

# Newsletter

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ICT Secretary Mr. Shyam Sunder Sikder delivering speech during "Bangladesh Summit, Featuring Google for Education 2015" held at DIU

## Bangladesh Summit : Featuring Google for Education 2015

With the mission of excellence in the pursuit of knowledge, two day long "Bangladesh Summit, Featuring Google for Education 2015" was held from February 27-28, 2015 at Daffodil International University (DIU). Mr. Shyam Sunder Sikder, Secretary ICT Division, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology was present as the chief guest. Presided over by Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, DIU, the function was also addressed by Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Rahman, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Emeritus Professor Dr. Aminul Islam, Prof. Dr. Syed Akter Hossain, Convener of the summit and Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering of DIU. Rabi Avista Ltd was the support

partner of the summit.

Mr. David Agas, Google Education Trainer from Thailand and Mr. John Gary Garcia, Google Certified Teacher from Philippines conducted the sessions focused on Google Apps for Education. A total of 300 participants in different categories including teachers, students and professionals have attended the summit. The attendees would get a life time opportunity to evolve with the most promising Google education tools and receive further certificates and awards. Education Secretary Mr. Nazrul Islam Khan was present as the chief guest at the closing ceremony of the summit held on February 28, 2015.



Students are becoming competent in face the global challenge by using laptops given by DIU.

## 1500 Students Received Free Laptop at DIU

Daffodil International University (DIU) distributed 1500 free laptops among the students in the eleventh phase of its continuous process of laptop distribution program on March 07, 2015. Mr. Aazaduzzaman Khan, MP, honorable State Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs was present as the chief guest. Presided over by Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, BoT, DIU, the function was addressed among others by Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC and Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Rahman, Pro-VC, DIU.

Before distributing the laptops, Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC conducted the oath taking part of the ceremony where the students swore upon the best use of the laptops in productive purpose. The authority of DIU has taken a gigantic initiative of "One Student, One Laptop" program which is one step ahead for digital Bangladesh. Every student admitted into DIU from Summer Semester-2010 and onward is getting a free laptop. Till the date, DIU distributed 10,000 laptops which is a rare example in South Asia.

Mr. Aazaduzzaman Khan, MP, honorable State Minister thanked the university authority to implement the project. In his presidential address Mr. Md. Sabur Khan urged the students to be a potential ICT skilled graduates.



A partial view of 11th Syndicate Meeting of DIU held at the Conference Room of the University Administrative Building

## 11<sup>th</sup> Syndicate Meeting Held

11<sup>th</sup> Syndicate Meeting of Daffodil International University (DIU) was held on March 12, 2015 at the Conference Room of the University Administrative Building. The meeting was presided over by the Chairman of the Syndicate and Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman. Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam, Joint Secretary (Udrif & Law), Ministry of Education, and Prof. Dr. Gulshan Ara Latta of University of Dhaka, were also present in the meeting. Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, DIU attended the Syndicate Meeting on a special invitation by the Chairman of the Syndicate. Among other members, Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Rahman, Pro-VC, Prof. Dr. S.M. Mahabub Ul Haque Masumder, Dean, Faculty of Science & IT, Prof. Rafiqul Islam, Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, Prof. Dr. Engr. A.K.M. Fozil Haque, Registrar, Ms. Farhana Hekal Mehtab, Head, Dept. of Law, Ms. Shoraha Khan, Mr. Md. Ernan Hossain and Mr. Md. Khondok Alam Khan, Members, BoU of DIU were present in the meeting. Prof. Dr. Golam Mowla Choudhury, Controller of Examinations was also present on special invitation.

## Academic Council Meeting of DIU Held



Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, DIU presiding over the 10<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting of DIU

10<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting of Daffodil International University (DIU) was held on April 16, 2015 at the Board Room of the University. Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, DIU presided over the meeting and upheld the overall activities of the university. Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, BoU DIU attended the meeting on special invitation of the VC. Deans of respective faculties presented their reports and Prof. Dr. Engineer A.K.M. Fozil Haque, Registrar, submitted relevant documents in the meeting. Prof. Dr. M. Golam Rahman, Pro-VC of the university, Members of the Academic Council of DIU Prof. Dr. Sherif Ernanul Kabir, Member, Public Service Commission, Founder Vice-Chancellor & Emeritus Professor Dr. Anisul Islam, Prof. Rafiqul Islam, Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, Prof. Dr. S.M. Mahabubul Haque Masumder, Dean, ISI, Prof. Dr. M. Shamsul Alam, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Ismail Mostafa, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Brig. General (Retd.) M. Mollur Rahman, Executive Director & Advisor, International Forum of Bangladesh, Mr. Mohammed Ernan Hossain, Director (Admin), all institute chiefs, senior Professors and all Heads of the Departments were present in the Academic Council Meeting.

Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman briefed on the overall academic activities of the university and Deans of faculties, Registrar and other senior officers presented relevant information and proposals in the meeting. The members of Academic Council praised the continuous development and success of DIU and expressed to extend their cooperation to uphold the progress in coming days.

