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Let's Inspire Ourselves to Keep our Dreams Alive

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I feel both privileged and proud to be standing here today, representing IUB graduates from Chittagong Campus of 2011 and 2012. I am grateful that all are here today to share in our celebration.

It's quite dream-like that after four years, dozens of projects, hundreds of tests and over a thousand quizzes, we find ourselves here today to formally end an incredible journey; a journey we did together which measures more in friends than in miles.

As a finance graduate, my personal journey began from some blurred visions of my childhood. I remember the day when my father explained to me that interests on loans are just like living in a rented house and paying rent. Unknowingly that was my first lesson in finance when I was seven. We even used to discuss about carbon trading and matters which no one else spoke about.

I remember Benjamin Franklin said, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember; involve me and I learn." Indeed, my home lessons worked for me like that.

My journey all through was a pleasant and easy one. The reason was that I always believed that challenges are what make life interesting. And overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

All praises are due to Allah. However the accomplishments I have achieved would never have been possible without the love and support of the people around me. I must thank my teachers of IUB and my counselors for the dedicated teaching, good guidance and generous attention. Their high expectation from me was the driving force behind my doing well. Getting the best marks was the only way of expressing my gratitude to them.

I also thank all my friends with whom I have shared so much. I had so much to learn from them.

Lastly I thank my parents for maintaining a congenial atmosphere for studies at home. They also provided me the best support.

My fellow graduates. I'm just one of you. We all are intelligent and creative. We all have the emotional capabilities and the possibilities to succeed. The only reason I'm here is I managed to produce output in exams the way it was best expected.

My fellow graduates. The IUB Bachelors' is unique. It has provided us with a certain way of thinking, a set of skills, and the ability to work successfully in teams, qualities that we will take with us and apply to our future challenges. I believe that IUB has provided us with a "real" and enduring education. It has given us the tools we need to build a successful career. I am certain that each of us will be successful in our future endeavors.

So, to draw an end, I would say- Let's try to be better people. Let's put our efforts to make our country a better one. Let's inspire ourselves to keep our dreams alive. Let's keep our IUB spirit with us at all times. Congratulations, fellow graduates.

(Transcript of the Valedictory Speech made by Tanzina Ahmed Choudhury at the 15th Convocation who passed BBA in Finance from Independent University, Bangladesh with CGPA 4.00)



Message

I am happy to know that Chittagong Independent University (CIU) is going to publish the 2nd issue of its organ, Independent Chronicle to highlight CIU Activities. I take this opportunity to congratulate the publication team of CIU for their ceaseless efforts to publish the Independent Chronicle, which is in line with our mission to facilitate higher education and research particularly in Chittagong and Bangladesh as a whole.

To all readers, each issue of the Independent Chronicle will come as a snapshot capturing a moment in the life of CIU as a pulsating and vibrant centre of curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Keep up the good work.

Towhid Samad
Chairman, Board of Trustees, CIU



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Towhid Samad, an Honours Graduate and a Masters in Economics was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT) 2014-2016 of Chittagong Independent University (CIU). Samad was elected to the office of the Chairman of the Education Scientific Technical Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT), the Founding Trust of IUB and CIU, in the year 2004 and for a second term in June 2006. He was then elected Chairman of the Governing Council of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in 2008 and was elected to the office of the newly constructed Board of Trustees of IUB under the Private Universities Act 2010, as the first Chairman.

Towhid Samad is the Chairman of the Bangladesh General Insurance Company (BGIC), the Savar Group and also the Managing Director of Holiday Publications Ltd. He was also elected and served as President, Dhaka Club Limited. He actively participated in the Liberation War and has the distinction of carrying the first catchment of weapons into Dhaka City in early April 1971.

Trustees

Dr. A. Majeed Khan, born in Faridpur in 1929, and educated in Kolkata, London, and Minnesota, has the distinction of being the first Ph.D recipient in Sociology and Anthropology from Bangladesh. He is a member of 'Phi Beta Kappa', the most prestigious honor society for promoting liberal arts and sciences in the United States, and was bestowed a 'Doctor of Humane Letters', a prominent honorary doctorate for advancing higher education, from Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dr. Khan has held positions as a Distinguished Visiting Professor and Senior Fulbright Fellow at Hamline University, Minnesota and a Resident Fellow in the Department of Rural Sociology at the University of Wisconsin. He has also taught at universities in Holland, Sweden and Jordan.

Dr. Majeed Khan has served as an ambassador of Bangladesh to France, Spain and Morocco, a senior director of the United Nations Development Program, UNDP, a member of the Executive Board and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, UNESCO, and a Cabinet Minister for Education and for Planning, among other departments, in Bangladesh, during the 1980s. He was decorated with the Officer de l'ordre des Palmes Academiques by the Republic of France for his contributions to education, science and culture.

His exceptionally meritorious Service to the field of education and unparalleled vision was instrumental in the successful establishment of numerous institutes and organizations such as:

- The Academy for Rural Development in Comilla, Bangladesh in 1958 with Dr. Akhter Hamid Khan
- The Department of Social Work at Rajshahi University in 1964,
- The Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT), in 1991, which later established the first private university in Bangladesh: Independent University, Bangladesh, IUB, in 1993, and
- The University of Information Technology and Sciences, UITS, in 2003, as its founder Vice Chancellor.

Dr. Khan spent seven years as President of Independent University, Bangladesh and under his able leadership, IUB solidified its status as one of the nation's leading private universities and emerged as a leader in the area of providing liberal arts education to the nation. He is also currently a board member of Chittagong Independent University.

To date, Dr. Majeed Khan has authored over 100 professional articles, monographs and book chapters and edited a compendium of biographies entitled Twenty Great Bengalis. Presently, he is engaged in co-editing the second edition of a collection of essays by distinguished authors and scholars, a reader on National Culture and Heritage, to be published by IUB.

