



### MoU between Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and National Board of Revenue (NBR)

'This is the first ever partnership agreement with a Private University'

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and National Board of Revenue (NBR) signed a MoU and hosted a discussion program on December 9, 2017 at CIU. The event was chaired by CIU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury with NBR Chairman Md. Nojibur Rahman, Senior Secretary, Internal Resource Division, Government of Bangladesh, as Chief Guest. At the program, the keynote paper was jointly presented by Ahsan H. Mansur, Executive Director, Policy Research Institute Bangladesh and Dr. Mohammad Zahid Hossain, Former Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank (ADB). Mr. Abdul Hai Sarker, Chairman of the ESTCDT, Sponsor Trust of IUB and CIU, was present as Special Guest at the meeting. CIU Trustee Board Member Syed Mahmudul Huq started off the event with a welcome speech. CIU Board of Trustees member Mr. Salman Ispahani, Managing Director of MM Ispahani Limited and Mr. Nader Khan, Managing Director of Pedrollo NK Limited gave opening speech at the event.

NBR member S.M. Ashfaq Hossain and Habibur Rahman Akhand were also present as guests on the occasion. CFOs and other high officials from reputed corporate houses in Chittagong, Commissioners of Chittagong Tax-VAT-Customs and other high officials, members from the Board of Trustees of CIU, Deans and Faculty members of various departments and administrative unit heads, were also present at the programme.

Dean of the Business School Dr. Mir Md. Nurul Absar signed the MoU on behalf of the CIU and member of the NBR S.M. Ashfaq Hossain signed on behalf of the NBR respectively. Acting Registrar Nahid Khan conducted the inauguration session.

To reduce the economic burden, and the collection of national revenue to be increased the taxation system needs to be modernized said the Chief Guest. Best and diversified use of internal resources is essential to achieve the national target in economic growth. Referring to the structural changes and corrections of the existing policies of Tax, Vat and Customs, he hoped for the cooperation of the people to make them public friendly. He also mentioned developed countries implemented the public friendly taxation system with the help of other stakeholders including the academic sector. NBR also is considering this matter seriously. As part of the process, the signing of partnership agreement with the CIU, a private university, is a milestone. He hoped that in future CIU-NBR Partnership will play a role in creating professional and skilled manpower for forming the digital tax policy for the 21st century.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury thanked all the guests and said that CIU is proud to be a part of this partnership to increase the tax awareness in people while speaking on the occasion as the Chariperson.



In the second phase of the programme, there was a separate technical session on Tax, Vat and Customs. In this phase the key statement on the tax session was presented by Syed Abu Daud, Commisionner, Income Tax, Sylhet. In the VAT session Dr. Md. Abdur Rouf, DG, NBR and Dr. Nahida Faridi, Additional Commissioner, Customs discussed elaborately on key VAT issues. In the technical session, a joint Working Committee was formed with representatives from the Tax, Vat, Customs, Corporate Houses and the CIU which will soon start working on the Certificate Course and Curriculum Design.

Technical session concludes with the statement of Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Member of the Board of Trustees, CIU.

## CIU Celebrates Victory Day

CIU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury remarked that 'the true history of Independence which achieved in sacrificing millions of lives has to be told to the future generations' in a discussion meeting held on December 14, 2107 at CIU to commemorate Martyred Intellectual day and the 47th Victory Day of Bangladesh.

The program started with the National Anthem and one minute silence for the Martyred. The speakers highlighted the significance of the Martyred Intellectuals day and wish everyone a great Victory Day greeting. During his speech CIU Vice-chancellor Prof. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said 14th December the Martyred Intellectuals day is a mourning day for the nation.

Dean of School of Engineering of CIU Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan said, if conscience is destroyed, then any nation can be destroyed.



The nation has to be united repeatedly to break the chain of British colonial rule. Father of the Nation Bangabandhu is the astrigent of this united movement. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan expressed the hope that we would take the country forward by following his ideal.

Dean of the School of Business of CIU Dr. M M Nurul Absar said, "Independence is a great achievement of the nation." Independence came under the worthwhile leadership of Bangabandhu. The Pakistani forces committed the cold-blooded mass murders of nation's best sons aiming to annihilate the country's intelligentsia and cripple the emerging Bangladesh intellectually. Remembering the Martyred Intellectuals with pray and deep respect; he also said, along with the academicians of Dhaka University a great number of teachers martyred. To pay tribute to nations best Sons, he urged to declare 14th December a holiday in all academic institutions.

Dr. Mohammad Ayub Islam, the advisor to the Business School of CIU, said that after 46 years of independence, the pace of national development would be further accelerated. We all should be united to tackle political unrest, corruption, and Influence of foreign forces. For making a harmonic society, he urged everyone to be more tolerant and be away from corruption.

Among others, Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Md. Saifur Rahman, Charmain Rodrigues, Exam Controller Sarker Kamrul Mamun, SoL Manager S. M. Sihabul Islam took part in the discussion. After the discussion the Acting Registrar Ms. Nahid Fatema Khan recited a pleasant poem. Heads of various Schools of CIU, Faculty and Administrative Members participated in the discussion meeting moderated by Assistant Registrar Anjuman Banu Lima.



## CIU Faculty Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury has been Conferred PhD

Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, School of Business of Chittagong Independent University received his PhD from Marketing Department of University of Chittagong (CU). His degree was approved in the 236th Meeting of Academic Council and 511th Meeting of Syndicate of CU. The title of his research was 'Road map to business formation: A study of foreign direct investment (FDI) in Bangladesh'. He did his PhD under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Ayub Islam and Former VC of CU Professor A J M Nuruddin Chowdhry. Besides his academic position Dr. Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury has been appointed as Chairman, Board of Directors of Bangladesh Commerce Bank Limited (BCB) for the term of 2016-2019.

Dr. Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury was born in a reputed Muslim family from Agrabad, Chittagong. He completed his SSC from Collegiate High School and HSC from Chittagong College. Dr. Chowdhury obtained Associate in Science (Applied Science) & Associate in Applied Science in Mining Technology (Supervisory) from College of Eastern Utah, Price, USA. He also completed BSME & MBA (Management) from National University, San Diego, California, USA. He published numerous articles in international peer reviewed journals and also serves as a Reviewer for ACI (Academic International) and ICICKM (International Conference on Intellectual Capital Knowledge Management).

Dr. Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury is an Assistant Professor & Chairman of Department of General Management & Management Information System (MIS) in Chittagong Independent University (CIU), where he has been working since 2001. Dr. Rashid teaches courses both at the Undergraduate and Graduate levels at CIU and he is also serving as the Proctor of the institution. He has significant work experiences in various international multinational companies such as Carbon County Coal Mine Inc. USA, AIM Inc. USA and Wilwen Enterprise, Los Angeles, USA.





### CIU Faculty Nusrat Jahan has been Conferred PhD

Ms. Nusrat Jahan, Assistant Professor, School of Business of Chittagong Independent University has received her PhD from Accounting Department of University of Chittagong (CU). Her degree was approved in the 236th Meeting of Academic Council and 511th Meeting of Syndicate of CU. The title of her research was 'Performance Evaluation through a Tridimensional Approach: A Study of Commercial Banks in Bangladesh'. She did her PhD under the supervision of Prof. K.M. Golam Muhiuddin and Prof. Dr. Ayub Islam.

She started her career as a faculty of School of Business in Chittagong Campus of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in 2005. Afterwards, she joined as a faculty of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) as an Assistant Professor in School of Business.

She completed M.Phil from Chittagong University. She did her second Master in International Business and Management from University of Westminster, UK. She completed Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance from University of Science and Technology Chittagong and Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Finance from Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). Dr. Jahan has several publications in national and international peer reviewed journals and also participated in many seminars/conferences. She also authored a book on Performance Appraisal which is published by VDM Publishing House Limited of Germany.

### Speaker Session @ American Corner Chittagong on Journalism and Ethics



A speaker session on "Journalism and Ethics" was held at the American Corner Chittagong on November 28 2017. Mr. Rashed Rouf, Associate Editor, Daily Azadi alongwith Mr. Ratan Barua, Staff reporter Daily Azadi were the speakers for the session from Chittagong while Ms. Rozina Islam, Senior Reporter, Daily Prothom Alo connected over skype from American Center, US Embassy, Dhaka. The speakers shared their experience on the topic and talked about the turbulence and change in today's world for both better and worse, the hostility they face for being honest and to keep up with the ethical values while working in the field. The speakers were of the opinion that though it is perceived that journalism has lost neutrality yet the fact remains that the passion to serve the community keeps the journalists remain honest and maintain ethical standards and they prove to be an effective source behind positive changes in the society. A group of 60 participants attended the session including journalists, writers and Journalism students.

### Wuhan University of Technology Representatives Visit CIU



Representatives from Wuhan University of Technology, China visited School of Business, CIU on 28 November, 2017. CIU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury welcomed the Wuhan University team. Wuhan University team was lead by Ms. LIU Wenjuan, Chief, International Admission Office (IAO) and Ms. CHEN Yang, International Teaching Office (ITO). During discussion session with CIU management both university emphasizes on faculty and student exchange, credit transfer, 2+2 program, 3+1 program and joint research activities. On behalf of the CIU Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Professor and Dean, CIU Business School, Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean, School of Science & Engineering, Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain, Coordinator, School of Law, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English, Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of Computer Science (CSC), Computer Engineering (CE) and Computer Science & Engineering (CSE), Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Assistant Professor, Ms. Nahid Khan, Acting Registrar, Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Assistant Director were also present at the meeting.

### Inter-School Debate Competition Completes at CIU



Grand Finale and prize distribution ceremony of Inter-School debate competition of CIU was held on November 26, 2017 organized by CIU Debating Club. CIU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the chief guest of the program. Among others, Acting Dean of School of Law Professor Md. Zakir Hossain and faculty members of different Faculties have attended the event.



Acting Registrar Ms. Nahid Khan, Controller of Examinations Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Assistant Professor of SECS Dr. Aseef Iqbal and Lecturer of SoL Ms. Asma Sultana act as Judges of the final competition.

At final round; Debaters from the Dept. of English and School of Business compete with each other. After a very competitive debate, the School of Business team won the Championship. The winning team members were Mohammad Yemen, Zainab and Moinul Islam and The Runners-up team members were Fahad Alam, Maria Q. Zohar and Zarin Tasnim. At the end of the competition, the Chief Guest CIU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury distributed the prize to the winner and runner-up team.

