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Delegation of Daffodil International University (DIU), led by its Board of Trustees Chairman M. Sabur Khan, met with Education Minister Nurul Islam Nohid at his office.

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Private universities try to ensure quality Education

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nohid said, some private universities are trying their best to ensure and improve the quality education where a large number of foreign students are also coming to study. Daffodil International University is one of them. He said this while a delegation from DIU, led by its Chairman, Board of Trustees, Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, met with his office on September 15, 2016. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nohid appreciated the university's efforts to offer quality education in a large green permanent campus with proper facilities for students. He expressed his hope that world class facilities of the university would be able to draw the attention of more foreign students and produce quality and skilled manpower with high tech quality education. During the meeting, the delegation apprised the Education Minister about the facilities like transport, sports, 6000 seat multipurpose convention center, 100% comprehensive hostel facilities for both male and female students at DIU Permanent Campus situated at Ashulia on 100 acres of land and free from the hassle and bustle of the city. The delegation informed the Education Minister that around 400 foreign students are studying at Daffodil International University. The delegation also apprised about the preparation of upcoming 4th convocation of the university.

The other members of the delegation were Professor Dr. Yusuf M. Islam, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. S.M. Mahbub-Ul-Haque Majumder (Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor), Mr. Hamidul Haque Khan, Treasurer, Mr. Mohamed Ehsan Hossain, Director (Administration) and Mr. Anwar Hossain Kazi, Senior Assistant Director (Public Relations), DIU.



DIU Students never send parents to old home

Students of DIU took oath to keep their parents always with them, they would never send them to old home. Beside this they would play the role to create strong social movement for building awareness about the rights and services for the elderly people of the society. They took this oath on October 31, 2016 at a Meet the Press titled "A Promise of Daffodilians: Our Parents will always be with us" held at National Press Club VIP Lounge. In this regard, students, in association with the Director, Students' Affairs and Aging Support Forum brought out a Gide Rally from the main campus to National Press Club and held a Press Conference there. Rashidul Islam student of Journalism and Mass Communication UMJC Department of Daffodil International University presided over the press conference. Guest Member Rahmaw Masha'ud year student of BBA conducted the oath taking program and Asifur Rahman Pias of JMC department moderated the future action plan. The Press Conference was also addressed by Tanveer Ahmed Khan, Guest Anwar Rahman, Sumana Islam and Shamima Akter.

DIU Chairman awarded MTC Award- 2016

Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, DIU and Chairman, Daffodil Family has been awarded 'MTC Global Outstanding Corporate Award- ICT 2016'. MTC Global, India awarded the award to Mr. Md. Sabur Khan for his outstanding contribution in ICT sector of Bangladesh as well as his outstanding leadership and commitment towards ICT and education. Commander (Rtd) Professor Bhushan Dewan, former Vice President- ICTS & Sr. Vice President- Adani Group and Prof. Dr. Bhola Nath Datta, Founder & President MTC Global handed over the award to Mr. Md. Sabur Khan on September 17, 2016 at the valedictory session and Award giving ceremony of its 6th Annual Global Convention & Award Ceremony, Sonapali 2016, held at Bangalore, India. Earlier, Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Daffodil International University presented a paper on "Disruptive Innovation in Higher Education in Daffodil International University: Users' Perspectives" at the valedictory session and Award Giving Ceremony. 45 Speakers from 10 countries attended the program.



Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees of Daffodil International University receiving MTC Global Outstanding Corporate Award- ICT 2016

CSE Head Awarded National ICT Award 2016

Professor Dr. Syed Akhter Hossain, Head, Department of CSE, DIU has been awarded 'National ICT Award 2016' on October 22, 2016 at Digital World-2016 Award Night University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) nominated Professor Dr. Syed Akhter Hossain for his outstanding Contribution to the ICT Education and Technology of Bangladesh. Mr. Abul Moad Abdul Muhit, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh handed over the award to Professor Hossain. His Excellency Mr. Jaganmohan Singh, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Information & Communications, Royal Government of Bhutan, Mr. Zameer Ahmed Rizvi, State Minister for ICT Division, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Shyam Sundar Sikder, Secretary, ICT Division, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Mr. Mustafa Jabbar, President, BASIS were also present.



Professor Dr. Syed Akhter Hossain receiving 'National ICT Award 2016' from Mr. Abul Moad Abdul Muhit for his outstanding Contribution to the ICT Education and Technology of Bangladesh.

DIU student won Selim Al Deen Award



Shahar Uddin, student of Multimedia and Creative Technology Department of Daffodil International University receiving 'Selim Al Deen Award'.

Shahar Uddin, a 4th semester student of Multimedia and Creative Technology Department, DIU won the 'Selim Al Deen Jury Award' in 'Inter University Photography Exhibition: Step Out' organized by Jahangirnagar University Photographic Society (UJPS) held at National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shipakola Academy from 27 September - 30 September. Participants from 46 public and private universities attended the photographic competition and exhibition.

