



Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Honorable Minister, Professor Dr. Abdul Mannan Choudhury, Vice Chairman, APUB and Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Standing Committee Member of AUPF & Chairman, DIU along the participants of 18th AUPF 2019 at the opening ceremony

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## DIU hosted "18th AUPF 2019"

18th Asian University Presidents Forum 2019 (AUPF-2019) held in Bangladesh with colorful gala events during 22-24 November 2019 hosted by Daffodil International University. Daffodil International University (DIU) in collaboration with the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB) organized this conference for the first time in Bangladesh.

Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education inaugurated "18th Asian University Presidents Forum 2019" as the chief guest while Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Standing Committee Member of AUPF and Founder & Chairman, Daffodil International University presided over the program. Professor Dr. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Vice Chairman, Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB) and Vice Chancellor, World University of Bangladesh was present as the special guest.

Mr. Baybars Altuntas, Chairman, World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF), Turkey presented the Keynote Speech of AUPF 2019 on the theme "Future of Entrepreneurship Education and Experiential Learning: Determinants of Developing Successful Entrepreneurial Eco-System in Asian Economies". [see 15th page](#) ▶



## a2i seminar on "Industry 4.0 and upcoming skills"

A seminar on 'Future Skills: Finding Emerging Skills to tackle the Challenges of Automation in Bangladesh' against the splendid initiative of Study work was held on October 2, 2019 by Access to Information (a2i) under the ICT Division of Bangladesh Government at the Banquet Hall of Daffodil International University (DIU). Dr. Md. Abdul Mannan (PAA), Project Director, Access to Information Program (a2i) under the ICT Division of Bangladesh Government was present as the Chief Guest and expressed his interest to introduce some innovative projects in collaboration with DIU and focused on resource sharing under public-private partnership to meet upcoming challenges of 4IR. Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor, Daffodil International University presided over the seminar and stressed on forming a joint taskforce to make collaboration between a2i of ICT Division, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Daffodil International University.

## DIU hosted 4th National Girls Programming Contest



Ms. Hosne Ara Begum and Professor Dr. Mohammad Kaykobad are seen with other distinguished guests and winners

"4th National Girls' Programming Contest 2019" was held on 23rd November, 2019 hosted by Daffodil International University for the 3rd time in collaboration with Department of Computer Science and Engineering, DIU Girls' Computer Programming Club (DIU GCPC), Bangladesh Computer Council and ICT Division of the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology.

The program was inaugurated by Mr. Munir Hasan, Information Technology Consultant & Open Source Software consultant, Prof. Dr. Syed Akhter Hossain, Head, Dept of CSE of Daffodil International University and Mohammad Shorif Uddin, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Jahangirnagar University at 09:00 AM and the contest continued up to 3.30 pm uninterruptedly.

The champion team was "BUET\_A\_Team" for solving 7, highest problems from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, the 1st runner up was team "JU\_LightFury" for solving 7 problems from Jahangirnagar University, the 2nd runner up was team "CUET\_Melanostictus" for solving 6 problems from Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology. The champion was awarded with 50,000 BDT, trophy and medal. The 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up were awarded with 30,000 BDT and 20,000 BDT, trophy, medal respectively. Besides top 10 teams were awarded with medals and all the participants were given a certificate of appreciation. Standings of the NGPC-2019 is: <https://toph.co/c/ngpc-2019/standings>.

## DIU Chairman appointed Global Board Member of Science, Technology and Innovation Commission of WBAF

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Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, High Commissioner of WBAF-Bangladesh addressing at the annual conference (WBAF) held in Istanbul, Turkey.

World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF) recently announces Global Board Members of Science, Technology and Innovation Commission. Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil International University and Daffodil Family, and High Commissioner of WBAF-Bangladesh, has been appointed as one of the Global Board Members of Science, Technology and Innovation Commission. The Science Princess Dr. Nisreen El-Hashemite, Founder and President of the Women in Science International League, will chair the global board with 9 globally known board members.

The Global Science, Technology and Innovation Leaders Committee (Science, Technology and Innovation Commission) of the World Business Angels Investment Forum gathers some of the world's most influential leaders to explore today's biggest technological challenges, foster deep collaboration, and generate new ideas.

It will open a new door for startups and entrepreneurs to establish and develop their businesses that are innovating for science and technology industries and "I will be able to serve my nation and the youth for the economic development of the country," said Dr. Md. Sabur Khan after becoming the Global member. It is a prestigious achievement for the nation. Now, innovators around the world regarding science and technology will be able to connect more easily with the global investors' market, which will open up splendid opportunities for the world economy.

The other Global board members of the Commission include H.E. Prof. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, 6th President of the Republic of Mauritius; H.E. Prof. Inderjit Singh, Former Parliament Member of the Republic of Singapore & Co-president of the World Entrepreneurship Forum; H.E. Noomane Fehri, Former ICT & Digital Economy Minister of the Republic of Tunisia; D. R Narong-Sirilertworakul, President of the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) of Thailand; Dr Paul Doany, Former CEO of the Turk Telekom; Josep M. Piqué, 17th President International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP); Marie-Christine Oghly, World President, World Association of Women Entrepreneurs (FCEM); and Paolo Sironi, Global Thought Leader & IBM Senior Advisor for Fintech.

## First 'Innovation Lab' inaugurated at DIU



Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Founder and Chairman of DIU along with the dignitaries are seen visiting Innovation Lab after inauguration.

Aiming to flourish the innovative ideas of the student's, the country's first 'Innovation Lab' with a focus on research in the interaction between students and industry was inaugurated on September 19, 2019 at the permanent campus of Daffodil International University (DIU).

While inaugurating the lab as the Chief Guest, Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Founder and Chairman of DIU said that we have a lot of brilliant students in our country. They have a lot of innovative ideas. But there is no place where they can practically conduct research, develop their thoughts and implement their ideas. From now, student of Daffodil International University have got the opportunity to do those activities in this innovation lab. Students can utilize these equipment and innovate various new ideas and finally Bangladesh will be developed and benefitted through their innovative ideas.

Prof. Dr. S M Mahabub Ul Haque Majumder presided over the inaugural ceremony. Deans from various Faculty, Head of the Departments, Teachers, Officials and lot of students were present at the inaugural program.

The innovation Lab has been included with Market Space, Robotics Zone, 3D Printer, IOT based electric bulb, fan, air condition, Architectural design Zone, Book reading Zone, Business Incubator, Meeting room, All in One TV with Android and Windows facilities etc. Students can research, develop and implement their ideas through this innovation Lab.

## Two DIU Air Rover Scouts achieved PRS Award



Nazmul Hasan and Jui Roy, two members of Daffodil Air Rover Scout Group has been achieved the prestigious "President's Rover Scout Award (PRS)". A press release signed with A H M Shamsul Azad, Deputy Director (Program) confirmed this information. The award winner Nazmul Hasan and Jui Roy, both are the final year student of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) of DIU. Jui Roy wins this award first time as Girl in Rover in the history of Bangladesh Scout Air Region and Nazmul Hasan wins this award for the second time.

PRS award is a prestigious and top level award of Rover Scout Movement and is a proud part of every Rover's life. Honorable president will hand over the certificate at BangaBhaban. No doubt that it's a very proud part of every Rover.

## DIU student awarded in Samsung Coding Contest

Mahmud Sajjad Abeer, a final semester student of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) of Daffodil International University has own 4th prize as the only winners among the private university participants in Samsung Coding Contest organized by Samsung Research and Development Institute Bangladesh (SRBD) and held in SRBD Dhaka premises in between June 21 and August 31, 2019.