Since 2009, Dr. Khan has been working with a group of like-minded scholars, scientists and social leaders to initiate and fast-track a movement for holistic economic development of an agro-based economy through research in biotechnology and synthetic biology. This initiative is now known as the Committee of Action for Research, Extension and Services-CARES, of which Dr. Khan is the current Executive Chairman. Recently, the Association of Universities of Asia and Pacific, AUAP, has elected Dr. Majeed Khan a member of its Advisory Council.

Last year, Independent University, Bangladesh, conferred upon Dr. Khan the title and honor of President Emeritus in recognition of his selfless service and commitment to the development of higher education and for his determination, enthusiasm, and leadership in introducing the concept of private university education in Bangladesh.

Biography of

Dr. A. Majeed Khan

Former President, IUB
Member, ESTCDT, BoT, CIU



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Member, ESTCDT and BoT, CIU



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Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan
Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU
Ex-Officio

PhD Conferred



CIU Deputy Librarian Receives PhD by the University of Dhaka

Dhaka University has conferred PhD Degree to CIU Librarian [In-Charge] Mr. Md. Zillur Rahman for his dissertation entitled "A Plan for Modernization of University Libraries in Bangladesh" under the supervision of Professor Dr. S. M. Mannan, Department of Information Science and Library Management (ISLM), University of Dhaka (DU). The external reviewers of his research were Professor Dr. Juran Krishna Sarkhel, Department of Library and Information Science (LIS), University of Kalyani and Professor Dr. Krishnapada Majumder, Department of LIS, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal, India. Previously he earned two other professional degrees, Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) in ISLM from DU and Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Human Resources Management (HRM) from IUB besides his BA (Hons.) and MA in LIS degree from DU. A book of Dr. Rahman has been published from Germany in 2012 and 5 articles have been published in reputed national and international journals.

International Conference



Dr. Mahmud Hassan Participates in American Marketing Association's Conference and visits NYSE

Dr. Mahmud Hassan Assistant Professor of Chittagong Independent University participated in the American Marketing Association's (AMA) Summer Educators Conference 2014. This year's conference took place in San Francisco from 1-3rd August with the theme "Leveraging new technologies to create value for the customers and firms". Scholars from 45 different nations participated in the conference. Dr. Hassan's paper "Customer-to-customer helping behaviour and its implications to the marketers within brand communities of Facebook" was present in the Branding Track. The paper is co-authored with Dr. Simon Pervan, Associate professor and Director Research of Swinburne University Australia and Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury of CIU. The conference was a wonderful opportunity for Dr. Hassan to meet with the leading academics within marketing as many department heads and Deans of Business Schools in USA were present at the conference. Dr. Hassan who is also a member of AMA has been selected to work as a reviewer for the conference papers this year. Dr. Hassan also expressed his interest to open a AMA marketing club in CIU. Currently AMA only operates in North and South America but Matt Weingarden of AMA is given the responsibility to explore such possibilities with CIU. If initiated such a club will be first of its kind in Asia. Students taking part in the club will be allowed to participate in AMA conferences in USA and listen to acclaimed academics and industry experts through seminars, webinars and workshops. Furthermore, Dr. Hassan had a detailed discussion with Brandon Winter of Stukent. Stukent offers internet based marketing simulation course, digital textbooks and an educational platform that helps academia and students to gain hands on internet based

New Appointment



Dr. Mir Nurul Absar Nahid Joins School of Business, CIU

Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar Nahid recently joined School of Business, Chittagong Independent University as an Associate Professor. Dr. Nahid has been in university teaching for last 15 years in different roles in a number of universities including 4 years as Adjunct at IUB, Chittagong.

Dr. Nahid earned his PhD in HRM from University of Chittagong in 2010. He completed MBA and BBA from the same university. Dr. Nahid completed post graduate diploma in HRM from Bangladesh Institute of Management in 2004 where he secured 2nd Position in National Merit List.

Dr. Nahid carried out post doctoral research under the prestigious 'Commonwealth-AMDISA' Fellowship at world famous Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and University Sains Malaysia (the lone APEX university). His post doctoral research topic was 'Human Capital Reporting in Emerging Economies'. A review article on the post doctoral study of Dr. Nahid was written by Dr. Azlan Amran, Deputy Dean, Graduate School of Business, University Sains Malaysia and subsequently published in AMDISA newsletter Vol. 25, January 2014.

Dr. Nahid has written around 30 articles/book chapters/case/conference papers in reputed international and national journals indexed in / published by Scopus, SAGE, Inderscience, Emerald, JSTOR, ABDC, EconLit, Cabell's, ProQuest, and EBSCO. Dr. Nahid's research focuses on issues related to cross-national human capital reporting, intellectual capital, knowledge management, comparative HR in public and private sectors, and HR and organizational performance. One of his latest papers on 'Human capital reporting in banking sector of Bangladesh' has been accepted for publication in the 'International Journal of Learning and Intellectual Capital', which is ranked as one the top ten journals of the world under 'Knowledge Management and Intellectual Capital' category. He is a reviewer of a number of international journals such as Management Research Review (Emerald), S A Journal of Global Business Research (Emerald), and Journal of Advances in Management Research (Emerald).

Dr. Nahid has been working as an Associate Editor (Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan) of South Asian Journal of Human Resources Management published by SAGE, the world's 5th largest publisher of academic journals.

Dr. Nahid is a Fellow of Bangladesh Society for Human Resources Management and a Member of Society for HRM, USA.

Dr. Nahid has consulted with BRAC EPL, Hello World, BIFT, Coats Bangladesh, Bangladesh Insurance Academy, Sanowara Group, Engineering Academy, and Prothom-Alo Jobs.

marketing activities. Stukent has requested Dr. Hassan to offer a marketing simulation based course in CIU; such initiatives will help CIU students learn from industry experts from USA and build a network with organizations from USA. Upon successfully meeting the delegates Mr. Hassan was invited to see the financial hub of the world- Wall Street and New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). In the end Dr. Hassan met with the delegates of NYSE and possibilities to explore know how of NYSE was discussed.



