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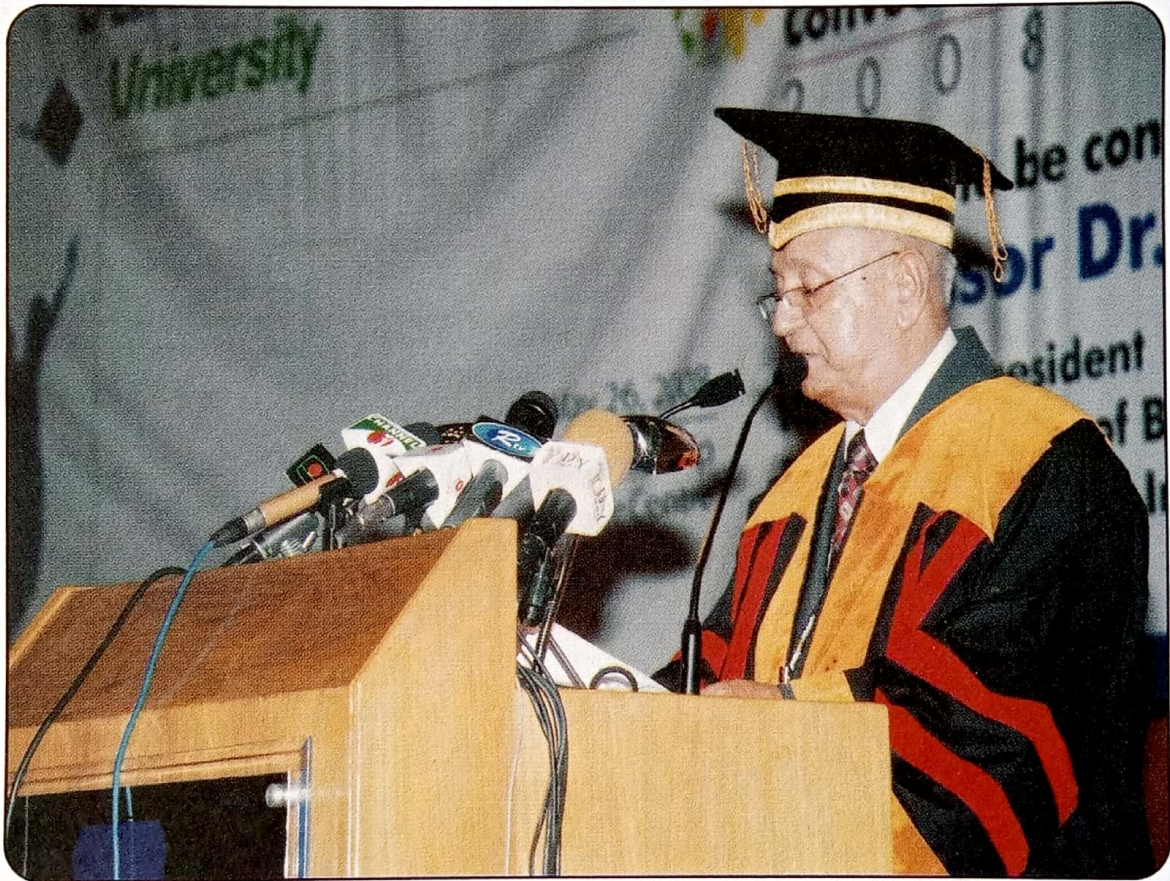
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**INAUGURATION OF DAFFODIL INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
CAMPUS AT 102 SHUKRABAD, MIRPUR ROAD, DHAKA
ON 26 NOVEMBER 2002**

Our Chief Guest, Honorable Speaker, Bangladesh Parliament,
Barrister Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar

Dr. Md. Osman Farruk, MP, Education Minister, Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Mr. A. N. M. Ehsanul Huq Milon, MP, State Minister for Education

Assalamu Alaikum,

Today's ceremony of inauguration of Daffodil International University campus marks the beginning of a landmark in the history of DIU.

The day is, therefore, of special significance to the Daffodil International University. It is a matter of great satisfaction that we have with us on this occasion, the Honorable Speaker, Bangladesh Parliament, who has kindly consented to grace the ceremony by his presence as Chief Guest and to give away the prizes to the meritorious students. Also with us Honorable Minister for Education and Honorable State Minister for Education. On behalf of Daffodil International University, I welcome you and express our grateful thanks for having found time to do so. We are, indeed, very pleased, to have you together in our midst.

Distinguished Guests,

Education is indispensable and of vital importance for the development of a country and the objective of higher education is primarily to develop an individual as a knowledgeable skilled person who can apply him for socio-economic development and providing leadership in required sector. In the total education system in Bangladesh, higher education known as tertiary education, has special significance being producer of leaders of social activities, trade, industry, politics, legal systems, health services etc. The unprecedented advancement of knowledge, wonderful discoveries, remarkable inventions and creative innovations in the field of Science and Technology of the last century coupled with phenomenon of globalization, new techniques of improved teaching and higher expectations of the young people have transformed university education of Bangladesh a challenging one. Daffodil International University (DIU), approved by Ministry of Education in January 2002, is fully aware of these issues, and is committed to educate and train students as skilled professionals so that they can fruitfully realize their full career potential. The DIU does it in an enriched educational environment that reflects our tradition of personal care service, commitment to innovate technology and dynamic relationship with community, employees and society. The curricula and syllabi of DIU are relevant to current needs of our society, and are designed in response to the emerging challenges of the global economy.



