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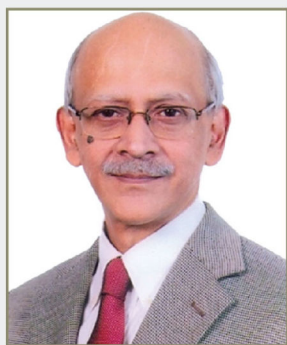
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Message



I am delighted to know that Chittagong Independent University (CIU) is going to publish the first ever issue of its organ, Independent Chronicle. On this happy occasion I recollect our past when a group of us got together and contributed time, money and energy for creating the Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) with the goal of setting up centers of excellence for EDUCATION and social development. The first endeavor of the Trust was to establish Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in 1993. Subsequently an outer campus was established in Chittagong with the permission of Ministry of Education and UGC for expanding higher education in Chittagong. More than 1610 students have graduated and obtained IUB certificates and are holding prestigious positions in a number of national and multi-national companies in the country and abroad. After the Private Universities Act 2010 a separate University had to be set up in Chittagong. This campus got permission on 6th February 2013 to operate its activities as a full-fledged university. We are committed to uphold and

improve upon the quality and reputation which was gained during our operation as IUB, Chittagong.

The members of the faculty and management of CIU deserve special mention for their unstinted efforts and dedication which makes CIU a unique institution where students are able to learn more than just acquire a degree. I hope that this publication will contribute immensely to building interaction between students, faculty and management staff through producing and disseminating informative news, interesting reading, pictures and programs of the university.

I wish 'INDEPENDENT CHRONICLE' every success.

Sajfur Rahman
Chairman

Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT)

Message



I am very glad to know that Chittagong Independent University is going to publish its preamble 'INDEPENDENT CHRONICLE' this month.

On this auspicious occasion I would like to thank the entire team of 'INDEPENDENT CHRONICLE'. I hope that the 'INDEPENDENT CHRONICLE' will provide updated news, pictures, relevant articles and various events of the university regularly.

I heartily wish the 'INDEPENDENT CHRONICLE' all the best.

S M Al-Husainy
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Message



I am pleased to be a part of Chittagong Independent University's (CIU) initiative to publish monthly INDEPENDENT CHRONICLE. On this occasion I would like to congratulate the CHRONICLE Team. I expect that this publication will provide all information on a regular basis highlighting the events and programs of the university. I am sure that all students, parents, faculty, staff and well-wishers of CIU will find the CHRONICLE very useful.

I wish the INDEPENDENT CHRONICLE all success.

Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan
Vice Chancellor (Acting)

CIU At A glance

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) is a newly approved Private University under the Private Universities Act 2010 mandated by University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

CIU started its journey in 1999 as the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), Chittagong Campus. Since inception the institution established itself as an academic hub for the corporate world. Due to legislative changes in the beginning of 2010, the erstwhile Chittagong Campus of IUB applied for functioning as an autonomous University and received its approval on February 6, 2013 under the name of Chittagong Independent University (CIU).

Chittagong Independent University is well known for academic excellence around the country and in the city of Chittagong. At CIU, we are committed to ensuring that students with the academic ability to acquire a place here are not held back by their financial circumstances. Our faculty are highly qualified and trained in some of the best universities of the country and the world. Our North American model of curricula, air-conditioned class-rooms equipped with multimedia and computer facilities, sophisticated Labs and Library have already given us the reputation of having the best facilities in Chittagong. Our state-of-the-art IT facilities and WiFi-networked campus meet the demands of the 21st century.

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Biography



Mr. Saifur Rahman

Chairman, ESTCDT and Member, BoT, CIU

Mr. Saifur Rahman is the elected Chairman of Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT), the founding Trust of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). He has been a Founder Trustee of ESTCDT since its inception. He is actively involved in various socio-cultural and philanthropic organizations in Bangladesh. Mr. Rahman is the former President of St. Joseph Old Boys Association.

Mr. Saifur Rahman is a Director of Transcom Group, one of the largest conglomerates in Bangladesh, involved in tea plantations, pharmaceuticals (SK+F), electronics (Philips, Whirlpool, Transtec), light bulbs (Philips), soft drinks (Pepsi), restaurants (Pizza Hut & KFC), distribution of consumer products. Transcom is a major media house in Bangladesh that includes daily Prothom Alo, The Daily Star and ABC Radio.



