



New Chairman and Vice Chairman of CIU and IUB Founding Trust



A Matin Chowdhury
Chairman, ESTCDT

Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, Managing Director of New Asia limited has been elected Chairman of the Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust [ESTCDT], the founding trust of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) for 2015 - 2016. Dr. Syed Serajul Huq, Chairman, Sea Pearl lines Limited has been elected Vice Chairman.

Mr. Chowdhury is a founder Trustee of ESTCDT. He joined the liberation War of Bangladesh while he was a medical student in 1971 and was commissioned in the first batch of Officers of Bangladesh Army and led troops in Sector 6 (A) and was injured in action. In 1976 he took voluntary retirement from the Army as a Major. He then joined the family business and currently he is the Chairman of two companies and Managing Director of another five companies.

He is actively involved in social work, being the past Chairman of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) and current Chairman of under Privileged Children's Educational Programme (UCEP). He is also associated with Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB) and other Educational and Social Organizations for promotion of Education and Healthcare for the underprivileged.



Dr. Syed Serajul Huq
Vice Chairman, ESTCDT

Dr. Huq is currently Sponsor Director and Chairman of Bean Monde Apparels Ltd, Bean Monde Garments Ltd and Tetash Refinery Co Ltd. He is also the Vice Chairman of Sonata Shipping Lines Ltd and Union Insurance Co. Ltd. Dr. Huq has held a number of prominent posts, including being the Past President, Rotary Club of Chittagong, Life and Permanent Member of Bhatiyari Golf and Country Club, Permanent Member of Chittagong Club Ltd and Past President of Barisal Bivagyo Samity, Chittagong.

Brief History of ESTCDT

The ESTCDT is a Trust set up by a group of like-minded individuals with the objective of "giving back" to society and the country. It is a non-profit body consisting of industrialists, business leaders and eminent personalities in academic, professional, diplomatic and public life. The ESTCDT prides itself on that no Trustee receives or expects to receive any financial or other personal benefit; all revenue is ploughed for further development of the institutions. The Trustees give a lot of time and effort for Independent University, Bangladesh, Dhaka and now Chittagong Independent University to create institutions of unparalleled excellence for students, teachers and the society.

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

Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, Chairman, ESTCDT, Managing Director, New Asia Ltd; Dr. Syed Serajul Huq, Vice Chairman, ESTCDT, Chairman, Sea Pearl Lines Ltd; Mr. Saifur Rahman, Director, Transcom Limited; Mrs. Luna Shamsuddoha, Chairman, Dohatec New Media; Mrs. Tahrunnesa Abdullah; Mr. A K Ashraf Uddin Ahmed, Chairman, Ashraf Group; Mr Md Sahabuddin Ahmed, Managing Director, Kader Synthetic Fibres Ltd; Mr S M Al-Husainy, Former Chairman, Board of Trustees, CIU and Chairman, Swanirvar Bangladesh; Mrs Husne Ara Ali; Mr D P Barua; Mr Md Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan, Managing Director, Uni Group of Industries; Mr A Rab Chaudhury, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh; Mr Abdul Hafiz Choudhury, FCA, Former Chairman, ESTCDT; Mr. Rashed Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB and Chairman, Banga Garments; Mr Anjan Chowdhury, Managing Director, Square Toiletries Limited; Mr Ismail Dobash, Uni-Asia Textile Ltd; Mr M Anis Ud Dowla, Chairman & Managing Director, ACI Limited; Mr Javed Hosein, Managing Director, Energis Power Corporation; Mr Didar A Hussain, Director, Malek Spinning Mills; Mr A K M Rafiqul Islam, Former Chairman, ESTCDT and Director, Progati Insurance Co Ltd and Progati Rhone Poulenc Tower; Mr Mirza Ali Behrouze Ispahani, Chairman & Managing Director, M M Ispahani Ltd; Ms. Laila Rahman Kabir, Managing Director, Kedarpur Tea Co. Ltd. and Concord Ovilash; Mr Juglul Karim, Chairman, Renaissance Hospital Limited; Mrs Salma Karim; Mr Aminur Reza Khan; Mrs Yasmin Kamal Khan; Mr A Quaiyum Khan; Dr A Majeed Khan; Mr Yahia Khan, Managing Director, Y K Group of Industries; Mr Mohammad Zakaria Khan, Chairman, Cosco Group of Industries; Mr K Z Mahmud, Managing Director, Home Creations Ltd. and The Grammarcy; Mr Md Tanveer Madar, Managing Director, Bangladesh Express Company Ltd; Mr Abdul Monem, Managing Director, Abdul Monem Ltd; Mainuddin Monem, Director, Finance & Administration; Abdul Monem Ltd; A H A Rasheed Khan; Mrs Yasmeen Murshed, Chairperson, Scholastica Group; Mr. Wajid Ali Khan Panni; Mr Afroz Rahim, Chairman, Rahimafrooz; Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees, CIU, Chittagong and Chairman, Savar Group; Mr Abdul Hai Sarker; Mr Altaf Hossain Sarker, Managing Director, Rahmat Textiles Ltd. and Mrs Nilufer Zafarullah, MP, Architect.



Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled attended the 13th South Asian Management Forum 2015

Mr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Assistant Professor, School of Business, CIU attended and presented a paper at the 13th South Asian Management Forum 2015, the flagship conference of AMDISA (Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia) held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Later he also attended the AGM of AMDISA. AMDISA is the SAARC recognized professional body of the management schools and institutes across South Asia. CIU has applied to be an Institutional Member of AMDISA.



USA Tour by Rooma Dass, Manager, American Corner

Ms. Rooma Dass, Manager American Corner Chittagong along with 21 other participants from 18 countries took part in the International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) – American Corners Partners in Public Diplomacy; held from January 12-30, 2015. IVLP is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program. Through short term visits to the United States the program participants get an opportunity to expand their professional knowledge base as well as develop leadership skills through interactive workshops, speaking engagements, casual and formal events and cultural activities.



2nd Winter LFE Spring 2015 at BARD, Comilla

CIU's pioneering Live-in-Field Experience (LFE) Program, where CIU students get a distinctive opportunity to learn about rural life in Bangladesh, was conducted in January 2015. A team of 50 students supervised by 3 Faculty Members completed the program at BARD, Comilla. The program started on January 4, 2015 and ended on January 15, 2015. 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. The program concluded with a Cultural Evening along with an Official Dinner and Certificate Distribution Ceremony. Assistant Professor(s) Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Mr. Md. Nayeem Abdullah and Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen coordinated the LFE program this year.



Dr. Saleh Uddin Ahmed speaks about Students' Social Responsibility at CIU Spring 2015 Orientation Program

CIU Spring 2015 Orientation Program was held at the CIU Auditorium on January 17, 2015. Former Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr. Saleh Uddin Ahmed was the Chief Guest while Dr. Mohammad Ramijuddin Chowdhury, Editor of The Daily Purbokon was the Special Guest. Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU presided over the program. Professor Dr. Nuruzzaman, Dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science, Dr. Mahmud Hassan, BBA Program Coordinator and Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Deputy Librarian also spoke on the various aspects of the University. The Program was conducted by Engineer Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Assistant Professor and Proctor, CIU. Freshmen students along with their guardians attended the Orientation Program. CIU faculty members and administrative officers were also present.



Seminar on Bangladesh Development Performance at CIU Discussants Highlight Government Structure for Economic Growth

A seminar on Bangladesh Development Performance was held in the CIU Reading Room on January 17, 2015. Chittagong Centre for Advanced Studies (CCAS) and Chittagong Independent University (CIU) jointly hosted the seminar titled "Bangladesh - Development Capability and Future Challenges". Former Adviser to the Caretaker Government and economist Professor Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud was the Chief Guest while the Former Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr. Saleh Uddin Ahmed and the Chairman of Policy Research Institute Dr. Zaidee Sattar were the Special Guests at the seminar.

Canadian International Development Agency Director General Dr. Syed Sajjadur Rahman presented the Keynote Paper at the seminar chaired and moderated by Member of the CIU Board of Trustees Syed Mahmudul Haq. CIU Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan and CCAS Secretary Professor Dr. Shamsul Hossain delivered the Address of Welcome at the seminar conducted by Assistant Professor Dr. Mahmud Hasan.

Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh Trade Adviser Zillul Hye Razi and Chittagong Stock Exchange Chairman and NBR

Former Chairman Dr. Md Abdul Mazid, Dhaka University Economics Department Chairman Professor Md. Ali Taslim, CIU School of Business Assistant Professors Mosleh Uddin Khaled and Dr. Syed Manzur Quader participated in the discussion.