Abeer is a core competitive programmer for more than 3 years and he was a Takeoff champion. Beside this also performed outstanding performance in Inter University Programming Contest (IUPC) and CodeForces, a global platform for programmers. Abeer in his reaction says that he wants to be a good programmer in the future.

The contest was held in three stages while more than 1000 participants attended from various universities all around the country.



Mahmud Sajjad Abeer, a student of, CSE, DIU receiving 4th prize as the only winners among the private university participants

## Nadir Bin Ali achieved Ph.D in Cyber security

Md. Nadir Bin Ali, Joint Director (IT), Daffodil International University has been conferred with the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Cyber security from Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), with his thesis titled "A New Model for a Network-based Intrusion Prevention System Inspired by Apoptosis". Chancellor of Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) formally conferred him the Ph.D degree at its convocation ceremony held recently. Dr. Nadir did his research under the guidance of Prof. Dr Madihah Mohd Saudi, FST, USIM. Dr Nadir is working at Daffodil International University as the Joint Director of IT and the Head of the Cisco Networking Academy. Dr. Nadir is the son of Mr. Abid Ali and Ms. Bilkish Begum of Chandpur district. He expresses his gratitude to all who supported and inspired him in his great achievement. He seeks blessings from all.



Chancellor of Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) formally confers Ph. D degree to Md. Nadir Bin Ali.

## All Star Daffodil' become Champion in Inter University Cultural Contest



Members of champion 'All Star Daffodil' along with the distinguished guests in Inter University Cultural Contest 'Onkur-2019', organized by MIST

'All Star Daffodil' - a students' organization of Daffodil International University has become champion in Inter University Cultural Contest 'Onkur-2019' held on 23 September 2019 at the Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) campus. Organized by MIST Literature and Cultural Club and the competition was participated by 17 universities around the country.

Air Commodore Md. Abdus Salam, BPP, PSC and Dean, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of MIST distributed prizes among the winners as the Chief Guest.

All Star Daffodil presented a drama titled 'Sotta' scripted and directed by Elias Nabi Faisal. It was a story of duel character. The audiences were pleased to see the ball dance and aadi song in Sotta.

Around 1200 students from 40 universities and 20 college attended this competition in 11 segment such as dance, song, acting etc.

## DIU Student's Project won Bangabandhu Innovation Grant

Cognition.Ai - a project of students of CSE Department won the Bangabandhu Innovation Grant of Innovation Design and Entrepreneurship Academy (IDEA) under Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) of ICT Division. The winning team members are Prapti Rahaman, Farzana Yeasmin Jule and Gausul Azam, Rezowan Islam, Assistant Professor (Adjunct Faculty) was the mentor of the project. The second phase of national level competition for the student title "Student to Start UP" based on the slogan "My Innovation, My Dream" was started in the country earlier.

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi, MP along with State Minister of ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP and other distinguished guests handed over the grant money Tk.10,000,00/= (Ten lac) at the Award giving ceremony of Digital Device and Innovation Expo 2019 held at Pan Pacific SonarGaon Hotel.

Cognition.Ai developed an app that would use image processing technology to detect any kind of skin diseases that would connect the patient to the doctor or related Dermatologist through the same platform. It will be a great solution for people who are suffering with skin diseases. Through this digital system patient will get the good service in a short time.



Tipu Munshi, MP, Honorable Minister, and Zunaid Ahmed Palak MP, Honorable State Minister along with other distinguished guests handing over the grant money to a student of DIU.

## Celebrated observed

## Universal Declaration of Human Rights Anniversary celebrated

To mark the Human Rights Day and 71 Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Department of Law, Daffodil International University organized quiz competition, public speaking competition, photo competition and a discussion session on 10 December 2019 at 71 Milonayoton of the university.

While addressing as the chief guest Mr. SM Abul Kalam Azad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defense, People's Republic of Bangladesh said that the main objective of human rights has been introduced to maximum countries of the world. Even after that violation of those rights has not stopped. Hence we need to observe the Human Rights Day to aware people worldwide. He thanked Daffodil International University for arranging this program.

Addressing as the guest speaker, Barrister Amir Ul Islam, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh said, around 30 lac people sacrificed their lives aiming to establishing the human rights. They liberated our country and formed the constitution. Has human rights been established in all areas? The answer is 'no'. That is the reason we are still continuing the struggle to establish human rights.

Presided over by Prof. Dr. SM MahbubUlHaqueMajumder, Pro-Vice Chancellor of DIU, the program was also addressed by several dignitaries.

At the end he distributed prizes among the winners of quiz competition, public speaking competition and photo competition.



Dr. SM Mahbub Ul Haque Majumder, and Mr. SM Abul Kalam Azad along with others guests inaugurated the program

## Fanfare BIZ Fiesta1.0' observed



Mr. Md. Nurul Amin, Secretary, Ministry of Planning distributing prizes among the champions

Department of Business Administration of Daffodil International University supported by Fanfare Bangladesh Ltd. observed the "FanFare presents BIZ Fiesta 1.0" on December 10, 2019 at the ShadinotaMilonayoton of the university at Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka.

Mr. Md. Nurul Amin, Secretary, Ministry of Planning was present as the chief guest and said dream or focus is a must to explore one's own self. One has to be focused on his/her aim and work hard to be successful.

Mr. Rajib Hossain, Managing Director, Fanfare Bangladesh Ltd. was present as the special guest at the closing and award giving ceremony of the program.

Among others, the function was also addressed by Professor Dr. S M MahbubulHaqueMajumder, Acting Vice Chancellor of DIU and some other high officials. The daylong BIZ Fiesta 1.0 included Business Quiz competition, Business Case competition, Business Plan competition, sports competition.

## International Day of Older Person observed

To mark the International Day of Older Person-2019, All Bangladesh Senior Citizens Society and Daffodil International University jointly organized a Rally and Discussion Session on 01 October 2019 at the university premises. The rally was started from Dhanmondi-32 and ended at Sobhanbag campus of the university. Chairman of the Committee on Private Member's Bills and Resolutions and Member of the Parliament of Dhaka -10 constituency Barrister Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh, MP inaugurated the rally and was present in the discussion session as the chief guest.

While addressing as the chief guest Barrister Fazle Noor Taposh said that older persons have a lot of experiences and skills. Through which we have to develop our country using their experience and skills. In the meantime he pointed out massive activities of government for older persons. He thanked to Daffodil International University and Older Citizen Welfare Society for arranging this program.

Dr. Sharifa Begum, Former Senior Research Fellow of BIDS presented the keynote paper in the discussion session. Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor, DIU was present as the special guest while Justice Mohammad Momtaj Uddin Ahmed, Chairman of All Bangladesh Senior Citizens Society presided over the program.



Barrister Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh, MP leading the rally brought out on "International Day of Older Persons at Dhanmondi area

## 4th ICGEEE-2019 held

'4th International Conference on Globalization, Entrepreneurship and Emerging Economies' was held during during December 8-10, 2019 at Daffodil International University in association with the Centre for Innovation Leadership Navigation (CILN), UK for the first time in Bangladesh.