DIU accorded reception to Meena Awardee



Professor Dr. Yusuf M. Islam, Vice-Chancellor, Daffodil International University receiving the Meena Award from Ad Din Saito.

DIU accorded a grand reception to Ad Din Saito, a 3rd year student of the Department of JWC, DIU and the winner of the Unicef Meena Media Award 2016 for his remarkable report on "Questioned Entertainment" of Radio Today. Professor Dr. IM Islam, VC, DIU was present at the ceremony as the chief guest. Presided over by Saeen Ahmed, Head, JWC, The function was also addressed by a number of faculty members of different departments.

THM celebrated 3rd anniversary

The Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management (THM), DIU celebrated its 3rd anniversary on October 20th, 2016 at its campus in Dharmadham, Dhaka. To mark this auspicious occasion, faculty members and students of the department organized a day long program at the Banquet Hall of the University. Presided over by Prof. Dr. Islam VC, DIU, it was graced among others by Hon'ble Haq Rhoon, Treasurer, Prof. Rafiqul Islam, Dean, THM, Md. Rashed Rana, Head of the Department of THM, Murad Islam, President and CEO of The Olives, Kap Waiho Alom, Editor The Bangladesh Monitor, Masud Hossain, MD, Bengal Tours and Travels, Taslim Rahman of Journey Plus, Kazi Ahmed, Chairman and CEO, Bangladesh Development Council. The session was followed by lunch, prepared and served by the students of the department.



Professor Dr. Yusuf Maksudul Islam, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, DIU along with other distinguished guests cutting the cake to celebrate the 3rd Founding Anniversary of the Department of THM.

Short Film Competition and Cleaning Festival 2016

To create awareness on environment issues and to engage young groups in developmental work and to ensure safety of our environment, DIU and Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF), Germany jointly organized Green Freedom Short Film Competition and Cleaning Festival 2016, held on October 16, 2016. Under the cleaning festival, participants cleaned two areas, Dharmadham Lake and Hatfield.

Country's renowned journalist, columnist and researcher Syed Abul Maksud inaugurated the festival as the chief guest. Mr. Sakun Barua, Director, Directorate of Environment, Dr. Md. Zahurul Islam, Director, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute, Mr. Aziz Alamgir, Head of News, Asian Television, Mr. Hasibur Rahman, Executive Director, MARC were present as the special guests. Professor A.M.M. Hamidur Rahman, Dean, THM, DIU presided over the program.

The selected participants of the Short Film Competition will get call for granting session. After the granting session the participants will get a seed money to make the short film.



Renowned Journalist, columnist and researcher Syed Abul Maksud along with other distinguished guests are inaugurating the Green Freedom Cleaning Festival 2016 at Hatfield, Gender of Dharmadham Lake of the capital.

DIU Celebrated 45th Victory Day



DIU paid its debt of gratitude to the national heroes who laid down their lives for the independence of Bangladesh by placing wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar on 16th December 2016 on the 45th Victory Day. A team from DIU led by Prof. Dr. Golam Masuda Chowdhury, Controller of Examinations and Proctor of the university placed floral wreaths at the National Mausoleum. Mr. Iza Shamin, Associate Professor, English, Mr. Sabbar Ahmed Palash, Deputy Director (Planning & Development) and some other high officials also joined.

Later, a colorful victory rally was brought out from the campus premises with national anthems by the members of different clubs of Daffodil International University. Beside these, a cultural program was staged by the members of 'Al Star Daffodil'.

DIU students participated GESC 2016 in Malaysia



A group of seven students of Department of Entrepreneurship, DIU participated a two weeks long Global Entrepreneurship Summer Program - 2016 held in University Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) held between 7th August to 21st August 2016. The Global Entrepreneurship Summer Program (GESP) is the brainchild of the top management of several Asian universities, including DIU, who met during the AUPF held in Guangzhou, China from 5-8 November, 2015.

There were 122 participants in the GESC-2016 and apart from DIU, Bangladesh, 20 participants were from: Mahasarakham University, Thailand and rest were from UniMap. Apart from the study there were in total 18 activities like Malaysian Cultural Show, Sepak Raga, Angklung, SenoCent, Go-kart, Cultural Night, Ganggang Dance, Traditional Games, Wood ball, Aerobic, Perlis Tour, Countryside Cycling, Visit to GusKokan (Case Of Darkness), Treasure Hunt, Penang Tour, Night Market, Food fest, Geotouring the Earth and so on.



DIU Faculty members joined TVET UK

Dr. Md. Belal Hossain, Prof. and Head of Nutrition and Food Engineering Department and Ms. Sabiha Matin, Lecturer of Department of BBA, DIU went UK for visiting TVET UK Institute, National Skills Academy for food & drink, Sector Skills Council, the Catering Food Partnership Bakery Group, TVET College etc in support of an EU project from 11-19 September 2016.

The visit is a part of the INSPRED Grant Scheme project activity. TVET UK is facilitating this sojourn visit by Bangladeshi educationalists in support of a European Union project.