Mr S M Al – Husainy,

Chairman, BoT, CIU and Member, ESTCDT
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The Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) has nominated a 21 Member Board of Trustees for Chittagong Independent University (CIU). The Board in its meeting held on 17 April 2011 unanimously nominated Mr S M Al-Husainy as its Chairman for a two year term.

Mr. Al-Husainy is a Founder Trustee of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), and was previously the Chairman of its Governing Council. Mr. Al-Husainy is the Chairman of MIDAS (Micro Industries Development and Assistance Services) as well as the Chairman of Swanirvar Bangladesh and a Fellow of the CPD (Centre for Policy Dialogue), a think tank and a research organization of international repute. He is the Chairman of the Bangladesh Chapter of SID (Society for International Development). Previously he was the President of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) for three years.

Mr. S M Al-Husainy was a Secretary to the Government in several ministries and also worked as a Member in the Planning Commission and the Chairman of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission.





PhD Awarded



Dr. Mahmud Hassan

Assistant Professor & BBA Program Coordinator, School of Business.

Dr. Mahmud Hassan, Assistant Professor & BBA Program Coordinator, School of Business, CIU has been awarded PhD by the Southern Cross University, NSW, Australia for his thesis "Brand communities of Facebook: How do they create value?" Dr. Hassan also achieved International Post-Graduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) for the entire program by Southern Cross University (SCU); Completed two units (Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods) as part of the degree and received High Distinction (HD) for each unit; and received \$1000 grant by SCU for attending the Australia New Zealand Marketing Association's (ANZMAC) conference in Perth (2011). Before PhD, Dr. Hassan completed MBA in Marketing in 2001 from North South University, Bangladesh and BBA from University of Madras, India. He has contributed many scholarly articles in internationally reputed Journals and attended many seminars and conferences in the country and abroad. His research interests are in Social Networking Sites, brand communities, value creating behaviors, consumer extra role behaviors, consumer helping behavior, consumer co-creation. He has professional membership in American Marketing Association, Marketing Science Institute, USA.

Dr. Manzur Quader

Assistant Professor, School of Business.

"Dr. Manzur Quader joined Chittagong Independent University as an assistant professor in Economics in 2013 after completing his PhD from the University of Sheffield, UK. His PhD thesis was titled "Corporate Efficiency, Financial Constraints and the Role of Internal Finance: A Study on Capital Market Imperfection" and he was awarded the prestigious University of Sheffield PhD studentship to conduct his research for three years. Earlier, Dr. Quader graduated in Economics from the University of Dhaka in 2003 with first class honors and gained his MSc in Financial and Business Economics with distinction from the University of Essex, UK in 2005. He was then appointed as a lecturer in Economics at Independent University, Bangladesh where he served for 4 years before leaving for his doctorate in 2009. Dr. Quader's primary research interest lies in the financial and industrial economics and related issues associated with corporate efficiency, investment and growth. He has published number of scholarly articles in international journals and attended many seminars, workshops and conferences organized by the like of Institute for Fiscal Studies, Economics Network of the Higher Education Academy, UK etc. He is a life member of Bangladesh Economic Association, a Paul Harris Fellow and an active Rotarian."

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CIU Summer LFE Program 2014 at BARD, Comilla

CIU's pioneering program, Live-in-Field Experience, where CIU students get a distinctive opportunity to learn about rural life of Bangladesh was held in May 2014. This year 82 students divided into 17 groups participated in the LFE Program at Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla. The program started on 9 May 2014 and ended on 21 May 2014. The main activities of LFE consisted of collection of

information from the villagers, analysis of the collected data, preparation of presentation, and discussion with the instructors. Besides, indoor games, cultural programs, and an official dinner were the other parts of the LFE. Assistant Professor Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Mr. Amran Haroon, Mr. Md. Nayeem Abdullah and Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen coordinated the LFE program this year.