CIU Winter LFE Program 2014 at FVDB, Sylhet

CIU's pioneering program, Live-in-Filed Experience, where CIU students get a distinct opportunity to learn about rural life in Bangladesh was held in December 2014. In Winter LFE-2014 Program, a team of 50 students and faculty members participated at Friends in Village Development Bangladesh (FVDB), Shahparan Gate, Khadim Nagar, Sylhet. The program started on December 20, 2014 and ended on December 31, 2014. The main activities of LFE consisted of collection of information from the villagers, analysis of the collected data, preparation of presentation, and discussion with the instructors. Besides, indoor games, cultural programs, and an official dinner were the other parts of the LFE. Assistant Professor Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Mr. Md. Nayeem Abdullah and Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen coordinated the LFE program.



CIU hosts roundtable discussion on "Progress of Chittagong, Obstacles & Opportunities"

A roundtable discussion on "Progress of Chittagong, Obstacles & Opportunities", jointly organized by the Daily Star and Independent University Alumni Association (IUAA) was held at Chittagong Independent University on 24 December 2014.

AKM Raisul Huq Bahar, Chittagong Bureau Chief of The Daily Star moderated the roundtable discussion. Mr. Mahbulul Alam, Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry President; Mr. Nasir Uddin Chowdhury, the first Vice President of BGMEA, Engr. Ali Ahmed, Engr. Delwar Majumder, Mr. Wahed Malek, Managing Editor, The Daily Azadi, S. M. Abu Toyab, President Rotary Club, Chittagong, Syed Mohammad Tanvir, Pacific Jeans Director, Kohinur Kamal, Meridian Group Chairman; ABM Wadud Ullah, former Chairman of Bangladesh Shipping Agents Association, Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro VC, CIU; Dr. Mahmud Hassan, Assistant Professor, CIU, Engr. Shubhash Barua; Ali Hussain Akber Ali, BSRM Group Chairman, and Dr. Shamsul Hossain, former curator of CU Museum also spoke during the discussion.



CIU organizes a Seminar on "Energy Scavenging for Hand-held! Portable Devices-Trends and Technology in Japan"

Chittagong Centre for Advanced Studies (CCAS) in association with Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and Japan Solartech (Bangladesh) Limited organized a seminar on "Energy Scavenging for Hand-held! Portable Devices-Trends and Technology in Japan" at the CIU Auditorium on 24 December 2014. Dr. Mohammed Rafiqul Islam, Founder Executive Director of Japan Solartech (Bangladesh) Limited and current Research Director of SHARP Corporation of Japan was the Key Note Presenter on the subject. Dr. Fouzul Kabir Khan, former Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources and Senior Faculty, North South University and Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rezwana Khan, Vice Chancellor, United International University, Dhaka attended as the Special Guests. Dr. Shamsul Hossain, Member-Secretary, CCAS, Syed Mahmudul Huq, Managing Director, Japan Solartech (Bangladesh) Limited, and Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice-Chancellor, CIU were also present.

At the First Session, discussants included: Engr. Ali Ahmed, Member, Board of Trustees, CIU; Engr. Mr. Manzarey Khurshed Alam, Chairman, The Institution of Engineers Bangladesh, Chittagong, Mr. Mr. Al Mudabbir Bin Anam, Senior Advisor, Sustainable Energy for Development (SED), GIZ, Md. Ahsan Ullah Bhuiyan, Assistant General Manager, Grameen Shakti and Mr. Rubell Sen Goopta, Sr. Lecturer, School of Engineering and Computer Science, CIU.

At the Second Session, discussants included: Mr. S. M. Formanul Islam, Deputy CEO, IDCOL, Mr. Siddique Zohair, Joint Secretary, Power Division, Dr. Fouzul Kabir Khan, former Secretary, Power Division and founder CEO, MCOL; Syed Mahmudul Huq, Member, Board of Trustees, CIU, Dr. Fouzul Kabir Khan, former Secretary, Power Division and founder CEO, MCOL and Syed Mahmudul Huq, Member, Board of Trustees, CIU.

Concluding Remarks were given by the Chair Prof. Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan.



CIU distributes Winter Garments among the Distressed People

CIU took the initiative to extend its support towards the winter affected people by providing winter clothes. The Independent University Cultural Club (IUCC) of CIU collected Blankets & winter clothes from the Students, Faculty & Admin staff & distributed these among 500 deprived people of different ages at Khejurtala, North Patenga of the Port City, Chittagong on 21st December 2014. This noble initiative was taken by Assistant Professor & Coordinator of IUCC Robaka Shamsher. During the distribution of the clothes CIU Proctor & Assistant Professor Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury and students of IUCC participated in this program.



Celebration of Victory Day 2014

On the Victory Day of Bangladesh students of Independent University Cultural Club (IUCC) of CIU were gathered at the Shohid Minar complex with the University Banner and a flower bucket to show their deepest respect for the freedom fighters of Bangladesh at the early hour of 16th December, 2014. Assistant Professor Mr. Amran Haroon was also present with the students to give guideline to the students.



IUAA completes Workshop on "Professional Attitude and Behavior, Writing Professional CV and Facing Job Interview" at CIU

On 13th December, 2014 a workshop on "Professional Attitude and Behavior, Writing Professional CV and Facing Job Interview" was organized by Independent University Alumni Association (IUAA) at the Chittagong Independent University (CIU) premises. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Honorable Pro-Vice Chancellor of CIU. In his speech Dr. Khan emphasized the importance of CV writing and facing the interview for fresh graduates. Taking examples from his illustrious career Dr. Khan pointed out how fresh graduates write their CVs in an unprofessional manner due to their lack of experience, as a result compromising their chances of recruitment. He thanked IUAA, the organizers of the workshop for providing this opportunity to the students of CIU. The daylong workshop was graced by the presence of M. Tariqul Islam, Area Head, Retail Banking, NRB Bank Ltd. as the Chief Guest. Mr. Islam inspired the participants with his inspiring speech and handed out Certificates to the participants of the workshop. Other esteemed guests of the workshop were Dr. M Ayub Islam (Coordinator, CIU MBA program), Associate Professor Dr. Mir Nurul Absar Nahid, Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Faculty Adviser of IUAA Assistant Professor Dr. Mahmud Hassan, A. Qaiyum Chowdhury, Dr. Sayed Manzur Qader, Robaka Shamsheer, Kamruddin Parvez, and Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman.