In the speech of the Chief Guest, the Vice-Chancellor said that it is necessary to take part in debate competition to make ones statement acceptable to others by arguing. This kind of arrangement is important for the students to develop their creativity. This will create the habit of reading books among the students and they will become confident. The program was arranged under the supervision of Mr. Saifur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Department of English. Students from different departments of CIU were present at this event.

### CIU HRM Society Starts Journey



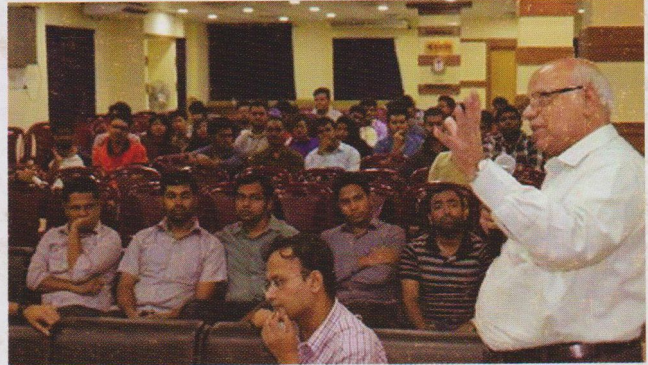
CIU-HRM Society started its journey at Chittagong Independent University. CIU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury inaugurated the society on November 22, 2017. Head of the Department of Human Resources Management Moslehuddin Khaled presided over the Inauguration Ceremony. Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chief Guest of the Program. Dean of the Faculty of Business Professor Dr. M M Nurul Absar was present as Special Guest. Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said that the important thing for any organization is its human resources and its proper management. Hopefully, the CIU-HRM Society will give students the basic concepts of labour status, HR and related knowledge.

The Vice Chancellor said that today many of the developing countries have turned the population into human resources so that they are at the peak of progress today.

Dean of the Faculty of Business Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar Nahid said it is important to have students involved in other creative work besides studies. The HRM Society will play a role in developing leadership qualities of the students, he further added.

At his presiding speech, Moslehuddin Khaled said CIU HRM society will contribute especially as a co-curricular alternative. Following the Holy Quran Recitation of Baktia Khaki and Moderation of Adiba Saif; the members of the newly Inaugurated Club have introduced to the participants. Among others Assistant Professor of the Faculty of Business Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Robaka Shamsher, Nusrat Jahan, Tarana Karim, Lecturer Sayeed Hasan, Librarian Dr. Zillur Rahman were also present.

### SECS Organizes Seminar on "Deep Learning: A New Front Year in Artificial Intelligence – Approach, Applications & Challenges"



A seminar on "Deep Learning: A New Front Year in Artificial Intelligence–Approach, Applications & Challenges", was organized by School of Engineering & Computer Science (SECS) at the Auditorium of CIU on November 22, 2017. The keynote speaker of the seminar was Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Assistant Professor of CSE Department of CIU. The chief guest of the seminar was Dean of School of Science & Engineering, Professor, Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan. Mr. Amran Haroon, Assistant Professor & Head, ETE Department, Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor & Head, CSE Department and all other faculty members & students of School of Engineering & Computer Science (SECS) were also present at that seminar.

CIU Engineering Faculty Dean, Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan stated that 'Deep Learning' is a new concept and it has a major impact on Neural Network Technology. It's essential to focus on the uses and limitations of Deep Learning on Research & Development. Then Dr. Aseef Iqbal pointed out the main concept of Deep Learning. He emphasized on Artificial Intelligence, Principles of Neural Networks, difference between Deep Learning & Traditional Machine Learning and the challenges which one will face in execution of Deep Learning. The seminar was highly praised by the students, as they could learn a lot from it.

### CIU Organizes "Youth Adda Basic Photography Workshop"



"Youth Adda: Basic photography workshop" completed at CIU on November 17, 2017. The workshop was jointly organized by CIU and Youth Network, Chittagong. Renowned photographer in Bangladesh, founder of 'Wedding Diary of Bangladesh', and the Brand Ambassador of Fuji Bangladesh Mr. Prito Rezza attended the program as the Chief Guest. CIU BSS participated as a strategic partner and 'Marketing Bee' participated as Media Partner.



In addition to the students of various Faculties of CIU, students from other universities were also present at the workshop. The workshop was organized to create awareness and interest in photography among young generation. The Chief Guest Mr. Reza said, "it is possible to win all kinds of fears only if we have trust. Do not think about others comments and move forward." In a question answer session students were asked their questions on the topic of the workshop. Lecturer of School of Business of CIU Sayeed Hasan and Aminul Islam Chowdhury attended the workshop. At the end of the workshop, certificates were distributed among the participants.

### CIU BoT Chair Mr. Towhid Samad at the Exchange of Views with Journalists with Journalists at CIU



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) Trustee Board Chairman Mr. Towhid Samad said that 'to take the country forward we have to give priority to education over health and defense'. He said this while exchanging his views with media personnel at the auditorium of CIU on November 14, 2017. The meeting was presided over by CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. CIU Trustee Board Members Ms. Dilruba Ahmed, Mr. Md. Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan, Mr. Habibullah Khan, Mr. Mohammed Khaled Mahmud, Mr. Md. Ismail Dobash, Journalists working for the print and electronic media in Chittagong including the President of Press Club Kalim Sarwar were present at the event.

CIU Trustee Board Chairman Towhid Samad said, besides improving the quality of CIU education, social responsibility giving maximum importance to developing a skilled and creative generation that will lead the future Bangladesh. How Bangladesh will be after a thousand years depends on what we are doing today. If our education system is right then the rest will be perfect. Collapsing any nation does not require use of Atomic bombs or the use of long range missiles. But it requires lowering the quality of Education, he illustrated.

CIU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said that CIU is putting maximum emphasis on imparting quality education, recruiting qualified teachers and improving quality student. A unique feature of this university is that the Trustees of this University do not take any dividends from the University. To give something to the society they are managing CIU at Chittagong and IUB at Dhaka. He also said that soon CIU will be taken to the permanent campus with the latest facilities and noted that despite the limitations of finding a suitable piece of land in Chittagong, we are making every effort to take the university to the permanent

address. He expressed his hope that CIU will become one of the best universities in South Asia.

Acting Registrar of CIU Nahid Khan spoke on the occasion and Assistant Registrar Anjuman Banu Lima hosted the Program. Dean of CIU Business School Professor Dr. Nurul Absar Nahid, Acting Dean of School of Law Professor Zakir Hossain, Head of Finance Dept. Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Head of Marketing Dept. Dr. Md. Nayeem Abdullah, Head of Computer Science Dept. Atiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor of Business School Robaka Shamser,

Controller of Examinations Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Librarian Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Deputy Director of CITS Mostafizur Rahman Chowdhury, Assistant Director of Administration Cumar Doyel Dey, Teachers, Officers and employees of different departments and faculties were also present at the program. At the end of the exchange meeting, an open question-answer session was held.

### SoB Organizes Seminar on Online Resources for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education



CIU-SB organized Seminar on online resources for 21st Century Education. Keynote speaker was Mr. Akramul Kabir, PhD research fellow of Canterbury University, New Zealand. Students from different schools were present on the occasion. The Key Note speaker said that technology has exploded over last decade in Bangladesh. Every necessary information and documents are available on the Internet. But it is necessary to know how to find out right information at the right moment, he added. In this regard, he gave idea on free online courses, blogs, webinar, and podcast. He further spoke about international rules of digital accessories usage, theft control, and obstacles. At the end a question answer session was also held.

### SECS Organizes Seminar on "Challenges for Reliable Technical Communication in the RF Congested Environment"



School of Engineering & Computer Science (SECS) organized a seminar on "Challenges for Reliable Technical Communication in the RF Congested Environment" at CIU conference room on November 9, 2017. The key note speaker of the seminar was renowned American scientist of Bangladesh origin, Dr. Mahbub Hoque. The seminar was Chaired by the Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury.

At the very beginning of the seminar, Dean of School of Engineering & Computer Science (SECS), Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan stated, it's a matter of great pride and respect to have renowned scientist & engineer, Dr. Mahbub Hoque with us. Then after a while Dr. Khan briefed the biography of honorable scientist, Dr. Mahbub Hoque in few words.



Dr. Mahbub Hoque was an ex student of BUET and completed Ph.D from USA and achieved numerous honors and awards for his outstanding contribution. Recently, he was honored as a "IEEE Fellow" after his great contribution in Innovative Antenna & Advanced Communication Technology. Currently, he is working on Communication & Electronics Research at Fort Monmouth NJ, CERDEC Centre which is situated at United States. Network Technology, Nano Technology, Software based Radio Modeling & Simulation, Antenna & EMI were his subjects in research.

Dr. Mahbub Hoque then emphasized on Electro Magnetic Spectrum Management & Antenna Design. Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque stated that CIU has taken steps to launch some innovative courses on Electronics & Communication Engineering and he believes one day the students of CIU will be able to bring a remarkable contribution in Communication Engineering.

CIU Trustee Board members, all faculty members of School of Science & Engineering (SSE) along with Quazi Mostain Billah, Professor of English Department & other administrative officers were present there.

### Meeting with Senior Officials of the National Board of Revenue, Tax, VAT and Customs held at CIU

A meeting was held with the senior officials of the National Board of Revenue (NBR), Tax, VAT and Customs on November 9, 2017 at the Conference Room of Chittagong Independent University (CIU). CIU Trustee Board member Syed Mahmudul Huq, Vice Chancellor Prof. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Dean of CIU Business School Dr. M M Nurul Absar, the First-secretary of NBR Dr. Md. Abdur Rouf, VAT Commissioner of Chittagong Syed Golam Kibria, Commissioner of Chittagong Customs House Dr. A K M Nuruzzaman, Director General of Tax and VAT Academy Mujtaba Ali, Commissioner of Chittagong Income Tax zone-1 Mahbub Hossain, Commissioner of Chittagong Income Tax zone-2 Prodyut Kumar Sarker, Commissioner Mubnub Kabir and Income Tax Commissioner Md. Nazmul Karim, Joint Tax Commissioner Saiful Alam and Md. Raich Uddin Khan, Assistant Tax Commissioner Omar Faruk were present on the occasion. Among others, CIU's Head of Finance and Economics Department Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Md. Belayet Hossain Galib, CIU's Acting Registrar Nahid Khan, Deputy Director of Finance and Accounts Salma Begum and Assistant Registrar Anjuman Banu Lima were also present.

