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From the Desk of the Editor

The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh is the apex body of higher education in Bangladesh assigned with the onerous responsibilities of overseeing the activities of the Universities and guide them to quality education and inspire the faculties and students alike to engage in cutting-edge research. It is, therefore, quite imperative that the high officials, that includes the Chairman, the Members, Directors and others set examples of commitment, dedication, sincerity and above all honesty for others to follow. The UGC should be the embodiment of honesty so that the country's Higher Education Sector can flourish in an atmosphere of supreme moral values. The core universal human values must be maintained at all levels and reflected through our actions. There must not be any chance of infraction on the part of anyone, particularly those representing the Commission. We must remember it is our works, and not anything else, that will be judged by future generation. Let's take a vow that we will be conducting ourselves in a way befitting to this great organization. The sooner we take it by hearts, the better for the country.

Prof. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah
Member, UGC

ADB project to build capacity of IT professionals in Bangladesh



Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide US\$125 million for a project to improve infrastructure of higher educational institutions and build capacity of IT professionals in Bangladesh.

University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh held a meeting with ADB on the proposed Tertiary Education for Competitiveness in Information Technology (IT) Project at UGC Bhaban on 27 March 2019. Chairman of UGC Professor Abdul Mannan presided over the meeting. Ms Gi Soon Song, in-charge of ADB's Human and Social Development Division led the ADB Mission.

University of Dhaka, BUET, Jessore University of Science and Technology, East West University have been selected in the first phase for the proposed three-year long ADB project.

Professor Mannan expressed his optimism that once implemented the IT project will produce quality graduates in IT Sector and contribute to develop Bangladesh as a mid-level income generating country by 2021.

Professors Dr Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr Dil Afroza Begum, Dr Md. Akhtar Hossain, Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Members, UGC; Dr Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC; Focal points from four selected universities and high officials of UGC, among others, were present in the meeting.

Interacting Discussion on proposed HEAT project



An interacting discussion on the proposed Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation (HEAT) project was held at UGC auditorium on 05 February 2019. The UGC invited the Vice-Chancellors, renowned educationists, Professors, high officials from UGC, World Bank, representatives from research organizations, industries and other relevant organizations for in-depth discussion on the proposed five-year long HEAT project. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the function as the Chief Guest, while Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC presided over the meeting and moderated the discussion session. Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC; Professor Dr. Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, Chairman, Bangladesh Accreditation Council; Professor Dr. Mohammad Tamim, Pro Vice-Chancellor, BRAC University; Professor Dr. Muhammed Zafar Iqbal and Dr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank, among others spoke on the occasion.

The Chairman of UGC noted that World Bank is taking the initiative to finance the HEAT project based on the successes of HEQEP which was completed in December 2018. The main objective of the new project is to capitalize the enabling conditions for teaching-learning, state-of-art research facilities, connectivity already established through HEQEP and bring a significant breakthrough in tertiary education and research through capacity building and enhancing employability of our graduates and establishing a regional network of higher educational institutions.

Almost all the speakers emphasized on proper education from primary to higher education, conducting advanced research, establishing university-industry collaboration, forming multi-disciplinary research team, ensuring good governance in universities, modernizing curriculum, providing research facilities for women

to accelerate the pace and momentum of the country's higher education.

The discussion on HEAT project continued for the second day on 06 February 2019. It was agreed that a modern training center for improving the quality of teachers needs to be established and strengthening of higher education governance must be incorporated in the project. The transformation of UGC into Higher Education Commission and functionalization of Accreditation Council (BAC) also came up for discussion. Suggestion for creating a universal certificate repository for the authentication of degrees and certificates was put forward by many speakers. Other speakers suggested to introduce a uniform admission test for admission into universities.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC; Professor Dr. Atique Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Mr. Abdullah Al Hasan Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Education, Dr. Md. Mahmud-UI-Hoque, Additional Secretary, MoE, Dr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank, noted educationists, high officials from UGC, WB, were present on the second day of discussion.

ADB Mission calls on the Chairman of UGC



A-seven member delegation from Asian Development Bank (ADB) called on Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh on 24 January 2019. Ms. Gi Soon Song, Principal Social Sector Specialist, ADB led the delegation.

The Chairman of UGC observed that the proposed ADB project will certainly play a vital role for country's human resource development in IT Sector. The selected four universities will be able to produce quality graduates in IT.

Ms. Gi Soon Song, in her speech, underscored the need for best utilization of proposed 125 Million US dollars ADB project for capacity building of IT professionals and improvement of infrastructure of higher educational institutions in Bangladesh.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC, Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, Mr. Ryotaro Hayashi, Social Sector Economist, Human and Social Development Division; South Asia Department, Professor Dr. Md. Sirajul Haque, Senior Secondary Education Specialist and Professor Dr. Md. Mozahar Ali, Consultant, ADB, among others, were present during the meeting.

Conference on Tertiary Education on RMG in Bangladesh



A day-long conference on Formulating Recommendations on Demand Driven Higher Education Needs in Textile and Readymade Garment sector of Bangladesh was held at a city hotel on 14 February 2019. The primary objectives of German Bangladesh Higher Education Network for Sustainable Textiles (HEST) project are to improve quality of education and encouraging applied research and development of capacity of mid-level managers in Textile and RMG Sectors. University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh in association with German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) jointly organized the workshop. UGC is the implementing authority of the two-year long project.

Mr. Andreas Hartman, Head of Development Cooperation of German Embassy, Dhaka, Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC, Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC

and Rumana Kabir, Representative of DAAD, spoke on the occasion.