The discussants put emphasis on strong government structure, checking corruption, proper utilisation of internal resources and development of human resources for increasing economic growth and advancement of the country. They underlined the need for establishing good governance in all sectors, maintaining continuity of policy and enhancing efficiency of regulatory bodies. They also attached importance to proper utilization of Chittagong Port and bringing all the neighboring countries including India, Nepal, China and Myanmar under transit facilities in the greater interest of the country's economic development. In his key note paper Dr Sajjadur Rahman, also a senior fellow of School of International Development and Global Studies at Ottawa University in Canada underscored the need for continuity of democratic process and presence of government of accountability and good governance alongside specific government management for increasing economic growth.



CIU MUN Club Workshop on Model United Nations (MUN) at CIU

Drishy Chittagong in association with CIU MUN Club organized a day long Model United Nations (MUN) Workshop on 23rd January 2015 at the CIU Auditorium. The Media Partner of the program was The Daily Star. MUN representatives from renowned English Medium and National Curricula Schools and Colleges participated in the event. Hon'ble Members of CIU BoT Engineer Ali Ahmed and Mrs. Safia Ghazi Rahman were also present.

Chief Guest Wasika Ayesha Khan, MP, Special Guest Wahid Malek, The Ex-General Editor of Drishy Bangladesh and Professor of Chittagong University, Mr. Adnan Mannan

spoke at the event. The workshop was co-organized by the President Rotary Club of Chittagong City Zahid Hussain. Chittagong Vision President Masud Bakul also spoke at the program. Editor Bankusum Barua, Joint Secretary Shahidul Islam, and Debate Editor Saber Shah, along with Arafat Kazi from Vision of Chittagong spoke at the beginning about the vision of the Model United Nations of Chittagong with the assistance of Co-Coordinator Junaid Kousik Chowdhury. This workshop included participants from 10 countries including Bangladesh and 257 students from 40 educational institutes.



CIU SWS Distributes Winter Clothes

The students of Social Welfare Society (SWS) distributed winter clothes and blankets to the Child Surgery Division and General Division of Chittagong Medical College under the supervision of CIU Proctor Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury and Club Coordinator Ms. Robaka Shamsher. Badhon, Orpon, Minhaz, Asif, Sajjid, Anik, Minhaz and other students were present from the distribution team on 22nd January, 2015.



Launching Ceremony of CIU Social Welfare Society

The Inauguration Program of CIU Social Welfare Society (SWS) was held on Saturday, 31st January, 2015. During the Program, the speakers collectively opined that besides study students should fulfill their duty towards social and health issues which are connected to the development of society and the country. Prof. Dr. M Nuruzzaman, Dean, SECS declared the Club open through the cutting of a cake. Prof. Dr. M. Ayub Islam, SoB, Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Proctor, CIU, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Amran Haroon, Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Rahat Bari Tooheen, Club Coordinator Robaka Shamsher, Co-coordinator Nayeem Abdullah, Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Deputy Librarian were present at the occasion. After the Inauguration Program, a free Blood Grouping Camp was organized by SWS in association with an external team of experts. CIU Social Welfare Society distributed crests to its 11 members and certificates were distributed to the Blood Grouping Agency at the end.



Seminar on Digital Marketing at CIU 1st Digital Marketing Workshop by DeshJobs

CIU organized a Seminar on Digital Marketing with the help of DeshJobs - a leading jobsite in Bangladesh on February 7th 2015 at the CIU Auditorium. Mr. Shabbir Ahmed Tamim, Co- Founder and CEO of Deshjobs.com along with Mr. Lutfi Chowdhury, Head of Agency Relations, Google Product Trainer, Green & Red Technologies Ltd, and Mr. Sourav Islam, CEO, UNIFOX Digital conducted the seminar. Topics covered by the speakers included Introduction to Online Marketing, Analyzing Website Behavior, Content Marketing, Social Media, Email Marketing, Paid Marketing, and Implementation. Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Dr. Mahmud Hassan and A. K. M. Roisul Hoque Bahar, Bureau Chief, The Daily Star, Chittagong were present at the Certificate Giving Ceremony. The partners of this workshop were, Digital Proto, G&R, Unifox Digital, Hungrynaki, Dine Out, Garlic Café, Newsnet, Skipper, Rotaract Club of Islamabad, IGIMS and USTC Business Club.



CIU Students Participate in the Job fair arranged by AUW

The Careers Development Center (CDC) at Asian University for Women (AUW), in partnership with Grameenphone Ltd. (GP), Bangladesh's leading telecommunications provider, hosted the Chittagong Career Fair 2015 on February 7th, 2015, at the Peninsula Hotel Chittagong. The Chittagong Career Fair 2015 was Bangladesh's first ever large scale university recruitment fair to be held outside of Dhaka, and featured leading local organizations including Aamra Companies, A. K. Khan Ltd, Apex Footwear Ltd., BKash, Citi Bank N.A., BSRM, Coats Bangladesh,

Democracy International, HSBC, ICDDR'B, Lanka Bangla Finance, Nestle, SGS, Teach For Bangladesh and YPSA.