The workshop was conducted by Minhaz Khan, Recovery Leader, Ericsson Beijing; Mahbub Jamil, Head of Structured Finance, NDP Capital Ltd.; Ahmed Zibran, Senior Relationship Manager, Corporate Banking Division, Eastern bank Ltd., and in the second part the Mock interviews were conducted by M. Tariqul Islam, Area Head, Retail Banking, NRB Bank Ltd, Sazid bin Sulaiman, Branch Manager, Standard Chartered Bank, Nasirabad Chittagong, Mahbub Jamil, Head of Structured Finance, NDP Capital Ltd., Ahmed Zibran, Senior Relationship Manager, Corporate Banking Division, Eastern bank Ltd. and Farah Sultana Shahid, Branch Manager, IPDC.

Ms. Zabina Mahmud Chowdhury, Zahed Zahur Wali, Shajeedur Rahman, Ekram Ullah Chowdhury, Shah Yousha Ahmed, Mohammed Rashed, Mahibul Alam Aumi, Mujibur Rahman Moni, Mushtaq Ahmed, Omar Sharif, Imran Shakha, Adibur Rahman and Rakin Rahman from IUAA were also present in the workshops.



CIU hosts a seminar on

"Virtual Education in Bangladesh"

Chittagong Centre for Advanced Studies (CCAS) in association with Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a seminar on "Virtual Education in Bangladesh" on 13 December 2014 at the CIU Auditorium. Dr. Badrul H. Khan, a renowned scholar on e-learning presented the keynote speech. Dr. Mohammad Abdul Mazid, Chairman, Board of Directors, Chittagong Stock Exchange (former Chairman, National Board of Revenue), Mr. Salahuddin Kasem Khan, Convener, Chittagong Centre for Advanced Studies and Syed Mahmudul Haq, Member, Board of Trustees, Chittagong Independent University were present as Guest of Honor. Dr. Shamsul Hossain, Member Secretary, CCAS and Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU were also present along with CIU faculty and administrative staff.



Graduates and Freshmen Reception '14

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) accorded a reception to the freshmen and graduates of 2014 at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) Chittagong Centre on Thursday 4 December 2014.

Addressing the ceremony, Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) and CIU Board of Trustees member Md. Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan said CIU was established in Chittagong as an outer campus of Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB). Following the Private Universities Act, 2010 this campus got permission to start activities as a full-fledged university on February 6 in 2013. "We are committed to uphold and improve quality and reputation the university gained while operating as IUB outer campus," said Mr. Aminuzzaman.

CIU Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Irshad Kamal Khan in his speech recalled the contribution of different political, social personalities and faculty members in establishing the university. Engineer Ali Ahmed and Principal Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman also spoke at the ceremony.

Former IUBC students and Closeup and Channel-I Mega Star Ronty Das, Nishita Barua, Sabbir, Kishore and Brishti Mutaaddi were presented with the CIU Crest. They also performed solo songs at the cultural event.





US Embassy Officials and American Centre Director visits at CIU

On November 20, 2014 a team from the Embassy of the United States of America visited CIU comprising of Mr. David Meale, Deputy Chief of Mission; Mr. Christopher Elms, US Department of State, Bangladesh Desk Officer and Mr. Cameron S. Millard, ACS Officer. They had a meeting with the CIU Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan. Later they attended a press conference on new visa policies and participated in a discussion session with youth leaders from various youth organizations.

Director of the American Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Ann Barrows McConnell visited Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and met with Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan on 2nd December, 2014. The Pro-VC welcomed her to CIU and provided an overview about faculties, departments, institutes, lab and library. She invited the young teachers and researchers of CIU to apply at various universities of USA under the study of United States Institutes (USI) Scholars Program.

Ms. Parvin K. Ilias, Professional Exchange Program of the American Centre; Dr. Raihana Sultana, Fulbright Scholar of English Language Program, Dr. M. Nuruzzaman, Dr. Mir Nurul Absar Nahid, Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Ms. Rifat Tasneem, Mr. Md. Saifur Rahman, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey were also present.



ENV Field Trip-2014

On November 28, 2014 Students of the ENV-101 course went on a study tour to Bangabondhu Safari Park, Chokoria, Cox's Bazar. 60 students of the CIU Environmental Club were accompanied by Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Assistant Professor, School of Business.



CIU hosts "Wikipedia Editors Convention"

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Begali Wikipedia, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) in collaboration with Grameenphone Ltd., Wikimedia Bangladesh, Mozilla Firefox and Prothom Alo organized the "Wikipedia Editors Convention" on 29 November at the university premises. Dean of School of Engineering & Computer Science, Dr. M. Nuruzzaman inaugurated the event. Shah Mohammad Ibrahim Azad, General Manager (Regional Sales), Grameen Phone spoke about the importance of the Internet. Tanvir Tarek Tama, Area Sales Manager, Grameenphone along with M Moinuddin Hyder and other ranking officials of Grameenphone highlighted the importance of Internet safety as well. The speakers urged all present to enhance the Bengali Language and Culture through strengthening the Bangla Wikipedia.

CIU Engineering faculty members Atiqur Rahman, Amran Haroon, Rajib Hassan, Rubell Sen Goopta and Deputy Librarian Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman and Abdul Bashet, Manager, SECS were also present during the program. Grameenphone thanked the participants and CIU for their support in making the program a success. Certificates were distributed among the participants at the end.