## DIU-Child & Youth Finance International Signed MoU



DIU and Child & Youth Finance International (CYFI) signed an agreement on March 12, 2015. Dr. Md. Fakhry Hossain, the Director-International Affairs, DIU and Mr. Rene Carothers, Regional Advisor for Asia and the Pacific, at CYFI agreed for their respected organizations. DIU will promote the Child and Youth Finance Movement and CYFI's mission in Bangladesh and with its other partner organizations. They will organize events to popularize savings among the children in their own educational institutions in future throughout Bangladesh. Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Engineer A.K.M. Fozil Haque, Registrar were also present during the signing event.

## 'Learning is Fun' Social Business Exposure Program

To give the taste of field applications and experience of social business to the students, Social Business Students Forum of DIU (SBSF) DIU has organized Social Business Exposure Program (SSEP) Spring -2015 at Permanent Campus from April 3-4, 2015. With the motto "Learning is Fun", the program covered five formal sessions including social business design lab, an inspirational session entitled "Learn to Uplift", social business and youth, active learning sessions (SBC) and camp fire at night. Margot Wolff, Chapter Coordinator, MyVision, Canada delivered keynote presentation. Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman, Lecturer, USA, DIU inaugurated the program while Masud Ibn Rahman, Associate Professor & Head of Social Business Cell, DIU conducted the "Social Business Idea Generation" session.

## DIU Chairman at Global Entrepreneurship Congress 2015 in Italy

Mr. Md Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil International University (DIU) & Daffodil Group represented Daffodil & Bangladesh in the grand 4 daylong event "Global Entrepreneurship Congress - GEC 2015, held at MGCo-Wilton Congress, Milan, Italy from March 16-19, 2015 with representation from 150+ countries.

Jonathan Orkman, Chair, GEC; Inakwe Zulu, Minister, Small Business Development, Government of South Africa; Enrique Jacob, President of INADW, John Philips, United States Ambassador to Italy; Maria Comerca-Sweet, Administrator of the US Small Business Association; Brett Braun, Director of global engagement at the White House; Stefano Pigo, Chief of the Italian Ministry of Economic Development's Technical Secretariat; Usman Ahmad, Policy Counsel for eBay; Felipe Hoffa, Developer Advocate for Google Cloud; Ramona Winradz; Schering, Chairman of the European Creative Industries Alliance; Dave Skingley, Vice President of Research and Policy at the Kauffman Foundation; UJ Reedy, Director of Research and Policy at the Kauffman Foundation; Doana Harris, Co-founder of 776; and Andrew Dolan, Assistant Director of special projects along with many other dignitaries and successful entrepreneurs from around the Globe were also present.

In his vibrant presentation in the final day, Mr. Md Sabur Khan focused on entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship, Venture capital, startup, Angel investment, etc. which was appreciated by the audience. His active participation opened up scope to flourish Daffodil & Bangladesh to many country representatives to build a large scale international networking & contacts.



Mr. Md Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil International University & Daffodil Group addressing at the grand Global Entrepreneurship Congress - GEC 2015, held at MGCo-Wilton Congress, Milan, Italy from March 16-19, 2015

## Information Sharing Session on Exploring Summer Program

Information sharing session on "Exploring Summer Program" organized by Daffodil International University (DIU) International Affairs in cooperation with Career Development Center (CDC) held on January 19, 2015 at DIU auditorium.

Prof. Dr. M. Farhany Hassan, Director International Affairs presided over the session and guided students with few presentations on Summer Program as well as shared the upcoming opportunities in different countries in the year 2015. It is to be mentioned that DIU students are also going to participate in Summer Programs of many international universities like USA, UK, Japan, Spain and so on. Students those who participated in the last Asia Summer Program (ASP-2014) which was held at University Malaysia Perlis (UNMAP) in Malaysia also shared their experiences with other students. About 200 students from different departments of DIU have participated in the session.



## Celebration of Bangla New Year 1422 at DIU

Students of Daffodil International University (DIU) celebrated Bahela Boshoh's with great enthusiasm and gala events titled "Boshoh's Rabona" to hail the New Year 1422 with new hopes and aspirations for a better, peaceful year. Sponsored by Ray Raat limited, the day long events included auspicious white paint on the street (Alpina Ushoh), Mangal Shobhajatra, flying paper- balloon, eating water rice with Hilsa and traditional cultural program like Fuli path, song, dance, poetry etc. The gala events started with the grand opening of Alpina Ushoh from Assagade to Dharamond 32 (1.2 km) Country's renowned writer and journalist Anwar Haque inaugurated the Alpina Ushoh at 12.Oam at the beginning of the New Year at the university campus premises. The inaugural ceremony was also addressed by Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, Prof. Dr. M. Golam Rahman, Pro-VC, Syed Wazoor Rahman Raja, Director Students Affairs and Mohammad Shamsuzzaman, Executive Director of Ray Raat limited.

About 200 students participated in the gorgeous Alpina Ushoh with a very festive mood. The whole night was celebrated with traditional cultural programs like Fuli path, song, dance, poetry recitation etc.

