



CIU Engineering School Adds Three Modern Laboratories

Upholding its commitment to impart quality engineering education and promote research activities, School of Science and Engineering of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) added three state-of-the-art laboratories on November 22, 2018 namely Electronics Laboratory, Network and Simulation Laboratory and Multimedia Laboratory to its current facilities.

The laboratories are equipped with modern computers, accessories and instruments - 79" Interactive Smart Boards, top-of-the-range Apple iMac with 27" Retina Display, branded PC with 8th Gen quad-core i7 processors, wireless PA system along with network attached multimedia projectors, versatile digital trainer boards, Digital Storage Oscilloscopes, high frequency Digital Signal Generators, just to name a few.

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) graced the launching ceremony as the Chief Guest, while Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean, School of Science and Engineering, chaired the event.

The Chief Guest expressed his great hope that the introduction of the laboratories would give a new dimension to engineering education at CIU and facilitate research and advanced training.

Professor Khan thanked the Chief Guest for his initiative to materialize the long-term roadmap of rejuvenating the Engineering school with the laboratories.

The new laboratories extend the horizon of engineering education and hopefully new engineering students would seize this opportunity of acquiring quality education.

It may be mentioned here that the laboratories are unique in terms of equipment and in Chattogram there is scarcely a second laboratory to match its facilities. The upgrading of the laboratories will make engineering studies at CIU unique.

Annual Interactive Meeting 2018



Annual Interactive Meeting was held at CIU Auditorium of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) with the teachers and employees on November 08, 2018. CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury presided over the meeting and Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Director, Center of Excellence for Teaching and Learning (CETL) of CIU moderated it. The attendees aired their views and suggestions in the meeting.

Terming CIU as a family, the VC said that CIU has been working to face future challenges of higher education by appointing skilled manpower and creating conducive environment. "If the plans we have taken are implemented, the scenario of this university will get even better in the near future," he said.

He urged the teachers to engage more in research and emphasized the importance of nurturing the skills of the students. He also reminded everybody present that they all had roles to play in guiding CIU to its goal of imparting excellent education.

Meeting



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its 10th **Academic Council Meeting**, in the university Conference Room on May 14, 2018. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, chaired the meeting. Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, external member Dr. Md. Mahmud-ul-Haque, Professor Dr. Mohammad Ayub Islam and other members of the academic council attended the meeting.



► The **Board of Trustees (BoT)**, CIU had separate meetings on August 13, 2018 and December 19, 2018. Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman BoT chaired the meetings. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, VC of CIU, thanked Trustee Dr. A Majeed Khan, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee A. Quaiyum Khan, Trustee Aminur Reza Khan, Trustee Dilruba Ahmed, Trustee Habibullah Khan, Trustee Hefazatur Rahman, Trustee Ismail Dobash, Trustee Mohammed Khaled Mahmud, Trustee Nader Khan, Trustee Syed Mahmudul Huq and Trustee Aminur Reza Khan for being present in the meeting.

During the meeting, a number of agenda were discussed and resolutions were taken. The Members reiterated their whole-hearted support for making CIU a prime center for higher education.



► A meeting of the BoT of CIU took place on October 04, 2018 which was attended by the Trustees Dr. A Majeed Khan, Mr. Hefazatur Rahman, Engineer Ali Ahmed, Mr. A H M Chowdhury, Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Mr. Lutfu M Ayub, Ms. Dilruba Ahamed, Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman, Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Mr. Mohammed Khaled Mahmud, Mr. Ismail Dobash, Mr. Mirza Salman Ispahani and Mr. Aminur Reza Khan.

Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman BoT chaired the meeting, while Mr. Abdul Hai Sarkar, Chairman, Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) stated in the meeting that higher education at CIU has caught the attention of the cognoscenti around the country, and that the creativity of its students is worth praising – a pattern that should be maintained.

The members discussed the various plans the university had adopted to update its course-curricula in order to groom students as progressive and active learners.

They felt that CIU's persistent attempts to offer quality education had managed to secure the confidence of the guardians. They hoped that the university will soon shift to its permanent campus. They further said that the university will ensure world class facilities for its students in its permanent campus.

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, stated that this institution had altered the typical perception about private universities in Bangladesh. He informed that the members of University Grants Commission (UGC) commended CIU's course-curricula, teaching methods and learning environment. He added that students and guardians will experience further heights in higher education at CIU once the academic programs are run on the permanent campus.

Promotion-Appointment

Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah was appointed Dean of CIUBS with effect from August 01, 2018 for the next two years.



He obtained his PhD in Finance from the University of Chittagong (CU) under HEQEP funding. He had his Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Finance & Banking from Assumption University, Thailand with Magna Cum Laude in 2005 and Master of Science in Finance and Management from University of Exeter, UK in 2006. Prior to joining CIU, he was a Lecturer of School of Business, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), Chattogram Campus.

Dr. Abdullah has numerous publications in national and international peer reviewed journals to his credit. He is also a reviewer for a number of international peer-reviewed journals. An active Red Crescent Society member, Dr. Abdullah has presented papers in national and international conferences in Dhaka, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Dr. Robaka Shamsher was promoted to Associate Professor of Marketing at CIU Business School on July 01, 2018. She was also appointed as the Head of Marketing Department of CIUBS on the same day. Dr. Shamsher got her PhD from Dhaka University which she also attended for her BBA and MBA. She began teaching as a lecturer at Stamford University.