Engineering Students of CIU visit Cox's Bazar Radio and Radar Station

On 26 November 2014 Students of the School of Engineering & Computer Science (SECS), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) went on a Study Tour to the Cox's Bazar Radio and Radar Station. The students were accompanied by Mr. Amran Haroon, Asst. Professor, Department of Telecommunication and Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Asst. Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering and Mr. Abdul Bashet, Manager, SECS.

High ranking officials briefed the students about the facilities and work of their respective organizations. The students learned about the transmission of daily programs, AM and FM technology, channel distribution and power transmission at the Radio Station. At the Radar Station they were briefed on the workings of the Radar, weather forecasting, measurement of daily rainfall, humidity, temperature and microwave technology etc.

The faculty members and students of CIU thanked the officials at the end of the tour.



Chittagong Start Up Conference at CIU

On 21 November 2014 CIU hosted a daylong startup conference organized jointly with HubDhaka and Economics & Finance Cluster, CIU. Mr. Mahbubul Alam, President, CCCI inaugurated the event along with Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU.

Startup Weekends are 54-hour events designed to provide superior experiential education for technical and non-technical entrepreneurs. The weekend events were centered on action, innovation, and education. Startup Weekend Chittagong began on Friday the 21st of November with pitches and guest speakers continued through the weekend with testing, business model development, and basic prototype creation. It culminated on Saturday night when teams present their businesses to a panel of potential investors and local entrepreneurs. Participants were challenged with building functional startups during the event and collaborated with like-minded individuals outside of their daily networks.

Throughout the weekend, the teams focused on customer development, validation of their ideas as well as practicing lean startup methods, guided by experienced coaches. For the finale, a specially selected panel of judges picked the winner of the 3 day event. The winner along with the runners-up will get attractive prizes including SEED funding, invitation to a mentorship program, extensive startup training and access to a professional workspace.



Launching Ceremony of the Model United Nations (MUN) Club at CIU

Model United Nations (MUN) Club of CIU was inaugurated at the CIU Auditorium on 20 November 2014. The Pro-VC of CIU was present as a Chief Guest in the program. CIU MUN Club will work as a platform of United Nations to introduce its members with the concept, activities, responsibilities and functions of UN. It will also help its members to be able to practice of decency, decorum, protocol and parliamentary systems in their life. CIU student Ms. Sidratul Muntaha-President, Ms. Rudba Irteja Chowdhury-General Secretary, and Ms. Masuma Bhuriwala were elected as Treasurer of the Club.



British Council Workshop on "Performance Poetry & Port City Poetry"

British Council Arts Department organized a Poetry Performance Event for CIU students' by UK poet Sabrina Mahfouz on 18 November 2014 at CIU Library Reading Room. Chief Guest of the program was Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU. 24 students participated in the workshop and one of them performed poetry at the evening program. Ms. Sabrina Mahfouz writes plays, poems, films, articles and stories. She produces workshops, theatre and events with the aims of making the arts more accessible for all and creating awareness of social issues through creative engagement.

Her creative work has been recognized with a number of awards. Most recently, these include receiving a 2014 Fringe First Award; a 2013 Sky Arts Futures Fund Award; an Old Vic New Voices Underbelly Edinburgh Award; a UK Young Artists Award; a nomination for The Stage Award 2011 for Best Solo Performance; an Old Vic New Voices TS Eliot Award and a Westminster Prize for New Playwrights. Her first book, The Clean Collection, is available from Bloomsbury.



Daylong "Inter-College Andragogy Practicum Competition" at CIU

For the first time in Chittagong a daylong "Inter-College Andragogy Practicum Competition" was held on 15 November 2014 in the CIU Auditorium. In the competition a team of 5 talented students from each institution took part. Participating schools were Little Jewels, CGS, South Asian College, Techno-Cider and Bay View. The participants were oriented with the concepts of modern adult learning Andragogy Practicum skills by the internationally renowned Andragogy Practicum Trainer Mr. A. Qaiyum Chowdhury, Visiting Scholar and Chief Coordinator of CIU Students Society. Thereafter, the participants was took part in the competition by conducting Andragogy Practicum themselves with their acquired adult learning skills. The qualifying teams will take part in the Andragogy Practicum Grand Finale to be held in early December, 2014. Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU attended the event as the Chief Guest and inaugurated the competition. Among others Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman took part at the event. BSRM Managing Director and Chief Advisor to the BSRM Group Mr. Moize Hussain and Ms. Yesmin Hussain, Director, BSRM were also present at the certificate distribution ceremony.





Launching of British Council Library at Chittagong Independent University

Inauguration Ceremony of the British Council Library took place on Saturday 1 November 2014 at the CIU Auditorium with a slogan "Connecting People with People and People to Opportunity". Mr. Saifuzzaman Chowdhury, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Land inaugurated the New Library as the Chief Guest. Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman Board of Trustee, Chittagong Independent University was the Special Guest. The new collections of BCL reflect British Council's core priority areas of English, Arts, Education and Society and their resources include publications and enriched material on Professional Development skills. British Council Country Director, Brendan McSharry, OBE, Robin Davis, Ms. Sarwar Reza, Manager, Library and Mashudul Alam, Resource Centre Officer were also present. CIU Faculty Members, and Executives from the Administration were also present at the program.



Launching Ceremony of Chittagong Centre for Advanced Studies

The launching ceremony of the Chittagong Centre for Advanced Studies (CCAS) was held on Thursday, 30 October, 2014 at the CIU Auditorium. Dr. John S. Deyell, a renowned Canadian Scholar on medieval numismatics of Bengal, delivered the Professor Emeritus Abdul Karim Memorial Lecture on this occasion. The title of the lecture was Chittagong: Trading Hub and Monetary Frontier of Pre-modern Bengal. The event was organized jointly by Chittagong Independent University (CIU), Bangladesh and Chittagong Centre for Advanced Studies (CCAS). Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU inaugurated the ceremony and delivered welcome speech to the participants. Dr. Shamsul Hossain, Member-Secretary, CCAS addressed objectives and functions of CCAS. CIU Faculty Members, and Members from the administration were also present.