The program was initiated by Creative Park with the help of Voluntary Service Club, Daffodil Postman-Ali Bandhawas, Social Business Student Forum (SBSF), Al Star Daffodil & coordinated by the Office of Students' Affairs.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> DFH-DIUDC National Inter-University Debate Competition 2015 held

A three day long '2<sup>nd</sup> Debate for Humanities (DFH) DIUDC National Inter University Debate Competition 2015' was held from February 18-20, 2015 at Daffodil International University (DIU) Auditorium. Dr. Solehuddin Ahmed, former Governor of Bangladesh Bank inaugurated the competition as the chief guest. Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, DIU, Dr. Saik Usman and Dr. M. M. Akash of Economics Department of Dhaka University were present as the special guests. The program was addressed by Mohammed Raheedul Haqan, Moderator, DIU Debating Club, Abdulrah Al Joraid, Chief Coordinator, Debate for Humanities and S.M Masbaur Rahman. Debate for Humanities and DIU Debating Club of Daffodil International University jointly organized the festival. More than 300 participants comprising 32 teams from 21 different public and private universities from all over the country participated in the festival.



Dr. Solehuddin Ahmed, former Governor, Bangladesh Bank addressing as the chief guest at the inauguration ceremony of 2<sup>nd</sup> DFH-DIUDC National Inter-University Debate competition at DIU

## Seminar held on 'Creating Awareness on Cyber Security and ICT Act'



Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, DIU hands over certificate to Ms. Mahabuba Farma, Deputy Secretary & Program Director (Cyber Security) of ICT Division of Ministry of Post, Telecommunication and ICT

A seminar titled, "Creating awareness on Cyber Security and ICT Act" was jointly organized by ICT Division of Ministry of Post, Telecommunication and ICT, Insight Bangladesh Foundation (IBF) and Daffodil International University (DIU) on February 17, 2015 at DIU Auditorium. The seminar was organized as a part of the government's nationwide awareness program on ICT Act in different levels. Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, DIU was present at the inaugural session of the seminar as the chief guest. Prof. Dr. Md. Golzar Rahman, Pro-VC, DIU and Ms. Mahabuba Farma, Deputy Secretary & Program Director (Cyber Security) of ICT Division of Ministry of Post, Telecommunication and ICT were present as special guests while Prof. Dr. SAM, Mahabub U. Alam, Dean, Faculty of Science and ICT presided over the seminar. Prof. Dr. Syed Akter Hossain, Head, Dept. of CSE, delivered the welcome address. Engr. Tanveer Hossain Zaha, Vice President and Mr. Atiqul Islam Khan, Director, IBF delivered technical speech at the seminar with a power point presentation. Speakers under stressed the necessity of ensuring protection of each and every website and in this regard they sought cooperation for raising awareness on cyber security in the country. The speakers urged the government to form a syllabus at school, college and university level to raise awareness about cyber crime. They hoped that the seminar would be effective in knowledge development of the students.

## DIU Laboratory Building Inaugurated

Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, DIU inaugurated the Laboratory Building of DIU at Sakharbagh campus, Dharamoni (adjacent to Daffodil Tower-SI) on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015. The inaugural ceremony was followed by a class meeting.

Dr. Anisul Islam, Founder VC and Emeritus Professor, Prof. Dr. Engr. AKM. Fozil Haque, Registrar, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Imrul Mostafa, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Science, Prof. Dr. Syed Akter Hossain, Head, Dept. of CSE, Mr. Mohammed Eron Hossain, Director (Administration), Mr. Syed Muzoor Rahman, Director (Students' Affairs), Mr. Md. Mansur Haque Masumder, Director (Finance & Account), Heads from different departments and officials of DIU were present at the program.



Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, DIU inaugurating the Laboratory Building as the chief guest at Sakharbagh campus



## DIU introduces BED program- the first of its kind in Bangladesh

DuPont International University introduced a new program "Bachelor of Entrepreneurship Development" - a 4 year Honors program-the first of its kind in Bangladesh under the Faculty of Business and Economics from spring 2015 semester. Through this new program, DIU has come forward with great initiative to support young potential minds to become an entrepreneur who will cater the need of the society instead of depending on others for job.

To uphold the details of the program among the people of the country a 'Meet the Press' was held on January 03, 2015 at VP Lounge of National Press Club. Prof. Dr. M. Golam Rahman, Pro-VC, DIU was present as the chief guest. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mahabubul Alam, Faculty of Business and Economics of DIU and specialist on Entrepreneurial activities presented the keynote paper at the 'Meet the Press' program. The program was also addressed by Prof. Rajul Islam, Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, Syed Masum Rahman, Director (Student Affairs) and Md. Masum Iqbal, Head, Dept. of Business Administration.

## DIU Chairman Sabur Khan Presented Keynote at International Conference

As a Keynote Speaker Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Bd., DIU participated in the International Conference on "Internationalization of Higher Education and Quality Assurance 2015: Trends and Challenges" held at Yellere Institute of Technology (YIT) University, Yellere, India from January 9-10, 2015.

The conference was organized as a part of celebration of the YIT University's 30th Anniversary. Sri M. Venkiah Naidu, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, India was present in the conference as the chief guest. The main focus of the conference is to discuss how partnership between students, government and universities can prosper and lead to the renewal and expansion of higher education system for the next generation.

## Gala Events on 45<sup>th</sup> National Day

The students of DIU celebrated the 45th Independence and National Day 2015 with two days gala event titled "Shodhito Jan" with great enthusiasm. The programs included chanting national anthem, street drama, Independence Day rally, poetry recitation, discussion, photo and movie exhibition related to 71.