Establishing Expert Retired People's Association in BD

To create an Expert Retired People's Association of diversified background and utilize their expertise in research and development, DIU in collaboration with Ageing Support Forum organized a Round-table Discussion on "Roadmap of Establishing Expert Retired People's Association in Bangladesh" on September 28, 2016 at Bangor Hall, DIU.

Mr. Kazi Razul Haque, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest while Mr. Kazi Akram Uddin Ahmed, Former President, BCCO and Chairman, Standard Bank Limited was present as the Special Guest. Mr. Khairul Alam Zaki, Founder Chairman, Gwastee Group of Industries & Old Rehabilitation Centre was present as the Guest of Honour. Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU presided over the RTD and Prof. Dr. Yusuf M. Islam, VC, DIU moderated the Discussion. Mr. Masud Rana Rahman, Associate Professor, FBE delivered multimedia presentation highlighting the topics of the round table discussion.

Speakers of the Round Table suggested to take this population dynamics positively and initiate appropriate policies and its implementation for the betterment of the population as well as to integrate the issues in the mainstream development activities for a sustainable future of Bangladesh.



Mr. Kazi Razul Haque, Chairman, Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh addressing as the chief guest at the Round Table Conference on Roadmap of Establishing Expert Retired People's Association in Bangladesh held at DIU.

Over 100 Billion taka export from Food



Industry Minister Anwar Hossain Ansari addressing as the chief guest at the closing ceremony of BIPA EU Inaugural Project held at Daffodil International University.

Industry Minister Anwar Hossain Ansari has said, "Government has given priority to set up Agro based industry to ensure food security of the people." He said, Agro-based processing and Agro equipment preparing industries have been kept in the top list of the National Industry Policy 2016.

He said these while addressing as the chief guest at the closing ceremony of Food Processing and Agro SME development project "Bangladesh Inaugural" jointly implemented by the Bangladesh Agro Processors Association (BAPA) and European Union held at the Auditorium of Daffodil International University in September 2016.

Humanoid robot "Dbot" launched



Mr. Jahnur Prasanika Mukherjee, the First Secretary (Education), High Commission of India, Dhaka, Bangladesh launching the Humanoid Robot "Dbot" at DIU.

The launching ceremony of Humanoid robot "Dbot" developed by Md. Hafeel Inan, a Research Associate, Software Engineering Department, DIU EEI Alumni was held on 25th September, 2016 at DIU Auditorium. Mr. Jahnur Prasanika Mukherjee, the First Secretary (Education), High Commission of India, Dhaka, Bangladesh graced the launching ceremony as the chief guest. Professor Dr. Yusuf Mubtubul Islam, VC, DIU presided over the program. The program was emceed by Professor Dr. SM. Mahbub ul Haque Mozumder, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mr. Hamidul Haque Khan, Treasurer, Prof. Dr. Eng. A. K. M. Fazli Hossain, Registrar and Dr. Touhid Bhuiyan, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Software Engineering, DIU.

After one year research Md. Hafeel Inan, has successfully developed the robot named "Dbot" under the supervision of Dr. Touhid Bhuiyan, Head, SWE. This project was sponsored by Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, DIU, as a university project.

DIU Students launched Smart Mobile App

DIU Mobile App named "DIU-Smart Students" has formally been launched on September 29, 2016, at DIU Conference Room. Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Bd., DIU launched the app as the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. WA Islam, VC, DIU was present as the Special Guest.

DIU Mobile App for the students has added all features needed for a smart student. Students and guardians will get all sorts of information like Result, Payment, Notice, Class Routine, News feed and from schedule through this app. Moreover, law enforcing agencies also could be able to track any DIU student through this app. DIU-Smart Students app can be downloaded from Google Play Store.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.dafodilinternational.diu4u4en>

Three first year students named Ferdous Rahman Sarkar, Sharafat Hossain and Ibrahim Mahfuzul Raju of CSE Department, DIU developed this app.



Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Daffodil International University launching DIU Mobile App "DIU-Smart Students" as the Chief Guest.

Pharmacy Teacher-Students Get Together

To strengthen the magnificent relationship among teachers and students Department of Pharmacy, DIU organized a grand program of "Teacher-Students' Get Together" on October 06, 2016 at the Benguet Hall of the University. All the faculty members and a large number of students of the Department spontaneously attended the program. Prof. Dr. WA Islam, VC, DIU was present in the program as the chief guest. Professor Dr. Ahmed Izzat Mustafa, Dean of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences presided over the program.



Prof. Dr. Waizul M. Islam, Vice-Chancellor, Daffodil International University attending at the "Teacher-Students' Get Together" as the chief guest.

ACI Chairman addressed DIU Students



ACI Chairman Rezaul Karim with DIU Vice-Chancellor

To encourage the young generation especially the students of DIU towards the journey of making successful stakeholders, Innovation and Incubation Center (IIC) of Daffodil International University (DIU) organized "DIU Industry Academia Lecture Series on Entrepreneurship Development" on October 08, 2016 at DIU Auditorium for the fourth time.