In the discussion, the speakers expressed their views on the role of Tax, VAT and Customs in financial transparency and accountability in financial management. In this case CIU expressed its hope for introducing joint program with the help UGC and NBR to develop semester based Orientation Courses, Diploma Courses and Higher Education for professional skill development. CIU Trustee Board member Syed Mahmudul Huq said, CIU will offer certificate courses for the CFOs of various corporate offices of Chittagong, development of professional skills of mid-level officers and this course also play a vital role in inclusion of tax-education in higher education. After the meeting, to design the course curriculum NBR along with the designated officials of Tax, VAT and Customs decided to work together under the leadership of Dean of CIU Business School Dr. M M Nurul Absar.

### CIU Dept. of English Organizes Speech Competition

English Department of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a speech competition on "The Future of Mankind lies in Cosmopolitanism" Agree or Disagree?

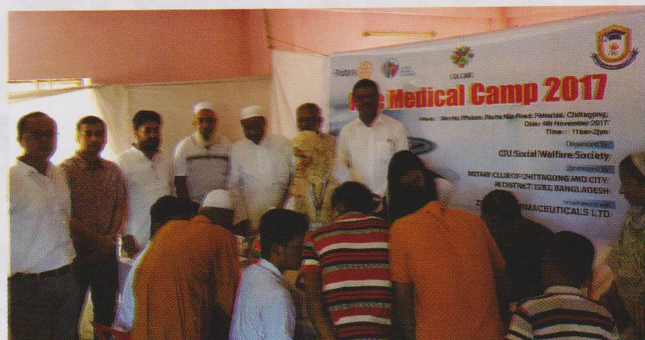
Vice Chancellor of CIU Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was the Chief Guest of the Program. Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of English. Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dept. of English discussed about the main point of the topic.



The Vice Chancellor in his introductory speech mentioned that by giving importance to English language this sort of program will motivate students to enhance their creativity. He also advised the students to work on the development of mankind and bring positive changes in the society.

Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor & Head, English Department, Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Assistant Professor, English Department, Mr. Saifur Rahman, Assistant Professor, English Department were the judges of the competition. The winners of this competition were Trisha Dutta (1st Position), Nabila Akter (2nd Position), Nowrin Kainat Alam (3rd Position). The overall arrangements of the program was supervised by Ms. Leema Sen Gupta, Lecturer, English Department. Other faculty members of English Department and students were also present at the program.

### CIU Social Welfare Society Organizes Medical Camp



CIU Social Welfare Society organized a free Medical Camp for the underprivileged men, women and children of the society with the help of the Rotary Club of Chittagong Mid City in Saraipada Ward on South Mia Road on November 4, 2017. Ward Councillor Alhaj Saber Ahmed attended the meeting. Under the leadership of Dr. Muhammad Nazim, 30 volunteer students, 10 specialist doctors of the Internal Medicine Council and the USTC provided health care to nearly 350 sick children, women and men. In this, free emergency medicines were distributed on behalf of Jenis Pharmaceuticals. Rotary District President of Rotary District 3282, Rotarian Professor Dr. Tayeb Chowdhury, and Associate Professor of the CIU and coordinator of CIU Social Welfare Society Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah attended the camp.

### Workshop on Leadership Development holds at CIU

On November 3, 2017 a day long workshop on Youth Leadership Development- Youth Adda- a project of Youth Network was held at CIU with a joint initiative of Youth Network Chittagong, Bangladesh Youth Leadership Development Center (BYLC) and Youth Network. The day long workshop was directed by proficient BYLC faculty members and trainer Mr. Almeer Ahsan Asif. About 90 students from different universities of Chittagong participated in the program. After group discussion and conducting various session the workshop was concluded with a vote of thanks from the Chair.



The program started with opening speech from Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Dean of the School of Business on the value of leadership. The instructor articulated the importance of leadership in every facets of life including providing guidance, constructing self-assurance, building morale and coordination. He said that a leader should not only attain the educational qualifications but also the multidimensional traits which will make him or her more engaging and effective. He or she should excel cognitive skills, intelligence and communications, working knowledge, self-confidence, motivating others, supervising groups and more, he added.

At the end of the program, certificate was given to each participant. Creative and Media partner for the program was Marketing Bee with strategic partner Team Chittagong and learning partner: OWT and CIU Model United Nation.

### ICAB team exchanges views with CIU-BS students



On October 25, 2017 the Institute of Chartered Accounts Bangladesh (ICAB) representatives exchanged views with the CIUBS students. On this occasion, the Team also met with faculty members and deans of CIU Business School on the upcoming "Student Summit" to be held in November 2017 and professional skills development in Chartered Accountancy. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Professor and Dean, CIU-Business School, Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, Mr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Human Resources Management (HRM), and Mr. Aminul Islam Chowdhury, Lecturer were present among others. On behalf of ICAB, Mr. Md. Rezaul Kabir, FCA, Head regional committee, Chittagong, Chowdhury Rakibul Kalam and other executives were also present on the occasion.

### CIU SWS and Down Syndrome Society Bangladesh organizes Awareness Campaign

On October 21, 2017, CIU SWS and Down Syndrome Society Bangladesh jointly organizes awareness campaign on the occasion of World Down Syndrome at the CIU auditorium.

The Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU, Prof. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was the Chief Guest while Dr. Hakim Arif, Chairman, Department of Communication Disorder, University of Dhaka was the Chair of the program. Among others Mr. Ali Hossain Akbor Ali, Frobels Academy Principal Tehsin Juhair, Principal of Asar Alo Dr. Sonia Sultana, CIU-SB advisor Dr. M. Ayub Islam and goodwill ambassador of AMDA International Ms. Kajuko Taketani, Chairman of Down Syndrome Bangladesh Sardar A. Razzak spoke on the occasion. Down Syndrome Bangladesh, Chittagong Chapter coordinator Tasneem Abedin was also present on the occasion.



The discussants discussed the causes and the consequences of the Down Syndrome (DS or DNS). They said DNS is a genetic disorder and also known as trisomy 21 caused by the presence of all or part of a third copy of chromosome 21. It is typically associated with physical growth delays, characteristic facial features and mild to moderate intellectual disability. Syndrome has 47 chromosomes in their cells, one more than the usual 46. Usually, a person gets 23 chromosomes from the mother and 23 chromosomes from the father and they pair up. A child with Down syndrome has one extra chromosome. Down Syndrome in children is not a disease and it can be managed with awareness and familial compassion, said experts at a discussion on the occasion. They said children with the syndrome are not less intelligent, they are just different. Speakers also added that the children with Down syndrome can act and learn like other children if given proper care and nutrition. Growth of a child with Down syndrome is slower than other children. These kids are also slower in learning to do physical activities. On average, one in every 800 children is born with the syndrome and there are two lakh children with this syndrome in Bangladesh.

Department of Communication Disorder, University of Dhaka, Down Syndrome Society Bangladesh, Down Syndrome Parent's Support Group, Japan Bangladesh Friendship Hospital along with AMDA Bangladesh have been observing this month from 2016.

### The Intra University Business Idea Competition Ends at CIU



The Grand Finale of CIU Intra University Business Idea Competition 2017 was held on October 19, 2017 at the Auditorium of CIU organized by Division of Student Affairs (DoSA). The competition was held among the university students. The purpose of this competition was to promote their business idea and to enhance their ability and skills to understand the market properly. The Chief Guest was Mr. Jasim U. Chowdhury Managing Editor & Publisher Dainik Purbokone and Special Guests were Ms. Sabeen Aameir, Director, BSRM Group, Mr. Faisal Nasir Khan, CCO, Royal Cement, Dr. Javed Hossain, Professor of Marketing, University of Chittagong. The program was chaired by CIU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury.



The members of DOSA, with their effort promoted the competition and managed to gather many potential students from the BBA department and further evaluation, we managed 9 groups. Total 45 students participated from different semesters.

The competition was based on three rounds. The first round was the selection round of Case competition. Each group was given a different case. The members had to present the case in the presence of the four judges: Mr. Faisal Nasir Khan, Chief Communications Officer, Royal Cement; Dr. Mohammed Javed Hossain, Professor of Marketing, University of Chittagong; Mr. Albira Hasan, Senior Faculty Member, Southern University; Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Lecturer of School of Business, Chittagong Independent University.

The second round was the semi final round the participants had to submit their business plan to the judges. The third round was the final round where the nominated members had to show their ideas of promoting their business plan. Before the beginning of the competition the participants and DOSA had an orientation meeting where DOSA provided an introduction about the competition. The program ended successfully. Dr. M. M. Nurul Absar, Dean, BoS, Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Professor, BoS, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Associate Professor, Dr. Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled, Assistant Professor, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Assistant Professor, Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Lecturer, Mr. Aminul Islam Chowdhury, Lecturer were also present at the occasion.

### Seminar on Blue LED by the Dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science



A Seminar on Blue LED was organized by the School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS), on September 21, 2017. The Keynote Speech was given by Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean of SECS, CIU. The Seminar was entitled "Discovery of Blue LED: Consequence on White Light". Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Head of the Department of Electronic and Telecommunication Mr. Amran Haroon, Asst. Prof. Dr. Sajib Das Gupta and Mr. Md. Sajjatul Islam were also present at the occasion.

In his speech the Keynote Speaker Dr. Khan stated that LED (Light Emitting Diode) is playing an important role in saving global resources. He added one-fourth of the power consumed globally is used for lighting, and therefore LED can save resources through consuming a smaller amount of power in relation to its counterparts. He also highlighted that the LED can help in raising the living standard of almost 1.5 billion people of the world, and that the LED light can be run on locally manufactured solar cells. Even though LED was discovered only 20 years ago, it generates 4 times more light in comparison to the fluorescent bulbs, and 20 times more light in comparison to the old model incandescent bulbs.

An open Question & Answer session was organized at the end of the Seminar. Faculty Members from the Engineering School Mr. Golap Kanti Dey, Mr. Md. Rizwanul Arafin Neyon, Mr. Habibur Rahaman, Mr. Md. Rabiul Hossain, Mr. AKM Mahmudul Haque, and Mr. Irfan Morshed along with the Students of the Engineering School also attended the Seminar.

### School of Law (SoL) Organizes Autumn Orientation Program



An Orientation Program for the new students of School of Law (SoL), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held on September 9, 2017 at the CIU Auditorium. The Chief Guest of the Orientation Program was Mr. Md. Mujibur Rahman Miah, Honorable Judge of the High Court Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court. He stated that dispute over the maritime boundary with India and Myanmar could be settled due to skilled lawyers. He also added students of the legal profession have to be skilled in English since all law books are written in English, and that they also have to think in the global perspective.