Dr. Shamsher published research articles in many reputed national and international journals. She is also involved with a lot of co-curricular activities at CIU. Currently, Dr. Shamsher is the Faculty in-charge of Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club (CIUCC) and Independent Marketing Club (IMC).

Dr. Aseef Iqbal was promoted as the Associate Professor of Department of Computer Science and Engineering at CIU. Currently, he is serving as the Head of Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of SSE, CIU.



Dr. Iqbal received his BSc in Computer Science from North South University, Dhaka. He pursued his MSc in Mechatronics Engineering from AIT, Thailand and earned his PhD from International Islamic University Malaysia.

Dr. Iqbal is an active researcher in the field of artificial intelligence, machine learning and robotics with a number of publications in national and international journals. He is also a member of IEEE Robotics and Automation Society.

Mr. Risul Islam Rasel joined the department of CSE, CIU as an Assistant Professor. He received his BSc degree in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh in 2010 and MS in Information Technology from the King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok, Thailand in 2013.



His research interests include data mining, machine learning, computational intelligence, artificial intelligence, big data analysis, and applications. He contributed two chapters in Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing (AISC), volume 209 and volume 566 and published more than fifteen articles.

Mr. Rasel was a recipient of the Royal Thai Government scholarship as a graduate research assistant in 2011, and also received the Best Paper Award (Honorary) at the International Conference on Advanced Information and Communication Technology in 2011.

Mr. Md. Adnan Kabir joined Chittagong Independent University as a Lecturer in the School of Law on September 01, 2018. He completed his LLB (Honours) and LLM (Masters) from the Department of Law, University of Chittagong. He is interested in Cyber Law, Environmental Law and legal research. Before joining CIU, he used to practice law as an advocate.



Mr. Tanvir Ahmed joined the School of Law, Chittagong Independent University as a Lecturer on December 01, 2018. He completed his LLB (hons) and LLM from the Department of Law, University of Chittagong. Mr. Tanvir is interested in Constitutional Law, Land Laws of Bangladesh and Mercantile Law, etc.



Mr. Md. Rifat Ahmed joined Chittagong Independent University as a Lecturer in the Department of English under School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences on September 03, 2018. He completed his MA and BA in Applied Linguistics and ELT from Department of English, Jahangirnagar University. His research interests include teacher education, adult learning and technology based teaching.



Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima was promoted as Deputy Registrar of CIU effective from October 15, 2018. At the moment she is the Acting Registrar of the university. She joined CIU in 2017 as Assistant Registrar (PR & Communications). Ms. Lima completed her Masters in Economics from the University of Chittagong and started working in the NGO sector in 2001.



Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey was promoted to Deputy Director (Administration) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) with effect from October 01, 2018. He did his MA in English from Chittagong University.



He began his working career at the English Language Self-Access Centre, British Council in 2000. Before joining CIU in 2013, he worked with the United Nations Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (ONUCI) where he served as Member, International Joint Expert Group (IJEG).

Ms. Zafreen Choudhury joined the Registrar's Office of CIU as a Senior Officer on September 03, 2018.

She did her LLB and LLM from University of Chittagong and is also a member of Bangladesh Bar Council.



Mr. Mohiuddin Jewel was appointed as officer of Public Relation & Communications of CIU from 01 October 2018. He completed BA and MSS in Communication and Journalism from Chittagong University.



Mr. Jewel started his career as a journalist with the 'Dainik Prothom Alo' in 2005 and before joining his present assignment he had worked for East Delta University, The Daily Manabzamin and online portal Banglanews24.com.

He received the best reporter award on investigation reporting from Bangladesh Manabdhikar Bastabayan Sangstha, Dhaka in 2012.

CIU Certificate Course on Customs Management



With the collaboration of National Board of Revenue (NBR), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) launched a certificate course on Customs Management. An inauguration program was held on September 13, 2018 at CIU where the Chief Guest was Dr. A K M Nuruzzaman, the Commissioner of Chittagong Customs House.

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU chaired the inaugural session. Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean, CIU Business School, was also present in the event as a special guest.

All the guests of the program highly appreciated CIU for taking this timely initiative. The 50-hour course is specially designed to help the executives of corporate houses acquire practical knowledge about customs operations.

The program was hosted by Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Associate Professor of CIU Business School and attended by students, faculty members and officials of CIU.

From Hamlet to Haider



A seminar titled 'From Hamlet to Haider: The Existential Anguish of the Individual under State Surveillance' was held on May 10, 2018 at CIU auditorium.

In his paper Mr. Md. Saifur Rahman discussed how Shakespeare's *Hamlet* was adapted by Vishal Bhardwaj, a Bombay film producer, to explore the nature and impact of state surveillance on individuals.

Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean of SLASS, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor and Head of the English Department and Mr. Nasih Ul Wadud Alam, Lecturer discussed the paper. The whole program was conducted by Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Assistant Professor of SLASS. Faculty members of CIU along with the students were present as the audience.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was the Chief Guest and in his speech underscored that the essence of Shakespeare's creation is its timelessness. He assured of all kinds of co-operation from the management for such academic programs.

Club Activities



► Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club (CIUCC) organized a reception 'Meet the Freshers' on May 09, 2018 at CIU auditorium. The Chief Guest, Dr. Robaka Shamsher, Assistant Professor of CIU Business School cordially welcomed the freshers. More than 100 students were present in the program.



► Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, inaugurated **Chittagong Independent University Business Students Society (CIUBSS)**. The new club members arranged a week-long program that organized a friendly football match, academic workshops, music-fests and stall exhibitions from July 07, 2018 to July 11, 2018. **Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Member, Board of Trustees**, Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Professor of CIU Business School and others attended the program.



► **Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club (CIUCC)** organized an intra-university football tournament from July 08 to July 28, 2018. In the tournament, 11 teams played 20 matches in Chandgaon Abashik field. The trophies were given by the three Chief Guests: **Mr. Abdul Hai Sarker, Chairman, ESTCDT**, **Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees** and Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, the Vice Chancellor of CIU. All the players were also given a medal each. The prize distribution ceremony was held in The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, Chittagong Centre.



► **Independent Marketing Club (IMC) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU)** organized a competition titled 'Game of Presentation'. Participants from all the four schools of CIU presented their marvelous presentations in front of the judges of the competition.

While **Ms. Rafa Raeda** of CIU Business School came out first in the competition, **Ms. Sayeda Samia Nasrin** of School of Science and Engineering and **Ms. Bonni Shikha Nigar** of Business School secured the second and third positions respectively. All the three winners of the competition were awarded crests and certificates.



► **Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club (CIUCC)** arranged a 'Flash Mob' on September 20, 2018 on the campus. In the presence of hundreds of students, the flash mob was started with the song 'ও পৃথিবী এবার এসে বাংলাদেশ নাও চিনে' by twenty students of CIU Cultural Club who saluted the national flag reverently.



► Be it a small entrepreneur or a tycoon, he/she faces a thousand hurdles in carrying out business. These hurdles have to be tackled with a strong presence of mind or new ideas. In view of this, **Chittagong Independent University Business Students Society (CIUBSS)** arranged a festive case competition for the first time titled 'The Master of Case' on October 21, 2018.

The two-part event started with a workshop followed by a neck-to-neck IQ competition. Welcome speeches were delivered by Mr. Abdul Kaiyum Chowdhury, Managing Director of Hotel The Cox Today, Mr. Md. Alamgir, CEO of Delta Immigration, Mr. Najmul Hasan, Board Secretary of PHP Group, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean of CIU Business School, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Assistant Professor of CIU and Mr. Md. Arab Bin Didar Chowdhury, Organizing Secretary of the club.

A total of nine teams participated in the event. The competition was narrowed down to six teams to compete in the final round. The top three teams were declared first, second and third respectively. The winning team was awarded prize money of taka eight thousand.



► **Chittagong Independent University Business Students Society (CIUBSS)** organized a workshop titled 'Career Hacks and Skill Development' on October 23, 2018. As the main speaker, Mr. Ayman Sadik discussed openly career planning, various aspects of our traditional social system, interesting techniques for complying with the rules and regulations and most importantly, patriotism.

His special message was "Love your country. We all raise questions on our legal system. But we all should be respectful of the law. We can change the person right next to us only by making ourselves more devoted, dedicated and dutiful."



► **Chittagong Independent University Social Welfare Society (CIUSWS)** came forward to stand beside Chattogram city's underprivileged. 'Free Medical Camp 2018' was organised by the club members at M.A. Gani Institution situated in the city's Sadar Ghat area on October 27, 2018. Medical facilities such as boys' circumcision, blood grouping and diabetes tests, ear and nose piercings were provided free of cost.

The event was inaugurated by Mr. Tarek Solaiman, Councilor of Chattogram City Corporation's 31st Alkaran Ward.

Welcoming the gathering, the Dean of CIU's Business School Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah said, "The students of Social Welfare Society regularly arrange such programs every year and they are always present in all kinds of its humanitarian work."

Ustad Islam's Flute Recital



An evening of solo flute performance by Ekushey Padak winner **Ustad Azizul Islam** was held at the auditorium of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on July 25, 2018.

The event was hosted by the university. Getting the audience pinned and mesmerized, the artiste delighted them with recitals of different ragas. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, chaired the cultural program.

Among others, **Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman, Member, Board of Trustees**, Professor Dr. Provat Chandra Barua, Vice Chancellor of USTC, Mr. Harunur Rashid, Ex-DG of Bangla Academy, Professor Kaisar Haq, Poet, Writer and Translator and Ms. Hasina Zakaria, Educationist, were present in the program.

National Mourning Day at CIU



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed the **National Mourning Day 2018** by paying rich tribute to the Father of Nation **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman** and members of his family who were brutally murdered along with him.

A discussion meeting was organized on August 15, 2018 at CIU conference room. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, was present as the Chief Guest of the session.

