurer, ICSB were present as the Guests of Honor in the program. The event was coordinated by Mr. Md. Delowar Hossain FCS, Chairman, CRC, ICSB. A large number of students participated in the session. ICSB team thanked the audience for showing such interest and enthusiasm. At the end, ICSB delegates handed over the crests to the dignitaries of CIU.



Alumni Meeting Held



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held a special **Alumni Meeting** on September 28, 2024, at the CIU Auditorium.

The event focused on establishing an Alumni Committee to strengthen ties between the University and its graduates.

Alumni from both Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), former Chattogram Campus, came together both in-person and online, to share their insights and experiences, contributing to a lively discussion on how the committee can foster collaboration, mentorship, and professional development.

The alumni expressed strong enthusiasm for the initiative, recognizing the value of maintaining connections with the University and fellow graduates.

CIU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar acknowledged the important role the alumni play in shaping the university's future and elevating its status in his speech. CIU Treasurer,

Convener of the Alumni Committee, Registrar, Deans, Faculty Members and high officials were present in the meeting, while Mr. Sarkar Kamrul Mamun, CoE hosted the event.

Handover Ceremony of Scholarship Grants to CIU

Bangladesh Inland Container Depots Association (BICDA) handed over the Scholarship Grant to Chittagong Independent University (CIU) for the first 10 female trainees enrolled in the Certificate Course In **Integrated Supply Chain Management (ISCM)** on June 30, 2024 at CIU campus.

Mr. Mohammad Ruhul Amin Sikder, Secretary General, BICDA handed over the cheque to Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Vice Chancellor, CIU, on behalf of BICDA.

The course is jointly offered and conducted by Chittagong Independent University (CIU), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association (BAFFA) in order to provide the participants with a comprehensive understanding of the principles, strategies, and best practices in supply chain and logistics management.

Among others, Prof. Dr. Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Treasurer, CIU, Prof. Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dean, CIU Business School, and Mr. Mohammed Ali Hossain, Manager, Sales, Esack Brothers Industries Ltd. were present during this session.



Students from CIU Stand By Flood Victims



Students from the four Schools and all Clubs of the Chittagong Independent University (CIU) actively collected relief supplies and cash donations to assist flood victims across the country in August, 2024.

Moved by the situation of those affected, they organized fundraising campaigns, arranged care packages of necessities, and volunteered to brave the rising water levels to distribute relief and even assist the locals, Army, and Navy personnel with their rescue missions in remote areas of the region.

The students reported a positive response from the CIU family.

Jannat, a student of SLASS, expressed her concern for those affected by the floods and said, "Our brothers and sisters are in trouble. I would have liked to help them directly, but that's not possible. So, I've come here to contribute as much as I can."

Nujhat, another student of CIU, said that this is a test for all of us, and everyone should step forward to pass it.

Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Vice Chancellor of CIU, said, "The flood relief drive is part of a sense of responsibility among the students, teachers, staff and parents to help the helpless."

MoU Between CIU and BRAC Bank PLC.

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and **BRAC Bank PLC** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on October 29, 2024 at the CIU Conference Room.

The agreement was signed by **Mr. Syed Abdul Momen**, Managing Director (In-charge) and Head of SME Banking Division, BRAC Bank, and **Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima**, Registrar, CIU, representing their respective institutions in the presence of Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Vice Chancellor, CIU.

This partnership marks an exciting development for CIU, as BRAC Bank has chosen CIU as its first academic partner in Chattogram for the '**UDDOKTA 101: Entrepreneur Accelerator Program.**'

Through this partnership, both CIU and BRAC Bank aim to equip women entrepreneurs with essential knowledge and resources to succeed in today's business landscape. The program is a 3-month Certificate Course designed specifically to support and empower women entrepreneurs in Chattogram. Dr. Moslehuddin Khaled Chowdhury, Associate Professor & Director of CEISD, Dr. Rubell Sen Goopta, Dean, SSE, and Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Dean, SLASS, CIU were present among others.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony



The Certificate Distribution Ceremony of the **Integrated Supply Chain Management (ISCM) course** was held on October 21, 2024 at Chittagong Club Limited.

It was jointly organized by Chittagong Independent University, **USAID Bangladesh**, and **Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association (BAFFA)**.

Commodore M Fazlar Rahman, Member, Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) was present as the Chief Guest, while Vice Chancellor of CIU Prof. Dr. MM Nurul Absar chaired the event.

The program was attended by a large audience including CIU **Trustee Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman**, Deans, Senior Faculty Members and Management Staff of CIU, Business Community Leaders, and Govt. Officials.

Total 27 Trainees of the 1st Batch of ISCM Course were provided with the certificate upon successful completion.

Among others, **Mr. Kabir Ahmed**, President, BAFFA, and **Mr. Amirul Islam Chowdhury (Mizan)**, Former Sr. VP, BAFFA were present as the Guest of Honor and Special Guest respectively in the event.

CIU English Club Hosts Indoor Sports Competition 2024

CIU English Club, under the Department of English, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS), organized an engaging Indoor Sports Competition on November 14, 2024 at Minhaj Complex, CIU.

The event was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. M M Nurul Absar, in the presence of the Assistant Dean and Faculty Members of the English Department, the Registrar, and other senior administrative officials.

During his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor highlighted CIU's commitment to foster extracurricular activities that promote teamwork, talent, and leadership among students.