Mr. M. Anis Uddin Dowlah, Chairman, ACI Ltd delivered the 4th lecturer of the series on "Entrepreneurship towards Innovation" in the program as chief guest as a part of its continuous process. Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Bd., DIU presided over the program. The program was also addressed by Prof. Dr. WA Islam, VC, DIU. Ahsan Sult Mazhar Rahman, Chairman, IFP Group, Mr. Abu Ishtiaq, Director, IIC of DIU. The program was moderated by Syed Maszhar Rahman Raza, Director Student Affairs. A large number of students, country's renowned intellectuals, business leaders, economists, teachers, researchers, ambassadors and elites of the civil society were present at the program.

Addressing among the students as the chief guest and key speaker of the lecture series, Mr. Anis Uddin Dowlah said, "The development of entrepreneurship is very much important to keep the economic condition of the country vibrant." He also underscored the need for improving the entrepreneurship development across the country with a view to obtaining sustainable development goal (SDG).

Inspiring the students, he stressed that morality, integrity and well disciplined mentality are not only the subject matters of proper toast, but also in every aspect of life we have to follow it. Students should learn practical knowledge and skills besides academic knowledge strengthening industry-academia linkage, so that employers can get targeted professional experts for their industry. Terming himself as "I am totally ready to accept any viable change", he urged the students to be updated and keep pace with the changes of modern technology to be successful entrepreneurs.

DIU held Champion in 9th National Debate



Members of Champion DIU Debating Club are receiving 9th United International University Debate Championship Trophy from Prof. Dr. M. Rezaul Khan, Vice-Chancellor, United International University (UIU).

DIU Debating Club (DIU DC) became Champion in 9th United International University Debate Championship in university level (Bangla category) defeating North South University Debating Club on November 06, 2016 at UIU Auditorium. A total of 22 public and private universities took part in the championship. Members of Champion DIU Debating Club are Dr. Mahdiul Bari (Department of CEE), Chirag Faruk Smriti (Department of ESDM) and Mohammed Moshad Uddin Hossain (Department of CSE).

Prof. Dr. M. Rezaul Khan, VC, UIU was present at the closing and award giving ceremony as the chief guest and distributed prizes.

8th Math Olympiad 2016 held



Professor Dr. Tasul M. Islam, Vice-Chancellor and Professor Dr. S.W. Wahabul M. Hossain, Managing Director of the Vice-Chancellor of DIU and Professor Mubashir Rahman Chowdhury, Department of Mathematics, BUET & Convener, National Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad are inaugurating the 8th Dhaka South Regional Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad 2016 at DIU releasing balloons and papers in the open air.

Mirza Md. Tanvir Sharif Mughtha of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) ranked top while Afnan Zahid Hasan of University of Dhaka and Towail Taher of BUET ranked 2nd and 3rd position respectively in the 8th Dhaka South Regional Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad 2016 held on November 25, 2016 at DIU. Bangladesh Mathematical Society and A.F. Mubashir Rahman Foundation organized the Olympiad and Daffodil International University (DIU) was the host of the event. More than 300 participants from different public and private universities, colleges and institutions participated in this Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad.

Professor Mubashir Rahman Chowdhury, Department of Mathematics, BUET & Convener, National Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad 2016 was present as the chief guest at the closing and award giving ceremony while Professor Dr. W.W. Islam, VC, DIU was present as the Guest of Honor.

Chief Information Commissioner's Solo Photo Exhibition

"Rhythm", a set of photographs by Professor Dr. Md. Golam Rahman, Chief Information Commissioner of Bangladesh were showcased in an exhibition inaugurated on December 1, 2016 at the DIU auditorium.

Featuring scintillating images of resplendent and vibrant life, these memorable photographs were captured by Dr. Rahman through the lens over the last one decade transcending language, culture, and geography.

Rhythm has been jointly organized by the Department of JMC and DIU Photographic Society to celebrate the five-year journey of DIU Photographic Society. Mr. Mubashir Rahman, Editor, the Portico Ato was present as the Chief Guest at the inaugural ceremony. Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, BoI, DIU presided over it.



Professor Dr. Md. Golam Rahman, Chief Information Commissioner of Bangladesh, along with other distinguished guests visiting Dr. Md. Golam Rahman's Solo Photo Exhibition "Rhythm" held at DIU.

JOBSBD.COM Bangladesh Summit Featuring Google for Education



Keeping with the mission and the sense of excellence in the pursuit of knowledge, JOBSBD.COM hosted Bangladesh Summit, Featuring Google for Education 2017 on January 27 - 28, 2017 in Dhaka and January 29-30, 2017 in Chittagong. This Summit is an open two-day event primarily focused on Google Apps for Education which includes knowledge share sessions on Google products like Google Earth, YouTube for Education, Google Search, Google Drive, Google Calendar, Google Hangouts, Google sites, Google Chrome, Google Forms, and Gmail, etc. This thrilling two-day event features an displaying, integrating and using Google Apps for Education to promote student learning for higher education.