3000 student participants, representing 15 leading Chittagong universities registered and attended the event. This was a remarkable opportunity for organizations to present and recruit from a unique gathering of young people diverse in skill, educational background, and nationality. A 12-Member team lead by Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Assistant Professor, SoB, CIU participated in the event.



Inauguration of Independent University Cultural Club (IUCC)

The Inauguration Program of Independent University Cultural Club (IUCC) was held on 14th February, 2015 in the CIU Auditorium. Chief Guest Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan inaugurated the event by cutting a ribbon and cake with the Club Coordinator Ms. Robaka Shamsher and other Faculty Members. The Pro Vice Chancellor wished the successful journey of this club in his Opening Speech by stressing the idea that besides doing studies, CIU students need to enhance and explore cultural activities. The Co-Coordinator Mr. Amran Haroon pointed that IUCC will add value to the students by giving them different cultural opportunities to discover their

individual talents. IUCC has been formed to develop students' cultural sensibilities he said. Students of School of Business Reaz Ahmed and Badhon Das hosted the event. Among the Faculty members Dr. Ayub Islam, Dr. Nurul Absar Nahid, Mr. Nayeem Abdullah, Ms. Nusrat Jahan, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Mr. Kamruddin Pervaz and Deputy Librarian Dr. Zillur Rahman were present. More than 150 students from different departments attended the program. The Closing Speech was delivered by Proctor Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury.

CIU Student Won 1st Prize for International Women Day Essay Competition at Asian University for Women

CIU Student Ms. Masooma Abbas Bhuriwala won the First Prize in the International Women Day Essay Competition at Asian University for Women along with Faria Rowshan, IIUC and Tahmina Raoufi, AUW. The event was organized by Asian University for Women.





CIU Celebrates “International Mother Language Day”

Chittagong Centre for Advanced Studies (CCAS) in association with Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed “International Mother Language Day” on 21st February, 2015 at the CIU Auditorium followed by “Probhat Feri” in the morning. A Discussion Session was organized at 10AM chaired by the Pro Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan. Mr. Abul Momen, renowned Writer and Journalist, was the Key Note Speaker of this program.

Dr. Bhuiyan Iqbal, “Ekushe Padak-2015” Laureate; Educationist Dr. Mahbulul Hoq, Asst. Professor Saifur Rahman,

Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Deputy Librarian and Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Deputy Registrar spoke on the program. The program was anchored by Professor Dr. Shamsul Hossain, Member Secretary, CCAS. Prof. Dr. M Nuruzzaman, Assistant Professor Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Atiqur Rahman, Nayeem Abdullah, Amran Haroon, Rahat Bari Tooheen, Robaka Shamsher, Nusrat Jahan, Charmaine Rodrigues, Rifat Tasnim, Tarana Karim, Moslehuddin Khaled, Rajib Hassan and Rubell Sen Goopta were also present.



Discussion Session with Freedom Fighters Organized by SWS

CIU Social Welfare Society (SWS) arranged a discussion session with the Freedom Fighters of Bangladesh on 25th March 2015 where they discussed their memorable experiences of Liberation War in 1971. MBA Program Coordinator Prof. Dr. Ayub Islam presided over the event. The guests were given Crest(s) from Social Welfare Society (SWS) by Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Dr. Nurul Absar Nahid and Dr. Ayub Islam. SWS Coordinator Ms. Robaka Shamsher initiated this Discussion Session to honor the Freedom Fighters of the country.



Chittagong Human Resource Conference (CHRC 2015) at CIU

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and HR Forum jointly organized the Chittagong Human Resource Conference (CHRC 2015) at the CIU Auditorium on 27 March 2015. Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU was the Chief Guest of the CHRC 2015. An article on "HR Education & Training in Bangladesh" was presented by Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Mr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled and Ms. Tarana Karim along with Dr. Nurul Absar Nahid on the occasion. The other presenters of the conference were Mr. M. Alamgir, Head of HR, Heidelberg Cement, Mr. T. Zakaria, Head, Talent Acquisition, Airtel, Mr. M. Rahman, Head PM & Career, BSRM, Mr. Z Karim, Head, EHS, Coats BD, and Mr. Shahid Ullah, HR, SSL.