Day-long Workshop on "Research Methods in Library and Information Studies" at CIU

Two consecutive day-long Workshop sessions on "Research Methods in Library and Information Studies" were held on 16 May and 30 April, 2014 at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized by the Center for Research Extension and Continuing Education (CRECE). PhD Research Scholar of University of Dhaka and CIU Library In-Charge, Mr. Md. Zillur Rahman was the Key Facilitator in the workshop. 33 students at the 1st Session and 40 participants in the 2nd Session from different educational institutes, NGOs and research institutes participated in the workshop. CIU Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan distributed certificates among

the participants. He discussed about the fundamental issues of research and exchanged views with the participants. He said research is a systematic investigation into the problems to establish facts and to reach a new conclusion. Research is always based on a problem. So, accurate observation, correct explanation, right and systematic search are needed for it. Research must be logical and objective. A researcher will have to be patient and neutral. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Elias Ahmed, Treasurer, CIU & supervised by Junior Assistant Librarians Ms. Sakina Sultana and Mr. Rashedur Rahman.



Day-long Workshop on "Train-The-Trainers (TTT)" of Andragogy Practicum at CIU

A daylong practicum for teachers on Andragogy, aiming to equip them with the latest concepts of modern adult learning skills, was held in Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on 10 May 2014, Saturday. The workshop title "Train-The-Trainers (TTT) Workshop" was jointly organized by the Daily Star and Andragogy Practicum Club of CIU at the university auditorium. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, The Daily Star Managing Editor and Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, CIU Pro-Vice Chancellor, spoke at the Program. The workshop was conducted by internationally acclaimed trainer, Mr. A. Qaiyum Chowdhury MBA, Texas, USA. Visiting Scholar, CIU & Chief Coordinator, CIU Students Society (CSS). Participating schools and colleges

from Chittagong included Chittagong Grammar School, Sunshine Grammar School & College, Little Jewels School, Cider International School, William Carey Academy, Chittagong Cantonment Public School & College, Chittagong Cantonment English School & College, Ispahani Public School & College, Elementary College, Radiant School & College, Presidency International School, Bay View School, European Grammar School, BAF Shaheen School & College, Mastermind School, BAWA School, Vale View School, Dr. Khastaghir Girls High School, and Chittagong Memon Grammar School.



CIU holds an “Experience Sharing Session”

CIU students attended an “Experience Sharing Session” with Mr. Kawsar Mahmood President Chittagong University (CU) Debating Society (CUDS) & Director, CLAP Foundation on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. Mr. Kawsar Mahmood was invited to compete in the Fifth International ADR Mooting Competition organized by School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, in association with the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration

Commission (CIETAC), the School of Law, Columbia University and UNCITRAL-Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific. The competition was also supported by the world renowned universities. Mr. A. Qaiyum Chowdhury Visiting Scholar & Chief Coordinator CIU Students Society (CSS) Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized the session.



Day-long Seminar on Advertising at CIU

For the first time in Chittagong, the students of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) conducted a seminar on “Advertising” on 17 April 2014 in its auditorium. More than 100 students from Chittagong University and CIU participated in the seminar. The main theme of the seminar “Museum of Advertising” was arranged by the students of Consumer Behavior

Course of CIU; namely Kirill Majumder (L), Adnanul Alam, Towkir Mahmood Sharad, Chandrima Barua, Reaz Ahmed, and Sk Rezwanaul Faisal. The seminar was coordinated by the Faculty Member of Marketing of CIU, Assistant Professor, Dr. Mohammad Mahmud Hasan.



Reading Nature: an Eco-critical Approach” A Literary Talk by Dr. Masud Mahmood at CIU

“Nature is a great subject of literature. It constitutes one of literature's chief staples. But more often than not, it has been used as the mouthpiece of ideas and ideologies; it states the objective correlatives or representations of the human mind and moods” said Dr. Masud Mahmood. Department of English, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a literary talk titled “Reading Nature: an Eco-critical Approach” on 17th April 2014 at the

CIU-American Corner, Chittagong. Dr. Masud Mahmood, Professor and Ex-Chair, Department of English, University of Chittagong was the key speaker on that occasion. Students from different universities and colleges participated in the program. The program was chaired by the Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan and coordinated by Mr. Saifur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, CIU.



Auditing (ACN 403) Students at Rahman Rahman Huq

A visit to Rahman Rahman Huq, KPMG in Bangladesh was undertaken by the students of Auditing Course of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on 19th April, 2014 along with the course instructor Mrs. Sayema Sultana and other faculty members including Mrs. Nusrat Jahan, Mrs. Robaka Shamsher and Mrs. Tarana Karim of School of Business.