The Program was presided over by the Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. The Special Guest of the Orientation Program was Mr. Munshi Md. Moshior Rahman, Chief Judicial Magistrate. Member of the CIU Board of Trustees (BoT) Engr. Ali Ahmed and School of Law Coordinator Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain also spoke at the event.

The Chief Guest Justice Md. Mujibur Rahman Miah said that Bangladesh has a notable shortage of skilled legal practitioners, which the current students must complete in future. He added that democracy cannot flourish without the help of the law. The Special Guest Chief Judicial Magistrate Mr. Munshi Md. Moshior Rahman opined that the students of law must be knowledgeable about all subjects and not only the legal matters, otherwise they will be unable to give the right judgments in their duties.

The CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury added the legal profession is one of skill. The human civilization has been facing problems since the beginning, and that law is needed these problems in a logical and just environment. Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain stated presently the legal profession has become very challenging, and that its role has changed since the Second World War.

The Program was moderated by CIU student Mr. Mohammad Ibrahim. Joint District Judge Mr. Abdul Kader, Dean of SECS Dr. Rezaul Huque Khan, Bangladesh Navy Captain Mahbubur Rahman, and Country Manager of Bachman Asia Pacific Mr. Mir Asadur Rahman along with the Faculty Members, officials and Staff of CIU, and newly admitted students of SoL also attended.



## SoB/SLASS/SECS Organizes Autumn Orientation Program



An Orientation Program of the School of Business (SoB), School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS), School of Engineering and Computer Sciences (SECS), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was organized November 9, 2017 in the CIU Auditorium. Prof. Abdul Mannan, Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest and presided over by the Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. Member of the CIU Board of Trustees (BoT) Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Dean of the Engineering School Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean of the School of Business Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar and Head of the Department of English Ms. Charmain Rodrigues also spoke at the Program.

The Chief Guest Prof. Abdul Mannan stated that Bangladesh will emerge as a large economy thanks to the youth population of the country. He further added that the future of Bangladesh lies in the hands of the youth. The present generation has to transform themselves into human resources, and that they have to learn all sorts of new skills, and always be eager to learn new things. They must also have computer and communication skills. Prof. Abdul Mannan provided an observation that the students of the country have earned degrees, but they are lacking in the knowledge and learning that accompany their degrees.

Member of the CIU BoT Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury in his speech clarified that the facilities for the Faculty Members and Students of CIU have been increased. The CIU Authority is presently working to build the permanent campus of the University. He hoped that after graduation the students of CIU will become complete human beings. The Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury stated that all facilities have been provided to ensure a high standard of education at CIU. But it is up to the students themselves to take full advantage of these facilities.

The Program was moderated by the Acting Registrar of CIU Ms. Nahid Khan. Ms. Maria spoke on behalf of the existing students, while Mr. Abdur Rahman spoke on behalf of the new students. Prof. Quazi Mostain Billah from the CIU Department of English, and Advisor to the School of Business Prof. Dr. M. Ayub Islam along with the Heads of Departments, Faculty Members, Officials and Staff of CIU, and the newly admitted students of the semester were attended at the program.

### 15 New Faculty Members join CIU

A Reception was organized in the Auditorium CIU to welcome 15 new Faculty Members who joined in the School of Business, School of Engineering, School of Law and the Department of English. The Reception was presided over by the Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury.



The moderator of the event was Mr. Saifur Rahman, Asst. Prof of the Department of English. Dean of the School of Engineering Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean of the School of Business Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Advisor of the School of Business Prof. Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Coordinator of the School of Law Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain, and Prof. of the Department of English Quazi Mostain Billah along with the Heads of Departments and existing Faculty Members of CIU also took part in the reception. At the end of the program, the respective Deans of Schools introduced the new Faculty Members.

In his speech the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury pointed that the university teachers aside from teaching in the classrooms need to have a research-oriented focus as well, since without research survival in the academic world is not possible. He also added that the first private universities were established in the United States. It was mainly out of willingness to give something back to the society that prominent businessmen established universities such as Harvard, MIT and Columbia. The founders had no intention of running the universities like business establishments. As a result, the private universities of the United States were able to achieve worldwide fame. He pointed out more Faculty Members will be recruited in the future with rising number of students, and also advised the new Faculty Members to undertake research activities.

## Promotion & New Appointment



Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun has been appointed as the Controller of Examinations, Chittagong Independent University on 2nd May 2017. Before joining as the Controller of Examinations, Mr. Mamun has served the CIU as Acting Registrar & Acting Controller of Examinations since the inception of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) in 2013. Prior to that Mr. Mamun served Independent University, Bangladesh, Chittagong Campus for about 11 Years in different capacities where he headed the Admissions and Registration Department. He graduated from Chittagong University with M.Com in Management and earned MBA in HRM from Independent University, Bangladesh.



Mr. Mostafizur Rahman Chowdhury has been appointed as Deputy Director at the Central Information Technology Services (CITS) and as Acting Deputy Director of Electrical Electronics Equipment Procurement & Maintenance Department (EEEPMD) in Chittagong Independent University (CIU), where he has been working since January 2002. He completed his B.Sc (Hons.) and M.Sc in Physics from University of Chittagong (CU).



## Makerspace with a 3D printer inaugurates at CIU-American Corner



Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, Chittagong Independent University and Mr. Joel Reifman, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Dhaka inaugurated the new Makerspace at American Corner Chittagong on August 23, 2017. Makerspace is a place where patrons of varying ages can work together, alone, or with teachers on creative projects. These spaces often give community members access to tools, technology and social connections that may not be easily accessible otherwise. MakerBot 3D Printer, Lego MindStorms, Makey Makey, 3D Doodlers and more are available at American Corner Chittagong at CIU.

## Seminar on Infrastructure Financing Issues in Bangladesh at CIU



A Seminar entitled "Infrastructure Financing Issues in Bangladesh" was organized at the Conference Room of CIU on August 20, 2017. Dr. M. Fuzul Kabir Khan, Former Energy Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh and Founder CEO of Infrastructure Development Company Ltd. was the Keynote Speaker of the Seminar. Dr. Khan stated that the manner in which many individuals and organizations are coming forward to invest in the power sector, investors need to come forward to finance and develop the other infrastructural sectors of the nation as well. Dr. Khan also added that Bangladesh has the lowest GDP growth rate in South Asia. In order to enhance the GDP growth, the share market needs to be strengthened, bank loans need to be more easily accessible, and the investors need to be motivated to invest in the various sectors.

The Seminar was presided over by Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, the Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU. Dean of the School of Engineering Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean of the School of Business Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Advisor to the School of Business Prof. Dr. M. Ayub Islam, and Prof. Quazi Mostain Billah from the Department of English along with Heads of Departments, Faculty Members and Administrative Officers of CIU attended the Seminar. The CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury observed that timely investments in the appropriate sectors will facilitate the journey of Bangladesh towards becoming a middle income country. For the investors of the country need to understand the priorities and needs of the current times, he also opined.

## CIU celebrates the 8<sup>th</sup> Open Day



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) recently organized and celebrated its 8th Open Day in its Jamal Khan premises on August 7, 2017. During the Inaugural Session, the Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury stated CIU aims to develop its students as complete human beings. He also added that CIU is an ideal institution. Dean of SECS Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean of the School of Business Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Coordinator of School of Law Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain, Prof. Quazi Mostain Billah of the Department of English, Proctor Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury and Acting Registrar Ms. Nahid Khan also spoke on the occasion.

In his address the Dean of the School of Business Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar stated that CIU has all the facilities and capabilities required to provide quality education to the students. He added that students do not need to go to Dhaka or abroad for quality higher education, since they can get a world class education from CIU. Advisor to the School of Law Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain pointed that a University Degree does not only mean a piece of paper, but it signifies knowledge and skills as well.

On the occasion of the Open Day, CIU and the participating organizations provided various offers to the students. The American Corner Chittagong offered its Annual Membership for Taka 200/- only. Ice cream shop "Iceberg" offered various discounts on its various ice creams, with students being able to savor their treats for as little as Taka 80/- only. Burgwich Town, Aroy-D House and The Signature Restaurant also participated in the Open Day. There was an Information Booth of CIU as well, along with offers for Spot Admission and Campus Tour.



## Webinar for Assessment of Learning at CIU



A Webinar on the Assessment of Learning was organized at the Conference Room of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on July 27, 2017. Prof. Dr. Raisuddin Khan of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, International Islamic University Malaysia participated as the Keynote Speaker of the Webinar via Skype from Malaysia. The Webinar was organized by the Center of Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) at CIU. The program commenced at 10:30 AM Bangladesh Time and 12:30 PM Malaysia Time. The Webinar provided a general view of assessment methods, the various types of available assessment methods and their impacts, which areas should be covered by the methods, and how the assessment should be conducted.

In his Keynote Address Dr. Khan stated that the proper methods of assessment of learning can help students overcome their fears about examinations. The proper assessment methods can also help the students to get the proper idea about the various aspects of education, and establish the benchmark and future directions of the education. The Chief Guest of the Webinar was Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, the Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU. The Webinar was moderated by CETL Director Dr. Aseef Iqbal. Dean of the School of Engineering Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, and Dean of the School of Business Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, along with the Faculty Members and Officials of CIU attended the program. In his address the CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury stated that spread of knowledge as a result of the Webinar will improve the teaching and assessment methods of the CIU Faculty Members.

## Professor Emeritus Abdul Karim Memorial Seminar at CIU



A Memorial Seminar on Professor Emeritus Abdul Karim, the renowned Historian of the sub-continent, and Former Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University (CU), was organized at the CIU Auditorium with the joint initiative of CIU and the Chittagong Centre for Advanced Studies (CCAS). The Seminar was presided over by Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, the Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU. In his remarks, Prof.

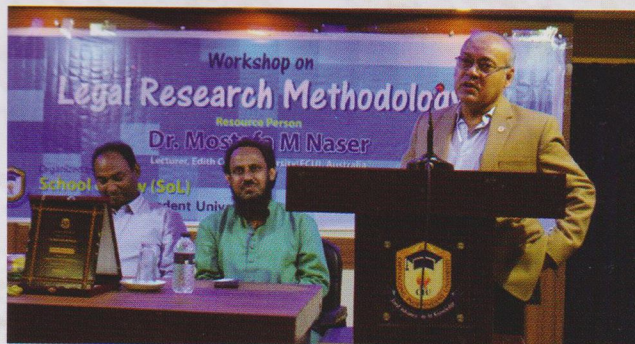
Chowdhury in remembering the contributions of Professor Emeritus Abdul Karim in the practice of history, stated that Professor Abdul Karim is a shining example in his field.