The discussion program was presided over by Dr. Anwar Islam, Founder VC and Emeritus Professor, DIU. Prof. Dr. Syed Anwar Hossain, Department of History, DIU was present as the chief guest while Ferdousi Pravasita, war hero of Bangladesh liberation war was present as the special guest. Mr. Bokayous Sanku, winner of 'Friends of Liberation War Honour' and Adjunct Professor, DIU was also present as the guest of honour.



Dr. Anwar Islam, Founder VC, DIU hands over a Crest to Prof. Dr. Syed Anwar Hossain, the chief guest

## Celebrated Alumni Night 2015



DIUAA members hand over a crest to Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Honorable Chairman, Bd., DIU

DuPont International University Alumni Association (DIUAA) celebrated Alumni Night 2015 on January 16, 2015 at the University Campus.

Mr. Anwar Hossain, Former President, FBCCI & Chairman, Mohammedi Group granted the occasion as the chief guest and delivered his vibrant speech. Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Honorable Chairman, Bd., DIU was present as the Guest of Honor and delivered his dynamic speech. Presided over by Mansurul Alam, Head, HR, Eastern Bank Ltd. and President DIU Alumni Association, Prof. Dr. M. Golam Rahman, Pro-VC and Dr. Anwar Islam, Emeritus Professor & Founder VC of DIU were present as the special guests. The function was addressed by Md. Shohul Alam, Managing Director Hyper Tech Ltd and convener of the program. The program included Meet the leaders session, Alumni Network session, cultural events, fun events and Band Show



## Daffodil Family Day Observed with Gala Events

With a series of colorful events 'Daffodil Family Day' was observed on April 14, 2015 at Daffodil International University permanent campus at Ashula. From 20 sister concerns of Daffodil Group a total of 2000 officers, staff and their family members participated in the Daffodil Family Day. The daylong program included carriage, merry-go-round, cash-light, ride on horse, puppet show, monkey's dance along with different rides for children. In the evening there were fireworks, flying paper-balloon, raffle draw and cultural program.

In the function 14 honest and dedicated employees working in Daffodil Group from the beginning were awarded. Considering the outstanding performance and contribution to the Daffodil Computers Ltd, Mr. Sheikh Md. Abu Tahir associated with the Daffodil Group from the day one was provided assistance to perform Haj. The function was addressed by Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil Group; Prof. Dr. M. Ulfar Rahman, VC; Prof. Dr. Md. Ghafoor Rahman, Pro-VC; Prof. Dr. Engr. A. K. M. Fozil Haque, Registrar, Dr. Mustafa Kamal, Director (Permanent Campus) of Daffodil International University, Md. Jomshadur Rahman, Principal, Daffodil International College, Ms. Shahana Khan, Principal, Daffodil International School and Mohammad Nuruzzaman, Executive Director, DIT. Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil Group in his speech expressed his gratitude to all the employees of the group and said that this type of gathering will help to make interaction and strengthen the bond of fellowship among all the employees of different sister concerns of the group. This will also help to foster and accelerate the activities of the group in coming days and the recognition paid to the senior employees will inspire the newly joined employees to work with honesty, sincerity and dedication.

## DIU Signed MoU with University College of Applied Sciences for Management and IT in Croatia



Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil International University and Mr. Zlata Bozic, Chairman, University College of Applied Sciences for Management and IT, Mlinjava, Croatia are seen to exchange the MoU.

Daffodil International University (DIU) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with University College of Applied Sciences for Management and IT, Mlinjava, Croatia on 25-March, 2015 at Mlinjava, Croatia.

Ms. Zlata Bozic, Chairman, University College of Applied Sciences for Management and IT, Mlinjava, Croatia and Mr. Sabur Khan,

Chairman, Daffodil International University and Daffodil Group signed the MoU on behalf of their respective institutions.

The MoU aims a form of co-operation on student and faculty exchange, semester exchange, joint research project, sharing resources, credit transfer, online courses, summer/spring program, blended learning courses, intern exchange, Erasmus-exchange, scholarship opportunity and centers of excellence. Under the MoU, DIU students will get the opportunity to enjoy a lot of international collaboration,

cross-border collaborative arrangements, achieving dual degrees and many more. DIU will open new scope of Entrepreneurship development project in University College of Applied Sciences for Management and IT, Mlinjava, Croatia. This is to be mentioned that Daffodil International University has around hundred affiliations with different international universities around the world and students are getting different types of International scholarships and exchange opportunities through the year.

## DIU Professor A. I. Mustafa Elected as President of BCS



Prof. Dr. Ahmad Insof Mustafa, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences of Daffodil International University (DIU) has been elected as the 'President' of the Bangladesh Chemical Society (BCS), which is the largest learned and professional society of the country. Through an official announcement, BCS declared him as its elected 'President' for the next two years and he has taken over his charge on 23rd April, 2015. It may be mentioned here that in the history of BCS, ever highest vote has been casted in favour of Prof. Mustafa.

## Nigerian Students Graduation Ceremony



Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, DIU, handing over a certificate to Ahmad Kabo Idris who has completed BSS in Journalism and Mass Communication from DIU.