Session on Current Debate in the Studies of Humanities at CIU

CIU School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS) arranged a Discussion Session on "Current Debate in the Studies of Humanities" on 31 March 2015 at the CIU Auditorium. Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, CIU was the Chief Guest and Key Note Speaker of the event was eminent Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Department of English, Chittagong University. The program was conducted by Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor of English, CIU. Assistant Professor Mr. Saifur Rahman and Ms. Rifat Tasnim also spoke on the issue. Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, and Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Deputy Librarian were also present on the occasion.



CIU Team Visits Siam University and Assumption University, Bangkok

A 13-Member Team from Chittagong Independent University (CIU) went on a Cross Border Tour to Bangkok on March 8, 2015 under the supervision of CIU Faculty Member Engineer Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury as Team Leader, accompanied by Mr. Md. Nayeem Abdullah, Mr. Kamruddin Parvez and Mr. Mostafizur Rahman. During their tour, the CIU Team visited Siam University and Assumption University and talked on bilateral issues. CIU emphasized on student exchange, faculty exchange, credit transfer, 2+2 Program, 3+1 programs, joint research and development programs and curriculum development.



UMS Signing Agreement with Drins Tech Limited

On March 15, 2015, CIU signed an Agreement with Drins Tech Limited for University Management Software (UMS). Under the Agreement Darins Tech Limited will provide a full University Management Software (UMS) solution for 3 years. UMS covers CIU automated Admission and Registration, Accounting System, HR Management and Auditing, Online Registration and Payment and all kinds of student related solution under one Integrated Software System. During the agreement signing, CIU BoT Member Mr. Quaiyum Khan, Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU, Assistant Professor Mr. Amran Haroon, Mr. Rajib Hasan, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Deputy Registrar, Mr. Mostafizur Rahman, AD, CITS, and Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, Manager Admin. were also present on the occasion.



Workshop on Basic Hardware and Networking

CIU School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS) organized a day long workshop on "Basic Hardware and Networking" on April 9, 2015. The workshop was inaugurated by the Dean of SECS, Prof. M. Nuruzzaman and Course Advisor Dr. Khairul Islam. Other faculty members and staff were also present. The workshop was an informative session wherein the basic components of computer hardware and networking were demonstrated and the components were exhibited to the students to have a look and feel with a greater understanding of each. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Rakibul Hassan Raju, a final year Computer Science and Engineering student.



Seminar on Target Marketing

On April 8, 2015 Marketing Scholar Professor Dr. Mijanur Rahman, Vice Chancellor of Jagannath University conducted a seminar on Target Marketing at CIU. The seminar was organized by Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Assistant Professor, SoB. More than 150 students attended the Seminar. Dr. Mijan covered the larger field of Marketing including the meaning of marketing, marketing mix, target marketing strategies and many diversified areas of marketing from which not only the CIU students but also the faculty members learned through innovative examples. Dr. Mijan said target marketing is the

most crucial part of marketing where meeting the desired need of the customers is the central theme. Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan presented a crest to Dr. Mijan as symbol of appreciation and gratitude from CIU. Last semester student Reaz Ahmed hosted the event. Among the faculty members Dr. Nurul Absar Nahid, Dr. Mahmud Hasan, Assistant Professor Robaka Shamsher, Rahat Bari Tooheen, and Deputy Librarian Dr. Zillur Rahman were present in the seminar. The Closing Speech was given by Dr. Nurul Absar Nahid.



Pahela Baishakh Festivities at CIU

Pahela Boishakh was celebrated by CIU students on April 14, 2015 to address the New Year with hopes for a better future and giving new thrust to the nation's cultural heritage. The Independent University Cultural Club (IUCC) organized the program which was inaugurated by Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan through the Mongol Shobhajatra with drumming along with the Club Coordinator Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Mr. Saifur Rahman, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen and the students around Jamal Khan Road. More than fifteen stalls were setup by the CIU students encircling the whole campus. Best Stall was selected and best looking Male & Female student with "Bangali Saj" were given prizes by the Faculty Members.

Baul songs, solo and group songs, folk music, dance, recitation, and band songs were the different attractions of the program. The presence of many ex-students made the event more colorful. Among the Faculty Members Proctor Engr. Rashid Chowdhury, Assistant Professor Sohel Mahmud, Nayeem Abdullah, Rifat Tasnim, Rajib Hassan, Kamruddin Parvez, Deputy Librarian Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Manager Admin Cumer Doyel Dey, Program Manager Abdul Bashet were also present at the occasion. IUCC Coordinator Robaka Shamsher & Co-Coordinator Mr. Amran Haroon conducted the program. The event was hosted by Reaz Ahmed and Badhon Das.



Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh in Partnership with CIU Organized a Seminar on "Horizon 2020, from the Lab to the Market"

Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh in partnership with Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged a seminar on "Horizon 2020, from the Lab to the Market" Cooperation on Research and Innovation between EU and Bangladesh. The seminar was held on 21 April 2015 at 10:00am in the Chittagong Club Auditorium. The Seminar was presided over by Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Chittagong Independent University (CIU). The Seminar was conducted by Mr. Zillul Hye Razi, Trade Advisor to the Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh.

The Opening Remarks was delivered by Mr. Frederic Maduraud, Deputy Head of Mission, Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh. The Keynote Paper on "European Union's Horizon 2020" was presented by Mr. Denis Dambois, Regional Counsellor, Research & Innovation, Delegation of the European Union to India. The Concluding Remarks were delivered by Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Chittagong Independent University (CIU). More than hundred research scholars of the Chittagong region from different universities, research institutions, business and trade hub attended the seminar.

In his opening remarks Mr. Frederic Maduraud said Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation Program with nearly

€80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020) in addition to the private investment that this money will attract. It promises more breakthroughs, discoveries and world-firsts by taking great ideas from the lab to the market. He also added that Horizon 2020 is the financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness.

Mr. Denis Dambois in his keynote presentation said that Horizon 2020 is the biggest opportunity for third world countries like Bangladesh. As a potential region, Chittagong scholars and researcher may get maximum benefit for its geographical location. He elaborated different aspects of submitting research proposals and answered questions from the participants.

In his concluding speech Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan thanked everyone for attending the Seminar and the EU for choosing CIU as a partner institution for implementing Horizon 2020. He emphasized on successful submission of project proposal after getting an overview of the Horizon 2020 from the Delegation of the European Union.



Celebration of William Shakespeare's 451st Birth Anniversary at CIU

On April 23, 2015 CIU celebrated the 451st Birth Anniversary of the Literary Legend William Shakespeare at the CIU Auditorium. Hon'ble Member of CIU Board of Trustees Mrs. Safia Ghazi Rahman was the Special Guest and Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, CIU was the Chief Guest. Eminent Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Department of English, Chittagong University was the Key Discussant on William Shakespeare's writings. The program was conducted by Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor of English, CIU. Mrs. Suriya Islam, Visiting Scholar, Assistant Professor Mr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Mr. Amran Haroon, Mr. Saifur Rahman, Ms. Rifat Tasneem, Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen, Mr. Rubel Sen Gupta and Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Deputy Librarian also attended the program.



A Colorful “Engineering Night”

The “Engineering Night 2015” of School of Engineering & Computer Science (SECS) of CIU concluded with a colorful and rich cultural night in CIU Auditorium on April 30, 2015. The Honorable Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan inaugurated the program as the Chief Guest. Dr. Khairul Islam, Chairman, Computer Science & Engineering Department, Chittagong University, Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Proctor, CIU and Mr. Amran Haroon, Asst. Professor, SECS also spoke on the occasion. Music, dance, drama, comedy, and many more items were brilliantly performed by the engineering students. Students, Faculties, and Staff enjoyed the cultural night. A prize giving ceremony for Indoor Games Contest was held after the cultural night. Mr. A. K. M Rajib Hassan, Asst. Professor, SECS presided over the prize giving ceremony. Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Asst. Professor, SLASS and Mr. Rubell Sen Goopta, Sr. Lecturer, SECS were also present and handed over the prizes to the winners. The program concluded with a DJ Event and Photo Session.



MoU between CIU and BSRM

On April 22, 2015 Chittagong Independent University and BSRM Foundation signed a MoU under the Corporate Social Responsibility component of BSRM Foundation. Under the MoU, CIU and the BSRM Group will work together for building a lasting collaboration between the two institutions and BSRM will provide more facilities through various renovation works. Mr. Amer Ali Ahmed, MD, BSRM Group and Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, CIU signed the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of their respective institutions. Mr. Elias Ahmed, Treasurer, CIU, Dr. Mir Nurul Absar Nahid, Associate Professor, SoB, Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, SoB, Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Deputy Librarian, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Deputy Registrar, Mr. Mostafizur Rahman, Assistant Director, CITS, and Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, Manager Administration were also present at the signing ceremony.



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