Two papers on the topic of "Dr. Abdul Karim and the Institutional Study of History" were presented by Dr. Shamsul Hossain, Researcher and Member-Secretary of CCAS, and Dr. Md. Shahkhawat Hossain, from the Department of Islamic History of Chittagong University. Dr. Md. Bashir Ahmed, Professor of the Department of Islamic History, CU and Dr. Md. Zahidur Rahman, Professor of Department of History, CU also spoke at the Memorial Seminar.

In his address, Dr. Shamsul Hossain highlighted after gaining Independence, Dr. Abdul Karim was one of the few intellectuals who helped shape the identity of the nation. He also added that Dr. Abdul Karim made important contributions to the learning of history of Bengal, and the practice. In his speech, Dr. Md. Shahkhawat Hossain highlighted the various aspects of the books published by Dr. Abdul Karim and how they shed light on the important aspects of the history of the region. Dr. Md. Zahidur Rahman added that Dr. Abdul Karim studied history in an independent fashion, and started the trend of studying history from a social perspective, which others have followed subsequently.

Also present at the Memorial Seminar were Professor of CU Dr. Jinbodhi Bhiku, Dean of the CIU School of Business Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Head of the Department of Human Resources Management Mr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Lecturer of the CU Department of Political Science Mr. Muhammad Ishak, Controller of Examinations at CIU Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Deputy Director of CITS Mr. Mostafizur Rahaman Chowdhury, and Deputy Director of Finance & Account of CIU Mr. Salauddin Md. Tarek and others.

## SoL Organizes Workshop on Legal Research Methodology at CIU



A Workshop on Legal Research Methodology was organized on July 22, 2017 by the School of Law (SoL) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU). The Keynote Speaker of the Workshop was Dr. Mostafa M. Naser from Edith Cowan University, Australia. The Workshop highlighted the various aspects of Legal Research Methodology, including the definition, how to fix the topic of the research, drafting of the research proposal, the various methods of legal research, the creation of new knowledge through legal research, and the presentation of the results. The Chief Guest of the Workshop was Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, the Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU. The event was presided over by Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain, Coordinator of SoL. The program was moderated by Mr. Badsha Miah, Lecturer of the School of Law. Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Dean of the School of Business, CIU was also present at the Workshop.

In his remarks, the Chief Guest Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury observed that research is a neglected topic in most universities in the country, or it is not taught at all to the students.



There is no alternative to research if development is to take place in the age of globalization. Faculty Members, Students and the Institution have to give research its due importance and acknowledgement. Research has to be prioritized along with classroom teaching, as it helps the students of the legal profession to find solutions to legal issues in a deep manner.

The Keynote Speaker Dr. Mostafa M. Naser stated that both the accumulation of knowledge and its spreading are necessary. The importance of legal research is increasing against the backdrop of globalization. Therefore, we cannot be lagging behind in the aspect. The problems and their solutions need to be identified, and the solutions need to be implemented. There is no alternative to studying and implementing legal research in solving legal issues and problems.

In his speech, Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain stated that research is an important issue for the society and social welfare. But it does not receive its due importance in the field of education. Keeping this point in mind, the curriculum of the School of Law (SoL) at CIU has included a mandatory course on Legal Research.

## SoB Organizes Workshop on Research Methodologies



A daylong workshop on "Research Methodology" was held at the premises of Chittagong Independent University on July 6, 2017. The main speaker of the event was the Advisor to Business Faculty Prof. Dr. M. Ayub Islam and other notable speakers were Associate Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah and Asst. Prof. Nusrat Jahan.

During his speech, Prof. Dr. Islam spoke on the need for quality research and observed that any unique small thing can be topic of research. He also said it is not necessary to pick a critical scientific theory like gravity of Scientist Isaac Newton for research. One could always pick up a simple subject matter and then expand upon its theory. However, the research would have to be conducted following scientific and defined methods and creating something new would its key purpose.

He urged the students to consult experienced teaching faculty and sources before embarking on a research project. A good research starts with a number of hypotheses, selecting the correct problems and inconsistencies only to end with writing the findings of the said hypotheses. It's imperative to use these methodologies and establishing hypotheses in order to uncovering something new.

The workshop was divided into three sessions; during which topics like research methodologies and techniques, report writing, and its presentation were discussed in depth. There was also an open question-answer session which was mostly attended by the CIU Summer Interns.

## SoL Organizes Iftaar Party



Students of the School of Law organized an iftar party and a caucus at the premises of CIU on June 16, 2017. The chief guest for the event was the Chief Judicial Magistrate Munsif Moshfiyur Rahman along with other notable guests namely the Senior Judicial Magistrate Hossain Mohammed Reza, Lecturer (SoL); Mr. Badsha Mia, and Assistant Director (Admin.) Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey. The program was presided by the Coordinator of SoL Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain.

During the discussion session the Chief Guest stated, "The time of Ramadan is a perfect occasion to purge oneself of their bad habits. It's a period of abstinence, where one abstains from malice, disagreements and any sort of indiscretions." The Dean of SoL concurred with the Chief Guest and further stated that it is a wondrous time to ask for forgiveness from our Lord. It is not only a period of observing fast but also refraining from any kind of vice and corruption. One should always conduct oneself with piety even after Ramadan. Failing to do so would only invalidate the efforts of Ramadan.

The program started with the recitation from the Holy Quran and ended with the prayers conducted by Ajmer Azam, a student from the Law Dept. Under the direction of a fellow student Shafayet Jamil, Mahfuza recited a poetic piece praising the God. The event was attended by 120 Bachelor and Masters students along with university officials and staff members.

## UMS Representatives Visit CIU



Representatives from the reputed University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) visited at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on June 13, 2017.

Associate Professor and Deputy Director of UMS External Education Centre; Dr. Stephen L. Sondoh headed the representative team. Also, present during the reception was local contact of UMS, the head of Chittagong Mentors Coaching Centre Ms. Manzuma Murshed and Head of Operations Mr. Mohi Uddin Sumon.



The representatives were welcomed by the CIU Associate Professor and Head, Department of Finance and Economics, SoB, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader.

The meeting was held in the conference room of the academic building 16, Jamal Khan Road, Chittagong. During the exchange, UMS Deputy Director Dr. Stephen L. Sondoh stated that UMS is a public institution and was established in 1994. The University is located on almost 1 acre land. The institution consists of 10 faculties and about 17 thousand students are enrolled at this university. This university has signed numerous MoUs with various international institutions all over the world. He further expressed interest in future endeavors such as teacher-student exchange programs, joint research facilities and other training programs with CIU. He stated that the two universities would work towards signing a memorandum of understanding.

Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science, Computer Engineering and Computer Science and Engineering (SECS) Mr. Atiqur Rahman was also present.

### CIU organizes "Summer 2017" Orientation Program



Summer Orientation Program 2017 was organized at the CIU Auditorium on the June 8, 2017. The program was organized to welcome the new students. The event was presided over by the CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury and also present at the event were Professor and Dean, SECS, Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Professor and Dean, SoB, Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Advisor, SoB, Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Professor & Coordinator, SoL; Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English (SLASS); Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor and Head, Management Information System, Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Acting Registrar, Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Librarian, Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Deputy Registrar, Nahid Fatema Khan.

The VC welcomed the new batch of students and stated that CIU provided international educational opportunities right here in Chittagong city. CIU has exceptional and adequate experienced teaching faculty, sophisticated equipment and classrooms available for its student body. He also said that the CIU authorities are determined to establish CIU's permanent campus as a modern campus not only in Chittagong or Bangladesh but throughout South Asia. He advised the students to be more elegant and said, "We hope that you will be an ideal student, you will build yourself to be honorable and elegant."

The Dean of SoB; Prof. Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar said that, "CIU is governed by the country's leading educationalists, intellectuals and industrialists. Its founder Trust-Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) is operating in both Dhaka IUB and Chittagong CIU. This non-profitable university seeks to comply with each section of private university Act 2010. He also mentioned that the students have the opportunity to play a significant role in the advancement of the university."

The Coordinator of SoL Professor Md. Zakir Hossain said that, "Some decisions are extremely critical to our education and choosing the right kind of university is one of them."

The program was conducted by Trisha Dutta, student, Department of English. Zarin Tasnim Khan and Rafa presented speeches on behalf of the student body and their respective faculties. The event was attended by various teaching faculty members, students, and CIU officials.

### Honorable President Approved the Appointment of CIU's 1st VC



Honorable President and Chancellor of Universities Md. Abdul Hamid appointed Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Chittagong as the Vice Chancellor of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) for a four-year term from the date of his joining. On June 6, 2017, following the President's order, a notification was signed and issued by Ms. Jinnat Rehana, Deputy Secretary of the Education Ministry, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was born in Padua Union of Lohagara Upazilla, Chittagong. He received his PhD in Law & Public Policy from Northeastern University, Boston MA, USA in 1992. Later, he conducted his post doctoral research at Duke University, USA in 2012-2013, Tokyo University, Japan in 2005-2006 and at the University of Southern Illinois, USA in 2000. He has published several research articles in national and international journals and has also authored and edited some scholarly books. He has presented many research papers in international and national conferences and seminars.

Dr. Chowdhury received Senior Fulbright Fellowship of the Dept. of State, USA in 2012, Japan Foundation Fellowship, Govt. of Japan in 2005, Senior Fulbright Fellowship, USA in 2000, Salzburg Seminar Fellowship in 1998. He also received Chittagong University Chancellor's Gold Medal in 1976.

Apart from teaching, Dr. Chowdhury served as Director, Social Science Research Institute, Chairman of Political Science Dept., Member of Board of Advanced Studies and Academic Council at CU and UGC nominated Syndicate Member and Academic Council Member in several private universities. He was consulted by the UNDP on several occasions.

In personal life, Dr. Chowdhury is married with one daughter.



## Tilburg University Conducted Workshop on Qualitative Research at CIU

On May 29, 2017, CIU and Tilburg University of Netherlands jointly organized a workshop titled, "Qualitative Research Methodology in Innovation Research: Lessons from the DFID Project" at CIU.