Nigerian students' graduation ceremony and official inauguration of Nigerian Students Association of Daffodil International University (NSA) was held on January 24, 2015 at DIU auditorium organized by the office of International Affairs of DIU. Nigerian students completed their graduation from different departments of DIU in Fall 2014 semester. Students are Ahmad Kabo Idris (BSS in JMC), Abubakar Inusa Yahaya (LLB-Hons), Ashu Garba Abdulrahman (M.Sc. in ETE), Mohammed Antoh Soku (M.Sc. in ETE) and Yusuf Rabu Abdulrahman (MBA). It may be mentioned that at present a total of 60 students from Nigeria are studying in different departments of DIU.

Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, DIU was present at the function as the chief guest and congratulated the graduates. While addressing among the students he called upon the remaining foreign students to be energetic and determined as graduates towards their journey at DIU. He expressed his hopes that very soon DIU will establish its international campus in Nigeria. Later he handed over the crests and certificates among the graduates.

The function was conducted by Ahmad Kabo Idris from BSS in JMC and Fatma Danjuma Kolo from Pharmacy Department. The function was ended by presenting an African and Nigerian documentary, followed by fashion show with their cultural dances and a farewell speech by the graduates.

## DIU Observed 'Amar Ekushey'

With great enthusiasm and due respect, Daffodil International University (DIU) observed 21st February the 'Amar Ekushey' and International Mother Language Day and paid tribute to the martyrs of the language movement. To mark the day, DIU chalked out elaborate program including seminar on "Inclusive Education through and with language-language matters", discussion, photo exhibition, cultural program and rally followed by placing floral wreaths to Central Shaheed Minar at permanent campus of the university at Ashulia.

Early in the morning, led by Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC of the university, the students, teachers, Air Force scouts and officers of the university brought out a rally from the academic building and gathered to Central Shaheed Minar and placed floral wreaths.

To mark the day UNESCO (Bangladesh Office), UNC Dhaka Office and Directorate of Student Affairs of DIU organized a seminar on "Inclusive Education through and with language-language matters" at DIU Auditorium. Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, DIU was present as the chief guest while Prof. Dr. M. Golam Rahman, Pro-VC of DIU, Language Researchers Prof. Dr. Begum Johanna of Dhaka University were present as the special guests. Presided over by Syed Masarur Rahman Raza, Director (Student Affairs), the seminar was also addressed by Md. Moniruzzaman, In-Charge, UNC Dhaka Office and Ms. Kizky Tahmin/Programme Officer (Kultural), UNESCO, Bangladesh.



Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, DIU accompanied with other high officials of DIU placing floral wreaths at the central Shaheed Minar at the permanent campus of Ashulia on the occasion of 21st February the International Mother Language Day.

## DIU Chairman Attends 23rd NASSCOM India Leadership Forum 2015



Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil International University (DIU) and Global Trade Committee of World IT Services Alliance (WITSA) joined 23rd NASSCOM India Leadership Forum 2015 held at Mumbai from February 11-13, 2015. Mr. Roger Lachman, Deputy Chairman, World IT and Services Alliance (WITSA), Bangladesh's team comprising World Bank consultant for Bangladesh private sector development support project Mr. CK Vaseeh, Mr. Kazi Shokay Alam, Additional Secretary, BPD, Ministry of Finance, Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh also joined the Forum. This created a great opportunity to know Global IT Scenario and also enjoy the strength of Indian IT Industry. The 23rd edition of NASSCOM India Leadership Forum is a platform where over 1,000 organizations, 1,600 delegates from across 32 countries and around 250 speakers gathered under one roof. This mega forum would encapsulate strategies and learnings that transcend the industry.

NASSCOM is the industry association for the IT/BPO sector in India. It is a not-for-profit organization funded by the industries. Its objective is to ensure a sustainable development of technology and business services sector in the country.

## Hamidul Haque Khan Joins as Treasurer



Mr. Hamidul Haque Khan Masud joined as the Treasurer of Duffell International University (DIU) on March 28, 2015. Before joining in DIU, he served in banking sector for last 30 years in different important position and looked after the finance as well as the administration of the bank.

Mr. Masud started his career as Probationary Officer in United Commercial Bank in 1984. He took birth in a renowned Muslim family on 1957 at Kohaly village under Manappur Thana of Tangail District. He completed his Honors and Masters from the Department of Public Administration of Chittagong University with first class.



## DIU Links with Brunei's UNISSA

Duffell International University (DIU) has established links with Brunei's Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) to pave the way for more exchange programs. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed on April 21, 2015 between both universities.

Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, BCU, DIU and Dr. Hajj Nurarrahman Bin Haji Zainal, Rector, UNISSA signed the MoU on behalf of respective universities in the presence of Deputy Rector Dr. Mohamed Hassan, Asst Rector Dr. Aman and all key people of UNISSA. Under the MoU, both the universities agreed to foster greater academic ties and enable student mobility programmes in certain fields.

DIU will be offering UNISSA students the opportunity to join its Entrepreneurship Development Programme under its International Student Exchange Programme. Students will also have the opportunity to join industry activities for a semester or a two-semester study abroad programme.

## Seminar on 'Importance of Research in Public Health' Held

Department of Public Health of DIU organized a seminar on "Importance of Research in Public Health" on January 02, 2015.