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Seminar on 'Imagine Education in Canada'

High Commission of Canada Education Team conducted a seminar on 'Imagine Education in Canada' on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at the CIU Auditorium. The Seminar provided a rare opportunity for the CIU students to get firsthand information about the Canadian education systems, the admission prerequisites of reputed Canadian universities; the incentives and facilities offered for the international students. The seminar was conducted by Ms. Shaheen Islam, Senior education advisor to the High Commission of Canada. Mr. Quazi Gulam Farhad Trade Officer High Commission of Canada also assisted Ms. Islam during seminar. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and coordinated by A. Qaiyum Chowdhury, Visiting Scholar & Chief Coordinator, CIU Students Society (CSS). Among others Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman was also present at the seminar.



CIU hosts Book Fair Organized by Prothoma Publication

A 3 day long book fair of Prothoma Publications was held On 28 October 2014 at CIU Library Reading Room. Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan was the chief guest of the inauguration program. The book fair had continued till 30 October from 10am to 5pm. Students of CIU and other institutes visited the fair.



CIU Family Night

Faculty members of each School & Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Deputy Librarian arranged "CIU family Night" on 23rd of October 2014 at the CIU Auditorium. Members of CIU Board of Trustees, CIU officials and family members and staff attended at the gathering.



Eminent Scientists Dr. Mahbub Hoque visits CIU

On 12 October 2014 Dr. Mahbub Hoque visited CIU and discussed with the high officials regarding collaboration and development of CIU. Dr. Hoque is the Chief Scientist of the Space & Terrestrial Communications Directorate (S&TCD) in the U.S. Army's Communications Electronics Research Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC), Fort Monmouth, NJ. He also serves as the Division Chief of the Antennas and Spectrum Analysis Division in S&TCD. Professor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU, Professor Dr. M. Nuruzzaman, Dr. Mir Nurul Absar Nahid, Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled, Mr. Amran Haroon, Mr. Abul Kalam Md. Rajib Hasan, Mr. Rubell Sen Gophta and Mr. Md. Abdul Based Mondal, Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun and Mr. Mostafizur Rahman participated in the discussion.



Workshop on 'Advanced Presentation Skills' at CIU

On 30 September 2014 Center for Career Guidance and Placement, CIU and JobMarketBD.com Organized a Workshop on 'Advanced Presentation Skills' at the CIU Auditorium. Chief Guest of the workshop was Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, and CIU. Keynote speakers were Mr. Mohammad Hassan, Senior Training Manager, Airtel Bangladesh Limited, Ms. Dorji Om, Bhutanese Student Ambassador, Asian University for Women, Ms. Nafisa Nawal, Year Book Writer, Asian University for Women. Mr. Elias Ahmed, Treasurer, CIU distributed crest to the guest and Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Ms. Nusrat Jahan, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Ms. Tarana Karim, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, CIU, Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman were also present at the workshop.



US Ambassador to Bangladesh Mr. Dan W. Mozena visits CIU

On September 29, 2014 US Ambassador to Bangladesh visited the American Corner Chittagong located at Chittagong Independent University. Mr. Elias Ahmed, Treasurer, CIU and Prof. Dr. M. Nuruzzaman, Dean School of Computer Science and Engineering and other high officials of the university welcomed the Ambassador. A brief meeting was held at the Pro-Vice Chancellor's Office where the guests exchanged views with the CIU officials. Later a crest was presented to the Ambassador for his continuous support towards CIU.

The Ambassador then visited the American Corner Chittagong and spoke with youth leaders from the Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC), Chittagong Access Alumni Club, and Volunteer for Bangladesh. A lively discussion session ensued where the inspirations, dreams, success stories and challenges faced were discussed. At the end the participants thanked the Ambassador for sparing time from his busy schedule and inspiring them and ensured him that the meeting would motivate them to work with more zeal and fervor to realize their dream of a better society.



MoU with Valdosta State University, Georgia, USA

A preparatory meeting for MoU with Valdosta State University, Georgia, USA, was held on Monday, 29th September 2014 at the Office of the Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU. On behalf of CIU Mr. A H M Chowdhury, BoT Member and Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor lead the discussion and on the other hand Professor Dr. A. F. Imam Ali, Prof. of Sociology, CU; Dr. Mizanur Miah, the faculty and staff of the Department of Social Work at Valdosta State University and Professor Dr. Ivan P. Nikolov Director, Center for International Programs Valdosta State University participated and discussed on bi-lateral issues. Mr. Elias Ahmed, Professor Dr. M. Nuruzzaman, Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Mr. Md. Abdul Based Mondal, Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey also were present on the occasion.



UNU-FTP signs MoU with the Bangladesh Shrimp and Fish Foundation

As a representative of BSFF, CIU BoT member Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq went on a study tour to Iceland from September 22 to October 03, 2014. During the stay in Iceland, the team studied the technology and know-how as developed and practiced in Iceland and got acquainted with how far this could be adapted in Bangladesh for utilization of wastes of both fin fish (heads, frames, skin and viscera, mainly of Pungas and Tilapia) and shrimps (heads and shells) focusing on (a) the processing methods, (b) the potential market and (c) the value. The study team also acquainted some of the processing facilities and innovative companies in the Northern part of Iceland. They also met some of the organizations working in value addition; fish drying, chitosan production, fish leather, etc.

On September 29, 2014, the United Nations University Fisheries Training Programme and the Bangladesh Shrimp and Fish Foundation (BSFF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) outlining collaboration between the two entities in the coming years.