Speaking at the discussion, he said Bangabandhu's ideals must be kept in mind and his ideology should be followed by the Bengalis of all ages.

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

Corporate Talk



► **Chittagong Independent University Intrinsic Finance Club (CIUIFC)** organized a Corporate Talk titled 'Voice of a Banker' on July 05, 2018 at CIU Auditorium. Rotary Club of Chattogram Mid City was the strategic partner of the talk. The Keynote Speaker of this program was Mr. Kayesh Chowdhury, Executive Vice President and Area Head, The City Bank Limited.

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, was present as the Chief Guest while the Special Guest of that program was Professor Shahedur Rahman, Department of

Accounting, Finance and MIS, Prairie View A&M University, USA. Among others, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor, CIU Business School and Advisor of **CIU Intrinsic Finance Club** was present at the program.



► On an invitation from **CIU Business School** Mr. Nader Khan, Member of BoT of CIU, gave a 'Corporate Talk' on September 17, 2018 at the CIU Auditorium. **Trustee Nader Khan**, a renowned entrepreneur of the country and Managing Director of Pedrollo NK Limited was the Key Speaker of the session.

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, chaired it. In his address, **Trustee Nader Khan** advised the students to remain honest and observed that honesty is always honored and reminded his audience that honest people should not run after money. He also noted how the whole world had become a global village and as a result, how people had got connected with each other. He gave examples from his own life and shared how he learned mostly from his practical experiences. He advised the students to study the world closely and elevate themselves up to the global standard.



Seminar

► **Dr. Mohabbat Khan**, Professor (retired), Department of Public Administration, University of Dhaka, former member of University Grants Commission (UGC) and Public Service Commission (PSC), presented a paper titled 'Facing Critical Governance Challenges in Bangladesh: An Overview' at the auditorium of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on May 15, 2018.



► A Seminar was conducted on Bangladesh Supermarket Industry by **Dr. Robaka Shamsher**, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Marketing of CIU Business School on June 03, 2018. The objective of the seminar was to identify the influence of Store Image on Store Loyalty in the context of Bangladesh Retail Market. Dr. Shamsher presented and discussed the empirical findings from a survey of 534 supermarket shoppers and examined the shoppers' perspectives to understand their loyalty status by using Partial Least Square (PLS) based Structural Equation Modeling (SEM).



► **School of Law**, CIU arranged a Focus Group Discussion titled 'Preventing Online Sexual Harassment against Child: A Right Based Approach' with the collaboration of **Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)** on June 05, 2018 at CIU conference room. Faculty members of different universities, lawyers, journalists, NGO volunteers along with students were present at the program. The FGD was facilitated by Advocate **F M Saimum Reza Talukdar**, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, BRAC University.



► A seminar on 'New Product Marketing' organized held by the CIU Marketing Department where the students of Advanced Marketing Management course presented their ideas regarding marketing of a new product through proper marketing strategies. The session was held on July 08, 2018. In the seminar the students discussed various marketing strategies such as pricing, distribution, promotional approaches, target marketing for products like soap, mobile phone, perfume, jewelry, sports shoes, etc.



► **School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS)** organized a book exhibition and a seminar on **Bangladeshi Literature in English Translation** was held on July 25, 2018 at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) auditorium.

The designated discussants were Professor Kaisar Haq and Professor M. Harunur Rashid.

Professor Kaisar Haq, the foremost Bangladeshi poet in English literature, calling himself as a pseudo translator, discussed the wider arena of literature in translation.

Professor M. Harunur Rashid pointed out the wretched condition of Bangladeshi literary translation and the complexity of literary translation in general. Professor Mohit Ul Alam also participated in the discussion and emphasized the need of international publication of Bengali literature in translation. After the discussion Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, inaugurated the book exhibition. A booklet was published citing the titles of the books displayed in the exhibition. Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean of SLASS, presided over the event.



► **School of Science and Engineering (SSE)**, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged a seminar on 'Wireless Power Transfer-based Electric Vehicle Charging' on July 31, 2018. The objective of the seminar was to find alternative ways to reduce environmental pollution. Students and discussants of the seminar participated in a question-answer-session at the end of the seminar. **Mr. Md. Morshed Alam**, Lecturer of EEE, was the Keynote Speaker of the program.



► **School of Science and Engineering (SSE)** of CIU conducted a seminar titled 'Enhance your Career in Japan' on September 23, 2018 at its auditorium.

Ms. Yoriko Ueda, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Venturas Limited, was the main speaker of the seminar, while Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean, SSE of CIU, chaired the program.

The Chief Guest Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, said, "This seminar will propel our university's graduates to work more on their IT skills for faring better in international job market."

In her question-answer-session, Ms. Ueda spoke on the lack of youth population in Japan. She urged the prospective job-seekers to nurture their skills for making a career in Japan.



► On an invitation from **CIU English Department**, Professor Dr. Mohit Ul Alam, former Vice Chancellor of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University and currently Professor of English at Premier University, gave a talk titled 'Stephen Greenblatt: the Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve – a Probing Analysis of the Origin Story' on October 15, 2018.