Prof. Engdazar (Ret) Dr. Abdul Malek, National Professor of Bangladesh and Founder of National Heart Foundation Hospital and Research Institute was present as the chief guest. Prof. Dr. Anwar Hossain, DG of Health Services (DGH) was present as the special guest. Dr. Hashim Chakraborty, Associate Professor & Director of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Biostatistics Collaborative Research Core, University of South California, USA was present as the keynote speaker. Prof. Dr. M. Golzar Rahman, Pro-VC (Acting VCI, DIU) presided over the seminar.



## DIU Signed Agreement with USIM- a Malaysian Public University



Professor Dato' Dr. Muaz Ahmad, VC, USIM and Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU exchanging the MoU.

Duffell International University (DIU) and Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) - a Public University of Malaysia have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to launch joint collaboration for research and training. The agreement signing ceremony was held at USIM on April 24th, 2015 in the presence of the top management of USIM in Malaysia. Vice Chancellor of USIM, Professor Dato' Dr. Muaz Ahmad and Chairman of DIU, Md. Sabur Khan signed the MoA on behalf of their respective universities.

It may be mentioned here that two years back USIM team visited DIU and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DIU one year back. DIU's five students and one faculty member have already been enrolled in their PhD program as a part of its agreement. Under this agreement DIU & USIM will jointly work to provide standard international education and avail opportunities and strength.

## PEUK Delegate Visits DIU

Represented by Mr. Benjamin Ambrose, Client Relationship Director, the Student World, a delegation from Platform Education UK (PEUK) visited DIU on January 20. Professor Dr. Engr. A. K. M. Faruk Haque, Registrar, DIU welcomed the delegation.

Both the organizations expressed their interest to sign a MoU covering student exchange, PhD degree, organizing workshops, joint journal publishing etc.





## Seminar on Design and Teach Online Learning

Organized by Human Resources Development Institute (HRDI), DIU, a seminar on "Design, develop, teach and manage online learning" was held on January 7, 2015 at DIU Auditorium. Prof. Dr. M. Golam Rahman, Pro-VC, DIU inaugurated the seminar as the chief guest while Prof. Dr. Momenul Karim, a leading specialist and guru of online learning delivered the keynote paper. Presided over by Prof. Dr. Yusuf M. Islam, ED, HRDI, Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, BdI, DIU attended the closing ceremony and distributed prizes among the participants.

## Seminar on 'Enriching Open Source and Local Content: Future Ahead'



DIU and Google Developers Group IODGI (Bangla) jointly organized a seminar on "Enriching Open Source and local content: Future ahead" in association with Bangladesh Open Source Network (BaOSN) on February 08, 2015 at DIU auditorium. Professor Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, VC, DIU was present as the chief guest. Mr. Arne Maaser, Software Engineer, Google Translator, Google was present as keynote speaker. The seminar was addressed by Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Rahman, Pro-VC, DIU, Dr. Khan Mohammad Anwarul Salam, Country Engineering Consultant for Bangladesh Google, Mr. Mustafiz Hasan, General Editor, Bangladesh Open Source Network (BaOSN) and Mr. Javed Sultan Pyah, Manager, Google Developers Group (Bangla) Prof. Dr. Syed Akhter Hossain, Head, Department of CSE presided over the seminar. Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU and Mr. Roger Latchman, Deputy Chairman, WITSA were also present. About 200 students from DIU attended it.

## DIU Performed at 3rd International Storytelling Festival in Thailand



Three members delegation of DIU performed at 3rd International Storytelling Festival held from 23-25 January 2015 at Mahasarakham University, Thailand. Mr. Syed Roshan-Ul-Islam and Ms. Naznin Nuri Esha of Dept of English, DIU demonstrate Bangladeshi Folktales through extraordinary storytelling performances and workshops. The team performed Bangladeshi Folktales like 'Dohakumar and Karkaboi', 'The Last Famine, The Barber and the Ghosts, etc. Ms. Nahid Kaiser, Assistant Professor of English Department of DIU won the 2nd prize for video Clip on 'Behula Likhindar' in the storytelling contest. DIU team conducted a workshop on storytelling. Over 45 top storytellers from more than 17 countries joined the event.

## WITSA Deputy Chair Visits DIU

Mr. Roger Latchman, Deputy Chairman, World Information Technology & Services Alliance (WITSA) visited DIU on February 08, 2015 during his three days itinerary to Bangladesh. Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU and Chairman, Global Trade Committee of WITSA welcomed him, while other DIU high officials were present. Mr. Latchman expressed his great satisfaction on digitalization of academic and administrative activities of DIU. It may be mentioned here that, DIU is the first ever university in Bangladesh to win Merit Award from WITSA which is said the Nobel award in ICT sector worldwide.



## DIU Joined 1<sup>st</sup> IJCIMBI 2015 in Indonesia



Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU along with other distinguished guests at the inauguration ceremony of the IJCIMBI.

A 10-member delegation from Daffodil International University (DIU) headed by Chairman of the university Mr. Sabur Khan joined the two days long 1<sup>st</sup> International Joint Conference of Indonesia, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Ireland (IJCIMBI) held on April 27-28, 2015 at Universitas Udayuh Indonesia (UU) -Sunda Asih, Indonesia.