Professor Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Chairman, Bangladesh Accreditation Council inaugurated the 3-day conference as the chief guest at 71 Milonayoton of Daffodil International University and said that Bangladesh is fighting to be a developed country at present. In this situation, we need quality education as well as outcome-based education. To fulfill these requirements, we have to realize the difference between developed countries education system and ours. Rear Admiral Mohammad Khaled Iqbal, Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University was present as the special guest and said Bangladesh is proving its position through tremendous developments in various sectors which reflects through current indexes. Now we need development in the education sector also.

Presided over by Professor Dr. Ahmed Ismail Mostafa, Acting Vice Chancellor of DIU, the opening ceremony was also addressed by Mr. Mark T Jones, Center for Innovative Leadership Navigation, London, UK, Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, DIU, Professor Dr. Masum Iqbal, Convener of 4th International Conference on Globalization, Entrepreneurship and Emerging Economies and Dean, Faculty of Business and Entrepreneurship, Dr. PR Datta, Executive Chair, Centre for Business and Economic Research, UK. Beside this, Professor Dr. RashidulHasan, Professor of the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, University of Dhaka was present as the Keynote Speaker.

92 Authors from 11 countries as Canada, UK, USA, India, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia and Thailand including Bangladesh will present 75 Papers in the conference.



## 6th Anniversary of THM Dept. celebrated

Tourism & Hospitality Management Department of Daffodil International University (DIU) has celebrated its 6th Anniversary on 21 October 2019 with colorful events including cake cutting, discussion meeting and cultural program at Banquet Hall of the university. Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU was present as the Chief Guest at the cake cutting program.

Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor of DIU, Professor Dr. S M Mahbub Ul Haque Majumder, Pro Vice Chancellor, Mr. Bhubon Chandra Biswas, CEO of Bangladesh Tourism Board, Mr. Zafar Ahmed, Manager (Food Safety) of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, and and some other dignitaries spoke on the occasion.

Speakers stressed that tourism and hospitality management is a potential and rapid growing sector in Bangladesh. Lots of skilled people are needed in this sector to flourish it, but the number of skilled manpower is very limited as per requirement. To mitigate this huge demand of skilled manpower, national and international organizations have to come forward besides government initiatives, they added.



Dr. Md. Sabur Khan along with Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Mr. Bhubon Chandra Biswas and other distinguished guests are seen cutting the cake

## CIS Day-2019 celebrated



Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU along with others are visiting the students projects.

Department of Computing and Information System (CIS) of Daffodil International University (DIU) celebrated a daylong program titled 'CIS Day-2019' on 14 October 2019 at 71 Milonayoton of the university.

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustee, Daffodil International University inaugurated the program as the chief guest and said, it's not enough to know how to explore your merit rather you also have to know the proper way of self-representation. Because it the time of strong competition and your competitor is spreading around the world. So, every student should know to grip the way of self-presentation besides gripping knowledge around the world. He commented.

Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor was present as the special guest and said in his speech that every people is different from each other in this world. Every person has own signature and every person has unique quality and identity. So find your unique quality and take care of it, you will succeed.

The daylong program was included with Alumni Talk, Seminar, Project presentation and Cultural Program. Around 11 projects of last semester's students were presented such as Automation Management System, Auto Parts E-Shop, Hostel Management System, Bakery Foods Hut, Sky Torch Hotel, Helping Hand etc.

## Conference on Entrepreneurship Development

With the title on 'Entrepreneurship Development' the African Students' Conference of Dhaka, Bangladesh was held on November 4, 2019 at the Banquet Hall of Daffodil International University (DIU). A total of 140 Somalian students of different private and public universities including DIU participated in the conference. The conference was jointly organized by the Career Development Center (CDC) and Department of Innovation & Entrepreneurship (DIE) of Daffodil International University The event was sponsored by Daffodil International Academy (DIA).

Mr. Mohammad Nuruzzaman, CEO, Daffodil Family was present as the Chief Guest while Mr. Mostafijur Rahman Shohel, Managing Director and CEO, Advance ERP Bangladesh presented the keynote presentation in the program.

The speakers in their speech focused on entrepreneurial mindset and entrepreneurial ecosystem issues and focused about the basics to be an entrepreneur including some examples regarding International Entrepreneurial activities and events, conducted by DIU International Affairs.

Keynote speaker Mr. Mostafijur Rahman Shohel, point out the Challenges of becoming an Entrepreneur, Some Success stories of Entrepreneurs and key success criteria to become a successful entrepreneur.



Mr. Mohammad Nuruzzaman, and Mr. Mostafijur Rahman Shohel along with the distinguished guests and the participants

## Seminar on 'Fake News' held

Department of Journalism & Mass Communication (JMC) of Daffodil International University organized a Seminar on 'Fake News: Identifying, Defining and Fighting' on 25 November 2019 at Banquet Hall of the university. Professor Regina Valutyte, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs of Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania present at the program as the keynote speaker titled 'Fake news: Identifying, Defining and Fighting' and said that the tendency of fake news is rising alarmingly around the whole world. And it is spreading radically through the online and social media. She told a result of a Canadian survey which identifies that 86% of people read news through online and 74% people read news through social media. So the spreading rate of fake news through social media is increasing alarmingly. She added, Mr. Nayeemul Islam Khan, renowned journalist and Chief Editor of Our Time and Mr. Rahul Raha, Head of News, News24 was present as the discussant and said that the topic of fake news is very time befitting in this present situation. Because of few days and a few months ago we saw the abuse of fake news like salt price, onion price, Nasirnagar, Ramu, Bhola occurrence. This all happened through social media. So we have to be aware about social media and fake news.

Professor Dr. S M Mahbub Ul Haque Majumder, Pro Vice Chancellor, DIU as well as other distinguished guests, management and faculty members were also present at the seminar.



Professor Regina Valutyte, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs of Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania speaking at the seminar on 'Fake News' held at DIU organized by JMC

## DIU Chairman presented keynote at AUAP Conference



Dr. Md. Sabur Khan along with the delegations at the conference

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, BoT, Daffodil International University as well as the Vice President (2nd) of Association of the Universities of Asia & Pacific (AUAP) has given a Keynote entitled 'Cleaner and Greener Environment for a Safer World' at its Annual Conference on November 11, 2019. The Keynote session was chaired by Dr. Catherine Castaneda, Vice-President, Adamson University, Philippines. AUAP Annual Conference 2019 held from 10-14 November based on the theme of "Climate Change adaptation-The Challenging Role of Higher Education Institutions, hosted by Naresuan University, Thailand. University's Top executives & academicians from 15 countries across Asia, Europe, Australia & Africa have joined this annual conference. Daffodil International University signed MoU with four university of Congo, Sudan, China and Singapore.

In the keynote presentation Dr. Khan addressed and highlighted how science and technology can be used to tackle the challenges of environment with ensuring pragmatic role of higher education institutes and how universities should design course curriculum, focusing on cleaner and greener environment. Examining global models on these burning issues, Dr. Khan also mentioned the DIU initiatives on achieving SDGs for the better world.

## DIU Chairman spoke at Arab Businessmen and Investors Conference in Bahrain

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Founder and Chairman of Daffodil International University (DIU) and Daffodil Family presented his speech at 18th Arab Businessmen and Investors Conference held on November 13, 2019 at Ritz Carlton Hotel in Bahrain. Dr. Md. Sabur Khan has made his presentation on "DIU Role in introducing Innovation and taking key initiatives towards facilitating Entrepreneurial Ecosystems- a case study".

