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From the Desk of the Editor

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina undertook a BD Tk 2054.00 Crore Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) in 2009. The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was the implementing agency. The HEQEP has now been successfully completed. The sole objective of this project was to enhance the quality and standard of higher education and research in Bangladesh. A total of 443 sub-projects involving 38 universities were funded from HEQEP, although the services have been extended to 116 universities- Public and Private. Remarkable progresses have been made in creating enabling conditions for teaching-learning, cutting-edge research, promoting quality education in the universities, establishing digital connectivity through Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN), Higher Education Management and Information System (HEMIS), Digital Library, Virtual Class Rooms, Campus Network and establishing University-Industry collaboration. Innovative ideas have been generated through establishing FabLab (Fabrication Laboratory). The challenge is now to ensure sustainability of the facilities created and continue with the developments for greater interest of the Nation so that the dream of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman could be realized.

Prof. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah
Member, UGC

Annual Report 2017 presented to the Hon'ble President



A delegation from the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh led by its Chairman Professor Abdul Mannan handed over the Annual Report 2017 to Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, the Hon'ble President of People's Republic of Bangladesh on 19 October 2018.

The Chairman of UGC appraised the President about various aspects of the report and informed the President about overall activities of the Commission, especially, development projects and implementation progress. He said that the allocation for research has been increased. Professor Mannan also noted that allocation for research in 2008-09 Fiscal Year was Tk 10 crore and 35 lakh, while an amount of Tk 73 crore and 30 lakh has been allocated in the Fiscal Year 2017-18. The Chairman of UGC informed the Hon'ble President that a database called Higher Education Management Information System (HEMIS) has been created in order to ensure transparency and accountability in academic, administrative and financial management of different universities.

During the meeting, the Hon'ble President thanked the Chairman of UGC for timely publication of the Annual Report and underscored the paramount importance of research for overall socio-economic development of Bangladesh. He further observed that the universities should ensure the quality of education at any cost and prioritize research with due diligence.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain and Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Members, UGC; Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, Dr. Ferdous Zaman, Director and Mr. Md. Omar Faruque, Additional Director, Research Support and Publication Division, UGC were present.

Honorary D Litt degree conferred on Professor Mannan



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh was conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters, Honoris Causa (Hon. D Litt) by the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM), India for his outstanding contribution to higher education in Bangladesh. A special Convocation Ceremony was held at Hotel VivantaTaj in Guwahati of Assam on 24 October 2018 for this purpose. Mr. Siddhartha Bhattacharya, the Education Minister of Assam presided over the Convocation ceremony and handed over the Honorary Degree to Professor Abdul Mannan.

Mr. Mabubul Hoque, Chancellor of the University; Dr. P.K Goswami, Vice-Chancellor, USTM; Dr. Shah Md. Tanvir, Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India; Vice Chancellors from different universities in North East India and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Professor Mannan expressed his sincerest gratitude to the USTM authority for honoring him with the Degree and noted that by conferring this prestigious degree, the USTM authority has not only honoured him, but also Bangladesh as well. Professor Mannan dedicated the award to his parents, teachers and students.

It may be mentioned that Professor Mannan was invited to deliver the 3rd Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture on 25 October 2018. Incidentally, he is the first Bangladeshi to have the honor of delivering such a Lecture at USTM.

Reception to Professor Mannan for receiving Honorary D Litt Degree

The Officers' Association and Karmachari Union of UGC jointly accorded a reception to Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh for receiving Honorary D Litt degree from the University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya. The reception programme was held on 02 December 2018 in the auditorium of UGC.



Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah and Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Members, UGC spoke on the occasion as Special Guests. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary of UGC and also President of UGC Officers' Association presided over the ceremony.

Vaccine for Foot and Mouth Disease Invented



A team comprising 17 researchers under the supervision of Professor Dr. Anwar Hossain, Department of Microbiology, University of Dhaka, invented a new Trivalent Vaccine for Foot and Mouth Disease prevalent among cattle heads in Bangladesh. The research work was carried out with financial support from HEQEP under W-4 (University-Industry collaboration) component. A provisional patent application has already been filed on 01 October 2018 in the Department of Patents, Designs & Trademarks (DPDT) under the Ministry of Industries of Bangladesh with the title 'Immunogenic agents, their expression and applications, for effective Prophylaxis of foot and mouth disease'. Efforts are being made to file a similar patent application in India.

Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid MP, Hon'ble Minister in charge of MoE, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh disclosed the invention to the journalists on 16 October 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC; Mr. Md. Soharab Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, MoE; Professors Dr.

Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC; Dr. Muhammaed Zafar Iqbal, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology and Dr Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director, HEQEP also spoke on the occasion.

Mr. Nahid congratulated Professor Anwar and his research team for their remarkable achievement and noted that the Livestock Sector will be much benefitted from this invention and contribute to our economy. The Minister also observed that infectious diseases like FMD are the main obstacle in the development of this Sector to its optimum capacity and further added that vaccine innovation of the vaccine through transitional virus is a milestone for livestock research in Bangladesh.

Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights



A workshop on Intellectual Property Rights was held on 15 November 2018. The participants were the journalists from Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) and Education Reporters Association, Bangladesh. The workshop was organized under the banner of Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP). Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC was present as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Gauranga Mohanta ndc, Project Director, HEQEP, was in the Chair. Dr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank was present at the inaugural ceremony of the event as Special Guest. Mr. Siddikur Rahman Khan and Mr. Sabbir Newaz, President and General Secretary respectively of the Education Reporters Association, Bangladesh, also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Aravind Chinchure, an internationally reputed IP and Innovation Expert from India conducted the workshop.

National Qualifications Framework (NQF) for higher education in Bangladesh



National Qualifications Framework (NQF) is an enormously essential as well as a vital document in supporting Higher Education System of a country, because it provides guidance for steady growth and sustaining quality higher education. The Quality Assurance Unit (QAU) of UGC under the leadership of Professor Sanjoy Kumar Adhikary, Head of QAU has prepared the NQF for Bangladesh after extensive discussion with the stakeholders. The NQF was officially handed over to Professor Abdul Manna, Chairman, UGC on 27 December 2018 for further actions. Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC and in-charge of Strategic Planning and Quality Assurance (SPQA) unit was also present on the occasion.

Professor Dil Afroza Begum attends Global Convention meeting in France



Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh attended a three-day long Global Convention meeting held during 5-7 December 2018 at the UNESCO

Headquarters in Paris, France. The theme of the conference was Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications. The meeting reviewed the preliminary draft framework of the Global Convention in light of the comments received from member states, experts and relevant stakeholders during the consultation round launched in March 2018. Representatives from all member states, associate members of UNESCO and relevant stakeholders participated in the Global Convention meeting. The final Framework adopted at the Convention will reduce the obstacles faced by students, teachers, researchers and job-seekers outside their respective countries of origin.

UGC Chairman congratulates Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on election victory



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh congratulated the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for landslide victory in the 11th Parliamentary election. He felicitated the Hon'ble Prime Minister and hoped that under her dynamic, prudent and visionary leadership Bangladesh will continue to make a robust and sustainable development in every sphere of our National life to provide a corruption free equitable society free from hunger and all sorts of social malaise. He also hoped the newly formed government will materialize its election manifesto for balanced development of the country, quality education and research as well as appropriate employment opportunities for the country's youth force.

Role of Quality Higher Education in Achieving SDG - 4

The Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of North South University organized a Roundtable discussion on Role of Quality Higher Education in achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 4 in Bangladesh on 25 October 2018. The main objectives of the roundtable were to create



awareness on the role and the impact of quality higher education in achieving SDG # 4 in Bangladesh and analyze the best practices, current initiatives and future challenges in achieving this goal.

Professor Dr. Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, Chairman, Bangladesh Accreditation Council was present on the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC and Dr. Sanjoy Kumar Adhikary, Head, Quality Assurance Unit (QAU) of UGC were present as the Guest of Honor and the Special Guest respectively. The program was chaired by Professor Atiqul Islam, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of North South University.

Dr. Mesbah Uddin Ahmed discussed the codes of practice for program accreditation and reiterated the importance of program accreditation in the global context. Professor Yusuf Ali Mollah emphasized on instilling Universal human values in the minds of our students so that they can become ethical and responsible citizens of the country. Professor Mollah also advised the teachers as well as the students to be mindful of the importance of 'time' since every second gone by is lost in the abyss of eternity and never comes back. So all of us should make best uses of time we have.