On arrival, the students were greeted by the director of Rahman Rahman Huq, Mr. Mohammad Saif Uddin and his colleagues. Subsequently a brief presentation on the activities performed by the firm was given by Mr. Mohammad Saif Uddin followed by a second session on auditing process

presented by Mr. Abdul Awaal. After the presentations, the students actively participated in a discussion to clarify their understanding of the auditing process and activities of the firm. The discussion session concluded with brief speeches by the faculty members, where the initiatives and efforts of Rahman Rahman Huq for giving students opportunity to visit and learn about the auditing process were highly appreciated. Finally, a crest was presented to the director of the firm as a symbol of appreciation and gratitude from Chittagong Independent University (CIU).



CIU Observed the biggest and most popular festival of Bengalis 'Pahela Baishakh'

The biggest and most popular festival of Bengalis 'Pahela Baishakh' was celebrated by the CIU Students at Jamal Khan to greet the new year with hopes for a better future leaving behind the gloom of the past and giving new impetus to the nation's cultural heritage. With the colorful zeal of different signs and posters boys were dressed traditional Panjabi and girls with red and white saris. Among the different rituals of Pohela Boishakh CIU students arranged Mongol Shobhajatra, Pantha Ilish, solo and choral songs, folk music, baul songs, dance, recitation, and more.

The program was inaugurated by Professor Dr. M. Nuruzzaman, Dean School of Engineering and Computer Science and Professor Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Dean, School of Business. Among the faculty members Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Saifur Rahman, Sohel Mahmood, Amran Haroon, Nayeem Abdullah and Assistant Registrar Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Manager Admin Cumar Doyel Dey were also present at the occasion. Robaka Shamsher, Nusrat Jahan and Charmin Rodrigues were the conductors of the programs.



Workshop on "Branding & its Advantages" at CIU

For the first time in Chittagong, the students of the Chittagong Independent University (CIU) conducted a workshop on "Branding and its Advantages" on 10th April 2014. The coordinators of the workshop were

the students Marzan Binte Akther, Soumik Barua, Refaya Tahsin Antora, Shakila Aktar, Mushfiqur Rahman Rafsan, and Inquayad Mohammad. Dr. Mahmud Hassan was the main initiator of the program.



Workshop on “Employable Skills Development” at CIU

Chittagong Independent University & Chittagong Skills Development Center (CSDC) of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCC&I) jointly organized a Workshop on “Employable Skills Development” on April 10, 2014. 55 students from different institutions of Chittagong participated in the workshop. Corporate Facilitator Mr. Mikhail I Islam, Executive Director, CSDC of CCC&I was the Main Discussant at the

workshop. Chief Guest was Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, CIU. CIU Faculty Members Professor Dr. Ayub Islam, Dr. Mahmud Hassan, Mosleh Uddin Khaled, and Kamruddin Parvez were also present at the program. The program was coordinated by Mr. A. Qaiyum Chowdhury, Visiting Scholar & Chief Coordinator, CIU Students Society (CSS).



CIU Organized Freshmen & Graduates Reception'14

Freshmen & Graduates Reception'14 at the Institutions of Engineers, Chittagong, Bangladesh was held on 4th April 2014. Chief Guest was Professor Dr. Anwarul Azim Arif, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Chittagong University. The program was presided over by Professor Dr. Irshad Kamal

Khan, the Pro-Vice Chancellor of CIU. Mr. M A Malek, the Editor of the Daily Azadi and Architect Taslim Uddin Chowdhury, Editor, The Daily Purbokone were the Special Guests. BoT member Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury and Treasurer Mr. Elias Ahmed also addressed the ceremony.



Seminar on “Social Networking Site” at CIU

A seminar on usage of Social Networking Sites was held in CIU on 27 March 2014. More than one hundred students from different universities participated in the seminar. The seminar was organized by the students of Consumer Behavior Course of CIU and sponsored by J. M. Builders (Real Estate Company). Kashfia Chowdhury, Mohammed Sayem, Mustafa Kamal, Sherrin Oyshi, Gourab Singha, and Ali Asef spoke on various issues of Social Networking at the seminar. They stated that Social Networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and MySpace have become powerful marketing and communication tools. We believe that using these channels to easily communicate with your customers is an excellent habit. These websites offer small and medium-sized businesses, access to their clients never before available or affordable. It is important to manage these Social

Networking Tools wisely, do not spam, post thoughtful, relevant communications, and respond to comments in a timely manner. Add content to your page as often as possible, and keep your customers up-to-date on all that is new and exciting.

Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Dr. M. Nuruzzaman, Dr. M Ayub Islam, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dr. Mahmud Hassan, Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Mr. A. Qaiyum Chowdhury, Mr. Abu Sohel Mahmood, Mr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled, Ms. Nusrat Jahan, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez & Ms. Tarana Karim were also present at the seminar.



Workshop on “Starting a Business & Networking” at CIU

On Friday, March 14, 2014 SECS organized a workshop on “Starting a Business & Networking” at CIU. The Keynote Speaker of the workshop was Mr. Munir Hasan, eminent IT specialist, Coordinator, Youth Programme at Prothom Alo, Bangladesh, Information Technology and Services, Former Chairman of Technical Council and Senior Consultant, Digital World 2012 Ministry of Information, Communication & Technology, Bangladesh,

General Secretary of Bangladesh Open Source Network (BdOSN) and Initiator of Mathematics Olympiad, Bangladesh & Mr. Saidur Mamun Khan, Country Manager, Elance. The aim of this workshop was to train and motivate our youth to become investors and learn how to start a new business. The workshop was organized by Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Mr. Rajib Hasan, Mr. Rubell Sen Goopta and Mr. Amran Haroon.



Seminar Session on “Online Career by Freelancing” at CIU

SECS, CIU organized a seminar session on “Online Career by Freelancing” on Friday March 14, 2014 and the session was conducted by Mr. Saidur Mamun Khan, Country Manager, Elance. The aim was to train and motivate our students and professionals to explore the growing market of

outsourcing and become self-dependent by engaging in earning from outsourcing. The seminar session was organized by SECS Faculty Members Mr. Amran Haroon, Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Mr. Rajib Hasan, and Mr. Rubell Sen Goopta.



CIU becomes the Champion in “Ad makers” Competition

Young Entrepreneur Society (YES) of North South University (NSU), Dhaka for the first time organized inter-university “AdMaker’ 14” competition in Chittagong at East Delta University (EDU) on March 28, 2014. In the competition Chittagong independent university (CIU) became the champion. The CIU champion team was represented by Sabrina Ahsan, Sumaiya Mohammad Liaquat and Najjib Zaman. Among the major public and private universities in Chittagong, Chittagong University, (CU), East Delta University (EDU), Premier University participated in the competition.

The jury and the audience highly appreciated the performance of the CIU team who successfully outperformed many competent contestants and finally became the champion and was awarded the Prize Money of Tk. 10,000/- in cash. In the next round CIU team will contest in the “AdMaker” inter-university competition among the universities based in Dhaka. The media partner of the competition was bdnews24.com and the sponsors were OTOBI, Grey Advertising Agency, Bangladesh.



Live Streaming from Radisson BLU Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka to CIU

Under the supervision of A. Qaiyum Chowdhury, Visiting Scholar, CIU & Chief Coordinator, CIU Students Society (CSS), and in collaboration with "Brand Forum" and the President of Andragogy Club and Team Leader of the Workshop on "Branding and Its Advantages" Marzan Binte Akther and members Soumik Barua, Refaya Tahsin Antora, Shakila Aktar, Mushfiqur Rahman Rafsan, Inquyad Mohammad coordinated the live telecast of the "International Leadership Summit" from Radisson BLU Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka from 11.00 am. to 5.00 pm. on Saturday, March 22, 2014, in the CIU Auditorium, Jamal Khan Road, Chittagong. The summit was

participated in by the following internationally reputed corporate leaders from home and abroad: Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Founder & Chairperson, BRAC; Maj. Gen. Richard M. Barr, Deputy Commanding General, US Army, Asia Pacific; Ms. Priya Parker, Founder, Thrive Labs; Mr. Ata Safdar, Managing Director, Reckitt Benckiser, Thailand, Philippines and Indo China; Beth Macdonald, Global Executive Coach and Learning Facilitator Human Capital; Development Philippines; and Vivek Sood, Chief Executive Officer, Grameenphone Ltd.