Dr. Mohit Ul Alam further pointed out that the analysis of literature in the light of 'new historicism' is tagged with plenty of footnotes and explanations as a reader is encouraged to look at a piece of information from multiple angles. It can be said that every literary text acts as a witness to transactions among various social institutions. Teachers and students of CIU and guests from various universities attended the seminar.



► **School of Science and Engineering (SSE)** of CIU conducted a seminar titled 'Single Carrier - FDMA Transmission Scheme: Efficacious Up-Link Air Interface in Wireless Mobile Communication Systems' on October 28, 2018 at CIU auditorium.

The seminar was chaired by Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean, SSE while **Mr. Md. Rabiul Hossain**, Lecturer, Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering (ETE) was the main speaker. The speakers highlighted the importance of mobile phone networks in taking Bangladesh forward in the coming years.



► On November 20, 2018 **Mr. Abrar Hussain**, Lecturer of SSE, CIU, delivered his valuable speech at CIU campus auditorium in a seminar on 'Spatial Auditory Assessment Simulator' as the Keynote Speaker.

Auditory sense of maximum senior citizens of Bangladesh decreases as they age. Sometimes much younger people face similar problems. Some of them go deaf while there are people who can't even understand others' speeches. He informed that now anybody can test his or her auditory sense through the '**Auditory Training Software**' at home. Being a teacher of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, he also said, "In our society many people lag behind due to their inability to take part in a conversation. These people can easily test their sense of hearing by themselves."

Orientation



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized '**Summer Orientation-2018**' program for the newcomers on May 04, 2018 at its auditorium. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury as Chief Guest welcomed the freshers and repeated his pledge of making the university the best one in the country. He instructed the freshers to study hard, take part in extra-curricular activities and get an access to university's updated facilities as much as they could. Other speakers included the Deans, the Departmental Heads and the Proctor.

Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Hoque Khan, Dean, School of Science and Engineering, Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean of SLASS, Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, Faculty Advisor, School of Law, Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Professor of CIU Business School, Dr. Engineer Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Associate Professor and Head, Department of General Management and MIS, Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar,

Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Controller of Examinations, Mr. Abu Nayeem Md. Jashim, Assistant Director, Finance and Accounts of CIU, delivered inspirational speeches in the program.



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized '**Autumn Orientation-2018**' for the newly admitted students on September 08, 2018 at CIU auditorium. Welcoming the newly admitted students, the Vice Chancellor stated that CIU had set an example in providing quality education of world class standard. He also told the students that the university was working on building the permanent campus of CIU and reiterated his determination to develop it as a modern and well-equipped campus.

The Deans of the four schools and Heads of different departments, Academic and Administrative, explained to the freshers the various rules and facilities of the university.

American Corner



► Three workshops on **Basic First Aid Training** were held at American Corner Chittagong in association with Red Crescent Youth, Chittagong in August and September 2018. As many as 112 participants including representatives from NGOs, Girls' Guide, teachers and students from different institutes participated in the events which taught them how to face emergencies not as helpless witnesses but boldly and innovatively.



► A panel discussion session on '**Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2013**' was organized by American Corner Chittagong to promote awareness regarding rights of differently abled people on September 13, 2018.

Some of the panelists of the session were Dr. Azizur Rahman Siddiqui, Civil Surgeon Chittagong, Dr. Nazneen Kawsar Chowdhury, Director and Head of Office, Department of Social Service, Chattogram Division at Ministry of Social Welfare, Dr. Anwara Alam, ex-principal, renowned writer and women rights activist and IT expert Mr. Vashkar Bhattacharjee.



► **American Corner Chittagong** organized a Speakers Session on October 30, 2018 at CIU on the **Impact of Fourth Industrial Revolution and 3D printing on Business Environment**. Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Professor, CIU Business School, conducted the session and discussed how 3D printing is changing the shape of current business practices.

The session was followed by a demonstration of the 3D printer at work by Ms. Rooma Dass, Assistant Director, American Corner Chittagong.

Students' Innovation

► **Three students** of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) came up with a brilliant idea to ensure women's safe return to their home. They designed an App by which families can be notified about their female members' whereabouts with the help of mobile networks. They can also get live visuals of the inside of vehicles through the App.



This idea was presented at the Inter-University Business Plan Competition on October 9, 2018 which earned the three CIU students the runners-up award. The audience and friends of the team appreciated the innovation highly.

Mr. Arab Bin Didar Chowdhury (team leader), **Mr. Moinul Islam Farhan** and **Mr. Mushfiqur Rahman** were the members of the CIU team. The competition was organised by and held at East Delta University (EDU) under the caption 'EDU Business Week.' The winners of this idea named their App 'Nirapod' which was mainly created for safe female bus transportation. Women can now easily book seats in advance sitting in their home.

► **Kakon Barua**, a senior student from School of Science and Engineering (SSE) of CIU developed an automated emotion recognition system using machine learning techniques. "Her system recognizes emotion from people's voice in real-time with high accuracy which has been appreciated by the experts" – says her supervisor



Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Assistant Professor of CSE, CIU. A seminar was held on October 14, 2018 where she discussed different aspects of her innovative system and the prospective areas of its application in human life.