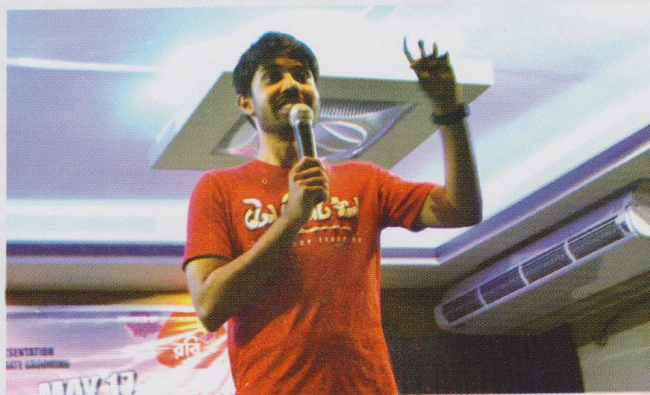
The joint venture of both the universities aimed at delivering information pertaining to uncovering trends in thoughts and opinions, diving deeper into research methodologies. The workshop session was initiated by CIU Business faculty Dean Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar with a welcome speech. While the main speaker of the event Dr. Jaap Voeten, a researcher at the Tilburg University, discussed the possibilities of qualitative research. He specified the types of qualitative research by stating its method organized and yet flexible. He also stated that its data collection methods vary using unstructured or semi-structured techniques.



CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said that it was a great opportunity to exchange knowledge with a university of Europe through the workshop. Thanking the key-speaker for attending the workshop, the CIU VC hoped that the presentation of Dr. Jaap on qualitative research would be encouraging to all the participants.

During the session, Head of Dept. of Finance and Economics Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor, Mr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Head of Dept. of English, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Head of Dept. of Human Resources Management, Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled; Asst. Professors, Ms. Nusrat Jahan and Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Lecturer Sayeed Hasan, Adjunct Faculty Ashiqul Mahmud irfan, Premier University Associate Prof. M. Moinul Hoque, Premier University Marketing Asst. Prof. and Head Sadia Akhter; Librarian Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman were present among others.

## Ayman Sadik of 'Ten Minute School' at CIU



"If you hope to become a good speaker or debater then you must learn to conquer your fears". This is what the Chief Executive and Founder of the online scholarship platform, "The 10-minute school", had to say to the students gathered at the workshop on skill development. The program was organized at the auditorium of the Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on 17th May 2017. The student oriented club, DOSA, was instrumental in organizing this workshop and the session began with the welcome speech presented by Head of Management and MIS Dept. Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury.

The main speaker of the event, Ayman Sadik, said that, "In order to find the hidden presenter or debater in you, you must learn to break away from the metaphoric shackles that bind you. In other words, learn to conquer your fear of public speaking.

Emphasizing the significance of what constitutes a proper behavior in social media platform or in online, Sadik said, "Although we are accustomed to a digital lifestyle, we often lose sight of how to maintain a proper etiquette. A proper representation of ourselves in online can directly affect the image we embody our organizations or own country." Hence, Sadik urged students not to make the wrong sort of comments in social media and therefore create a misrepresentation of one's culture and values.

He also said the students to be creative by saying that, "Do something creative and explore what is new and unknown. Many people would have various opinions regarding this; however, you do not let those opinions constrict you."

Furthermore, stressing on the importance of simple courtesies such as offering salaam to your elders, Sadik stated, "Give salaam to everyone- whether he is a simple caretaker of your house or a housemaid. Any greeting you bestow upon them would be much appreciated by them and their charming replies and smiles would light up your day."

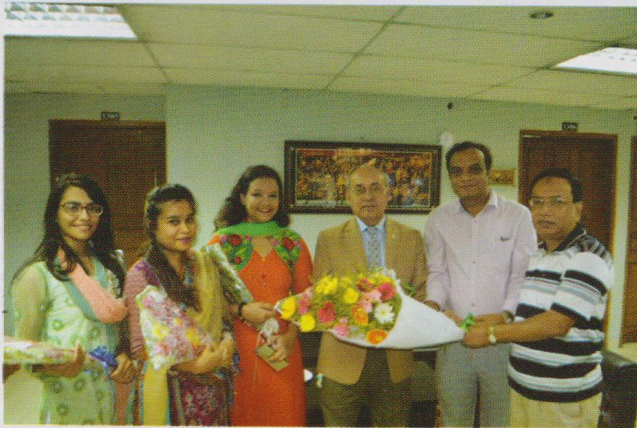
He advised the students not to be frustrated with obstacles and be happy with the small joys and good aspects of life.

During this ongoing sessions other than imparting bits of sound knowledge and morals, Ayman Sadiq highlighted some important information on CV Writing, Interview Skills, Presentation, Software, Career Guidelines, Corporate Grooming, etc.

The event was hosted by CIU students, Maisha and Brent. The program was attended by a large number of faculty members of the university including Assistant Prof. SoB, Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Assistant Prof. Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Assistant Prof. Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen and many more.



## Reception to Business Idea Contest Winners



On May 14, 2017, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) participated alongside 42 other Universities at the Royal Cement-Drishy Brain Storming Business Idea Contest organized by the educational and cultural institution Drishy, Chittagong. Out of the 42 participating Universities, CIU won the crown for the Business contest.

The creative competition for business concepts, branding, re-branding, case-analysis, advertising, etc. has been conducted for the past 8 years. 42 teams consisting of various public and private universities participated at the contest. After defeating 41 teams in the competition, CIU champions were lauded warmly by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. Dean of SoB, Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar and Head of Management and MIS Dept. Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury were also present. The winning team, three Business Majors; Sidratul Muntaha, Ruthbaltija and Brinti Das were welcomed by the VC with flowers. The winning team handed over the Champions trophy to CIU through the Vice Chancellor.

Two other universities, along with the CIU team, passed the final phase on 10th May. The final round was- "The future is the sea-based economy and the potential of Bangladesh". Former Chief Economist of Bangladesh Bank was present as the judge for the competition. After the competition, Chittagong University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury gave the prizes to the winners.

## SECS holds Hackathon Workshop at CIU

On May 4, 2017 the Hackathon Workshop was organized at the CIU Auditorium by SECS. The main speaker for the event was Assistant Professor of Electronics and Communication Engineering Department and Information Technology Consultant Dr. Arif Iftekhar, CU Dept. of Applied Physics. Technology is rapidly innovating with time. Automation or automotive control is gradually replacing the labor market. Where once 15 workers were needed to do a single job now can be performed by a single automated device. However, in term of technological advance, Bangladesh currently seems to be lagging behind compared to any other developed country. In order to better understanding the complexities of technology, enriching pre-existing knowledge about technological advancements and encouraging students to enter technology based competitions, CIU Engineering Dept. presented their very own Hackathon Workshop.

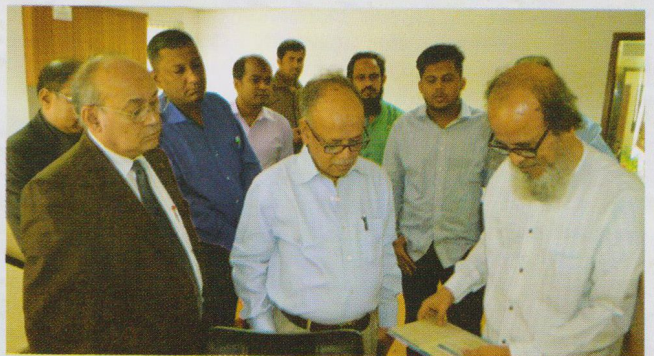


The Key-speaker for the event, Dr. Arif Iftekhar, stated that, "Students graduating from engineering universities in the neighboring countries like India and Thailand are quite the expert in industrial vocation. They are competent in the engineering field and have skillful experiences in assembling mobile phones. However, the students of our country are woefully unskilled in such matters and the only way to counteract this problem is to take part in technology related workshops or competitions. By participating in various Hackathon workshops, these students would be able to gain invaluable industrial based skills and knowledge before graduating from their respective universities." "You should be accomplished in both academics and extra-curricular activities. In order to enrich one's CV, a student who has a perfect CGPA score should take part in competitions and gain valuable experiences and skills from extracurricular activities", said Dr. Arif Iftekhar.

The event was hosted by Dr. Aseef Iqbal of the Engineering Faculty. Other faculty members such as Dean of SECS Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan; Head of CSE Department, Mr. Atiqur Rahman; Head of ETE Department, Amran Haroon; Head of EEE Department, Rubell Sen Goopta; Lecturer of Engineering Department, Md. Sajjatul Islam and Golap Kanti Dey.

Students enthusiastically participated during the Question-Answer session with Dr. Arif Iftekhar. The event ended with a resounding note.

## Hon'ble UGC Chairman Visits CIU



Chairman of Bangladesh University Grants Commission (UGC), Prof. Abdul Mannan paid a friendly visit to Chittagong Independent University on the 24th April 2017. He was received and warmly welcomed by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury.

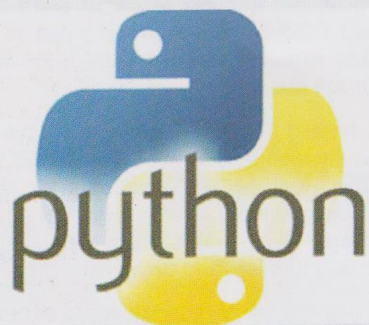
During this time, Professor Mannan visited Chittagong Centre of Advanced Studies (CCAS), established at CIU in order to study the history, culture, economy, development and strategic matters of Chittagong city.



Researcher and Secretary of CCAS, Dr. Shamsul Hossain presented the agenda and proceedings of the institution to the visiting UGC Chairman. Dr. Shamsul Hossain further stated that CCAS was established for the advancement of Chittagong city. The organization has been long researching and studying the ancient history and heritage of Chittagong including the regional dialects of Chittagong. He also said that CCAS is currently compiling and recording data pertaining to the ancient and historic city of Anderkilla and the old Hathazari town of Chittagong. The purpose is to generate different district-based information which would advance future researching avenues. Prof. Abdul Mannan congratulated the efforts of CCAS and acknowledged its initiative and endeavors to promote the ancient heritage of Chittagong district.

After the inspection of CCAS, Prof. Abdul Mannan concluded his visit with a courtesy meeting at the Vice-Chancellor's office. Acting Dean (SoL); Prof. Zakir Hossain, Lecturer (SoL); Mr. Badsha Mia, Acting Registrar; Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Assistant Director (Admin); Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey were among the few who were present during the courtesy visit paid by the UGC Chairman.

## Boot Camp on Python 3 Programming Language at CIU



Python 3 is a widely used programming language today, applied in smart phones and web based applications. However, this programming language is not included in the syllabi of colleges and universities. So, in order to increase the knowledge of the students, especially the university students, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a "Python 3 Boot Camp" at its Jamal Khan premises from April 7 to April 8, 2017.

