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PRESIDENT

People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Dhaka

## MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to know that the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh is going to publish a comprehensive book under the title 'Universities of Bangladesh.' I believe this is a significant attempt by the UGC to widen information regarding tertiary level education both at home and abroad.

Educational information plays an important role in taking the right decisions and provides ample opportunity to select proper institutions and scholarship for the students, researchers and teachers as a whole. I have been informed that the publication 'Universities of Bangladesh' is a large data compilation of tertiary level educational institutions in the country. I hope that it would be a rich and valuable source of information for the stakeholders and would create an opportunity to establish linkage with internationally reputed universities and organizations.

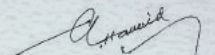
With the advancement of tertiary level education in Bangladesh, both in the private and public sectors, the role of UGC has been expanded significantly to supervise the activities of universities and their development. It is heartening to note that UGC has been performing a laudable role in enhancing the quality of education in Bangladesh through their epoch-making activities. I am also confident that UGC will focus on qualitative change in higher education and bring in more improvement in the governance and management of the universities by establishing academic discipline, financial accountability and transparency. I urge the UGC to ensure high quality education in the public and private universities, keeping in view the needs and aspirations of the people and the society.

I firmly believe that the publication titled 'Universities of Bangladesh' will receive kudos from users and readers. I extend my sincere thanks to UGC for their commendable contributions towards upholding quality higher education for the sake of the nation.

I wish the publication a grand success.

Khoda Hafez. May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Dhaka, 2016

  
Md. Abdul Hamid



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



PRIME MINISTER  
Government of the People's Republic  
of Bangladesh

## MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) is going to publish a book titled 'Universities of Bangladesh'.

The Awami League government has adopted a modern, scientific and time-befitting education policy to ensure quality education. We enacted Private University Act-2010 to boost up higher education facilities. Since 2009, the government established 8 public universities and gave permission to set up and operate 42 private universities. The number of approved universities in the country has risen to 137.

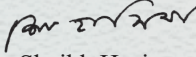
We put special emphasis on ICT, Science and Technology based education. At least one university will be set up in each district of the country.

To ensure quality at tertiary-level of education, a project with the assistance of the World Bank is being implemented under the Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP). Besides, collaborative programmes among different universities, research organizations and other educational bodies around the world are going on.

I hope that this handbook will provide brief information about universities and higher education initiatives of the country.

I wish the publication a grand success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

  
Sheikh Hasina

Dhaka, 2016





MINISTER  
Ministry of Education  
Government of the People's Republic  
of Bangladesh

## MESSAGE

The initiative taken by the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) to publish an informative Handbook titled “Universities of Bangladesh” is praiseworthy.

The Handbook would hopefully cover useful references and information required by students, teachers, and researchers of our country and those willing to pursue higher studies in Bangladesh from abroad.

The 21st century has brought about tremendous challenges before the higher education sector of Bangladesh. Innovative research and publication is an integral part of higher education and it plays a resplendent role in building up a knowledge-based society.

Quality higher education is essential for the development of a country, and this can be achieved only by the pursuit of research, qualitative teaching and creating a conducive learning environment. In spite of financial constraints, the government is giving top most priority to education in the budget allocation.

To ensure quality education, the Government of Bangladesh has taken a number of steps such as approval of the Private University Act-2010, National Education Policy-2010, Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP). Besides, the government has already increased the number of Public and Private Universities to facilitate the access to higher education and therefore, the number of students has increased manifold. Framing the Accreditation Council Act, for rating public and private universities with a view to creating a healthy competition, is at the final stage. The government has also taken steps to form the more powerful Higher Education Commission (HEC) in the place of UGC to handle the increased purview of Higher Education.

I am sure, apart from providing guidance to the students, teachers and researchers, the publication “Universities of Bangladesh” will also serve as a reference book. I thankfully acknowledge the excellent step of the UGC and wish the publication a grand success with a total fulfilment of its objectives.