CIU Publishes Vol.1 Issue 1 of CIU Journal



The first issue (Vol.1) of CIU Journal (Chittagong Independent University Journal) was published in December 01, 2018.

In the first issue, five research articles and one book review were published. Besides, CIU faculty members, researchers from Dhaka University, Chittagong University, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan and University of Wollongong, Australia also contributed to the journal. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, Chittagong Independent University, Bangladesh is the Editorial Advisor of the journal, whereas Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar is its Editor.

Students' Panel in CIU UMS



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) inaugurated ultra-modern "Students' Panel" in University Management System (UMS) through which students can now easily access relevant and important academic information sitting in their home.

Mr. Tawhid Samad, Chairman of the Trustee Board, praised this initiative saying, "This kind of software will truly help students to keep up to date with the university and parents to stay reassured." He added, "CIU always wants to take their students a step ahead through technological supports. The addition of Students' Panel will help them access to relevant information quickly and easily."

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, expressed gratitude to the university's software team stating, "Technology has now become a part and parcel of our academic and professional life. I believe that this new feature will enhance the quality of the university's digital support to a higher level."

Visit-Picnic



► **School of Science and Engineering (SSE)** of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged its annual picnic in Bandarban on November 01, 2018. All the students and faculty members of the school participated in the picnic. They started their journey in the early morning from its campus by 3 buses and returned in the evening. It was a wonderful day for all. Among others, Mr. Morshed Alam, Assistant Professor, Department of EEE, Mr. Golap Kanti Dey, Lecturer and Picnic convener and Mr. Md. Rabiul Hossain, Lecturer of ETE were present in the event.



► **The Canadian High Commission** desired to start a student exchange program in collaboration with CIU. A reporting team representing the Canadian High Commission paid a courtesy visit to CIU campus on November 06, 2018. In the meeting with Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, various issues were discussed including student scholarship, opportunity of higher degree for the teachers, regular workshops and seminars.

Among others were present Ms. Corin Petrisor, Counsellor and Senior Trade Commissioner of the Commission and Mr. Kazi Golam Forhad, Trade Commissioner. Ms. Corin was pleased with the academic environment of CIU and expressed her utmost desire to make all-out effort to help CIU students with education and research.



► Students of **Customs Management Course** of Chittagong Independent University were taken to Chittagong Customs House on November 15, 2018. They gathered first hand

knowledge of clearing and forwarding process, VAT and TAX calculation, role of C&F agents and shipping agents, automation of the port and how different parties work together. The visit was an excellent opportunity for the students as they could see the actual mode of operation which they had only read about.

During the visit there was a discussion in the conference room of the Customs House. Commissioner Dr. A K M Nuruzzaman gave a short introduction to the Customs House and shared his plan to raise the Customs House to an international level. He proposed that CIU should open a Masters' program on Customs Management to increase the competency of the students.

Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor, Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Associate Professor, Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Assistant Professor and Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Assistant Professor of CIU Business School accompanied the students during the visit.



► **Marketing Department** of CIU arranged a picnic for its students on November 17, 2018 in KEPZ. All the students from different batches along with faculty members of the department took the day off to be amidst nature. The students enjoyed themselves thoroughly in the picnic.



► **William Carey Academy** students, as part of their extra-curricular activities, paid a visit to Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on November 26, 2018. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, CIU, welcomed them warmly. He requested them to continue showing their interest in learning more about Bangladesh's history, culture and heritage. Mr. Paul Beaty, Director and Ms. Lucy Osulah, Guidance Counsellor of William Carey Academy accompanied the team.

► A group of undergraduate students of **CIU Business School** visited the head office of Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) on November 29, 2018. During the visit, they had a close look into the operation of the CSE and the Stock Market of Bangladesh in general.



► **Students of CIU Business School** visited Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) to get first-hand knowledge beyond classroom. In order to be familiar with rural life, they visited the old localities of Cumilla during 10-17 December in 2018 under a 7-day, Live-in-Field-Experience (LFE) course.



During this period students had discussions with the villagers associated with agriculture and collected information from farmers of adjacent localities. As many as ninety students took part in the program.

The activities of the entire program was monitored by Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Assistant Professor, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Assistant Professor and Mr. Sayeed Hassan, Lecturer of CIU Business School.

MA in English Students' Get-Together



CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury speaking as the Chief Guest at a get-together organized for the MA in English and ELT students of CIU on October 11, 2018 said that higher education per se does not make one a complete human being. It is a person's behaviour, communication skills, honesty, and empathy for people that take him/her to a greater height. He pointed out that in this age of globalization, the need for learning English is even greater than before.

The Vice Chancellor termed English as a fascinating discipline of learning. Students' willingness to learn should lead them to a great reservoir of knowledge. He described the course

curricula for the English programs at CIU up to date and hoped that students would benefit from diligent pursuit of them.

Ms. Nazma Aktar and Imran Saeed, both MA students, spoke on the occasion on behalf of the students.

The new MA students delighted the audience with their songs and recitation of poems.

Workshop



► **Independent Marketing Club's (IMC)** first workshop on 'Presentation Grooming 101' was held on May 10, 2018 at Chittagong Independent University (CIU). Its main focus was to help the freshers improve their presentation skills and prepare them for upcoming competitions. Two advisors of IMC, Dr. Robaka Shamsher, Assistant Professor and Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Lecturer, Department of Marketing conducted the workshop.