The theme of the panel discussion was Entrepreneurship in Education. The discussants were Simon Ngalomba (PhD), University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Ezekiel, Ayinde Alani (Ph.D), Department of Agricultural Economics, Ladoke Akintola, University of Technology, Ogbomoso, Nigeria; Paul Habinza, University of Rwanda, Republic of Rwanda Entrepreneurship & Investment; Dr Queeneth Omoyibo, Intellectual Property Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO), Igbindion University, Okada, Edo State, Nigeria; and Dr Samuel Igbatayo, UNESCO Chair on entrepreneurship education for sustainable development in agriculture at Afe Babalola University, Nigeria. Dr Faiza Mohamed Osman, Director East Africa regional office of the association of African universities, Sudan moderated the session.

Focusing the presentation on "DIU Role in introducing Innovation and taking key initiatives towards facilitating Entrepreneurial Ecosystems- a case study", Dr. Khan has addressed different areas of entrepreneurial initiatives. He mentioned that to foster the economic growth and creating entrepreneurs DIU has opened Department of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which is the first of its kind in Bangladesh. Moreover, the presentation tells about various topics, especially, the Innovation Lab, Startup Market, Business Incubator, Bangladesh Venture Capital Limited, Startup Idea for Fund, Startup Market etc.

The conference is a platform for influential voices including heads of nations, technology leaders, political statesmen, financial experts, economic decision makers and celebrities that are shaping industries globally. This conference was inaugurated by His Majesty King Al Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain.



Engr. S M Monjurul Haque Monir, Vice President, IEB; Engr. S M Sirajul Islam, Chairman, Textile Engineering Division of IEB and Prof. Dr. S M Mahabub Ul Haque Majumder, Acting Vice Chancellor along with other distinguished guests.

## A 4-Day 'DaffodilMUN Conference-2020 held at PC

Daffodil International University Model United Nations Association (DIUMUNA), a proficient club of Daffodil International University (DIU) organized its very first international MUN Conference, titled "Daffodil International Model UN Conference 2020 (DaffodilMUN)" in 2-5 January 2020 at DIU Permanent Campus. The theme of the conference was "Empowering Good Governance & Sustainable Development through Youth Partnership 2030". More than 350 delegates from national and international level attended this conference. United Nations, Bangladesh is the "Associated partner" and UN Information Center, Dhaka is the "Knowledge Partner" and Daffodil International School and Daffodil International College were the organizing partners of DaffodilMUN 2020. The Financial Express and the Independent TV are the media partners of the event.

The press Conference was held on 30 December 2019 at 71 Milonayoton of Daffodil International University. Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor of DIU chaired the press conference, while some other officials were also present.



Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam addressing at the Press Conference

## Library Automation Training held



Library Automation Training using Koha-ILS and MARC 21 was held during December 25 to 28, 2019 organized by the Library of DIU. Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of DIU was present as the Chief Guest while Dr. Md. Nazim Uddin, Senior Manager and Head of Library and Information Centre, ICDDRDB Mohakhali, Dhaka was also present. Prof. Dr. M. Golam Moula Chowdhury was the chairperson and Dr. Md. Milan Khan, Librarian & Mr. Nur Ahammad, Sr. Assistant Librarian were present in the closing and certificate giving program. Participants from India were also present in the training.

It is to be mentioned that, this training started from 2012 and is continuing till date to enhance the image of DIU library beyond our territory.

## Internationals Events

## Finnish counterpart-Daffodil Family Bi-lateral Cooperation Meet held

To strengthen strategic collaboration between Daffodil Family and Finnish counterpart, a discussion meeting was held at 71 Milonayoton of Daffodil International University (DIU) on 18 November 2019.

Ms. Nina Karki, Project Assistant, Unit for South Asia, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Ms. Birgit Nevala, Program Director, Finnpartnership, Finnish Business Partnership Program and Mr. Patrik Bredbacka, Program officer, Finnpartnership, Finnish Business Partnership Program took part in the meeting on behalf of Finnish counterpart. On the other hand, Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman of Daffodil Family, Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor of DIU, Professor Dr. S M Mahbub Ul Majumder, Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Engineer A K M Fazlul Haque, Registrar, Mr. Mohammad Nuruzzaman, CEO of Daffodil Family and Mr. Iqbal Sharif, Director, Bangladesh Finland Chamber of Commerce and Industries were present on behalf of Daffodil Family. Ms. Birgit Nevala said that Bangladesh is a beautiful country and its people are also beautiful minded as well as energetic and hard working which helped rapid growing of the country's economy. In the meantime, she expressed her hope that Finland has lots of opportunity to invest here.

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan said to this speech that the main asset of this country is its huge population. Bangladesh is not a poor country but poorly managed country. So Bangladesh need proper manager like Finland. In the meantime he argued to the Finnish delegates to invest in Bangladesh.

The presentation shown in the meeting focused on the activities of Daffodil Family and its attempts to explore cooperation areas like health management, environment, ICT, entrepreneurship. The delegates have discussed on socio-economic development of Bangladesh through education, trainings and services by following Nordic countries as models.



Ms. Nina Karki, Ms. Birgit Nevala, Mr. Patrik Bredbacka, Program officer, Finnpartnership, Finnish Business Partnership Program along with Dr. Md. Sabur Khan and other distinguished guests



## 11 DIU Students got Full Scholarship in Industrial University of Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam

With full study scholarship, a team of 11 students of the Department of Nutrition and Food Engineering (NFE) of Daffodil International University (DIU) are now studying at Industrial University of Ho Chi Minh City (IUH) in Vietnam to complete a two month-long Internship at the Department of Food Technology & Bio-Technology. It's an initiative under the student exchange agreement between Daffodil International University and IUH aims at creating an opportunity for the students to explore Industrial innovations and practical knowledge in the area of food and biotechnology. Dr. Nguyen Thien Tue, Rector of IUH, Dr Nguyen Chi Hieu, Vice-Rector, Dr. Dam Sao Mai, Director of the Office of Science Management and International Affairs, Dr. Le Ngoc Son, Director of the Office of Post Graduate Management & Dr. Nguyen Ba Thanh, Director of the Institute of Biotechnology and Food Technology welcomed DIU delegation at IUH on September 06, 2019 and conducted a meeting to discuss future collaborative plans. Management of DIU was also present on the occasion.



Full Scholarship winning 11 DIU students along with the visiting dignitaries.

## DIU students team held Runner-up at SBC competition in Canada

Team SOTEJ and Team SORBOJOYA of Daffodil International University (DIU) have jointly achieved Runner-up position and received Social Business Concept Award at Social Business Creation (SBC) competition held in Canada. The Competition was held on 30 September 2019 at HEC Montreal, Canada where 33 teams out of 98 teams from 15 countries joined this World Final of SBC competition. The impressive performance leads the DIU teams for taking 2 positions within the top 7.

The winning team members of SOTEJ are Nahid Arman of Business Administration department and Johora Akter Polin, Rawnak Jahan Juthi and Shajjadul Haque of CSE department. Dr. Mai Thi Thanh Thai, Director, Social Business Creation, HEC Montreal, Canada handed over the Award to Nahid Arman and Johra Akter Polin of team Sotej at a colorful ceremony. The winning team members of SORBOJOYA are: Meghla Akter Mitu of Department of English, Mahfuz Islam of Textile Engineering Department and Md. Ashik Iqbal of CSE department.