Emeritus Professor Aminul Islam elected ASC president

Professor Aminul Islam, President of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS), Emeritus Professor and Founder Vice-Chancellor of Daffodil International University has been elected as the President of Science Council of Asia (SCA) for 2016-2018 in the 16th Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference held in Philippines recently. SCA is an 18 member countries/region and 31 member organizations.



Mr. Khan re-elected as Chairman of WITSA Global Trade Committee



Bangladesh Computer Society (BCS) nominee, Former BCS President and Chairman, DIU Md. Sabur Khan was re-elected as the Chairman of Global Trade Committee of World IT & Services Alliance (WITSA) for 2017-2018 for the second time. He won this position securing highest number of votes. The election was held in the General Assembly of WITSA at Sao Paulo, Brazil on 04 October 2016. It may be mentioned here that, BCS nominated Md. Sabur Khan to contest for this prestigious post of Global Trade Committee of WITSA on behalf of BCS. Under the strong and dynamic leadership of Md. Sabur Khan, Bangladesh achieved the prestigious position in ICI world for the second time. Mr. Khan is also elected as Director of WITSA. This honor will help him to utilize his position to uplift BCS, Daffodil and Bangladesh's respect greatly in the whole world.

Md. Sabur Khan outlined a vibrant & appreciable presentation on his vision and plans for the future ICI development of BCS, DIU and Bangladesh.

IQAC Director participated as Trainer



Professor Dr. Muhammad Mokibul Ali, Director and Professor, Dr. Md. Fakhrul Haque, Additional Director, Institutional Quality Assurance Cell-IQAC, DIU took part in the International Peer Reviewing Training Workshop organized by Quality Assurance Unit of UGC during 29-25 October, 2016.

Ms. Rosliti Fernandez-Chung, Vice President, HEP University College Malaysia and quality assurance and policy research expert facilitated the training workshop as the key trainer. Among others, Professor Dr. Mubashuddin Ahmed, Head, Quality Assurance Unit, UGC; Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mahanta, ed. Project Director (Additional Secretary), Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HQEP), UGC; Professor Dr. Sanjiv Kumar Acharya, Quality Assurance Specialist, QAU, UGC; Professor Dr. M. Alim Kabir, Quality Assurance Specialist, Quality Assurance Unit, UGC; and Dr. Mokheer Rahman, Senior operations officer (Education), Human Development Unit, World Bank Bangladesh were present in the training program.

DIU Chairman joined UniMAP Convocation as the 'Guest of Honor'

Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU attended the 19th Convocation of Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) as the Guest of Honor held on 23rd of October 2016 at the UniMAP premises.

His Royal Highness, Tuan Sri Syed Saadudin Jamalul Khanor; Her Royal Highness, Tuan Lalaila Shohreen Akmalah Khalil Raja Puan Muda Perlis, Per-Chancellor, and Dato Professor Dr. Zai Azhar Zahid Jamal, Vice-Chancellor, of UniMAP attended the program along with many national and international delegation.



Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil International University (DIU) along with His Royal Highness, Tuan Sri Syed Saadudin Jamalul Khanor; Her Royal Highness, Tuan Lalaila Shohreen Akmalah Khalil Raja Puan Muda Perlis, Per-Chancellor, and Dato Professor Dr. Zai Azhar Zahid Jamal, Vice-Chancellor of UniMAP at its 19th Convocation.

DIU Chairman attended WEDF in Sri Lanka

Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU represented Bangladesh at the 2-days long grand event 'World Export Development Forum (WEDF)' held on 12-13 October of Colombo, Sri Lanka with representation of many policy makers, trade experts, trade analysts and business leaders from across the world with a view to expediting export, business and partnership opportunities. Among others, His Excellency Mathipala Suresh, Honorable President of Sri Lanka graced the event with his kind presence along with his key ministers, Anantha Gnanadas, Executive Director (BDI), International Trade Centre (ITC) was also present, among others.

During the Plenary session held on the second day of WEDF titled 'Digital Doors to Trade', Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, in his vibrant presentation, focused on digitalisation initiatives in his organization as a case study on Bangladesh perspective. He overviewed on the digital dimension in developing countries; e-commerce; how training is helping to rapidly bridge the digital divide; how online platforms can help manage logistics in the supply chain; how its policies help businesses go online, manage international payments, deliver across borders and support after-sales delivery, e-solutions and SMEs and how these overcome barriers, etc.

Moderated by Ms. Xin Lu, Correspondent Europe, CCTV, Switzerland, the session was also addressed by Mr. Gao Hongbin, Vice President and Director, Alibaba Group and Aliexpress, Ms. Shweta Singh, Head of Public Policy and Government Relations, Google Inc., Mr. Eben Sarnes, Vice President, eBay Greater Europe, Middle East and Africa, Mr. Mario Sakanon, CEO, Sri Lanka Association of Software and Service Companies, Mr. Karl Covatta, Founder, GI Nexus, and Ms. Sally Subraman, CEO, Warehouse IT.

Initiated in 1999, the World Export Development Forum (WEDF) is a unique global conference and business-to-business (B2B) matchmaking platform dedicated to supporting trade-led development.



Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil International University (DIU) & Daffodil Group along with other distinguished guests at the World Export Development Forum (WEDF) held at Colombo in Sri Lanka.

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DIU Chairman reiterated 'need of innovative collaboration' at 15th AUPF 2016

Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman of Dafodil International University presented a paper on "Establishing Innovative Collaboration in Higher Education in Asia" on the second day of the 15th Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF) 2016 held from October 31st to November 2nd, 2016 at Keio Plaza Hotel, Shijuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

In his vibrant and interactive presentation, Mr. Khan described different dimensions and importance of globalization, technology, online education, and learning through social media, among other topics. He shared with the audience, how a significant and leading role DIU is playing to adopt new innovations and ideas to standardize the educational strategies with its initiatives: an advanced collaborator is outcome based teaching learning, industry-academia alliances, business incubation model, entrepreneurship drive, digitized learning, development of innovation, cultural harmony, information technology, ethics and quality education as international flavor.

More than 85 delegates from 40 plus top ranked universities from 32 countries joined this great gathering. Dafodil International University (DIU) has been vibrantly positioned to AUPF since 2010.



Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman of Dafodil International University presenting a paper on "Establishing Innovative Collaboration in Higher Education in Asia" at the 15th Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF) 2016 held from October 31st to November 2nd, 2016 at Tokyo in Japan.

DIU congratulated new President of IAU



Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU, handed over a DIU Souvenir to Dr. Ron Fredman, the new President of IAU and the Rector of Göteborg University, Sweden, and Dr. Dzulki Abdul Razzak, Immediate Past President of IAU and Former Vice-Chancellor, University Sains Malaysia and Former Vice-Chancellor, Al-Bukhary International University, Malaysia also seen during the closing ceremony of IAU conference.

Two delegates from DIU, led by Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU participated the 15th General Conference of International Association of Universities (IAU), jointly hosted by Chulalongkorn University, Asian Institute of Technology and Sam University, Bangkok, Thailand during 13-16 November 2016. Co-organized by the IAU in partnership with Consortium of Thai universities, this Conference was attended by 300 plus participants from around the globe and focused on Higher Education: a catalyst for innovative and sustainable societies. HRH Princess of Thailand, Maha Chakri Sirindhorn inaugurated the Conference. Mr. Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU handed over a DIU Souvenir to Dr. Ron Fredman, the new President of IAU and the Rector of Göteborg University, Sweden, and Dr. Dzulki Abdul Razzak, Immediate Past President of IAU and Former Vice-Chancellor, University Sains Malaysia and Former Vice-Chancellor, Al-Bukhary International University, Malaysia during the closing ceremony of IAU conference.

Mr. Sabur Khan from DIU accompanied the DIU delegates. The great outcome of the visit is to strengthen networking in and around the area.

DIU collaborated with 40 Universities in Japan AUPF

DIU boosted up collaborative approaches with 40 renowned foreign universities and signed 5 MOUs at 15th Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF) 2016 held from October 31st to November 2nd, 2016 at Keio Plaza Hotel, Tokyo, Japan. With the theme "Bridging Global Diversity in Higher Education in Asia", this year's AUPF is hosted by Asia University, Tokyo, Japan.

During the event, DIU signed agreements with Kanagawa Institute of Technology, Japan; Aichi University of Science and Technology, Enzaike, Poland; and Pan Pacific University, North Philippines, among others.

These collaborative approaches and agreements aim to have co-operation on Exchange students, exchange faculty members, exchange in research and joint publications, training programmes and Centers of Excellence.

Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU signed the MOU on behalf of DIU. He was also among the parallel session speakers and presented his speech on "Establishing Innovative Collaboration in Higher Education in Asia". Aileen Shames Assary, Assistant Director, and Special Assistant to Chairman, DIU also attended the AUPF with DIU Chairman.



Georgios I. Papanicolaou, President, Central State University of Agriculture, Philippines and Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU, signed the MOU.

DIU Collaborated with AIT



Mr. Md Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Studies, Daikol International University holds a meeting with top management of Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) including Dr. Srinivasan Kumar, Vice president and Dr. Jonathan Shaw, Executive Director of AIT on different issues of strengthening mutual relationship and work together for the great contribution in education sector.

Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), one of the top ranked technology based universities of Thailand agreed to work with DIU in the area of research, students and faculty exchange led by Mr. Md Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU, a two members' delegation from DIU visited AIT, Klong Luang, Thailand on 17th of November 2016. Mr. Sabur Khan, Assistant Officer, DIU was also in the visiting team. Upon arrival, DIU delegation was cordially welcomed by the management of AIT. The visiting team went round different sections of the university. Successful meetings were held and different issues were discussed with the top management of AIT, including Dr. Srinivasan Kumar, Vice president and Dr. Jonathan Shaw, Executive Director of AIT. During the meeting, DIU and AIT agreed to strengthen mutual relationship and work together for the great contribution in education sector. This is memorable that, under its international collaboration strategy, DIU has already hosted a few of AIT professors who expressed their satisfaction upon visiting DIU.