Day-long workshop on Andragogy Practicum in CIU

For the first time in Bangladesh, "Andragogy Practicum Club" of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged a day long workshop on "How to Conduct Andragogical Practicum" on February 20 at the CIU Auditorium. The workshop was conducted by internationally acclaimed trainer, visiting scholar of CIU and the Chief coordinator of CIU students Society, A. Qaiyum Chowdhury. The entire programme was monitored by the Club Coordinator and Faculty Member of CIU Tarana Karim. Club President Marzan Binte Akter, Secretary Sabrina Ahsan and Treasurer Sidratul Muntaha assisted in the organization of the workshop. In the 1st

batch, 11 teams of 55 students took part in the workshop. CIU Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Irshad Kamal A. Khan inaugurated the workshop and distributed trophies and certificates among the participants. Through the process of Andragogy' students can learn to become aware of the concepts, understand the underlying meaning of the concepts and develop skills to implement the concepts. The acquired creative skills and enhanced confidence levels will equip students to face practical challenges, necessary to become a highly skilled professional or entrepreneur in the long run.



CIU Students visit Chittagong Dry-dock

A visit was made by the students of operations and productions management-MGT330 of Independent University along with course instructor Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury to the Chittagong Dry Dock Limited, on 15th February, 2014. Engr. Enamul Baqui the Managing Director and his colleagues greeted the CIU students. Thereafter a brief theoretical session took place about CDDL's activities, facilities, services

and products. The students were then taken to the plant area under the guidance of Engr. Habib Ahmed Shafique-Ullah for scrutinizing the operations of Machine Shop, Fabrication Shop, Fitting out Quay (Jetty) and the Dry Dock. After visiting the Dry Dock, students have gained a better knowledge of how the operations are carried out.



MoU signed between CIU and Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), USA

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) to facilitate academic collaboration between the two institutions. The MoU will help to establish student faculty exchanges for

various degree programs and conduct joint research projects. The MoU was signed by Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan and Vice Provost on International Affairs Dr. David Schmidt on behalf of CIU and MTSU respectively.



CIU Celebrated 1st Founding Anniversary

The 1st founding anniversary of CIU was held at its campus on 6 February 2014. Mr. S M Al-Husainy, Chairman, BoT, CIU, Mr. Towhid Samad, Former Chairman, BoT, IUB, CIU BoT member Mr. Md. Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan, Mr. K Z Mahmud, Mr. A K Ashraf Uddin Ahmed, Mr. A H M Chowdhury, Engr. Ali

Ahmed, Dr. Syed Serajul Huq PhD, Mr. A Quaiym Khan, Mr. Ismail Dobash, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan and other administrative staffs were also present at the occasion. After the ceremony The Chairman, BoT, CIU inaugurated the newly established CIU Information Center.



Combating Online Harassment of Women & Launching of "Take Back the Tech" Campaign at CIU

On February 5, 2014 School of Engineering and Computer Science of CIU organized a Campaign jointly with the Association for Progressive Communications, Women's Networking Support Programme on combating Online Harassment of Women & Launching of "Take Back the Tech". The Keynote Speaker was the eminent IT Specialist Mr. Munir Hasan, Coordinator, Youth Programme at Prothom Alo, Bangladesh, Information Technology and Services, former Chairman of Technical Council and Senior Consultant, Digital World 2012 Ministry of Information, Communication & Technology, Bangladesh, General Secretary of Bangladesh Open Source Network (BdOSN) and the Initiator of Mathematics Olympiad, Bangladesh. "Take Back the Tech" is a global campaign that connects the issue of violence against women and

information and communications technology (ICT). It aims to raise awareness on the way violence against women is occurring on ICT platforms such as the Internet and mobile phones, and to call for people to use ICT in activism to end violence against women. It was initiated by the Association for Progressive Communications, Women's Networking Support Programme, in 2006. Since then, the campaign has been taken up and organised by individuals, collectives and non-governmental organizations in at least 25 countries including Bangladesh. The Chittagong Chapter was initiated from CIU. The campaign was organized by SECS Faculty Member Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Mr. Amran Haroon, Mr. Rajib Hasan, and Mr. Rubell Sen Goopla.