Representatives from the BSFF and the Bangladesh Ministry of Commerce were in Iceland for a study tour coordinated by the UNU-FTP and Matis linked with the Icelandic Fisheries Exhibition and Awards



Workshop on "Inspire 1 Million Bangladesh" at CIU

On 15 September 2014 a motivational workshop on "Inspire 1 Million Bangladesh" Entrepreneurs at the CIU Auditorium was organized with joint collaboration of Independent University Alumni Association (IUAA), Rotary Club of Chittagong Mohanagar and Economics & Finance Cluster of CIU.

The key note speaker was Bangladeshi originated British Citizen and one of the world's renowned speakers Mr. Sabirul Islam, a global motivational speaker and an author of bestselling books, a successful young entrepreneur and the founder of Inspire 1 Million. Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, BoT, CIU was present as the chief guest and Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU was present as the Special Guest. Media sponsor of the workshop was Prothom-alo and Channel-I, Bangladesh.



Seminar on "Winning Strategies with Emotional Intelligence"

On 8 September 2014 Dept of Economics and Finance, CIU organized a seminar on "Winning Strategies with Emotional Intelligence". The Keynote Speaker was Mr. Zahid Ibne Hai, Head of SME Business, IDLC Finance Ltd. Dr. Mir Nurul Absar Nahid, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Mr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled, Ms. Robaka Shamsheer, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Mr. Atiqur Rahman and Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman were present at the workshop.



Month Long workshop on Employable Skills Development at CIU

A month long Certificate Course jointly organized by Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and Chittagong Skills Development Center (CSDC) for Interns & CIU Senior Students on "Employable Skills Development: CV Doctor, Mock Interview, Career Counseling and 12 Secrets to Success" on Saturday, September 06, 2014 in the CIU Auditorium continued till September 27, 2014 under the supervision of Mr. A. Qaiyum Chowdhury, Visiting Scholar & Chief Coordinator of CIU Students Society (CSS).

Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU, inaugurated the course and Mr. Mikhail I. Islam, Executive Director, CSDC designed the course and was the Facilitator. The course was attended by CIU Faculty Members, 48 Interns and CIU Senior Students and CIU Librarian (In-Charge) Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman.





CIU hosts Seminar on "Inter-religious Harmony in Bangladesh and Banglar Rumi Syed Ahmadul Huq"

Seminar on "Inter-religious Harmony in Bangladesh and Banglar Rumi Syed Ahmadul Huq" was held on September 04, 2014 at the Auditorium of CIU. The seminar was jointly organized by the Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Dhaka University and Chittagong Independent University.

Chief Guest was Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Former Adviser to the Caretaker Government and Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Chittagong Independent University was the Special Guest. The seminar was chaired by Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU. Dr. Mohammad Bahauddin, Associate Professor, Department of Persian Language and Literature, Dhaka University was the Keynote Speaker at the seminar. The Seminar conducted was by Mr. Elias Ahmed, Treasurer, CIU.

Other discussants included:

Professor Dr. K. M. Saiful Islam Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, UITS, Dhaka; Professor Dr. Obaidul Karim, Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka; Professor Dr. N. H. M. Abu Bakar, Department of Philosophy, Chittagong University; Professor Dr. Mahbubul Huq, Department of Bengali, University of Chittagong; Mr. Sakawat Hossain Manju, Columnist and Writer; Mr. Abul Momen, Advisor Editor, The Daily Suprobhat Bangladesh; Mr. Sayed Shafiq Uddin Ahmed, Writer and Essayist; Dr. Father Tapan De Rojario, Associate Professor, Department of International Religion and Sanskrit, University of Dhaka; Principal Sukomal Barua, General Secretary, Asian Conference of Religions for Peace, Bangladesh; Shami Hiranta Nandazi Maharaj, Joint-Editor, Ramkrishna Moth and Mission, Dhaka; Mr. Salah Uddin Kashem Khan, President, Allama Rumi Society, Dhaka and Chairman, A. K. Khan Foundation; Dr. Mohammad Abdul Majid, Sufi Researcher and former Chairman, National Board of Revenue; Sufi Mohammad Mijanur Rahman, Executive Board, Allama Rumi Society Bangladesh.



Orientation Program of Autumn Semester 2014

Orientation Program of Autumn 2014 was held on 29 August 2014 at the CIU Auditorium. The Chief Guest of the program was Mr. Raphael Jaeger, Director of the Alliance Francaise de Chittagong (AFC) and Special Guest was Mr. Wahid Malek, Managing Editor of Dainik Azadi. The Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan and all Faculty and members' from the Administration were present at the orientation ceremony to welcome the new students of Autumn 2014.



Meeting with the New Chairman of CIU Board of Trustees

The Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) elected Mr. Towhid Samad as new Chairman of the Board of Trustees of CIU unanimously for a two-year term. After being elected as a Chairman, Mr. Samad paid a day-long visit at CIU on September 4, 2014 and met with the senior administrative staff and faculty members. At the morning session, senior administrative staff called on a directive meeting at the Pro Vice Chancellor's office. The meeting was presided over by the Chairman and Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU; Mr. Elias Ahmed, Treasurer; Mr. Md. Abdul Based Mondal, Director, F & A; Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Librarian (in-charge); Mr. Sarker Kamrul Manum, Registrar (Acting); and Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, Manager, Administration participated at the meeting. At the afternoon session CIU Faculty Members participated at the meeting at the CIU Conference Room. The meeting was presided over by the Chairman and Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU; Mr. Elias Ahmed, Treasurer; Professor Dr. M. Nuruzzaman, Dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS); Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Part-time Professor, SoB; Associate Professor Dr. Mir Nurul Absar Nahid, and among the Assistant Professor Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dr. Mahmud Hassan, Mr. Abu Sohel Mahmood, Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Mr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled, Ms. Nusrat Jahan, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Ms. Tarana Karim, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Ms. Rifat Tasneem, Mr. Md. Saifur Rahman, Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Mr. Amran Haroon, Mr. Abul Kalam Md. Rajib Hasan, Mr. Rubell Sen Goopta, and Ms. Suraiya Islam, Visiting Scholar, SLASS; Mr. A. Qaiyum Chowdhury, Visiting Scholar, SoB participated at the meeting.