DIU Chairman delivered Welcome Speech at the conference and presented a Keynote Speech titled "Sustainable Research in Industries through Universities". The conference was collaboratively hosted by the four universities Universitas Udayuh Indonesia (UU), Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UNMAP), Daffodil International University (DIU, Bangladesh) and Ailione Institute of Technology (AIT, Ireland).

DIU presented 9 research papers in the conference and also launched a book titled, "Empowering Tertiary level students using Social Media" – a result of two years of research carried out at DIU funded by the International Association of Universities (IAU).

## BVCL holds Investment Partnership Signing Ceremony



Creating its own ways to contribute for the development of entrepreneurship in the country, Bangladesh Venture Capital Ltd. (BVCL) signed equity partnership agreement with prospective and innovative SMEs like BO Souvenir, & Asena.com at Startup Restaurant & Café on April 08, 2015. Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU, Mr. Kazi Skoner Habib, MD, BVCL, Mr. Hamidul Haque Nurul, Treasurer, DIU and parents & guardians of the entrepreneurs were present during the ceremony.

## Daffodil Chairman visits IamSMEofIndia



Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU & Daffodil Group met high dignitaries of Integrated Association of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises of India (IamSMEofIndia) recently in Delhi, India. Mr. Rajive Chawla, Chairman, IamSMEofIndia handed over IamSMEofIndia logo and crest to Daffodil Chairman in a festive program. Mr. Rajive Chawla visited Daffodil couple of months back and hoped to see a long-term relationship.

## DIU Chairman Inaugurates IT Festival at Universiti Malaysia Sabah

Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil International University (DIU) & Daffodil Group inaugurated Business & IT Festival II-2015 held from April 16-20, 2015 at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Labuan, Malaysia as the "Guest of Honor". He delivered a presentation on "Making Roads into the World of Entrepreneurship: Challenges and Opportunities" in the Business Forum on April 19, 2015. The Festival II-2015 was organized by UMS in collaboration with Student Representative Council, UMSJC and Labuan Corporation Prof. Dr. Mohd Hanus Abdullah, VC, UMS and other high officials addressed inaugural session.



Prof. Dr. Mohd. Hanus Abdullah, VC, UMS is handing over a memento to Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU at the inauguration ceremony of the Business & IT Festival II.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Oath Taking Camp of DIU Air Rover Scout held

Daffodil International University Air Rover Scout Group (DIU-ARSG) organized a three days long "4<sup>th</sup> Oath Taking Camp 2015" for newly enrolled rovers at National Scout Training Center, Mouchak, Greater from 26-28 March 2015. Attended by 80 numbers of rovers including two leaders, the camp comprised of training, oath taking ceremony, social awareness, development program and grand camp fire. For the first time in the history of private universities of Bangladesh, DIU introduces rover movement.

## Japanese Delegat Visits DIU



As 11 members Japanese delegation, headed by renowned entrepreneur Mr. Ryota Tanaka visited corporate office, Daffodil Group and met its Chairman Mr. Md. Sabur Khan on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015. During its first visit to Bangladesh, the Japanese delegation showed its high interest to recruit skilled students of Daffodil in Japanese market.

## Two DIU students awarded Korean Government Scholarship



Under Korean Government Scholarship Program (KGSP), Ms. Nurul Zahan Happy and Ms. Rifat Tahsin, students of BBA, DIU got full free study opportunity at Dongseo University, South Korea for one semester as per student exchange program.



## Grand Gathering of Bankers- Entrepreneurs-Stakeholders at Global Money Week

A Grand Gathering of Bankers- Entrepreneurs-Stakeholders took place at the closing ceremony of Global Money Week-2015 held on March 18, 2015 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building of Dhaka University DU.

Mr. Nazim Man Khan, Secretary, Ministry of Education was present at the closing ceremony as the chief guest. Presided over by Professor Dr. Mst Golam Rahman, Pro-VC of DU and Convener of Global Money Week-2015, the program was also addressed by Professor Dr. M. Lurkar Rahman, VC, DU, Prof. Shikil Rubayat Ull Islam, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies, DU, Prof. Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Treasurer, DU, Mr. Rene Cuartero, Regional Advisor for the Asia and the Pacific of Child & Youth Finance International (CYFI), M. Ehsanul Haque, MD and CEO of Mercantile Bank Ltd, Professor Dr. Swapan Kumar Bala, MD, DSE, and Mr. Sukomal Sinha Chowdhury, Consultant, SWE & SPD, BA.

## 'Daffodil Startup Market' Launched

DU has inaugurated the 'Daffodil Startup Market', a student-run market to be run once a week at Daffodil Tower 5. Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, DU visited Daffodil Startup Market on 29th January 2015. It is a platform for students to run small businesses and learn from those experiences. Student vendors can sell almost any wares, books, candies, foods, art works, handmade goods, jewelry, tourist logs, seasonal items and anything innovative that they want over a period of a whole day.



## Seminar on 'Save Today-Safe Tomorrow'

Organized by BBA, a seminar titled "Save Today-Safe Tomorrow" in observance of 'Global Money Week-2015' was held on March 15, 2015 at DU Auditorium. The objective of the program was to teach students and the youth about saving money, creating livelihoods, gaining employment and becoming an entrepreneur through fun and interactive activities. Speakers also stressed that the children should understand the financial institutes for practical purposes.