Addressing the programme, Mr. Hartman said skilled mid-level managers are pre-requisite for robust and sustainable economic growth in Bangladesh. "Although the industry has been growing tremendously, further growth and sustainable development together with improved working conditions remain a challenge due to the skill gap of the mid-level managers in the industry," he added.

Terming RMG Sector as vital and crucial for socio-economic development of Bangladesh, Professor Yousuf Ali Mollah said this project will help to make the Textile and RMG sector vibrant and help future robust economic growth in Bangladesh. Speakers unanimously agreed that academic programs must be updated and need-based research must be initiated. They were also in the opinion that a teachers' training centre be established and a knowledge sharing platform be formed. It was also suggested that the capacity of mid-level managers needs to be enhanced and a bridge between industry and academia must be encouraged.

The project has been successfully running with 12 universities which includes Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, Asian University for Women, Bangladesh University of Textiles, BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology, Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology, North South University, Notre Dame University Bangladesh and University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh. Three German Universities are collaborating in this project.

View exchange meeting on HEAT project



A view-exchange meeting on Faculty Professional Development under Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation (HEAT) project

was held at UGC Auditorium on 25 February 2019. The UGC invited the Vice-Chancellors, renowned educationists, Professors, high officials from Ministry of Education, UGC, World Bank and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the five-year long proposed HEAT project. Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC presided over the meeting.

Workshop on Higher Education in RMG sector



A day-long workshop on 'formulating recommendations on demand driven Higher Education needs in Textile and Garment sector of Bangladesh' was held at UGC on 11 February 2019.

The core goals of German Bangladesh Higher Education Network for Sustainable Textiles project are improving quality of study programme, boosting applied research and developing capacity of mid level managers.

University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh Chairman Professor Abdul Mannan, its Member Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, senior officials from UGC, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) were present. UGC in association with DAAD and GIZ jointly organized the workshop.

Addressing the programme, the Secretary of UGC Dr. Md. Khaled said HEST project aims are to reducing the skill gap of mid-level managers in textile and Ready-Made Garments (RMG) sectors in Bangladesh. He also said sustainability of

education and in-depth research works in RMG sector are highly needed to address the issue.

Ladina George, Project Manager said its main facilitating structural change in the RMG as well as leather and footwear sector to support Bangladesh's transformation to a middle income country.

The project has successfully running in Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, Asian University for Women, Bangladesh University of Textiles, BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology, Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology, North South University, Notre Dame University Bangladesh and University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh.

Anti-ragging rally at Jahangirnagar University

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities held an anti-ragging rally on the campus on 24 February 2019 to create awareness against ragging among the university students. Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Member, UGC inaugurated the procession.

Addressing the programme, he said 'Ragging is a perverted culture'. We all have to come forward to stop this practice. Making a ragging-free campus is impossible without collective efforts.

Professor Dr. Farzana Islam, Vice-Chancellor, JU called upon all to free the campus from the curse of ragging. Senior teachers, students from different departments, including leaders and activists of different student organizations, participated in the programme.



Meeting with Syndicate Members of Private Universities



A meeting with the Syndicate Members of Private Universities nominated by University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh was held at UGC Bhaban on 25 February 2019.

The Chairman of UGC Professor Abdul Mannan graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC chaired the meeting. Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah and Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Members, UGC spoke as Special Guests on the occasion.

The Chairman of UGC welcomed the Honorable Members of Syndicates of different Private universities in Bangladesh. Professor Mannan first underscored the importance of Syndicate in running a university, and regretted that many Private universities of the country do not hold Syndicate, Finance Committee and Board of Trustees Meetings regularly. He reminded the august audience that it is a violation of Private University Act 2010 and must not be allowed to continue. In his speech the Chairman of UGC mentioned that it is imperative to hold meetings of different bodies regularly to ensure quality education as well as to sustain good governance. He also noted that a number of Private universities follow Government and UGC's rules and regulations and are providing quality education.

In course of the discussion, the Syndicate Members came up with a number of suggestions which includes, among others, introduction of a ranking system, enhancing monitoring, building good relations with private universities, appointing more UGC nominated members in syndicate, preparing recruitment policy, setting criteria for private university admission, formulating a recruitment policy under UGC and stopping

opening department rather whimsically in many private universities.

Syndicate Members from over 40 private universities took part in the meeting. Director of UGC Private University Division Dr. Fakhru Islam, senior officials from UGC, among others, were present. As per Private University Act 2010, UGC nominates a syndicate member to the 11- member syndicate body.

EU delegation visits UGC

A three member delegation from the European Union led by its First Counsellor Ms. Doerte Bosse met Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh on 10 January 2018.

Ms. Doerte Bosse highlighted the importance of capacity building in higher education, international credit mobility and Erasmus Mundus joint master degree programme, PhD and research opportunities for students and teachers from Bangladesh. She noted that Bangladesh has been immensely benefited from Erasmus Mundus scholarship programmes. She also observed that EU is eager to work closely with the universities of Bangladesh for capacity building in higher educational institutions in Bangladesh. In this regard, she sought assistance and cooperation from UGC to promote the opportunities in Bangladesh.



The Chairman of UGC underscored the need for academic co-operation between EU and Higher Education Institutions in Bangladesh to strengthen the skills and capacity of Bangladeshi students and teachers. Terming Erasmus as very good initiative, he said it will work for the expansion of Erasmus programme in the country.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum and Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC; Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, among others, were present on the occasion.