The camp was jointly organized by CIU with the not-for-profit Bangladesh Open Source Network (BDOSN). Mr. Maksudur Rahman Matin, Python Programming Expert and author of the Bengali book entitled "Python 3 in Simple Language" was present as the Instructor of the camp. The 2-day camp was inaugurated by Mr. Amran Haroon, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering of CIU. He explained that Python 3 is a highly developed and simple programming language, and that Python 3 has taken one-third of the coding space of other programming languages. That is why the programmers of today should learn this language. Since Python 3 is not included in the syllabi, the camp has been organized to give the students an idea about this language.

Students from 6 institutions in Chittagong participated in the program, which has held in Computer Lab - 3 of CIU. Various aspects of Python 3 were demonstrated in the camp, and small program projects were shown as well. Certificates were distributed among the participants at the end of the program.

## CIU welcomes Dr. A K Abdul Momen President Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE)



On 6th April 2017, the former Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations met at a conference held at Chittagong Independent University (CIU).

Now, newly elected as the Chairman of the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) Dr. A K Abdul Momen commented that, "It is very important to develop a personal relationship with the different groups in the interest of diplomatic success in foreign countries". Referring to the United Nations as a place of business, Dr. Momen said, "The United Nations is a trading center or a business center, so the people who work there must be in search of opportunities. For the sake of the country's interests, it is necessary to develop personal relationships with different communities. Personal relationships are very important."

Blaming the "career diplomacy" behind the failure of Bangladeshi missions abroad, Dr. Momen further stated that diplomats of developed countries like the US have the opportunity to communicate directly with their head of state. But it is not possible in our country's bureaucracy. As a result, our career diplomat working abroad cannot directly communicate with the Prime Minister, which creates a great communication gap.

Emphasizing on sending non-career diplomats instead of career diplomats in foreign diplomatic missions, CSE's Chairman said, "None of the world's top diplomats were career diplomats. Almost all of them were employed as non-career diplomats or political appointed". He said that Bangladeshi diplomacy protocols must employ the same kind of policies.

Regarding the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE), Dr. Momen said that the stock market is a place of public investment for the general public. Although the future of the Chittagong Stock Exchange is good, some kind of relapse or a certain kind of distrust of the institution can be seen. We have to gain that confidence. Currently CSE transactions can rise up to 900 million, but I think it is possible to augment the transactions up to 2000 million or more.

Earlier during the conference, Dr. Momen was presented with a crest and flowers by CIU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. He also graciously accepted the invitation to CIU Corporate Talk Series. Throughout the session, in addition to discussing about diplomatic missions and careers, he further reminisced about various memories and episodes from his career. Later, he joined in an open question-answer session.

Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Advisor, SoB, Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Professor and Dean, SoB, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Finance and Economics, SoB, Mr. Abu Sohel Mahmood, Assistant Professor, SoB, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Associate Professor, Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Human Resources Management, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Assistant Professor, SoB, Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Professor and Dean, SECS, Mr. Rubell Sen Gupta, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Dr. Sajib Dasgupta, Assistant Professor, Mr. Golap Kanti Dey, Lecturer; Mr. Md. Sajjatul Islam, Assistant Professor, Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Assistant Professor, English Dept., Mr. Md. Saifur Rahman, Assistant Professor, English Dept., Mr. Badsha Mia, Lecturer, SoL, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Controller of Examinations, Mr. Mostafizur Rahaman Chowdhury, Deputy Director, CITS, Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, Assistant Director, Administration and HR were present at the program.



## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Day Summer 2017



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) celebrated its day-long semester oriented activity, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Day on April 5, 2017. The program was hosted at the CIU campus and was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury.

"CIU has created the perfect opportunity for a world-class education in Chittagong. We have the American Corner, the British Council and our very own CIU library catering towards a world-class education", said Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. Furthermore he stated that, "CIU has been working towards establishing itself as an impeccable institution which does not believe in the number of students it can accommodate but rather on providing a quality education for its students." The Vice-chancellor addressed the parents and invited them to take advantage of the event to peruse the topnotch facilities and opportunities offered at CIU.

The Dean of SECS Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan expressed the significance of the Open Day and described how such an event could be instrumental in helping the parents in making a sound decision regarding admission. He also invited the parents to a tour of exploring the CIU labs and various departments.

Another faculty member, Dean of SoB Prof. Dr. M M Nurul Absar said that CIU being an international standard institution can offer better opportunities for students in Chittagong."

Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain, Coordinator of CIU School of Law stated that "Various CIU departments are rapidly adopting novel and latest teaching strategies in delivering the right kind of education for its students. It's very important to select the right kind of institution for your child and today's Open Day creates the perfect opportunity for students and parents alike to assess premier education when they see it."

Prof. Dr. Ayub Islam, and Prof. Quazi Mostain Billah of the English Department also expressed views on Open Day. The event was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury by releasing balloons into the air. Main attractions of the event were spot admissions being conducted at the campus and the opportunity to visit the campus. There was also an information booth specifically for potential admission seekers. Other attraction of the event was a veritable fair of local known restaurants and Juice Bars introducing their delicacies and beverages.

## 1st IQAC Workshop at CIU



The IQAC workshop titled "Team Building" was held at CIU campus on April 27, 2017. The Chief Guest was Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury and the keynote speaker was Business Faculty Adviser Prof. Dr. M. Ayub Islam. In order to augment the standard of higher education in both public and private universities of the country, a flagship initiative of University Grants Commission (UGC); the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) will be implemented at Chittagong Independent University. To ensure the quality of education, this cell will be working towards a long-term improvement through self improvement of university education system.

During the session, Prof. Ayub Islam stated that Bangladesh is steadily moving forward in the field of higher education systems. However, the quality of education is not increasing compared to the pace with which higher education is expanding within the country. In order to ensure the quality of the education, UGC has made the self-assessment process compulsory at university level. Such practices are already in place at the universities of developed countries. This strategy would allow the teachers to understand their limitations and work on the self-assessment process.

He further discussed in detail about the self-assessment process; its objectives, the steps, its principles, the standard and its advantages. Prof. Ayub Islam stressed on the significance of the workshop and urged everyone to work together to improve education systems.

Professor M M Nurul Absar, Professor and Dean, SoB, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Finance and Economics, SoB, Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of General Management and Management Information System (MIS); Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Associate Professor, Ms. Nusrat Jahan, Assistant Professor, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Assistant Professor, Ms. Nusrat Jahan, Assistant Professor, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Assistant Professor Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Professor and Dean, SECS, Dr. M. Nuruzzaman, Professor; Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science, Computer Engineering and Computer Science and Engineering; Mr. Amran Haroon, Assistant Professor and Head, Electronic and Telecommunication E Mr. Rubell Sen Gupta, Assistant Professor and Chairman, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Engineering; Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English; Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Assistant Professor; Mr. Md. Saifur Rahman, Assistant Professor were present at the workshop.



## CIU Celebrates Pohela Boishakh 1424



On the occasion of the Bengali New Year 1424, several programs were organized at the initiative of CIU students clubs DOSA and IUCC at the CIU.

The Chief Guest of the event was the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. The Vice Chancellor warmly greeted the students, teachers, staff members and other employees gathered on the occasion of Pohela Boishakh. He commented that hopefully next year would bring as much joy as this year's celebrations and our journey would continue beautifully into the future. Also, Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Professor of CIU English Dept., greeted everyone and said, "The CIU family has passed onto another year of its journey. As much as it is a joyous occasion, we also eagerly await next year. And, hopefully we will experience another New Year together." CIU own students, Jawad and Aurchi, were anchors for the event.

The program was attended by faculty members such as, Advisor to SoB, Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Assistant Prof. and Head of General Management and MIS Dept., Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Assistant Prof. and Head of English Dept., Ms. Charmaine Rodrigues; Assistant Prof. and Head to CSE Dept., Prof. Atiqur Rahman; Assistant Prof. and Head to HRM Dept., Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled, Associate Prof. of Dept. of Finance and Economics, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Assistant Professors of English Dept., Mr. Saifur Rahman and Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Assistant Prof., SoB, Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Assistant Prof. of Dept. of Finance and Economics, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Faculty Members of SECS and SoL, Lecturer Golap Kanti Dey and Lecturer Badsha Mia respectively; and Assistant Director of Administration Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, among others.

## SECS Organizes Engineering Night 2017

Students of the Engineering Department and members of the Independent University Science and Engineering Club organized "Engineering Night 2017" under the patronage of PICO Glass Limited; electrical technology and service providers.

The event was held at the CIU Auditorium on March 31, 2017. The Chief guest of the event was CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury along with Special Guest Professor and Dean, SECS, Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan as well as the Guest of Honour Managing Director, PICO Glass Ltd., Mr. Khasru Anower Chowdhury.

Pleased with the success and efforts of the student-body, the Vice Chancellor commented, "I am elated to be present at the Engineering Night 2017 organized by the Engineering Faculty. I believe that such an arrangement will only work towards further motivating the students to study and help students move forward into the future with renewed strength and purpose."



Managing Director, PICO Glass Ltd., Mr. Khasru Anower Chowdhury remarked upon the importance and value of organizing such an impressive event and how its significance increases a student's sense of quality, responsibility and duty. He further said that organizing such an event has played an important role in enhancing extracurricular activities. He expressed his hope that students passing out from the CIU Engineering Faculty will make a unique contribution towards the future of the engineering industry.

The event was hosted by Assistant Professor and Head of SECS department, Mr. Atiqur Rahman. During the event, the Chief Guest was welcomed with a crest handed over by Dr. Aseef Iqbal of the Engineering Faculty. Also, various Head of Departments, teachers, staff members and students participated in the program making it a resounding success.

The program exhibited numerous attractions such as games, stand-up comedy, solo as well as group performances, and raffle draw. The program committee organized a superb sweet fair catering a fantastic array of sweets. The event ended with a celebratory dinner.

## Head of English Dept., CIU conducts a session on AE- (American Web – Resources )

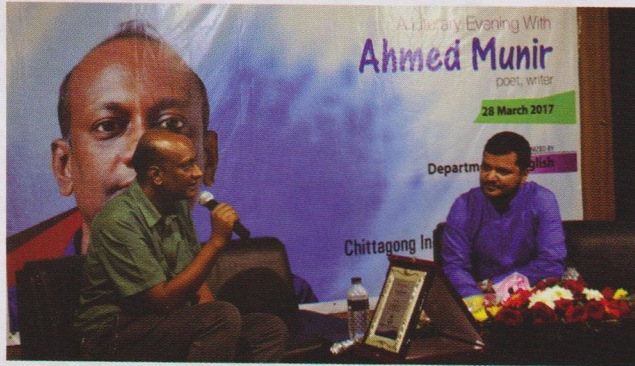


Ms. Charmain Rodrigues Asst. Prof. & Head of English Dept. (CIU) conducting a cascading session on " AE- (American Web – Resources ) for English Teachers , held on Sept. 10th 2017 at the American Corner , Ctg. organized by BELTA , Chittagong Chapter.