Nahid Arman and Johra Akter Polin of team 'Sotej' are receiving Runner-up prize

## DIU Chairman presented keynote at Sustainable Education Meeting in UN Headquarters, NY, USA



Dr. Md. Sabur Khan presenting keynote speech

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Founder and Chairman of Daffodil International University (DIU) and Daffodil Family presented his keynote speech at SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING 2019 (SEM2019). SEM 2019 which took place during the United Nations General Assembly Opening Week in New York City during September 25-27, 2019 with the General Theme of the Meeting "Investing in Education Pays Well! - Financing@EDU 2.0 - Education Finance in a Data-Driven Society and the EduTech Value Proposal" and Dr. Md. Sabur Khan has made his presentation on "The Development of Education in Bangladesh and the Role of International Financial Entities: The Asian Context".

HE José Ulisses de Pina Correia e Silva, Honorable Prime Minister of Cape Verde as well as more than seven honorable Education Ministers from different countries were present on the occasion. Among others, H.E. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ould Aamar, Director General, Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO); H.E. Dr. Dautarin da Costa, Minister of National Education and Higher Education, Republic of Guinea-Bissau; H.E. José Manuel Durão Barroso, Former President of the European Commission 2004-2014, Member of Education Commission; H.E. Teresa Ribeiro, Prof. Dr. Bernardo Ivo Cruz, Executive Board Member, SOFID – Portuguese Sustainable Development Finance Institution; Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation; H.E. Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission (AUC), Portuguese Government were also present in the event.

Focusing the presentation on "The Development of Education in Bangladesh and the Role of International Financial Entities: The Asian Context", Dr. Khan has addressed different areas like development of higher education, in regards to global phenomena and Bangladesh and shared the case of Daffodil International University, where sustainable growth and success stories were depicted. The presentation tells various topics, especially, management of higher education, different acts and public policies, role of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, diverse initiatives of private universities, higher education projects, quality education (IQAC) domain, continued growth and achievements of Daffodil International University and its internationalization. Apart from these the presentation also rotates around several initiatives of DIU like introducing student portal, one student one laptop, 1-card solution, lots of entrepreneurial activities and international initiatives, DIU research and publications on entrepreneurship, Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences, Entrepreneurship Development, Fund (EDF), DIU online forum, amenities provided for the development of students and faculty members and DIU blended learning center, in his presentation.

## Career in Japan Expo Organized by CDC and GRA

Japan has been open its' job market and more easy for Bangladeshi job seekers and to grip this opportunity Global Recruiting Agency- a sister concern of Daffodil Family organized a day-long program titled 'Career in Japan Expo' on 5 October 2019. In association with Career Development Center (CDC), Skill Jobs, Daffodil International Professional Training Institute (DIPTI) and Daffodil Japan IT the Expo was organized at 71 Milonayoton of Daffodil International University.

Mr. Ahemd Munirus Saleheen, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment inaugurated the expo as the Chief Guest and said that 100 million Bangladeshi people working in various countries of the world. They send us around 16 billion dollar remittances in every year. In spite of all these, we couldn't make a brand image in the global arena. Some of Bangladeshi people involved with unethical activities in foreign countries which damages our reputation. Some of them have also problems in attitude and behavioral activities. So tis' not our only duty to send people in foreign countries, rather we have responsibilities also to prepare and develop them as skilled as required before migration.

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Founder and Chairman, Daffodil International University said in his presidential speech that public and private organizations have to be worked all together for sending skilled manpower in foreign countries. Government has taken massive initiatives to produce skilled manpower which is a remarkable sign.

Mr. Md. Mojibur Rahman, Director, Immigration of Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET) was present as the Special Guest. The program was also addressed by Mohammad Nuruzzaman, CEO of Daffodil Family and Rathindranath Das, Executive Director of Daffodil International Professional Training Institute (DIPTI).

After the inaugural session a seminar titled 'Career in Japan : Facts and Opportunities' held. In the second session a seminar on "Manner , LifeStyle and Culture in Japan was held. Besides this, Yuki Marisita, Specialist of JIKA, Ahbadul Yousuf Khan, Economic Specialist of Japan Embassy spoke in the daylong expo.



Mr. Ahemd Munirus Saleheen, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment is addressing as the Chief Guest

## High Commissioner of Nigeria visited DIU



H.E Ambassador and High Commissioner Major General (Rtd.) Chris Sunday Eze of Nigeria to Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka & Nepal, along with dignitaries and Nigerian Students in DIU pose for a photograph.

Major General (Rtd.) Chris Sunday Eze, H.E Ambassador and High Commissioner of Nigeria to Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka & Nepal said that I am amazed to see a large number of students from Nigeria are studying at Daffodil International University. He said that Nigerian young generation are spreading all around the world for gaining knowledge which will help to develop Nigeria more in coming days. He praised the academic environment and quality of education of Daffodil International University.

He was addressing on the installation ceremony of the newly nominated student- ambassador of Nigerian Students in Bangladesh and award Giving Ceremony for the graduated students of Nigeria from Daffodil International University on 21 October 2019 at the university premises.

Professor Dr. Yousuf M Islam, Vice Chancellor, DIU was present as the guest of honor. The Newly nominated students' Ambassador Engr. Usman Muhammad Tomsu-a student of Software Engineering, DIU and the President of the Nigerian Students in Bangladesh presided over the program.

Squadron Leader Suleiman Baba Suleiman Deputy Defense Adviser Finance Nigeria High Commission New Delhi and Frank the president of the Nigerian community highlighted the importance of studying abroad which include making new friends, learning new cultures, exposure as well as getting an international experience.

## CSR & events

### DIU teachers and employees are under Insurance Coverage

To ensure secured and risk free life, teachers and employees of Daffodil International University (DIU), have brought under the scheme of Pragati Life Insurance Ltd. providing Group Life Insurance & supplementary Accidental Death Benefit. In this regard Daffodil International University (DIU) signed an agreement with Pragati Life Insurance Ltd. on August 27, 2019 at Green Garden of Permanent Campus of Daffodil International University at Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka. Mr. Mominul Haque Majumder, Treasurer, Daffodil International University and Mr. Md. Jalalul Azim, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Pragati Life Insurance Limited signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations.

Under this agreement all the teachers and employees of Daffodil International University will be brought under risk coverage (Death Benefit, Survival Benefit and Supplementary coverage through Group Life Insurance. As a result, any circumstances of sudden death or accident of any teacher or employee, his family will get Death Benefit, Survival Benefit and Supplementary coverage.



Mr. Mominul Haque Majumder, Treasurer, DIU and Md. Jalalul Azim, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Pragati Life Insurance Limited exchanging the MoU

## Khondoker Abu Talha Memorial Courage Award introduced

To encourage the spirit of bravery among Bangladeshi journalists, Khondoker Abu Talha Memorial Foundation and the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Daffodil International University (DIU) are going to introduce 'Khondoker Abu Talha Memorial Courage Award' for Journalists' (Print & Electronic Media) of Bangladesh from now on every year.

In this regard, a press conference was organized on December 11, 2019 at 71 Auditorium of Daffodil International University. Mr. Abu Reaz Md. Nuruddin Khondoker, Founder of Khondoker Abu Talha Memorial Foundation, Professor Dr. S M Mahabub UI Haque Majumder, Acting Vice Chancellor, and some other high officials were also present on the occasion.

Every year, Tk. 50,000 will be awarded to a journalist (print & electronic media) for his/her courageous reporting and contribution in Journalism. A jury board consisting of the country's renowned senior journalists and academics will select the winner every year.

The interested journalists can submit the soft copy of their news via email: rashedul.jmc@diu.edu.bd with the subject line 'Khondoker Abu Talha Memorial Courage Award' for Journalists.