Training Session on “Developing Business Model” at CIU

To train new entrepreneurs to design and develop a model for their newly started business the School of Engineering and Computer Science, CIU organized a training session in collaboration with ‘চাকরি খুঁজব না চাকরি দেব’ on January 25, 2014 at CIU Auditorium. Key Facilitator of the session

was Mr. Haider, CEO, opTIMA HR Solutions. The training program was organized by SECS Faculty Members Mr. Amran Haroon, Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Mr. Rajib Hasan, and Mr. Rubell Sen Gooptha.



CIU Observed International Mother Language Day

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed the Language Martyrs Day and International Mother Language Day in a befitting manner on February 21, 2014. The day's programme started with placing of wreaths at the central Shaheed Minar of Chittagong. The national flag was hoisted at half-mast in front of the administrative building. A discussion was also

held, with Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan in the chair. Addressing the discussion, the PVC said Ekushey February is the foundation of the liberation war of Bangladesh. No other nation made such supreme sacrifices for mother language as the Heroes of the Language Movement did in 1952, he said.



Workshop on “Using English Texts in an Interactive Way” at CIU

On 13 February 2014 a workshop on “Using English Texts in an Interactive Way” was held at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) Auditorium. The workshop was organized by Department of English, CIU for the teachers of school, colleges and universities of Chittagong. Creative

methods on teaching English Language were the main theme of the workshop. Mr. William Wolf, English Language Fellow of CIU was the key facilitator of the workshop.



River Cruise 2014

The CIU Annual Picnic 2014 was held on 8 February 2014 at the Chittagong Boat Club. The River Cruise started at 10:00AM and continued till 4:30PM. Faculty Members, Students and Management Staff

participated in this annual event. The picnic consisted of a magic show, indoor games, raffle draw, and other enjoyable activities.



Workshop on e-Learning at CIU

A workshop on E-Learning was held on January 13, 2014 at CIU conference room. Mr. Parwaiz Karamat, Principal Lecturer - Information Systems & Technology, School of Business, Open Polytechnic, New Zealand was the main discussant at the workshop. How to apply electronic media in learning process was the main theme of the workshop. Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Dr. Ayub

Islam, Dr. Manzur Quader, Dr. Mahmud Hassan, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Mr. Amran Haroon, Mr. Rajib Ahmed, Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Mr. A.Qaiyun Chowdhury, Mr. Abu Sohel Mahmood, Mr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled, Mr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun attended the workshop.



Workshop on Higher Studies in France

The Office of International Affairs of CIU organized the Workshop in Collaboration with Alliance Francaise. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Emilie Chassagnard, Attachee for Culture and Cooperation, Embassy of France and Mr. Mohammed Al-Amin Kiron, In-Charge of Campus France Desk in Bangladesh. The workshop was attended by CIU Faculty Members,

Members of the Administration and Students. The workshop was moderated by Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Assistant Professor, CIU and Coordinator, Office of International Affairs.



IUA Planning & Team Building Retreat to Nepal

Independent University Alumni Association (IUA), Chittagong was officially launched on April 4, 2014 during the Freshman & Graduate Reception'14 with a view to "Victory in Unity", to develop skills, to take part in development of CIU, Chittagong and the country, and to organize all the students who have passed from IUB Chittagong and CIU. After the gracious launching of IUA, the Executive Team of IUA arranged a visit to

Kathmandu & Pokhara, Nepal from 13-17 May, 2014. The team was led by Mr. Ahmed Zibran, an eminent banker and ex-IUBian. During their visit in Nepal they met with two Alumni Associations of Nepalese University, attended a workshop on "Hospitality Management Tourism and Branding" and met on a "Brainstorming Strategy Session".



Discussion Session on FIN 405

A Discussion Session for the course of FIN 405 students of CIU was held on April 12, 2014 at CIU Auditorium. The session was conducted by Mr. Mahbub Jamil, Ex-IUB student and Executive of NDB Capital Limited and Mr. Kamon Ashish Barua, MetLife Alico, Bangladesh. The main theme of

the discussion was to orient students on investment sector opportunities and investment banks. The event was organized by Assistant Professor Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, School of Business, CIU.