Workshop on Enhancing Institutional Innovation Capacity at UGC



A day-long workshop on enhancing institutional innovation capacity was held on 06 January 2019 at the auditorium of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh for UGC and university officials to provide services to the service receivers efficiently and effectively. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the function as the Chief Guest, while Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member of UGC was in the Chair. Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC was Special Guest on the occasion.

The Chairman of UGC underscored the importance of innovation and expressed his opinion that institutional innovation is essential for making the activities of any organization transparent, dynamic and easier. He urged the UGC and university officials to enhance their skills and discharge their daily activities by using digital technology and be innovative.

High officials from UGC, a2i and Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division were present.

Workshop on Annual Performance Agreement Management System at UGC

A two-day long workshop on Annual Performance Agreement Management System was held at the auditorium of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh during 20-21 January 2019. The University Grants Commission organized the workshop for making the activities of universities

transparent, dynamic and vibrant. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the opening ceremony as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Member, UGC presided over it. Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC; Mr. Md. Belayet Hossain Talukder, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Education and Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC were present as Special Guests on the occasion.

Professor Mannan, in his remarks, said the objectives of the workshop are to make all relevant stakeholders aware of the Annual Performance Agreement and ensure good governance and excellence in performance of tertiary institutions. He urged all concerned to work unitedly for the sake of country's development. The Chairman of UGC also said there is no alternative to ensuring good governance and eradicating corruption and other malpractices.



Senior officials from MoE, Ministry of Cultural Affairs and UGC were the resource persons at the workshop. Registrars, focal points of Annual Performance Agreement of 40 Public Universities of the country participated in the workshop.

KOICA delegation holds meeting with Professor Mannan

A two member delegation from Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) called on Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh on 22 January 2019. Professor Kyoung Yul Bay, Sangmyung University (SMU) Korea led the delegation.



Dr. Bay informed the Chairman of UGC that KOICA wants to design a project for the empowerment of young women from rural as well as disadvantaged families. The project will also focus on young entrepreneurs in Bangladesh. Mr. Bay sought assistance and cooperation from UGC so that selected universities can provide students, space, equipments and training facilities to them.

Professor Mannan welcomed the delegation and briefed them about the role of UGC and higher education in Bangladesh. He said the move will play meaningful role if UGC has any involvement in the project. Professor Mannan said that they also want women empowerment and young entrepreneurship in the country. For this, UGC will work together with KOICA.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC; Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, UGC, among others, were present.

The Chairman of UGC attends International Conference held in New Delhi

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh delivered lectures in New Delhi in two separate events on 19-20 February 2019. The first lecture is part of an international conference on 'Employment and Employability' organized by the British Council. The second one is part of Distinguished Lecture Series of the South Asian University (SAARC University) and entitled Fourth Industrial Revolution and the Young Generation of the Saarc Region. The session was chaired by the

President of South Asian University Dr. Kavita A Sharma and attended by the faculty members, senior students and invited guests.

Professor Mannan, in his paper, highlighted the achievements in higher education in Bangladesh during last decade, women in tertiary level and professional education and the role of the UGC in improving the quality of higher education in Bangladesh. He also highlighted the achievements of the just concluded Higher Education Quality Enhancement (HEQEP) project of the Government of Bangladesh and the World Bank.



Professor Mannan in his second presentation highlighted the importance of continuous updating of skills necessary to face the challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and said the huge availability of young population in the region was the real resource of the country provided they can be transformed into human resources by giving them the space for continuous development of their skills and knowledge. He said UGC have already prioritized blending skills with the traditional curriculum in the universities of the country to produce graduates that are employable and also become entrepreneurs.

The Chairman of UGC greets newly elected Ministers in-charge of MoE



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh congratulated Dr. Dipu Moni M.P. and Mr. AKM Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury M.P, for their appointments as Minister and Deputy Minister respectively of the Ministry of Education. The Honorable Chairman greeted them with bouquets of flower. Professor Mannan hoped that higher education in Bangladesh will reach greater heights under their dynamic and visionary leadership.

UGC Chairman congratulates Religious Affairs Minister



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh Chairman Professor Abdul Mannan warmly congratulated the newly appointed State Minister for Religious Affairs, Alhaj Advocate Sheikh Md Abdullah at Islamic Foundation on 16 January 2019.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Minister greeted at UGC



Mr. Mustafa Jabbar, Hon'ble Minister in-charge of the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology attended a programme held at UGC on 13 January 2019. The programme was on Amar Desh Amar Gram - a project that has revolutionized the rural market system in Bangladesh. Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain and Dr. M. Shah. Nowaz Ali, Members, UGC; Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary and senior officials from UGC greeted the Hon'ble Minister. Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator, Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of Prime Minister's office was also warmly received by UGC Members and Officials.

The Chairman of UGC congratulates Dr Kazi Khaliquzzaman



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh congratulated Dr Kazi Khaliquzzaman Ahmed who has been awarded Swadhinata Padak-2019 for his contributions to social services.

Workshop on Annual Performance Management



Day long workshops on Annual Performance Management were held at SUST, SAU and Cumilla University on 22 February, 23 February and 30th March 2019 respectively. Professor Mannan, Chairman of UGC attended the meetings at SUST and SAU. Relevant officials from UGC were present in the meetings. The Vice Chancellors of the respective universities presided over the meetings. Professors, Deans, Registrars and high officials from the universities were present in each meeting. The sole objectives of Annual Performance Management meets are to ensure good governance, accountability and transparency in conducting the affairs of the universities.