It may be mentioned that, Khondoker Abu Talha Jubayer was a former student of CSE Department of Daffodil International University who was stabbed to death by muggers in broad day-light while he attempted to save a neighbor school teacher from the snatchers on K M Das Lane on October 08, 2017. Commemorating the great sacrifice and courage shown by Khondoker Abu Talha, his father Mr. Abu Reaz Md. Nuruddin Khondoker and Daffodil International University founded Khondoker Abu Talha Memorial Foundation. It is to be noted that Khondoker Abu Talha achieved the 'Faraz Hossen Courageous Award-2017'.



Professor Dr. S M Mahabub UI Haque Majumder, (in the middle) addressing at the 'Meet the Press'. Mr. Abu Reaz Md. Nuruddin Khondoker, father of Late Abu Talha is also seen in the picture (2nd from left)

## Onsite selection contest" by Samsung in DIU



Mr. Gazi Munir Uddin, and Mr. Ashraf-ul Asad along with Prof. Dr. Syed Akhter Hossain visiting "Onsite selection contest"

Samsung R&D Institute in association with the Department of Computer Science and Engineering conducted "On Site selection contest" for the students of Daffodil International University on November 04, 2019 titled "Mentoring through Internship Opportunity at Samsung R&D Institute" held at CSE building. Fresh graduates or just going to be passed out students in the current year 2019 participated in this onsite selection contest. 32 top tier students participated in the contest held in the hacker rank platform.

Mr. Gazi Munir Uddin, Head of HR, Mr. Ashraf-ul Asad, Chief Engineer, Samsung R&D Institute Bangladesh and Prof. Dr. Syed Akhter Hossain, Professor and Head, Dept of CSE were present among other distinguished guests.

Selected participants from this contest will get the opportunity of Internship in Samsung R&D, Bangladesh through Samsung Tech Academy for 6 weeks. Through this program students will get training in different aspects of programming and recruitment process at Samsung. They will be trained to participate in the Advance Test of Samsung R&D, Bangladesh to be recruited as a full-time employee of Samsung R&D, Bangladesh.

## Bank Model Competition 2019 held

Department Of Business Administration of Daffodil International University organized 'Bank Model Competition 2019' for the students of BBA program on November 02, 2019 in the Digital classroom of the university.

Mr. Md. Zakir Hossain, Deputy Managing Director, Mercantile Bank Ltd, was present as the chief guest while Professor Dr. Mohammed Masum Iqbal, Dean Faculty of Business & Entrepreneurship was the session chair

The judges of the event were Ms. Dipti Rani Hazra, Deputy General Manager, Deposit Insurance Department, Bangladesh Bank & Mr. Md. Lutful Haider, First Vice President of Mercantile Bank Ltd. Among 15 Teams, 'The Atomic Crew' became champion with D-Wallet, team 'Amigo' Fisherman banking became 1st runner up with Fisherman Banking & the team 'Oporajita' became 2nd runner up with Female Banking. Among all other guests, Dr. Gourango Chandra Debnath, Associate Professor & Head, Department Of Business Administration, Shahnoor Rahman & Rozina Akter, Assistant Professor of the Department were present at the event.



Mr. Md. Zakir Hossain along with the distinguished guests and the winners of 'Bank Model Competition 2019'

## Air Rover Scout's 11th Investiture Camp and Mate Course

Daffodil International University Air Rover Scout Group organized a week-long 11th Investiture Camp, Annual Camp and Mate Course from 9 -15 September, 2019 at the BAF Shaheen College, Base, Pahar Kanchanpur, Tangail. Air Commodore Md. Zahidur Rahman (GUP, NSWC, PSC), Commander, Base Pahar Kanchanpur, Bangladesh Air Force, Tangail, Chief Scout Personality Md. Habibur Alam, Bir Pratik, Vice President, Bangladesh Scout, Group Captain Moklasur Rahman, Principal, BAF Shaheen School & College, PaharKanchanpur, Tangail, Wing Commander Shamim Uddin, Commissioner, Tangail District Air and other distinguished guests from BAF Base, Pahar Kanchanpur were present at the closing and certificate giving ceremony. The speakers at the closing ceremony said, Oath taking ceremony is very important and historical event for scout which inspire them in scouting through adoption of mind. Rovers to maintain and follow the ideas of BP to create a beautiful world. They appreciated the recent activities of Daffodil International University and suggested to keep up the speed. The Camp included Training, Oath taking ceremony, Study Tour, Social Awareness and Development Program, Grand Camp Fire etc. A total of 180 Rovers including newly enrolled rovers, leaders/trainers were took part in this camp. Senior Rover Mate Nazmul Hasan, Farhan, Nisha and Ikra Itu provided overall assistant to organize this camp.



Participants of 11th Investiture Camp, Annual Camp and Mate Course at the BAF Shaheen College, Base, PaharKanchanpur, Tangail.

## 2000 students received Free Laptop



Prof. Dr. M Lutfar Rahman distributing Laptops among the students at DIU

To prepare the students for the 21st century and to adapt them to the latest ICT friendly education which will develop their knowledge, skills and abilities to fit globally, Daffodil International University distributed 2000 Laptop at free of cost among the students on September 18, 2019 at DIU Permanent Campus at Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka. Emeritus Professor and Former Vice Chancellor of the university Prof. Dr. M Lutfar Rahman was present as the chief guest at the Laptop Distribution Ceremony. Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Daffodil International University was present as guest of honor.

Addressing as the Chief Guest, Professor Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman said, technology is now a part and parcel of teaching and learning. Present government is working relentlessly for the development of the ICT sector of the country and that's why people now staying in remote areas can get all sorts of facilities.

Before distributing the Laptop Emeritus Professor Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman conducted the oath taking part of the ceremony where the students Swire upon regarding the best use of the laptops in academic and education purpose.

## DIU handed over Insurance Risk Coverage cheque

Daffodil International University authority handed over 4 cheques of Prime Islami Life Insurance Ltd. and Pragati Life Insurance Ltd. under Students' life insurance risk coverage and Guardian's life insurance coverage on 25 September 2019.

Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor of DIU handed over those cheques among them in presence of other dignitaries, guests, journalists, guardians and audience.

Md. Naiem Uddin, student of Software Engineering received the cheque due to the sudden death of his mother (Guardian) and Najiat Shahaba Shiromony, student of English Department received the cheque due to the sudden death of her father (Guardian).

On the other hand Mr. Md. Abdul Wahid (Father) received the cheque due to the sudden death of his son Md. Nazimuddin, a student of Pharmacy; while and Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim (Father) received the cheque due to accidental death of his son Md. Shahadat Hossain Sany, a student of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE).

It may be mentioned here that DIU has brought all of its students and guardians under insurance risk coverage of Prime Islami Life Insurance Ltd. and Pragati Life Insurance Ltd.



Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam is handing over the cheque to Md. Naiem Uddin, student of Software Engineering, under Guardian's life insurance coverage.

## Millennium@EDU Sustainable Education and DIU signed MoU

To promote international collaboration, knowledge sharing and leadership skills to develop education technology project and work on the development of technology educational initiatives (through collaborative projects) between entities in Bangladesh and globally, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION and Daffodil International University, Bangladesh on September 26, 2019.