SAARC Charter Day observed



To mark the day the department of BSA chalked out elaborate program including Essay Competition, Poster Competition, Quiz Competition, and Parliamentary Debate Competition among the students to observe the 32nd SAARC Charter Day on 8th December 2016 at DIU Auditorium.

Mr. Muhammad Zahir, former Ambassador and Chief Information Commissioner, People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest in the closing ceremony and distributed prizes among the winners. Professor Rafiqul Islam, Dean, Faculty of Business & Economics presided over the program. The function was also addressed by Professor Dr. Muhammad Mohibul Ali, Director, IQAC and Mohammed Nazim Iqbal, Associate Professor & Head, BSA. Some 400 students participated in the aforesaid competitions.

International Human Rights Day observed

With the theme "Stand up for someone's right today", DIU and United Nations Information Center (UNIC) Dhaka, Bangladesh jointly observed The International Human Rights Day on 10th December 2017 through an elaborate program titled "Commemoration of Human Rights Day". The observance included seminar, poetry recitation and staging drama.

Mr. Kasir Rezaul Haque, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest and Mr. Md Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daikol Family was present as the special guest. Professor Dr. Yusuf M Islam, VC, DIU presided over the program.



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Observance
Orientation

Orientation for International Students



Professor Dr. Yusuf M. Islam, Vice Chancellor of Daffodil International University along with distinguished guests and international students at the orientation program of Fall-2016 semester.

The orientation program of international students enrolled in the Fall-2016 semester in different departments of DIU was held on October 20, 2016 at DIU Auditorium. Professor Dr. Y.M. Islam, VC, DIU was present at the program as the Chief Guest while Professor Dr. S. M. Mahbub-Ul-Haque Mezmudar, Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dean, ISH were also present as the special guests. A total of 75 international students from 6 different countries like China, Nepal, Somalia, Nigeria, Kenya and Ethiopia are enrolled in Fall-2016 semester in different departments of Daffodil International University.

Orientation for freshers of Fall-2016

The orientation program for the newly enrolled undergraduate students of Fall-2016 semester was held on October 29, 2016, at Permanent Campus Auditorium of the university.

Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU was present as the Chief Guest at the orientation program. Prof. Dr. Y.M. Islam, VC, DIU presided over the program. The function was also addressed by DIU high officials, Heads, guardians and the new students.



Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees and Prof. Dr. Yusuf M. Islam, Vice Chancellor of Daffodil International University along with the students, their parents and teachers during the Orientation Program of Fall-2016.

Curriculum Development & Materials Design

Department of English in collaboration with IQAC of Daffodil International University (DIU) organized a workshop on 'Curriculum Development & Materials Design for the Teaching of English at the Tertiary Level' on 29 August 2016 at DIU auditorium.

Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mahanta, Project Director of HEQIP was present as the Chief Guest while Dr. Mark Bartholomew, Director, Quality Assessment and Capacity Building, BRAC University was present as the special guest. Professor Dr. Fakrud Alam of University of Dhaka and Professor Dr. Mohammad Shakhilullah of Rajshahi University were present as the keynote speakers. Professor Dr. Shamsul Moritua and Professor Dr. Sayeedul Rahman of University of Dhaka were present as facilitators. Presided over by Professor Dr. Yusuf M. Islam, VC, DIU, the workshop was also addressed by Mrs. Shamsi Ana Huda, Head, Department of English, Professor M. Hamidur Rahman, Dean, IHSS and Professor Dr. Muhammad Mahboob Ali, Director, IQAC, DIU.



Guesty members of the Department of English along with Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mahanta, Project Director HEQIP Higher Education Quality Improvement Project (HEQIP) and the distinguished speakers Professor Dr. Fakrud Alam, University of Dhaka and Dr. Mark Bartholomew, Director, Quality Assessment and Capacity Building, BRAC University.

Quality Teaching in Higher Education



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mahboob Ali, Director, IQAC, DIU handing over a scroll to Professor Dr. Mahabubul Alam, Head, Quality Assurance Unit, UGC at the workshop on Quality Teaching in Higher Education.

Insitutional Quality Assurance Cell, DIU organized a workshop on Quality Teaching in Higher Education on the occasion of Teachers' day on 5th October, 2016 at its city campus premises.

Professor Dr. Mahabubul Alam, Head, Quality Assurance Unit, UGC and former VC, Jagannath University presided the workshop as Chief Guest while Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mahboob Ali, Director, IQAC, DIU made a presentation as the key resource person of the workshop where he highlighted the scopes and ways of quality teaching at higher education institutes. Mr. Tanvirul Haque, Assistant Professor and Director, Academic In-charge, Ultra Campus, DIU chaired the workshop. Prof. Dr. Shohamul Dutt, President, MIC, Global, India, Prof. S. M. Kabir, Department of Marketing, University of Rajshahi and Prof. Dr. Md. Fakhrul Haque were present as Special Guests. At the same time, Professor Dr. Sanjiv Islam Pradhan, Director, IQAC, Dhaka International University was also present as Guest of Honor.