CEDP's workshop on Project Design Modification workshop at UGC



College Education Development Project (CEDP) organized a workshop on Project Design Modification at the auditorium of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) on 15 January 2019. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC addressed the programme as the Chief Guest.

The objectives of College Education Development Project in Bangladesh are to strengthen the strategic planning and management capacity of

the college education subsector and to improve the teaching and learning environment of participating colleges.

Bangladesh Agricultural University Research System awards 11 researchers



A-two day long inaugural session of the Annual Workshop on BAU Research Progress of 2017-18 with the theme Agricultural Innovations for Sustainable Development was held at Syed Nazrul Islam Bhaban of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in Mymensingh on 19 January 2019.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) attended the programme as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Jasimuddin Khan, Pro-VC, BAU, Mr. Robert Douglas Simpson, FAO Representative of Bangladesh and Dr Wais Kabir, Executive Director of Krishi Gobeshona Foundation (KGF), were present as the Special Guest. Prof Dr Ali Akbar, Vice-Chancellor, BAU attended as the Chief Patron on the occasion. BAURES Director Professor Dr. M A M Yahia Khandhoker, presided over the program and Professor Dr. Md. Alamgir Hossain, Associate Director, BAURES gave the welcome address on the occasion.

The Chairman of UGC said, 'An efficient research system is essential for enhancement of agricultural innovations, which helps to reduce poverty, foster development and stimulate economic growth in Bangladesh.'

Bangladesh Agricultural University Research System (BAURES) awarded 11 researchers on the basis of h-index score for their contribution in terms of global research impact.

Research Award Ceremony at Daffodil International University



Daffodil International University (DIU) organized Research Award Giving Ceremony-2019 at 71 Milonayoton of the university on 10 February 2019. Software Engineering Department (SED) of DIU achieved best Research Award for 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh was present at the program as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Md Sabur Khan, Chairman of Board of Trustees, DIU, presided over the program. The event was organized to acknowledge a total number of 188 Scopus/ISI indexed research papers which have been authored by 230 DIU Faculty Members in 2018.

DIU acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. SM Mahbub Ul Haque Majumder, Registrar Professor Dr. AKM Fazlul Haque, Director & Chief of Research Division Professor Dr. Md Kabirul Islam, were also present at the program.

The Chairman of UGC thanked DIU for its contribution in research.

Members of Parliament and Ministers accorded reception

Association of the Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB) accorded a reception to the Members of Parliament and Cabinet Ministers at a ceremony held at a city hotel on 06 February 2019.

Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni as a Chief Guest of the programme handed over crests to twenty



recipients, who are the Members of Parliament and Cabinet Ministers.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, and Professor Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Chairman of Bangladesh Accreditation Council, were the Special Guests. Mr. Md Sohrab Hossain, Senior Secretary, Education Ministry also attended the programme. Sheikh Kabir Hossain, Chairman of APUB, and also the Chairman of Fareast International University, Chaired the programme.

Chancellor of Brainware University calls on the Chairman of UGC



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh held a meeting with the Chancellor of Brainware University in West Bengal Mr. Phalguni Mookhopadhyaya at UGC on 12 March 2019 and discussed bi-lateral issues.

The Chancellor of Brainware University said they want to provide scholarship for the Bangladeshi students through UGC. The Chairman of UGC thanked the university authority for offering scholarships and other facilities for the meritorious students of the country.

Members and High officials of UGC were present in the meeting.

Workshop on Annual Performance Management at Sylhet Agricultural University



A day-long Workshop on 'Annual Performance Management: Perspective Sylhet Agricultural University' was held on its campus premises on 23 February 2019. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Md. Motiur Rahman Hawlader, Vice-Chancellor, Sylhet Agricultural University presided over the programme. Professor Dr. Md. Abul Quasem, Convener of Dean Council of SAU, Dr. Fakhrul Islam, Director, Private University Division, UGC and Mr. Subir Kumar Paul, Registrar of SAU addressed the workshop as Special Guests.

He urged the Vice Chancellors of universities to ensure good governance, accountability and transparency at their institutions. He also said agricultural universities of the country are playing vital role to make Bangladesh as a food sufficient country in the world.

Mr. Md. Kamrul Hasan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Ms. Zakia Pervin, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Education and Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Senior Assistant Director, UGC were the resources persons. Mr. Zafor Ahommed Jahangir, Joint Secretary Mr. Md. Shah Alom, Additional Director, Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary and Mr. Md. Moirullah, Deputy Director, UGC were also present.

UGC officials lead a team to SAUFEST- 2019

A team comprising 50 students from different Public and Private universities participated in the 12th South Asian Universities Festival (SAUFEST)-2019 held during 22-26 February 2019 at Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhatisgarh, India. The team was led by Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC. Mr. Md. Kamal Hossain, Director, UGC; Ms. Jinnat Rehana, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Education; Ms. Mauli Azad, Deputy Director, UGC; Mr. Md. Mustafejur Rahman, Senior Assistant Director, UGC and Mr. Md. Mohibul Ahsan, Senior Assistant Director, UGC attended the 12th SAUFEST. The students from Rajshahi University, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Khulna University, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Comilla University, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Bangladesh University of Textiles, University of Barisal, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University, BRAC University, Prime University, Southeast University, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology and CCN University took part in the Festival. The students from Bangladesh took part in a number of events that included light vocal, solo song, group song, classical dance, elocution, poster making, photography, debate and clay modeling. About 250 students from 8 countries participated at the SAUFEST.