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Founder and Chairman, Daffodil International University and Mr. Mario Franco, Founder and Chairperson of Millennium@EDU Sustainable Education have signed the MoU on behalf of their respective institutions while Dr. Md. Sabur Khan attended Sustainable Education Meeting 2019 (SEM2019) and presented his keynote speech during the United Nations General Assembly Opening Week in New York.

The MoU focuses to collaborate in the development of the project, naming, 'Sustainable@EDU Project' in Bangladesh. With the signing of this MoU, both institutions agreed to undertake different actions to materialize the initiative through organizing workshop at DIU to study and promote international collaboration; developing work plan to promote knowledge sharing and leadership skills to develop education technology project and work on the development of technology educational initiatives (through collaborative projects) between entities in Bangladesh and globally.

The Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION is a multi-stakeholder Initiative led by the private sector including some of the largest multinationals involved in education and technology that are willing to provide their contribution to the achievement of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Founder and Chairman, DIU and Mr. Mario Franco, Founder and Chairperson of Millennium@EDU Sustainable Education are exchanging the MoU

for physically challenged people won the championship of National Final of Get in the Ring-2019. State Minister of ICT Division Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP graced the occasion as the chief guest and said that we have to build ourselves as a brilliant nation in the global arena. Because, the battle of merit is now underway in the world, rather than arm's. That's why our prime minister has emphasized and set the goal to build Digital Bangladesh.

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees of Daffodil International University presided over the program.

Niaz Rahim, Group Director of RahimAfrooz Bangladesh, Dr. Nazmul Hossain, Country Representative, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF Bangladesh), Syed Ashik Rahman, CEO, RTV, Andreas Hartmann, Head, Development Cooperation, Federal Republic of Germany, Dhaka were present as special guests.

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Daffodil International University is the national host of this international competition known as the Olympic for start-ups. This is for the second time Get in the Ring competition organized by Daffodil International University. Earlier in 2015, Daffodil International University organized this competition for the first time in the country.

Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF Bangladesh) and RTV were the organizing partner of the event.

## Air Chief inaugurated Captain Cup Golf Tournament 2019 and distributed prizes



Air Chief Marshal Masihuzzaman Serniabat, Chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force inaugurating 'Daffodil Captain Cup Golf Tournament 2019'

Air Chief Marshal Masihuzzaman Serniabat, Chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force inaugurated in the morning the 3-day long 'Daffodil Captain Cup Golf Tournament 2019' as the Chief Guest and distributed prizes in the closing ceremony among the winners of the tournament at Kurmitola Golf Club on 11th October 2019.

The tee-off was witnessed among others by Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil Family, and high dignitaries of the KGC and DIU.

Along with Army Chief of Staff General Aziz Ahmed, a total 150 Golfer both Male and Female took part in the tournament in different categories. The winner of the Tournament was Major Golam Moudud (Retd) and Runner-Up was Air Vice Marshal A H M Fazlul Haque. The lady winner of the tournament was MRS. Fatema Matiur and junior winner was Sajidul Islam.

The award giving ceremony was also addressed by Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil Family, as well as dignitaries from KGC and DIU.

## DIU hosted Get in the Ring-2019

The National Final of Get in the Ring - a Global Startup Competition where promising start-ups of different public and private universities of Bangladesh fight to fly to Global Meet Up, was held on October 12, 2019 at Pan Pacific Hotel Sonargaon BallRoom in the capital. Rakibur Rahman and Shariar Al Mamun of 'Eshara' a project working with Bangla Sign Language were the winners among 11 other competitors.

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## Battle of Startups” kicked off

Department of Innovation and Entrepreneurship of Daffodil International University (DIU) organized the first season of “Battle of Startups” on 30 October 2019 at 71 Milonayoton of the university. The event was held in association with Global Entrepreneurship Network- Bangladesh, Startup Grind U, Global Entrepreneurship Week, Bangladesh Venture Capital Limited and AX Production.

Mr. Mohammad Shibli Shahriar, Head, Department of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (DIE), DIU inaugurated the program where Mr. Mohammad Gazi Tauhidur Rahman (Founder and Managing Director of FM Plastics Ltd) was present as the guest of Honour.

This is more than a pitching competition. “DIU has initiated many programs to create entrepreneurs and this program is an excellent program for youths in our country,” said Mr. Mohammad Ghazi Tauhidur Rahman. He shared his journey from a banker to an entrepreneur to the audience. This inspires the new startups a lot to do something on their own. At the end of the program, he visited the stall and enlightened them with his knowledge.

Battle of Startup is a platform to connect the startups to the stakeholders and startup ecosystems where only the startups of the Department of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, DIU can pitch and showcase their products/ services. On this day, 15 startups of the Department of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, DIU pitched and demonstrated their products/ services.



Mr. Mohammad Gazi Tauhidur Rahman along with the winners of “Battle of Startups”

## Pran Potatos-DIU Marketing Fest-2019 held



Professor Dr. Mijanur Rahman and Dr. Md. Sabur Khan pose for a photograph along with the Champions

2 day long ‘PranPotatos-DIU Marketing Fest-2019’ ended on 17 October 2019 at Auditorium-71 of Daffodil International University jointly organized by the Department of Business Administration and DIU Marketing Club.

Professor Dr. Mijanur Rahman, Vice Chancellor, Jagannath University was present as the Chief Guest in the closing ceremony and said, to become a successful marketer, you must have to build a strong network among the people around you. Those will be successful, who have a strong network within people. At the end, he distributed prizes among the winners.

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Daffodil International University presided over the program and said in his presidential speech that lot of entrepreneurs in Bangladesh cannot successful due to the lack of marketing people. So we need huge marketing people at present and in the future. In this regards we need change the syllabus and course curriculum. We also need to change the total education system.

Earlier, Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor of DIU inaugurated the fest as the Chief Guest on 16th October 2019, while Mr. Tarik Anam Khan, Renowned Actor & Director, Mr. K M Ali, Group CEO of Rupayan Group and Mr. Aman Ashraf Faiz, Managing Director of Gtv was present as Special Guests and rendered their valuable speeches.

## Students exhibited innovative projects at Daffodil ICT Carnival 2019

‘Daffodil ICT Carnival 2019’ held on October 26, 2019 at Daffodil International University (DIU) Permanent Campus at Ashulia organized by Daffodil Family. More than ten thousand students, teachers and ICT experts from Computer Science & Engineering Department (CSE), Software Engineering Department (SWE), Multi Media & Creative Technology Department (MCT), Computing & Information System Department (CIS) and Daffodil Education Network participated in the carnival.

While addressing as the Chief Guest in the closing session, Professor Dr. Sazzad Hossain, Member IMCT, Research Support & Publication Division, Bangladesh University Grants Commission said that Bangladesh is now going through a tunnel of dreams. The name of the dream is to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh. And it will be possible only for the strength of the younger generation. He also said that ICT carnival is an amazing idea for development of student’s creativity.

Earlier, Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU inaugurated the carnival in the morning and said, the future world will belong to information technology. So, it is quite impossible to sustain in that future world without enhancement of ICT knowledge. That’s why the carnival has been organized to encourage students of Daffodil Education Network for inventing new ICT ideas and projects.

Professor Dr. Yousuf M Islam, Vice Chancellor Presided over by the program that included competitions, Project Showcase, Smart Hackathon, Programming contest, Counseling and mentoring, Fun events, learning opportunity, Networking scope and many more, so that every moment of the fest can be enjoyed and utilized with adding value. The winners, best innovators and performers will be awarded a smart cash incentive which is worth of Tk. 1 million.