Dhaka, 2016

Nurul Islam Nahid, MP





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CHAIRMAN  
University Grants Commission  
of Bangladesh

## FOREWORD

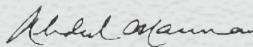
It is truly wonderful to know that the *Universities of Bangladesh* handbook is being published. With its overarching dimensions, this book is dedicated to new challenges incorporating necessary information about the universities of our country in a single volume. It incorporates basic information on each university, its history, jurisdiction, names of principal officers and faculty members, facilities in the form of scholarships, fellowships, medals and awards, budget estimates, enrolment of students, examination system, students' co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, information services, hostels/residences, library, research facilities, annual results, list of constituent and affiliated colleges, and also information relating to courses of studies.

With the establishment of new universities, the horizon of the country's higher education is constantly expanding. Since the establishment of the University of Dhaka in 1921, the number of public universities has risen to 37 by December 2015. Meanwhile, a new development in the arena of university education in Bangladesh has come about with the setting up of universities in the private sector since 1992. There are now as many as 91 private universities in the country. There are also two international universities at present functioning in Bangladesh, namely the Islamic University of Technology at Gazipur near Dhaka, supported by the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), and the Asian University for Women in Chittagong, sponsored by international philanthropic foundations.

It can be added here that while there will be an increasing demand for the establishment of universities in the future, ensuring quality education in these universities is a must as there is no alternative to sustainable education in order to build a developed nation as well as to meet the challenges of this millennium. In this regard, the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh is relentlessly putting its best efforts in promoting, monitoring and maintaining the standard of university education and undertaking adaptable initiatives to facilitate quality education and research programs at the tertiary level of education.

I am sure, apart from providing guidance to students, teachers and researchers; the *Universities of Bangladesh* will also serve as a reference book for the Embassies and High Commissions of Bangladesh for advising foreign students desirous of pursuing higher studies in our country. It also provides information about foreign universities with whom we have linkages. By bringing out this commendable work, the UGC Editorial Board has done an excellent job. I express my sincere thanks to the chief editor and members of the Board.

Dhaka, 2016

  
Professor Abdul Mannan





MEMBER

University Grants Commission  
of Bangladesh

## CHIEF EDITOR'S NOTE

It is a matter of immense delight for me to announce the publication of the *Universities of Bangladesh*. The *Universities of Bangladesh* is a broad-scope publication aiming to provide an all-embracing sketch of information about the public, private and international universities of Bangladesh up to 31 December 2015. Besides, another taxing endeavor has been accomplished to incorporate a thorough idea about the background, present structural composition, role and functions of the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh in this book.

The *Universities of Bangladesh* is a valuable and informative reference containing information regarding the universities of Bangladesh required by the students, teachers and researchers of our country. Furthermore, the *Universities of Bangladesh* will also serve as a reference book for the Embassies or Missions of Bangladesh for advising foreign students who may wish to pursue higher education in the universities of Bangladesh.

The Editorial Board is deeply indebted to Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, for his sincere guidance in publishing this document. We also gratefully acknowledge his insightful comments and suggestions in bringing out this valuable publication.

Last but not the least, I would like to share my experience as the chief editor. Editing, to me, is always a demanding task as it contains an assortment of erudition, responsibilities and sincerity. It really gives me immense delight that the Chairman of UGC has trusted me to accomplish the task. I express my sincere gratitude to him and seek his precious advice and comments in future. Besides, the Research Support and Publication Division of UGC and the Editorial Board of the *Universities of Bangladesh* have made strenuous efforts for this publication. By bringing out this work, the concerned division and the Editorial Board have accomplished a laudable job indeed. I convey my heartfelt thanks to them for their sincere assistance and cooperation in publishing this book.

Moreover, I offer my cordial appreciation to the authorities of the universities for their quick response in providing the necessary information that stands out as the basis of this book. I anticipate their cooperation in future. However, the overall exposure of infrastructural data and facilities of any university presented in this book should not be regarded as absolutely flawless. The relevant information was collected from the respective universities. I am quite hopeful that the next edition will be a better, more informative and an improved version of the present book. Any constructive comment and suggestion for improving the next edition will be highly appreciated.

Dhaka, 2016

Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum



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