The SAUFEST is annually organized to establish mutual cooperation and exchange of ideas among the students of the universities of South Asian Countries.

Seminar on Immortal Poem of the Poet of the Politics



A Seminar entitled Immortal Poem of the Poet of the Politics, was held at at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh on 08 March 2019. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina was present on the occasion as the Chief Guest. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC presented the keynote paper on the occasion, while Professor Dr. Farzana Islam, Vice-Chancellor, Jahangirnagar University and Associate Professor from Department of International Relations of Dhaka University Dr. Niloy Ranjan Biswas were the discussants. Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust organized the programme marking the historic 7th March Speech of Bangabandhu. Artist Hashem Khan, President, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Museum and Chief Executive Officer of the Trust Mashura Hossain spoke at the programme. Member Secretary of the Trust Sheikh Hafizur Rahman also spoke.

Hona'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina first highlighted the background and importance of the historic 7th March Speech and told the audience that the Father of the Nation spoke not only for the oppressed people of Bangladesh alone but also of the whole world. 'The speech galvanized the entire Bengali Nation and Bangabandhu gave a clarion call to fight the injustices and free the Nation from the clutches of Pakistan rules,' she said.

The Chairman of UGC said the 7th March speech of Bangabandhu inspired the Bengali people in their quest for freedom and emancipation and provided a guideline for the freedom fighters.

Terming Bangabandhu's 7th March Speech as exceptional one, the Chairman of UGC stressed the need for upholding the significance of the 7th March Speech by him before the new generation.

International Conference on State and Society in South Asia: A Historical Perspective



Jagannath University (JnU) and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies jointly organized a two day long international conference with the theme of State and Society in South Asia: A Historical Perspective" on 15 March 2019. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC; Professor Dr. Mijanur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, JnU; Professor Dr. Khodeja Khatun, Chairperson, Department of History, JnU and Professor Dr. Harun-or-Rashid, Vice-Chancellor, National University spoke at the event. Professor Muchkund Dubey, former Foreign Secretary of India also spoke on the occasion.

International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Communication Engineering



An International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Communication Engineering (ECCE 2019) was held during 07-09 February 2019 in Cox's Bazar. The programme was organised by Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology.

Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP, Hon'ble State Minister, ICT Division, graced the Conference as the Chief Guest. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh addressed as Special Guest at the Closing Ceremony.

International Conference on Global Peace and Harmony at Islamic University



The 2nd International Nursi Conference on Global Peace and Harmony: 'The Risala-i-Nur Perspective' was held during 28-29 January 2019 at the Birshrestho Hamidur Rahman Auditorium, Islamic University, Kushtia. Faculty of Theological and Islamic Studies, Islamic University and Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture jointly organized the conference. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the conference as the Chief Guest, while Professor Dr. Md. Harun-ur-Rashid Askari, Vice-Chancellor, Islamic University was in the Chair. The keynote paper was presented by Dr. Alparslan Acikgenc from Turkey. Among others, the Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Islamic University Dr. M. Shahinoor Rahman and Mr. Shamim Mohammad Afzal, Director General, Islamic Foundation spoke on the inaugural session. This year, Islamic scholars from seven countries and Bangladesh participated in the two day conference where seventy papers were presented.

Professor Mannan, in his speech, said that Islam stands for peace, tolerance, logic, brotherhood and co-existence and does not support militancy, extremism and terrorism. He urged all to take teachings and lessons from life and works from Nursi, the great Turkish scholar. Professor Mannan stressed the need for more research in science, philosophy and logic to regain the lost glory of Islamic Civilization.

Workshop on 'Establishment of Different Faculties, Farm, Plants and Institutions at CVASU



A day-long workshop on Establishment of Different Faculties, Farm, Plants and Institutions was held at Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) on 26 January 2019. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh addressed the event as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Goutam Buddha Das, Vice-Chancellor, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University presided over the ceremony.

Tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman



Professor Abdul Mannan along with Members and high officials of UGC placed floral wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi Road No 32 on 17 March 2019. They prayed for the solvation of the departed soul of the great leader and Founding Father of our Nation.

99th birth anniversary of the Father of Nation observed at KU



A discussion meeting to mark the 99th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day-2019 was organized by Khulna University on 17 May 2019. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Professor Dr. Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman, Vice- Chancellor, KU presided over it. Later, the Chairman of UGC distributed prizes among the children who participated in the competition.

Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali ,Member, UGC, Dr. Shamsul Arefin, Director, Public Relations and Right to Information Division, Mr. Md. Kamal Hossain, Director, Public University Management Division and Mr, Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, UGC; Senior teachers and high officials of Khulna University were present.

Seminar on Mother Language Day



International Mother Language Institute organized a national seminar to mark the International Mother Language Day-2019. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh addressed the programme as the Chief Guest.

UGC pays tribute to Language martyrs



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh paid homage to the Language Martyrs at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka on 21 February 2019. UGC led by its Member Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum placed the floral tributes to the language heroes. High officials of UGC and Leaders of the UGC Officers' Association and Karmochari Union were present at that time.

UGC pays tributes to martyrs

The Officers' Association, Karmachari Union and other officials of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the Liberation War by placing



wreaths at the National Memorial in Savar. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary led the team. They prayed for the solvation of the departed souls of millions who sacrificed their lives for our Nation.