Valentino Fiesta 2014 at CIU

CIU observed Saint Valentine's Day on February 14 at its Campus at 16, Jamal Khan Road, Chittagong. CIU Students organized many events on this occasion which included solo songs, musical chair, balloon games, ice cream parlor, DJ and other entertainments. Among the Faculty Members

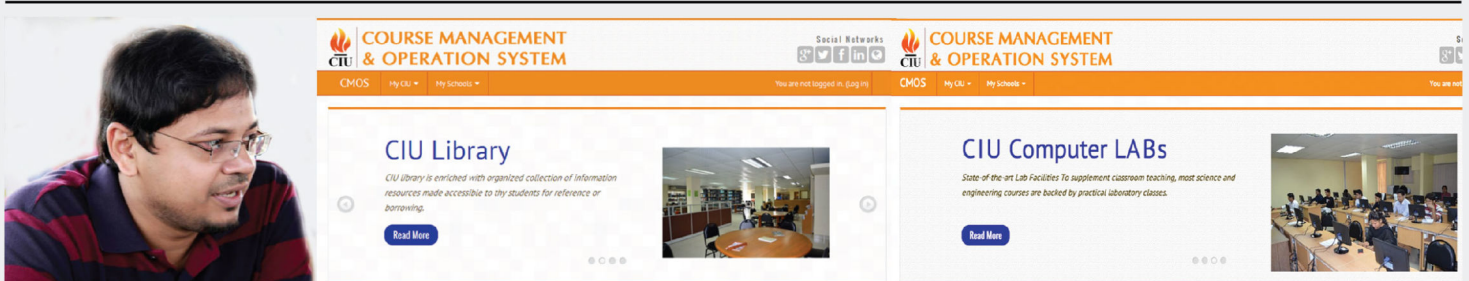
of CIU Dr. M Ayub Islam, Mr. A.Qaiyun Chowdhury, Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Mr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Ms. Robaka Shamsheer, Ms. Nusrat Jahan, and Mr. Kamruddin Parvez were also present.



International Women's Day Observed at CIU- American Corner

A discussion session on "The Voices of Young Women Inspiring Change in Bangladesh Today" was held on Sunday, 9th March, 2014 at 3:30pm. Four aspiring women, successful in their own careers and on inspiration to other young people were the speakers of the session. The panelists included: 1. Zabina Mahmud Chowdhury, Agro-Fresh Farms Ltd, Chief Operating Officer & Director, HRZ Associates. 2. Mrs. Nasrin Baqui, Founder Nuture, BD, which runs Nuture Centre For The Disabled & Paralyzed (NCDP), Nuture General Hospital (NGH) and "Amader Pathshala" a primary school for the slum children. 3. Ms. Cynthia Marzan Mirza, Vice President

(Membership), Chittagong Toastmaster Club & a Banker. 4. Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Asst. Professor, CIU. The panel explored the challenges, issues and inspirations of young women today as they negotiate equality in leadership, financial independence and career opportunities. A concluding speech by Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, CIU was very inspiring to all present. Dr. Kamal told the audience how things are positively changing for the women folk in our society and expressed his hope that better days are ahead.



CIU Introduced "Online Course Management and Operation System (CMOS)"

Online Course Management and Operation System (CMOS) is a software application for the administration, documentation, tracking, reporting and delivery of e-learning education courses or training programs. Functionality of CMOS includes Course Content Delivery; Student Registration and Administration; Training Event Management (i.e., sched-

uling, tracking); Curriculum and Certification Management; Skills and Competencies Management; Skill Gap Analysis; Individual Development Plan (IDP); Reporting; Training Record Management; Courseware Authoring; and Resource Management Virtual Organizations. The system was developed by Mr. Amran Haroon, Assistant Professor, SECS, CIU.



15th Convocation

15th Convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh was held on December 7, 2013 at Dhaka Army Stadium. At the 15th Convocation, 959 students from Chittagong Campus participated from Undergraduate and Graduate Programs. Among them 4 were the recipients of Chancellor's

Gold Medal namely Ms. Tanzina Ahmed Chowdhry, Mr. Ahmad Mufassir Masum, Ms. Sayema Sultana and Ms. Shampa Sadia. Ms. Tanzina Ahmed Chowdhry was the Valedictorian from the Undergraduate Programs.



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