Course Management & Operation System (CMOS) at CIU

On 27 August 2014 a Training Session for the faculty members for a course on online and enrollment of the students was arranged by Mr. Amran Haroon, Assistant Professor, SECS. Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU, Dr. M. Nuruzzaman, Professor & Dean, SECS, Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Dr. Nurul Absar Nahid, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dr. Mahmud Hassan, Mr. Abu Sohel Mahmood, Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Mr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled, Ms. Nusrat Jahan, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Ms. Tarana Karim, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Ms. Rifat Tasneem, Mr. Md. Saifur Rahman, Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Mr. Amran Haroon, Mr. Abul Kalam Md. Rajib Hasan, Mr. Rubell Sen Goopta, and Mr. Md. Abdul Based Mondal, Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun and Mr. Mostafizur Rahman Chowdhury participated at the workshop.



MoU between Alliance Francaise de Chittagong and CIU

On 24 August 2014 Alliance Francaise de Chittagong (AFC) and Chittagong Independent University (CIU) establish a formal understanding of cooperation and friendship intended to further the academic and educational objectives of each institution to promote better understanding between the faculty and students of CIU and AFC. Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Dr. Mir Nurul Absar Nahid, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dr. Mahmud Hassan, Mr. Abu Sohel Mahmood, Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Mr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Mr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Mr. Amran Haroon, Ms. Nusrat Jahan, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Ms. Tarana Karim, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen and Mr. Md. Saifur Rahman were also present on the occasion. Mr. Elias Ahmed, Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Mr. Mostafizur Rahman Chowdhury, Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey were present on behalf of the CIU Administration.



AirTel Signs deal with CIU

On 10 August 2014 Airtel Bangladesh Limited one of the fastest growing mobile service providers of the country has inked a Corporate Deal with Chittagong Independent University (CIU) in Chittagong. Under this agreement, Airtel Bangladesh Limited will provide CIU with Airtel's Voice and Data services. Mr. Areef Ahmed Chowdhury, Manager, Corporate Sales of Airtel Bangladesh Limited and Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, Manager, Administration of CIU signed the deal on behalf of their respective sides. Mr. A. Qaiyun Chowdhury, Visiting Scholar, Mr. Elias Ahmed, Treasurer, and Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Deputy Registrar were also present at the occasion.



Discussion Session arranged by Center For Research at CIU

Mr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Assistant Professor, SoB arranged a discussion Session with Dr. Adnan Morshed on Thursday 21 August 2014 at CIU. Dr Adnan Zillur Morshed, Associate Professor of The Catholic University of America, visited the CIU campus and shared his teaching and research experience on modern architecture, urbanization and urbanization problems of Bangladesh and abroad. A good numbers of ideas were shared between Mr. Adnan and the faculty members of CIU and how CIU can collaborate with his University were also explored. The meeting was presided over by Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan.

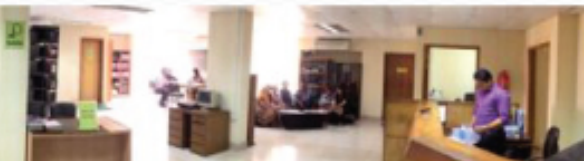


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Workshop on Marketing Research (MKT 360)

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Lecture Session on Strategic HRM at 5 Star Hotel

On 6 July 2014 Mr. Geir Sikko, CEO, Radisson Blue Bay View, Chittagong delivered a lecture on 'Strategic HR at a Five Star Hotel' to the students of Chittagong Independent University (CIU). Dr. Mir Nurul Absar Nahid arranged this session for the Students of HRM (390) Course of BBA Program of CIU.



Workshop on 'Research Methodology: Conceptual Foundation'

CRECE, CIU and Organization for Social Orientation (OSO) organized a workshop on 'Research Methodology: Conceptual Foundation' on 6 July 2014 with a view to make potential students, teachers, social workers and others realize the magnitude of research, to create a researchers-network for future collaborative efforts in research, to make young researchers skilled in methods and technique to start and run their research in an efficient manner. Discussion session on What is Research and Why? Epistemological debates, conceptual foundation of research methodology, research design, methods and techniques, data analysis, report writing, proposal writing; task: writing a proposal and groundwork to start a primary level research were followed by the speech of guests and certificate distribution among the participants.



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Summer 2014 Orientation

Orientation Program of Summer 2014 was held on June 5, 2014 at the CIU Auditorium. Mr. Aamer Ali Hossain, Managing Director, BSRM Group of Companies was the Chief Guest and the Special Guest was Mr. Osman Gani Mansur, Editor of the Dainik Purbodosh, Chittagong. The program was presided over by Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU Faculty and Administrative staff were present in the Orientation Ceremony. Dr. Mahmud Hasan conducted the program and Ms. Tarana Karim welcomed the newly admitted students on behalf of CIU. Among the faculty members Professor Dr. Nuruzzaman and Professor Dr. M. Ayub Islam addressed the students on various aspects of CIU.



Summer BBA, BSc., BA Registration

Registration of CIU students for Summer 2014 was held on May 27 and 28, 2014 at the Library E-Resources Center. The Registration was supervised by Dr. M. Nuruzzaman, Professor & Dean, SECS and Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Dean, SoB, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Dr. Mahmud Hassan, Mr. Abu Sohel Mahmood, Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Mr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Mr. Moslehuddin Khaled, Ms. Nusrat Jahan, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Ms. Tarana Karim, and Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen advised the students. Registration process was conducted by the Office of the Registrar, CIU.



16th Convocation

16th Convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh was held on December 18, 2014 at the IUB Campus Plot 16 Block B, Aftabuddin Ahmed Road, Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh. At the 16th Convocation, 168 students from Chittagong Campus participated from Undergraduate and Graduate Programs.



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