Seminar on Kazi Nazrul Islam and First World War at Khulna University



Khulna University (KU) organized a seminar on Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and First World War at its campus on 18 March 2019. Professor Abdul Mannan, Charman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh addressed the seminar as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman presided over the programme. Nazrul researcher Professor Dr. Monalisa Das of Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, West Bengal presented the key note paper.

Dr. Shamsul Arefin, Director, Public Relations and Right to Information Division, Mr. Md. Kamal Hossin, Director, Public University Management Division, Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, UGC, senior teachers and high officials of Khulna University were present.

5th Convocation of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh



University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) held its 5th Convocation, at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in Dhaka on 25 February 2019. Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, Hon'ble President, People's Republic of Bangladesh presided over the Convocation ceremony and conferred the degrees among the graduating students. Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Minister for Education Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP Deputy Minister for Education and Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh spoke on the occasion. Noted scientist and educationist Professor Muhammed Zafar Iqbal addressed the occasion as the Convocation Speaker. Dr. Kazi Anis Ahmed, Vice President, Board of Trustees and Professor HM Jahirul Haque, Vice-Chancellor, ULAB were the Special Guests.

A total of 1,302 students, including 1,019 undergraduates and 283 graduates received their degrees this year.

20th Convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh

The 20th Convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) was held at its campus in Bashundhara Residential Area on 28 March 2019. Hon'ble President of People's Republic of Bangladesh Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid presided over the Convocation ceremony and conferred degrees among the graduating students. Deputy Education Minister Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, M.P., Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC and Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB also spoke on the occasion.



Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed, founder Chairman, Bishwa Sahitya Kendra was present as the Convocation Speaker. Professor M Omar Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, IUB delivered the welcome speech.

Addressing the programme, the ex-officio Chancellor of all the universities asked the students of the Independent University of Bangladesh, to serve the people if they want to succeed in life.

Professor Mannan stressed that IUB has been impacting education in producing quality graduates who can really take the charge. He assured the IUB of providing all essential support from his institution in the days to come ahead.

18th Convocation of East West University



The 18th Convocation of East West University (EWU) was held on its campus premises at Aftabnagar in the city on 30 January 2019. Mr. AKM Mozammel Huq, Minister for Liberation War Affairs presided over the Convocation ceremony as the representative of the Hon'ble President of People's Republic of Bangladesh and conferred degrees among the graduating students.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC was present on the occasion as the Special Guest. Professor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology Dr. Yasmeen Haque delivered the Convocation Speech while Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, Chairperson, Board of Trustees and Professor Dr. M M Shahidul Hassan, Vice-Chancellor, EWU, also spoke on the occasion.

The Chairman of UGC Professor Abdul Mannan said Bangladesh would be able to reach its expected economic, social and cultural goals through the new generations' power of invention.

A total of 2073 undergraduate and graduate students were conferred degrees and eight of them were awarded gold medals for their outstanding results.

The members of the Board of Trustees, the Pro-Vice Chancellor, the Treasurer, Deans, Chairpersons of the Departments, Faculty Members, officials, graduating students and their proud parents attended the Convocation ceremony.

1st Convocation of East Delta University



The 1st Convocation Ceremony of East Delta University was held at the University Campus of East Nasirabad in Chattogram on 10 March 2019. Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Education presided over the convocation ceremony and conferred degrees among the graduating students.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Mr. Abdullah Al Noman, Chairman of Board of Trustees of East Delta University, Mr. Saeed Al Noman, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees of East Delta University, EDU Vice-Chancellor Mr. M Sekandor

Khan, spoke on the occasion, Mr. Imdadul Hoque Milon, Editor, the Daily Kaler Kanto was the convocation speaker. Vice-Chancellors of different private universities were present on the occasion.

Addressing the programme, Dr. Dipu Moni advised the authorities of Private Universities to abide by the government rules and regulations to promote higher education in the country.

Over 600 graduates took part in the convocation. Of them, 120 received gold medals from the Minister.

8th Convocation of Daffodil International University



Daffodil International University held its 8th Convocation on its Permanent Campus in Ashulia of Dhaka on 13 March 2019. Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Education presided over the convocation ceremony and conferred degrees among the graduating students. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh addressed the convocation ceremony as the Special Guest. Mr. Pornchai Monggkhonvanit, president of SIAM University of Bangkok in Thailand delivered the convocation speech. Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees and Professor Yousuf Mahbubul Islam Vice-Chancellor, DIU, also addressed the event.

A total of 5631 students received their Bachelor's and Master's degrees and 17 received gold medals for their outstanding results.

3rd Convocation of City University



The 3rd Convocation of City University was held on 03 March 2019 at Bangabandhu International Conference centre (BICC) in Dhaka.

Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury, Deputy Minister for Education presided over the convocation ceremony as the representative of the Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and conferred degrees among the graduating students. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was the Convocation Speaker. Professor Dr. Md. Shah-E-Alam, Vice-Chancellor, City University and Alhaj Mockbul Hossain, Chairman, Board of Trustees of the university also spoke.

The Deputy Minister conferred degrees on 3,525 graduates.

1st Convocation of Port City International University



The 1st Convocation Ceremony of Port City International University was held in a community centre at Panchlaish of Chattogram on 31 March 2019. Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Hon'ble Minister for

Education presided over the convocation ceremony as the representative of the Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and conferred degrees among the graduating students. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, was present on the occasion as Special Guest.