SVCF project initiated

DIU in collaboration with Gazo Networking Academy and SUCCON VALLEY Community Foundation (SVCF) inaugurated the project "Initiatives to make Networking and ICT more attractive and popular to the students of remote areas of Bangladesh" on July 12, 2016 at the university conference room. Prof. Dr. IM Islam, VC, DIU inaugurated the project as the Chief Guest.

DIU with the help of Gazo through this project, has taken an initiative to train up a large number of students and professionals from some selected areas of ICT and networking for a better and more effective career. This project aims to increase employment and awareness on ICT and networking among the students of remote areas of the country.



Entrepreneurship Dept. to develop 500+ new entrepreneurs



Department of Entrepreneurship, DIU is going to develop 500+ new entrepreneurs (50% will be women entrepreneurs among them) in the country within next 5 years under the project titled "Are You the Next Startup?". Under this project, the best youngsters will be found out from all over the country and will be provided with 100% scholarship as well as all sorts of logistic supports and cooperation until and unless becoming a successful entrepreneur.

"Are You the Next Startup?" is a national talent hunt initiative by Department of Entrepreneurship, DIU, to find out potential startups and entrepreneurs of Bangladesh. It will hunt, groom, design, organize, and manage new enterprises or business ideas till the ultimate success of each winner.

IQAC Director attended Conference in Thailand



The Director of IQAC, DIU attended at the World Business and Social Research Conference Program in Thailand in between 9 and 10 December, 2016 upon the invitation from the organizers.

Professor Dr. Ali presented a research paper on "Quality in Teaching Learning Strategies at Higher Educational Institutions: The case study of Khulna University and Uttara University of Bangladesh" which was appreciated by all and got the best paper award.

He also visited Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology and came out with a proposal for research, students exchange program, summer camp and launching joint courses in the institutional level between DIU and Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology.

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Professor Abdul Wahid, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) was present as the chief guest at the training of Trainers program on "Higher Education for Autistic Person" held today at DIU Auditorium.

Higher Education for Autistic Person

IGAC, DIU organized a training of Trainers program on "Higher Education for Autistic Person" on 12th November 2016 at DIU Auditorium. Professor Abdul Wahid, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) graced the program as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Md. Hanun-Ul-Rahid Aslam, VC, Islamic University, Kushtia and Professor Dr. Md. Sharuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) were present as the special guests. Prof. Dr. IM Islam, VC, DIU presided over the program. Professor Muhammad Mahabubul Alam, PhD, Director, IGAC, presented the keynote paper in the program.

Addressing as the chief guest, Professor Abdul Wahid said, autistic persons would turn to be of immense potentialities instead of being burden in the society if given affection, love and care. He appreciated the initiative of Training of Trainers on Higher Education for Autistic persons for the first time in Bangladesh. Talking about ensuring the quality education, UGC Chairman said, we have the budget of 240 million to expense till 2018, but we couldn't still utilize even 40% of the budgeted amount. We will get 2050 million dollars in 2017 and 9 universities are primarily selected for utilizing that fund & DIU is one of them.

Change Together program introduced



Faculty members and officials of DIU performing Aerobic Exercise led by Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees of DIU

With a view to encouraging physical exercise, parade and sports spirit for sound health in corporate culture and upholding the physical, mental and social fitness of the faculty members, officials and students, DIU management has introduced a program titled "Change Together". Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman BoT, DIU inaugurated the program on 28th November as the chief guest at DIU permanent campus.

Addressing as the chief guest, Mr. Md. Sabur Khan said, "To overcome many loadings, a combination of physical stamina and mental strength is a must. We would like to change the society together, for doing so, we have to change ourselves first, and this initiative is the first step towards that holistic change."

The program was also attended by Prof. Dr. IM Islam, VC, Prof. Dr. S. M. Mubtubul-Ul-Haque Moaymen, Pro-VC, Mr. Hameedul Haque Khan, Treasurer and many other faculty members and officials of DIU.

The program began with the national anthem and DIU theme song. Light Aerobic Exercise with music was conducted by Dr. Kamal Hossain, Academic Director, PC.

Cardio Care Specialist and General Hospital provided free medical checkup facilities like blood sugar test, BP, height weight measurement and advice.

Youths urged to prevent Drug and Militancy



Mr. Kamalul Haque Rahman, Director General, Department of Narcotics Control was present as the chief guest at the discussion meeting on "Role of Young generation to prevent Drug Addiction & Militancy".

Madak Chaitanya O Nishita Nishita Sangha (MANAS) in Association with DIU held a discussion on "Role of Young generation to prevent Drug Addiction & Militancy" at DIU Auditorium on 7th November. Kamalul Haque Rahman, Director General, Department of Narcotics Control of Ministry of Home Affairs was present as the Chief Guest while Professor Dr. IM Islam, VC, DIU was present as the special guest. Professor Dr. Arup Rajan Chowdhury, Founder President, MANAS presented the Keynote paper and presided over the seminar.