The 1st position winning project was ‘Smart Home Automation System’ by the student of CSE. They are: Abdullal AL Yamin, Samsuzzaman Mia and Prosenjit Bairagi. The 2nd position winning project was ‘School 360’ by another group of students of CSE. They are: Sazzadur Rahman, Rakibul Islam and Borhan Uddin. The 3rd to 10th position are respectively: project ‘Remote Doctor’ by the student of Software Engineering, ‘Soil Monitoring System’ by the student of CSE, ‘DIU Campus Guide’ by the student of CSE (Permanent Campus), ‘Auto Controlling Poultry’ by the student of BSDI and DPI jointly, ‘Auction Management System’ by the student of CIS, ‘Bakery Management System’ by other group of student of CIS, ‘Happy Hub’ by the student of BSDI and DIPTI jointly, ‘Smart Farm through IOT’ by the student of CSE (Permanent Campus). Beside this the student of Daffodil International School, Daffodil International College and MCT Department of DIU were honored as special award.

The objective of the festival is to bring all the talents, industry and opportunity on the same platform so that it gets success in true form. The host is planning to organize it in an innovative, effective and broader way to bring the best outcome from it.



Dr. Md. Sabur Khan along with other distinguished Guests visiting the innovative projects

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## 18th Asian University Presidents Forum 2109



The opening ceremony was also addressed by Dr. Jekuk Chang, President, Dongseo University, South Korea, Professor Dr. Yousuf M Islam, Vice Chancellor, Daffodil International University and Professor Dr. S M Mahabub- Ul- Haque Majumder, Convener, AUPF 2019 and Pro Vice Chancellor, Daffodil International University.

A total of 150 Presidents, Rectors and Vice Chancellors from 40 universities from Asian 15 countries including Bangladesh are participating in the AUPF 2019 in Dhaka. The 3 day conference includes Paper Presentation, Panel Discussion, MoU Signing Ceremony, Standing Committee Meeting and finally handing over the AUPF flag to the next host.

While addressing as the chief guest Dr. Dipu Moni, MP said that AUPF-2019 holding in Bangladesh for the first time will create great opportunities for our universities to exchange knowledge among other universities of the Asian countries. She thanked Daffodil International University for arranging this prestigious event.

Dr. Dipu Moni also said we will have to build our universities as per the demand of the global purpose so that the universities can provide skilled candidates as per the requirement of Industries. Industry personnel always blame that they do not find skilled employee. So, we have to take immediate initiative to solve this problem and to solve the problem we should increase collaboration and bridging between academy and industry.

Dr. Dipu Moni stressed that Bangladesh is now enjoying demographic dividend. If we want to use this opportunity properly, we have to build our young generation as entrepreneurs.

Mr. AKM Enamul Haque Shameem, Deputy Minister for Ministry of Water Resources was present at the welcome dinner as the chief guest held on November 22, 2019 at Daffodil Tower, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

Mr. Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education was present at the Gala Dinner presented in honor of AUPF 2019 as the chief guest on November 23, 2019.

Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) was present at the closing ceremony of the 18th AUPF-2019 as the Chief Guest held at Permanent Campus of Daffodil International University at Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka.

Presided over by Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Daffodil International University, the program was also presented by Dr. G. Viswanathan, Founder and Chancellor of Vellore Institute of Technology in India (VIT), Dr. Jekuk Chang, President, Dongseo University, South Korea, Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor of DIU, Professor Dr. S M Mahabub- Ul- Haque Majumder, Convener, AUPF 2019 and Pro Vice Chancellor of DIU.

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan handed over the AUPF flag to Dr. G. Viswanathan, Founder and Chancellor of Vellore Institute of Technology in India (VIT), the next hosting university of AUPF 2020. Beside this 64 MoU regarding student and faculty exchange, technology transfer, PhD scholarship and mutual cooperation have been signed among different universities. DIU BNCC troops paid Guard of Honor to the guests and Bangladeshi culture has been played by All Star Daffodil of DIU.

While addressing as the Chief Guest Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah said that the theme of AUPF-2019 is very time befitting. Because, without entrepreneurial education system, it's not possible to create young entrepreneurs. At this moment,

Bangladesh needs a lot of young entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs can create a lot of employment. Economy can be developed through entrepreneurs. Finally the life standard will be increased. So, we need huge entrepreneurs, he added. He thanked Daffodil International University to arrange this kind of international program.

AUPF provides a platform for networking and discussing the way forward on challenges facing the education sector. The Asian University Presidents Forum originated from a friendly collaboration beginning in December 1999 between institutions of higher learning in China and Thailand in order to establish a mechanism through which university presidents from China and Thailand could frequently exchange information and management experience, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, Chaoshan College, Srinakharinwirot University and Siamese University of Thailand jointly put forward a proposal to establish a conference for development of Sino-Thai higher education institutions. The proposed conference is held annually and would seek expansion to include university presidents throughout Asia.

Daffodil International University joined AUPF in 2010 and Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees of DIU is now one of the Standing Committee Members of AUPF.



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Architect Yeafesh Osman, Honorable Minister, Ms. Hosne Ara Begum, Engineer Rezwanul Kabir and Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam are visiting the projects

## Daffodil ElecTel Carnival-2019 held

Aiming to explore electrical and electronic skills among students, the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering and the Department of Telecommunication of Daffodil International University (DIU) jointly organized 'Daffodil ElecTel Carnival-2019' on 30 November 2019 at the permanent campus, Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka.

Architect Yeafesh Osman, Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, People's Republic of Bangladesh inaugurated the carnival at Swadhinota Milonayoton of the campus as the Chief Guest and said that knowledge is the best asset of human. And knowledge is like the flow of the river. Knowledge increases through practice and it decreases through unpracticed. So we should continue the practice of knowledge. In the meantime he praised to this carnival and said, this carnival will play a role to increase knowledge practicing among students. So this kind of carnival should arrange more and more.

Ms. Hosne Ara Begum, Managing Director of Hi-Tech Park Authority and Engineer Rezwanul Kabir, Director of Energypac was present as the special guest. Presided over by Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor of DIU, the inaugural program also addressed by other distinguished guests.

The daylong carnival was included with idea contest, project showcasing, job fair, seminar and workshop on industry and career, Science Olympiad, panel discussion, prize giving and cultural program. The program was sponsored by HighTech Park Authority and EnergyPac Ltd.



Mr. Baybars Altuntas speaking at the seminar

## WBAF Chairman on 'Angel Investment for Startups'

Department of Innovation & Entrepreneurship organized a seminar on 'Angel Investment for Startups' on 22 November 2019 at 71 Milonayoton of the university. Mr. Baybars Altuntas, Chairman, World Business Angel Investment Forum (WBAF) spoke at the seminar as the keynote speaker. Presided over by Mr. Mohammad Nuruzzaman, CEO of Daffodil Family, the seminar was also addressed by distinguished guests.

While presenting the keynote speech Mr. Baybars Altuntas said to the students, if you have a correct idea for a business, you never have to face the problem of investment. Investors are everywhere. So you have to focus on discovering the correct idea, not investors. In the meantime, he told his own success story and said that there was no businessman in his family and even he was not a student of business background, rather than he has become an entrepreneur.

Mr. Mohammad Nuruzzaman said to his presidential speech that Bangladesh is a fertile land for investors. Bangladesh has a lot of young entrepreneurs who has a lot of innovative business ideas. Angel investor should come forward and help them to rise up their business.



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