Professor and Dean, SoB Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Advisor, SoB Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Marketing, Dr. Mahmud Hassan, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Finance and Economics, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Assistant Professor Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen were present amongst others.

## Literary Evening with Ahmed Munir by CIU Dept. of English



Chittagong Independent University English Department hosted a literary evening on March 28, 2017 where the prominent poet and writer Ahmed Munir graced the occasion. Under the direction of the Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, teachers from the English Dept. Ms. Charmaine Rodrigues and Prof. Quazi Mostain Billah, Deputy Registrar, Nahid Khan and Owner of Bati Ghar; Dipankar Das spoke at the event. The presenter for the evening was Md. Saifur Rahman.

The Key-note Speaker Ahmed Munir said, "People are now global. They see the world in terms of the big picture. Any kind of world problems affects one and all, showing how all of us are interconnected. Which is why Tagore's famous quote, 'Little lives, little tales, little sorrows', does not apply to the current literary context.

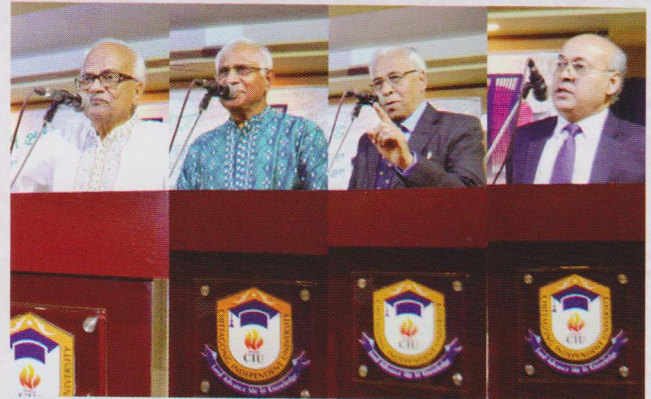
While talking about his recently published novel, "Sri Shyamacharan Kaviraj Bhaban", he said that he always harbored a fascination for Chittagong city and has tried to immortalize its heritage in his book. He has captured the viciousness of man through metaphoric devices in this book.

During the talk, Prof. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said that, "In order to be a creative writer, one must cultivate diversity in one's mind and must be inquisitive in nature." He further said that the benefit of bringing a poet or an author for a candid talk session will inspire the students towards creativity. He thanked Ahmed Munir for participating in the program and urged the English Department to organize such events in the future.

Other speakers at the session such as the Prof. Quazi Mostain Billah said that short stories have a way of introducing readers to new depths and vagaries. This is obligation of any writer. In response to the text of Munir Ahmed's newly published story "Shri Shyamacharan Kaviraj Bhaban", he said that the poet has tried to create a special narrative in his story which seems to evoke vague notions and often deviate from the context. He said that poet Ahmed needed to have a specific destination in the story and should have remained true to the story. In reply, Munir Ahmed said that there is a destination even though the narrative tone of the story stays in his story. He mentioned and explained the experiences of a metaphor or a metaphoric life.

After the literary oriented session, Munir Ahmed discussed the contents of his newly published books with the students. Two students Enayet Rahman and Zerin Tasnim Khan, from the English Dept. read out parts from the poet's books. Also, Benazir Binte Showkat and Shujala Srabonti Ahmed deliver poetry recital from one of Munir Ahmed's various poems. Besides the faculty members of the English Dept. and other officials were in attendance of this event.

## CIU Accords Reception to the Ekushey Padak Recipients of 2017



"Those who are being accorded today are not only recognized at the national level but are also renowned in international circles." This is what the CIU Vice-Chancellor had to say during the reception of the 'Ekushey Padak 2017'-winners at the university auditorium. The program was held on March 23, 2017.

The four acclaimed recipients were Prof. Emeritus Dr. Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin, Rhymester Sukumar Barua, Maestro Azizul Islam and Veteran Poet and Journalist Abul Momen.

The Vice-Chancellor enthusiastically welcomed the acclaimed winners. During his speech he lamented about the fact that in spite of the various contributions of Chittagong city, it was often seen that people felt the need to migrate to Dhaka in order to get any recognition or fame. However, these accomplished individuals got national recognition from Chittagong and it is quite a remarkable feat for Chittagong.

After thanking the reception committee, EkusheyPadak winner Educationist Prof. Dr. Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin said that the EkusheyPadak was dedicated to the honor the language martyrs. "It is the symbol of Bengali Nationality, language and culture. This award is extremely prestigious. Therefore, I am very fortunate and honored to receive this medal." He also said that his reasons for researching were never to gain any prominence but rather was an outlet for quenching his thirst for knowledge. However, to receive such an award recognizing his accomplishments is a reason for happiness.

Ekushey Padak winner, Maestro Azizul Islam said that, "My music is a god-gifted talent. I have always been fascinated by music since my childhood. I still listen to it and still observe practice. Intense focus and training has brought me to this platform. I am eternally grateful to the lord." The Maestro further encouraged the students to get involved in the cultural arts, sports, and musical training. He explained such exercises would prohibit any unscrupulous behavior amongst the students.

Also, Ekushey Padak winner, Journalist Abul Momen who has made significant contributions to journalism, said that Bangladesh is the land of possibilities. More than half of its population consists of the youth with ages under the age of 40. However, the challenge of building a modern society with democratic values is in front of us. He said, even though we can change the state through the war of liberation, the society has not changed yet. People yet remain regressive. Referring to the liberation war as a 'division line', he said that the kind of social structure that we wanted through the war of liberation did not happen, but through this war we got a brave and enthusiastic Bengali nation.

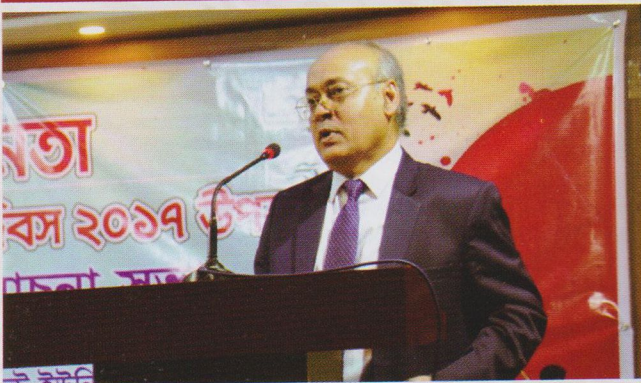
The winners were introduced by the historian Dr. Mahmudul Hoque, Rhymester Utpal Kanti Barua, Prof. Dr. Momtaz and Journalist Bishwajit Chowdhury at the event.



CIU Vice-Chancellor Dr Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury presided over the ceremony which was also addressed by East Delta University VC Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sikander Khan, Begum Gul Chemonara (BGC) Trust University VC Dr. Saroj Kanti Singh Hazari and Southern University Pro-VC Engineer M. Ali Ashraf among others.

Furthermore CIU Trustee Board member Safia Ghazi Rahman, Chittagong University Prof. of History, Dr. Asma Sirajuddin, Journalist Raisul Bahar, Prof. Hasina Zakaria, Dr. Anjuman Ara Islam, City Planner Engr. Subhash Barua, CIU Prof. and Dean SECS, Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Huque Khan, CIU Prof. and Dean, SoB, Dr. M M Nurul Absar, other faculty members, CIU officials and students were present for the event.

### CIU Observes Independence Day



A caucus was organized at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) to celebrate the Great Independence and National Day of Bangladesh on March 23, 2017. The event was held at the auditorium and the Chief Guest was Honorable Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury.

Dean of SECS, Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan; Dean of SoB, Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Head of English Dept. Ms. Charmaine Rodrigues, Head of Computer Sciences Dept. (SECS), Mr. Atiqur Rahman; Assistant Prof. of SLASS, Md. Saifur Rahman; Assistant Professor of SoB, Kamruddin Parvez, Lecturer of SoL, Mr. Badsha Mia, Acting Registrar, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Deputy Director (F&A), Ms. Naznin Sultana, Assistant Director (Admin), Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey expressed their views regarding Independence Day. Sayam, a BBA student, was the chosen representative to speak regarding Independence Day on behalf of the student body.

On this occasion, the speakers urged to work properly in their respective areas in order to protect the freedom earned in exchange of blood.

### Inter School & College Programming Contest 2017 at CIU

The Inter School and College Programming Contest 2017 was held on March 17, 2017 at the Jamal Khan premises of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) in collaboration with Outsbook, an institute for teaching of programming languages. A total of 103 students from 14 schools, 8 colleges and 5 universities of different regions of the country participated in the contest.

8 school students, 3 college students and 3 university students were awarded prizes during the contest. Chittagong Collegiate School was adjudged the Best School, while M. A. Motaleb College from Lohagara, Chittagong was adjudged the Best College of the contest. Ms. Sumaiya Ahmed, student of Bindubasini Government Girls High School in Tangail was adjudged the Best Female Contestant from the school level, and Ms. Miskatul Jannat from Chittagong Government Commerce College was adjudged the Best Female Contestant from the college level.



Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU was present as the Chief Guest at the Prize Distribution Ceremony. The program was presided over by the Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, and conducted by Mr. Syed. Md. Minhaz Hossain. Dr. Rashed Mostafa, Dr. Hanif Siddiqui, Mr. Shahin. Md. Faruq, Mr. Helal Uddin, Mr. Hasnain Ahmed, Mr. Porag Pal, Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Mr. Md. Fahim Abrar and Mr. Sami Ahmed were also present on the occasion.

### Launching of Career Development and Advising Department at CIU



The Career Development and Advising Department formally started its journey on March 16, 2017 at CIU with the mission to preparing the CIU students for their prospective careers in the current job markets. The Department was inaugurated at the CIU Auditorium by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan and Dean of the School of Business Dr. M M Nurul Absar also spoke at the program. The program was conducted by Ms. Nahid Khan, Deputy Registrar of CIU. Faculty Members and Officers of CIU attended the launching program.

During the program, the Honorable Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury stated that, "this Department will provide the support from the beginning of a student's university life by giving advice, guidance, training and other support in relation to their career. The Department will work towards giving the students the skills they will need to land the job of their choice, ranging from the type of CV they will need to prepare, interview techniques, networking with established professionals and organizations, providing direction to those who want to become entrepreneurs, working online to find and create work opportunities abroad, extracurricular activities, and exchanging ideas with foreign students".