► **CIU Business School** hosted a workshop on 'Academic Ethics and Plagiarism' at Chittagong Independent University auditorium on May 30, 2018. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Ashikul Mahmud Erfan and Ms. Iffat Ishrat Khan, Lecturers of CIUBS. The discussants emphasized the importance of maintaining ethics in academic research.



► The **Department of Human Resource Management (HRM)** of CIU Business School organized an 'Industry Guest Lecture' for its students on July 25, 2018 at CIU.

The topic of the session was 'Why and how people are important in organizations, regardless of types and functional areas of organizations?'

Mr. Shazzad Mohammed Chowdhury, Senior Assistant Vice President and Head of Lanka Bangla Finance Limited, CDA Avenue Branch, Chattogram delivered a lecture reflecting upon his practical experiences in managing people at work.



► With a view to making students more aware about the development of mobile-phone apps, **School of Science and Engineering (SSE)**, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged a workshop in association with Robi-Axiata Limited on September 12, 2018.

Mr. S M Rifat Menon, Operation Manager, BD Apps, **Mr. Seyed Mosayeb Alam (Eikiyo)**, Specialist, Carrier Billing and Digital Platform, Robi-Axiata Limited, conducted the workshop. Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean, SSE graced the program as the Chief Guest while Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor and Head, CSE, CIU coordinated the workshop.



► A workshop on 'Condomshopbd-Brand Battles' by **Independent Marketing Club (IMC)** was held at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on September 27, 2018 at CIU auditorium. In the workshop various techniques of marketing were discussed. Ms. Requel Randolph, Executive, Marketing and Communication, Radisson Blu and Mr. Intekhab Mahbub, Media Relation, PR and Corporate, BSRM were present as Principal Speakers in the workshop.

► **School of Law** arranged an exhilarating workshop on the details of labour court in Bangladesh on October 09, 2018 at the auditorium of CIU.

The Keynote Speaker of the program, Md. Hemayet Uddin, Chairman of 1st Labour Court, Chattogram, said, "Labour Court always speaks for human rights. It always values a person



according to his/her competence. The future lawyers or the judges should have the mentality to provide justice without any harassment to the people."

The Chief Guest of the program, Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, said, "Law is a complex, but very interesting subject. I think the students will be enriched to have some direct idea from such an experienced person through this workshop."

The program was chaired by Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, Faculty Advisor of School of Law of CIU.

Engineering Day 2018



School of Science and Engineering (SSE), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) celebrated **Engineering Day 2018** on May 17, 2018 at its auditorium. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, was the Chief Guest while Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean of SSE chaired the program.

Mr. Uday Shekhar Dutta, Ex-Chief Engineer, PDB, Mr. Aniruddha Barua, Chief Technical Officer, Chittagong Online Limited, Dr. Mohammed Moshikul Hoque, Professor of CSE, CUET, Dr. Arif Iftekhar Mahmud, Associate Professor, EEE of CU, Mr. Md. Amran Haroon, Assistant Professor of SSE joined the celebration. A number of papers were presented as a part of the program.

Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Associate Professor of SSE and Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Head of CSE discussed the papers presented in the seminar, which concluded with a question-answer session.

Iftar Mehfil



► **CIU Business School- Business Students Society (BSS), Independent Marketing Club (IMC), Intrinsic Finance Club (IFC) and HRM Society** jointly organized an Iftar Mehfil to exchange ideas and promote further cooperation among executives and committee members of the different clubs, faculty members and staff on June 05, 2018 at CIU auditorium.



► **Chittagong Independent University Social Welfare Society (CIUSWS)** arranged an Iftar Mehfil for 120 orphans in its auditorium on June 06, 2018. Titled, 'Iftar with Innocent Souls', the program brought a breath of fresh air for all concerned.

The orphans enjoyed their time with CIU students and faculty members. Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean of CIU's Business School, distributed small gifts among the children.

The program ended with a prayer to the Almighty for the welfare for all, particularly the CIU family.



► **Iftar Mehfil** and prayer congregations were simultaneously arranged by **Chittagong Independent University English Club** on June 07, 2018 at CIU auditorium.

The event started with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Hafez Mohammad Touhidur Rahman, student of English Department.

A special prayer was offered for peace, welfare and development of the university as well as of the country.



► **Independent Science and Engineering Club (ISEC)** of School of Science and Engineering held an Iftar Mehfil at CIU auditorium on June 10, 2018. Before Iftar, prayer was made for peace, prosperity and development of the country as well as of the university.

CIU VC hands over Zia Haider Award



Drama artist Munir Helal received the **Zia Haider Award** on October 30, 2018 at Chattogram Shilpokala Academy. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of Chittagong Independent University, as the Chief Guest, handed over the Zia Haider Award to theatre artist Munir Helal for his contribution to theatre in Chattogram. The program was hosted by Nattyadhar. Dr. Chowdhury drew attention to how Chattogram has fallen behind in cultural production and recognition.