Professor Mannan attends Freshers' reception at CU



The fresher's reception ceremony of Faculty of Business Administration, Chittagong University was held on 13 January 2019. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was present on the occasion as the Chief Guest. The programme was presided over by the Dean of the Faculty Dr. A. F. M. Aowrangazab, while Professor Dr. Iftexhar Uddin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of the university inaugurated the event. Professor Dr. Shirin Akhter, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the university also spoke on the occasion.

While speaking as the Chief Guest, the Chairman of UGC noted a business degree is a professional degree and the students, who have been enrolled in different universities, to study Business and Management must continuously improve their skills to keep the professional quality and meet the international standard. Professor Mannan traced the history of economic development of Bangladesh, how it transformed from an agriculture-based country to a service and medium industry oriented economy.

He also emphasized the role of education in transforming human capital into human resources. Professor Mannan also said universities should not emphasize only on teaching but also inspire students to think and learn.

The Chairman of UGC attends Freshers' receptions



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the orientation (2018-19 Session) programs at Bangladesh Agricultural University (05 January, 2019) and Independent university, Chittagong (12 January 2019). He was Chief Guests on both the occasions.

While speaking as the Chief Guest, the Chairman of UGC said, 'Bangladesh has made a remarkable progress towards a more prosperous and thriving society and called upon the young generation to take the responsibility of leading this society. Professor Mannan hoped that the students will play a vital role for Bangladesh to make its head high in global arena.

Launching ceremony of PMAC Veterinary Teaching Hospital,

The inaugural ceremony of the 'Professor Moslehuddin Ahmed Chowdhury Veterinary Teaching Hospital' (PMACVTH) of Sylhet Agricultural University was held on 23 February 2019. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC inaugurated the hospital. The hospital has been providing a veterinary service for all species of



animal and poultry. Its aim is to advance medicine by integrating world-class patient care with leadership in education and scientific discovery at Sylhet Agricultural University.

Veterinary Teaching Hospital of SAU is the only seat of clinical learning of veterinary practices under close supervision of the concerned teaching staff members of the clinical departments.

Launching ceremony of BSMMU Hepatology Alumni Association



The Alumni Association of Hepatology (Liver) Department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) began its journey aiming to improve medical facilities and increase the scope of research.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC announced the inauguration at a ceremony held at the university on 12 February 2019. On the occasion, rallies, crests distributions, scientific sessions, pitta festivals, raffle draws and cultural programs were arranged on the campus.

154th Full Commission Meeting of UGC



The 154th Full Commission meeting of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh was held at UGC Bhaban on 10 February 2019. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC presided over the meeting. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, conducted the meeting. Members of UGC Full Commission, Divisional Heads of UGC, among others, were present in the meeting.

Financial grants to Sylhet Medical University



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh handed over first cheque of Tk. 2 crore to the newly established Sylhet Medical University on 25 February 2019, Dr. Morshed Ahmed Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of the university received the cheque for 2019-2020 Financial Year from Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of UGC. UGC disbursed the money for salaries and related expenses of the university.

Mr. Md. Rezaul Karim Hawlader, Director (Current Charge), Mr. Md. Rafiqul Alam, Deputy Director (Budget), Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, UGC were present.

Foundation Course for University Teachers: Certificate Awarding ceremony



A certificate awarding ceremony of 21st Foundation training for university teachers was held on 31 January 2019 at the auditorium of UGC. Graduate Training Institute (GTI) of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in association with UGC organized the month-long training for the young teachers to develop their professional skills.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the event as the Chief Guest, while Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC presided over it. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC; Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC; Mr. A. K. M. Rafiqul Islam, Director, GTI and its co-coordinator of the training programme were present on the occasion. Professor Dr. Mozahar Ali, Coordinator, GTI, also addressed the programme. Divisional Heads of UGC, GTI officials, among others, were present.

Addressing the programme, the Chairman of UGC said a national level training institution would be established for professional development of the university teachers. He also said university teachers should inspire students to think and learn and not only teach the subject.

Professor Mannan said teacher's community has to play a great role to take the country forward. He also said GTI has been producing skilled and accomplished manpower in the country by conducting the training programme.

Professor Yousuf Ali Mollah urged the young teachers to concentrate on research and to be present in the respective department to maintain contact with the students.

A total of 25 participants from different universities took part in the training course financed by UGC.

21st Foundation Training for University Teachers



The inaugural ceremony of the 21st Foundation Training for teachers from a number of Public Universities sponsored by University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh was held at Graduate Training Institute (GTI) of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) on 05 January 2019. UGC Chairman Professor Abdul Mannan graced the function as the Chief Guest.

GTI introduced the Foundation Training for Public University with the financial support of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh in 2007. The course includes the history of tertiary education, education psychology, research methodology, statistical methods for research, scientific report writing, office management, global and local development issues, teaching quality and teacher ethics, learning assessment, IT skills, and co-curricular activities.

Visit to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University



A four member delegation from University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh led by Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Member of UGC visited Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (BSMRAU) to evaluate the feasibility of establishment of a new faculty Agroforestry and Environment, and Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (IBGE) at BSMRAU, Gazipur on 05 March 2019.

The Vice-Chancellor of BSMRAU Professor Dr. Md. Giashuddin Miah welcomed the guests at his office. The distinguished guests went around the different research laboratories, classes and research fields of the University.

Bilateral meeting with Bangamata Sheikh Fojilatunnesa Mujib Science and Technology University



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC held a bilateral meeting with Professor Dr. Syed Shamsuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor, Bangamata Sheikh Fojilatunnesa Mujib Science and Technology University (BSFMSTU) on 21 March 2019. Mr. Mirza Azam, MP was also present. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC and Khandker Hamidur Rahman, Registrar, BSFMSTU, among others, were present.