Professor Dr. M. Lurkar Rahman, VC, DU was the session chair. The Keynote speakers were Mr. Sukomal Sinha, the Consultant of Bangladesh Bank for SME initiative and Mr. M.K Aamr, the Director of the Edward M. Kennedy Center of Dhaka.

## DIU signs MoA with the Future Leaders Ltd., UK



The Future Leaders Ltd, UK and DIU signed an agreement on March 14, 2015 at the office of Vice Chancellor, DU. Mr. Syed Masud Raza, Director, CDC, DU and Mr. Nasir Akram, CEO, The RL, UK signed the agreement on behalf of their respective institutions.

## Orientation for new Faculty Members

The orientation program for newly joined Faculty Members of DU was held on January 10, 2015 at the Conference Room of the university. Presided over by Prof. Dr. M. Golam Rahman, Pro-VC, the orientation was also addressed by other distinguished guests. A total of 57 full time faculty members joined in different faculties of DU in Spring 2015.



Daffodil International University (DIU) will provide ICT training support at the BSCIC's Skill Development Centers situated at different places of the country. Beside this, DIU will set up an Industrial and Innovative Park at Gazaria in Moulvibazar District on 15 acres of land to turn the youths trained so far of BSCIC centers into Entrepreneurs. The young generation of the country will be provided with industrial technology training, technical and financial assistance, product quality development, marketing facilities and other relevant assistance to be an entrepreneur.

In this regard Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) and Daffodil International University (DIU) signed an agreement in a hotel in the capital to support skill development centers of BSCIC situated at different places of the country. Industries Minister Mr. Anwar Hossain Anis, MP was present in the agreement signing ceremony as the chief guest. Mr. Shayan Sunder Skider, Secretary ICT Division, Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, BdI, DIU and Mr. Farhad Uddin, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industries were present as special guests in the program. Prof. Dr. M. Lutfur Rahman, VC, DIU and Ahmed Hossain Khan, Chairman, BSCIC signed the agreement on behalf of their respective institutions. The function was also addressed by Prof. Dr. Khondaker Banzil Haq, University of Dhaka, Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Rahman, Pro-VC, DIU, Abu Taher Khan, Director (Technical).

Addressing as the chief guest Industries Minister Anwar Hossain Anis said, 'Due to innovation of new

## Agreement Signed Between BSCIC and DIU Daffodil will Set-up Industrial and Innovation Park



Prof. Dr. M. Lutfur Rahman, VC, DIU and Ahmed Hossain Khan, Chairman, BSCIC exchanging Agreement Copy. Industries Minister Mr. Anwar Hossain Anis, MP and Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, BdI, DIU are also seen in the picture.

technology worldwide and open market economy, products of one country reach to another country very fast. At this moment, it becomes very difficult to uphold our own markets. In this perspective to achieve industrial target, we will have to take the initiative to produce world class products. There is no alternate of addition of value to the products and ensure quality products with low price.' The Minister also wished that by setting up an Industrial and Innovative Park, DIU would accelerate the speed of developing creative youth entrepreneurs throughout the country. By this, a

large portion of newly added 20 lac people in labor market every year will get employment opportunity. Addressing as the special guest Mr. Md. Sabur Khan said, 'We want to build Skill Development Centers of BSCIC in Tangail, Rajshahi, Barisal, Jessore and Sylhet as role models. The Industrial and Innovative Park at Gazaria on 15 acres of land will include all sorts of opportunity to develop our young generation as a world class skilled manpower and entrepreneur.'

## 'Solar Car' Project of DIU Achieved Best Future Award in the Asia's largest solar technology event, "Electric Solar Vehicle Championship 2014-2015"

The "Solar Car" project group of students (No You Can't of Dept. of the Computer Science and Engineering of Daffodil International University (DIU) was the Best Future Award in the Asia's largest solar technology event, "Electric Solar Vehicle Championship (ESVC) 2014-2015, organized by Imperial Society of Innovative Engineers (ISE) which was held at Mohanbati Markandeya University (MMU) Haryana, India from 16th to 19th March 2015. Principal supervisor A. B. M. Moinuzzaman, technical supervisor Mohammed Habibur Rahman and captain Md. Abdulla N Noman of the



Principal supervisor A. B. M. Moinuzzaman, technical supervisor Mohammed Habibur Rahman and captain Md. Abdulla N Noman of the Solar Car Project receiving the award "Best Future Award" at the closing ceremony of "Electric Solar Vehicle Championship (ESVC) 2014-2015".

Solar Car Project received the award of the closing ceremony of the event. A total 57 projects from India, Nepal, China, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Maldives took part in the competition. Besides Champion and Runner Up, 5 projects were awarded in 5 special categories like Best Future Award, Designing Award, Auto-Cross Award, Acceleration Award and Breaking Award. Md. Abdulla N Noman, Captain of the Solar Car Project received 'One of the Best Captains Award'. The project was directly guided by Prof. Dr. Syed Akbar Hossain and patronized by Mr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, BdI, DIU. This project is jointly sponsored by DIU and ICT Division, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

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