The Daffodil International University started its academic activity on 24th January 2002 with two Faculties namely Faculty of Science and Information Technology offering three programs viz B.Sc. Hons. in Computing and Information System (CIS), B.Sc. Hons. in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) and Master of Science (MS) in Management Information System (MIS); and Faculty of Business and Economics comprising programs in Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and Master of Business Administration (MBA): one regular program and the other executive program. The university plans to initiate programs soon on Environmental Studies, English and Telecommunication Engineering. The curricula and syllabi are relevant to the current needs of the society and are responsive to emerging challenges.

The Business Education program at Daffodil is being designed as a vital part of the core educational system of DIU. This program will not only prepare graduates to participate in the global economic system but would also help integrate business and other academic disciplines with the modern information technology skills for creating and managing information that will help make informed critical decisions of our complex environment of the nation and the world.

MBA Program in DIU aims in promoting growth of individual students in developing competency necessary for the effective management of Business, Government and Private organization in a dynamic environment. This program is designed to develop the kinds of research and analytical skills necessary to deal with various complex economic, social and political problems faced by the modern day corporate world. This program also uses faculties-experienced business executives from the corporate sector, enriching students with the environment of the state of the art corporate culture. We strongly believe that the proper business education serves the individual in our society- enabling them the virtual academic life and the critical education of developing competencies in accounting, business law, finance, entrepreneurship, information technology, management, marketing etc. These disciplines are not isolated from one another in our program but are integrated in the Business Administration Education Program.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

From the consideration of the contributions of modern science and information technology to the development of the socio-economic infrastructure of Bangladesh and improving the quality of life of its thirteen million people, DIU has introduced Faculty of Science and Information Technology in January 2002.

The Programs at undergraduate level are designed to provide the students a rigorous and comprehensive academic training on the fundamental and advanced aspects of computer science, engineering and technology. It would also concentrate on both software and hardware aspects. The program of study will provide basics of computers, computer programming and information system together with mathematics, physics and electronics. Thus, it provides the students the opportunity to obtain a broad knowledge in Science, Computing Information Technology and some freedom to tailor the program according to the student's individual need.

Again to meet the needs of marketplace for expertise in both information technology and management, DIU also offers a program of study leading to a Master of Science in Management Information System (MS-MIS) degree at the post graduate level. The Master of Science in Management Information System (MS-MIS) program, the only one in Bangladesh, is a cross disciplinary program in management and computer information. It is designed to give students, from any undergraduate discipline, management and computer problem solving skills applicable to organizations utilizing high technology computer systems. Such skills are increasingly important in the emerging information society characterized by changing technology.

The MS-MIS is for those who desire a strong, specialist program in organizational consulting and information technology. Because of its specialization and focus, the MS-MIS differs significantly from an MBA program, which is for those who desire a more general management background. This program at DIU will further provide individuals who are challenged by applications rather than science or technology and who are willing to undertake a career that demands a broad rather than narrow range of skills. Students who already have considerable background either in academic computer science or in business course-work will make use of the built-in flexibility of the program, designing courses of study that will provide them with the best background for their careers.

Daffodil International University is committed to quality teaching and as such has recruited highly qualified, internationally trained and educated teachers on full time and part time basis. Of thirty teachers, twenty of them possessed foreign degrees such as PhD, MS and MBA from Japan, UK, USSR, Canada and USA. The two faculties are headed by Professor Shahjahan Mina vastly experienced and well-qualified Professor from Dhaka University with more than 25 years' experience and being authors of a good number of text books. Another Professor of similar standing in the field of IT will join in May, 2003.

Classes are kept to a minimum (around 25) in order to encourage participation and develop student's confidence. In a small group every student is given individual attention and guidance by their teachers and this result in optimum performance and progress in the subject. At least 45 hours of lecture are assigned for a course of 3 credits in each semester of 3 semesters in a year and full attendance is expected in order to achieve optimum results. Quality of a university also depends on quality of students. 40 percent students admitted in DIU possessed first divisions both in SSC and HSC. Many of them obtained more than 75 percent marks and even a few of them occupied places among the first 20. The fee payable and monthly installment structure was kept minimum so that meritorious and disadvantaged students of the middle class family can avail the opportunity of getting higher education at our university. The performance of the students in the last semester is highly encouraging. 51 students out of 110 got even A in English. 45 students got grade point average more than 3.00, highest grade point being 4.00. One student got GPA 3.75 out of maximum 4.00



The education that our students will receive at the Faculty of Business and Economics and Faculty of Science and Information Technology will transform them into highly qualified and skilled graduates who will be capable not only to contribute to improve socio-economic, technological and social conditions of the nation but also will be able to compete with other graduates in finding suitable place in the international job market.

Finally our best regards and gratitude to our Chief Guest, Special Guests, distinguished guests, Members, Board of Governors, Media representatives, students, guests and colleagues from DIU family comprising DIU, DIIT and Daffodil Computers Ltd. Special thanks to colleagues and students of DIU for organizing this function successfully.