ADB delegation visits UGC

A three member delegation from Asian Development Bank (ADB) met Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC on 11 March 2019. Mr. Sungsup Ra, Director, Employment and Innovation Project of ADB led the delegation.

The meeting discussed the Development Project Proposal (DPP), and its action plan. The proposed



three-year long ADB project on 'Tertiary Education for competitiveness (Information Technology)' will be implemented in nine universities of Bangladesh. UGC has been made the implementing authority of the \$250 million project. UGC Members, Secretary, Directors, among others, were present.

Delegation from Holor Technology Inc, Japan calls on the Chairman



A four-member delegation from Holor Technology Inc, Japan called on Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh at UGC on 06 March 2019.

Holor Technology Inc, Japan wants to help engineering students in Bangladeshi universities to develop their skills and knowledge to boost education and research about electronic technology, said Mr. Mitsumasa Tsutsui, Chief Operating Officer of Holor.

Professors Dr. Dil Afroza Begum and Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali; Members, UGC; Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary of UGC and other high officials of UGC were present in the meeting.

A delegation from Aga Khan Development Network visits UGC

A two member delegation from Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) called on



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC at UGC Bhaban on 11 February 2019. Mr. Munir Merali, AKDN Resident Diplomatic Representative to Bangladesh led the delegation. The delegation informed the Chairman of UGC that AKDN is establishing an Academic Institute in Dhaka for offering International Baccalaureate (IB) degree. They sought cooperation from UGC for recognition of its certificates. Mr. Munir Merali, AKDN Resident Diplomatic Representative to Bangladesh said IB programme will help to create skilled and efficient manpower in the country. Besides, it will improve the access to quality education. He also said IB programme is similar to A Level and Higher Secondary Certificate.

Professor Mannan lauded the activities of AKDN in Bangladesh, in particular in education, and told the visiting delegate that UGC will extend necessary help to AKDN as and when it is desired.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain and Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Members, UGC; Dr. Md. Fakhrul Islam, Director, Private University Division, UGC; Ray Zinsli, Director, Academic Planning and Development Division, the Aga Khan Academy Dhaka; Mr. Maksudur Rahman Bhuiyan, Additional Director, International Co-operation & Collaboration (ICC) and Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, Administration Division, UGC were present in the meeting.

Power point presentations by different universities

a) Rabindra University, Bangladesh

A-two-member delegation from Rabindra University, Bangladesh led by its Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Bishwajit Ghosh made a Power Point Presentation of a development project proposal on “রবীন্দ্র বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় স্থাপন” at an appraisal meeting held on 13 January 2019 at UGC Bhaban.



The committee recommended the project proposal of Tk 923439.38 lakh for approval.

b) Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University

A-five-member delegation from Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University led by its Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. A.H.M. Mustafizur Rahman made a Power Point Presentation of a development project proposal on “জাতীয় কবি কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের সম্প্রসারণের জন্য ভূমি অধিগ্রহণ ও উন্নয়ন” at an appraisal meeting held on 27 February 2019 at UGC Bhaban. The committee recommended the project proposal of Tk 1,04,094.00 Lakh for approval.

All the meetings were presided over by Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Member, UGC. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, Dr. Ferdous Zaman, Director, Dr. Durga Rani Sarker, Additional Director, Planning and Development Division, UGC and relevant officers of Planning & Development Division, UGC were present in the meetings.

UGC delegation visits different universities

a) Khulna Agricultural University



A-five member delegation from UGC led by its Member Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali visited Khulna Agricultural University on 30 January

2019. The delegation met the Vice Chancellor of the university Professor Dr. Md. Shahidur Rahman Khan at his office. The team visited the university to see whether physical and other facilities are available to launch academic activities of the proposed Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, Agriculture, Agriculture Engineering and Technology subjects at the university.

b) Khulna University



A seven member delegation from UGC led by its Chairman Professor Abdul Mannan visited Khulna University on 16 March 2019. The Chairman of UGC met the Vice Chancellor of the university Professor Dr. Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman at his office. The team visited the university to evaluate the justification of changing the name of the Centre for Integrated Studies on the Sundarbans into Institute for Integrated Studies on the Sundarbans and Coastal Ecosystems. Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Member, UGC; Dr. AKM Shamsul Arefin, Director, Public Relations and Right to Information Division; Mr. Md. Kamal Hossain, Director, Public University Management Division and Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, UGC, among others were present.

Inauguration of Digital display at UGC



Inaugural Ceremony of Digital display was held on 07 March 2019. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, inaugurated the Digital display

set up at UGC Bhaban as the Chief Guest. Professors Dr. Dil Afroza Begum and Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali; Members, UGC, Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, Divisional Heads and other officials of the Commission were present. The routine works of UGC Chairman, its Members and higher education related information will be displayed in the Digital display.

UGC annual picnic held



University Grants Commission (UGC), Officers' Association organized its annual picnic-2019 at Dhali's Amber Nivas & Resort in Munshiganj. Sports, raffle draw, cultural programme and other entertainment activities were held centering the annual outing. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary and President of UGC Officers' Association and officials of UGC took part in the programme.

UGC arranges friendly T-20 cricket tournament to mark Independence Day



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh organized friendly cricket tournament to mark the Independence Day at its residential area in Mirpur on 26 March 2019. Later, Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC distributed prizes among the cricketers.



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