Open Day



► Before the beginning of every semester, CIU holds an Open Day to let students and guardians have a close view of the university before the beginning of every semester.

Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Chief Guest of the **CIU Open Day - Autumn 2018** program said, "University education is very important for constructing our lives." He also advised the students to study harder and

become better human beings so that their behavior in public domain would distinguish them from others.

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, said, "CIU is a nonprofit educational institution. The money university earns is spent on the development of university. Even our trustees do not take any allowance from the institution."

Deans of different schools, Academic Advisors, Heads of the different departments and Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar of CIU, attended the program. Professor and Proctor of CIU, Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar conducted the program.



► **CIU Open Day - Spring 2019** was held on November 26, 2018 at Chittagong Independent University campus. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU. Deans, Advisors, faculty members, staff members of different departments, students and guardians attended the program.

In his inaugural speech, the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury stated that CIU has been playing an important role in the advancement of higher education through career focused curriculum and an environment where students thrive to succeed.

The Open Day provides an opportunity for future students to interact with faculty members, staffs and existing students and get waiver on spot admission.

Open Letter Writing Competition



To sharpen students' skill in writing English and foster their creativity, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) English Department organized a **Letter Writing Competition** on November 26, 2018 at CIU campus in which students were asked to write an open letter to Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of Myanmar, to take back the Rohingyas to their own country.

As many as 50 students participated in the event and Mohammed Riaz Uddin, Sharmin Akter, Srabonti Das Gupta secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in the competition. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, awarded prizes to the winners in the competition. Mr. Nasih Ul Wadud Alam, Lecturer of SLASS, conducted the program.

Campus Life



At leisure on campus



A replica of future CIU campus

Victory Day

Chittagong Independent University celebrated the **48th Victory Day of Bangladesh** on December 16, 2018 with due festivity and grandeur. To mark the day, the university organized a symposium which was attended by the Vice Chancellor of CIU, Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury as well as the teachers and staff of the university.



The Vice Chancellor, in his speech, mentioned that Bangladesh has made phenomenal progress in economic growth, education, trade, industrialization, and other social indicators to make the independence worthwhile. Several teachers and officers of CIU also spoke on the occasion and recounted how the historical **March 7 Speech** by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman inspired the Bengalis to take up arms against the Pakistanis.

The speakers also paid tribute to the martyrs and war heroes who played memorable roles in winning victory over the Pakistani occupation forces on 16 December 1971.

CIU's Colourful Cultural Fest



Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club (CIUCC) organized a Cultural Festival on October 04, 2018 at The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, Chittagong Centre. CIU Trustees, the Vice Chancellor, faculty members, guardians and students attended the cultural event. The two-part program began with welcome speeches.

Mr. Abdul Hai Sarkar, Chairman of Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT), was the Chief Guest at the event. He stated, "Sound cultural practices stimulate creativity in people; they teach people to become open-minded." He also added, "A cultural event like this will encourage CIU students to engage in creative work. There is no road to success other than engaging oneself in creativity."



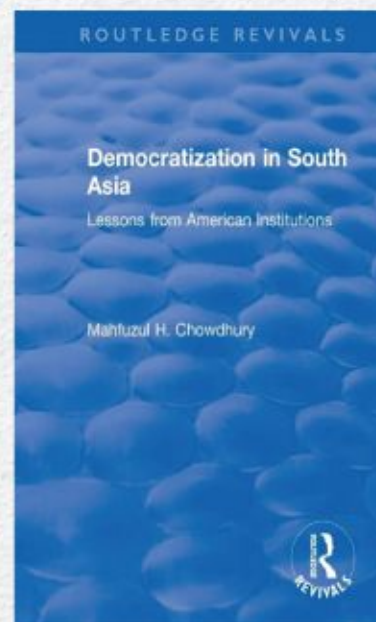
Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman of CIU's Trustee Board observed "A youth-filled campus life is always a joyous place. One grows as a perfect human being when the windows of cultural practices are opened."

The Vice Chancellor of the university, Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury revealed his plan and shared his vision of building CIU's permanent campus soon.

Dr. Robaka Shamsher, convener of the Cultural Club, commenting on the arrangements of the festival said, "Apart from spreading quality and up-to-date education, CIU is always determined to take its students one step ahead in creativity."

Routledge Publishes Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury's Book

Routledge, New York recently brought out the 2nd Edition of **Democratization in South Asia: Lessons from American Institution**, authored by Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU, under Routledge Revival Series.



The work deals with the problems of democratization and its development as it relates to building democratic institutions in the newly democratizing countries such as Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. The matter is relevant to the politics and society of the region and Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury's well-researched analyses were widely acclaimed by the readers. The book was first published by Ashgate Publishing in 2003. Considering its academic merit and relevance to South Asian politics, Routledge brought out a new edition of the book.

Scholarships

Students studying at CIU receive generous financial support from the university. There are various categories of support such as Merit Scholarship, Sibling Tuition Fees, Freedom Fighter Categories etc.

The following amount was disbursed as financial support to CIU students in Summer 2018 and Autumn 2018.

	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018
Undergraduate	2,01,45,000/-	2,10,57,600/-
Graduate	58,85,250/-	52,21,750/-



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