He commended the organizers for their efforts and expressed optimism about similar initiatives in the future.

The program showcased a variety of indoor games, including table tennis, ludo, chess, and carrom, among others.

The competition sparked camaraderie and excitement, creating a lively and spirited environment throughout the day.

The event concluded with a celebratory prize distribution ceremony, where trophies were awarded to the Champions and Runners-up, recognizing their performances.



CIU Team 'Recursion' Wins Nasa Space Apps Challenge



Chittagong Independent University's **"Recursion"** Team emerged as the 2nd Runner-Up in Chittagong Division of the NASA Space Apps Challenge 2024 competition.

United States' National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) organized the program on October 5, 2024 at American International University Bangladesh (AIUB).

Team Recursion, led by Riyadul Haque, with members Jayantika Singha, Papry Sen, Shahed Bin Rafiq, and Susmoy Das, achieved the 2nd Runner-Up position in the Chattogram Zone. Their innovative project, Ecopals, tackles the 'GLOBE Protocol Games' challenge through an interactive game that promotes environmental conservation.

Players made eco-friendly decisions using real-world data, gaining insight into sustainability, climate change, and carbon footprint reduction. Ecopals showcased their creativity and commitment to environmental stewardship. A total of 500

projects from across the country were selected to compete in the challenge. The top 50 projects were presented directly in Dhaka, while the remaining 450 projects competed online during the two-day event.

Seminar on Bridge to the Future : Let's Build it Together

The **Centre for Business Dialogue (CBD)** in collaboration with **CIU Business Students' Society** of Chittagong Independent University organized an engaging seminar on 26 November 2024 at the CIU Auditorium.

The title of the seminar was **"Bridge to the Future: Let's Build it Together"**. The event was a success, offering students a unique opportunity to engage with industry leaders.

Prof. Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dean, CIU Business School (CIUBS), **Mr. Mohammad Imtiaz Uddin Chowdhury**, Head of Sales and Marketing, BSRM; **Mr. Azeezur Rahman Khan**, Country Development Representative for The Woolmark Company and Founding Partner at A&A Global Consultants, **Mr. Intezar Mehboob**, Executive Director at CBD, and **Mr. Hadidd Ahmed**, Director of Sourcing at GESTE Designs, shared their insights from various fields, including sales, marketing, business consulting, and design. The event featured an interactive Q&A session, where students asked thoughtful and meaningful questions, showcasing their curiosity and enthusiasm.



Photo Gallery



A group of senior students of CIU Business School visited Khadim Tea Estate Limited, Sylhet from 19-26 January in 2024 under LFE Program.



Independent Marketing Club (IMC), CIU launched an engaging series titled 'Future of Marketing' on February 27, 2024, at CIUBS.



'CIU Intra-University Football Tournament- 2024' held on March 7, 2024 at the Oxygen Sports Zone.



Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) organized its 5th Research Seminar on November 5, 2024 in Room # 3402.



Ms. Julie Leaf, Chief of Party, USAID Feed the Future Bangladesh Trade Activity paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor of CIU on March 24, 2024 at his office.



SLASS Debating Society (SDS) organized a highly successful Model United Nations (MUN) conference on March 7, 2024 at CIU Conference Room.



A group of students, CIUBS visited Coats Bangladesh Ltd. (Chittagong Plant) on September 12, 2024.



A Workshop on 'Addressing Outcome-Based Curriculum, Teaching-Learning and Assessment Toward BAC Accreditation' was held on November 9, 2024 at CIUBS.

Interactive Meeting with CIU Vice Chancellor

An engaging Interactive Meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) Professor Dr. M M Nurul Absar was held on June 13, 2024 at the CIU Auditorium.

The Treasurer, Deans, Faculty Members, Department Heads, Management, and support staff actively participated, sharing valuable insights and suggestions to elevate CIU as the premier institution for higher education in Chattogram.

Describing CIU as a family, the Acting VC shared his vision of transforming CIU into a Center of Excellence, emphasizing the importance of collective effort in achieving this goal.

He encouraged everyone to work together, asserting that their combined dedication would lead CIU to greater heights and prestige.

The Acting Vice Chancellor urged the faculty members to engage more in research and highlighted the importance of nurturing the skills of the students. The program was conducted by the Registrar, Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima. CIU Welcomed Professor Dr. M M Nurul Absar as the Acting Vice Chancellor on June 11, 2024.



Inter-University Public Speaking Competition 2024



With the aim of showcasing students' public speaking abilities, the 'Inter University Public Speaking Competition 2024' was held at Chittagong Independent University (CIU).

The event, organized by the university's SLASS Debating Society (SDS), took place on November 28, 2024 in the Auditorium of CIU's Jamal Khan campus.

Students from various departments of CIU participated in the competition, and nine finalists made it to the final round. After an intense competition, the judges selected three winners. Moddasir Hossain from the School of Law was crowned the Champion, followed by Arijit Chakraborty as the First Runner-Up, and Lorraine Crowley as the Second Runner-Up.

The Vice Chancellor of CIU Professor Dr. M M Nurul Absar, attended the event as the Chief Guest. In his speech, he encouraged the organizers and emphasized that such student-friendly events not only boost students' confidence but also enhances their engagement with a wider community.

Deans, Faculty Members, Registrar, Officials and Students of CIU attended the program. The event was hosted by Fayha Munir and Mumtahana Islam, students from the Department of English.

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