First pet animal hospital in Bangladesh



The newly established Teaching and Training Pet Hospital and Research Centre started its operation in Dhaka's Purbachal area on 28 October 2018. The

hospital has been set up to provide hands-on training to interns and post-graduate veterinary doctors and is managed by the Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU). The pet animal hospital is now equipped with a Digital X-ray, ultra-sonogram and microspore machines. The hospital will soon have medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, radiology and imaging and vaccination units.

Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Hon'ble Minister in-charge of MoE inaugurated the hospital as the Chief Guest. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC; Mr. Md. Sohorab Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, MoE and Professor Dr. Goutam Buddha Das, Vice-Chancellor, CVASU also spoke at the inaugural ceremony.

The Hon'ble Minister observed that the hospital will provide modern treatment to pet animals and it will certainly play a critical role in ensuring qualitative veterinary education and research in the country.

The Chairman of UGC noted that CVASU has shown a pioneering example through establishing the pet hospital which is likely to play a groundbreaking role to produce skilled manpower in Veterinary Sector in the country.

Professor Dil Afroza Begum presents keynote paper at International Leadership Summit



A two-day IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Summit (ILS) on Dream, Believe, Achieve and Empower was held during 12-13 October 2018 at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Convention Centre.

The summit was inaugurated by Hon'ble State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroze Chumki as the Chief Guest, while Professor

Dr. Kanak Kanti Barua, Vice-Chancellor, BSMMU was present as Special Guest.

IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Summit is a global initiative that focuses on inspiration, leadership, empowerment and entrepreneurship for early, mid carrier and senior women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC presented a keynote paper on 'Women in Development'. Her keynote outlined the current status and role of women in national development of Bangladesh and highlighted the challenges faced by women specially in technical profession which later leads towards possible solution.

Workshop organized by College Education Development Project (CEDP)



A workshop was organized by CEDP at the International Mother Language Institute on 21 October 2018. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Hon'ble Minister in-charge of MoE graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC of Bangladesh was present as Special Guest. The CEDP was designed in 2016 to strengthen the strategic planning and management capacity of the college education sub-sector and to improve the teaching and learning environment of participating colleges.

Memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed by UGC

(a) MoU signed between UGC and A2i Programme



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh and Access to Information (A2i) at Bangladesh Computer Council on 29 October 2018. The MoU was signed to develop collaboration and to ensure easy, affordable and reliable access to quality public services for all citizens of Bangladesh.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC addressed the MoU signing ceremony as Special Guest. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC signed the agreement on behalf of UGC. Mr. Md. Mustafizur Rahman, Additional Secretary and Project Director of A2i presided over the ceremony.

The Chairman of UGC underscored the need for producing innovator and entrepreneur for development of the country.

High officials from A2i programme, Prime Minister's Office and UGC were present.

(b) MoU signed between UGC and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between UGC of Bangladesh and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia on 02 November 2018 at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. The major objectives of the MoU are to promote training on pedagogy, teaching and non-teaching faculty development of UGC and the Universities of Bangladesh.

(c) Lovely Professional University of India signs MoU with UGC



Lovely Professional University (LPU) of Jalandhar, India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh on 24 December 2018 to promote cooperation and advancement of academic, administrative and education exchange programmes between universities of Bangladesh and LPU. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC was present at the signing ceremony. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC and Mr. Nitesh Mahajan, Assistant Director, LPU signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations.

As per the agreement, LPU will provide 20 scholarships for the Bangladeshi students in 2019. Besides, the university will provide short courses, academic exchange programmes and future collaborations on higher education to Bangladeshi students, teachers, educational administrators and UGC officials.

Professors Dr. Md. Akhter Hossain, Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali Members, UGC; Dr. Sultan Mahmud Bhuyan, Director, Strategic Planning, Quality Assurance Division, Dr. Ferdous Zaman, Director, Research Support and Publication Division, Dr. AKM Shamsul Arefin, Director, Public Relations and Right to Information Division, Mr. Md. Kamal Hossain, Director, Public University Management Division and Dr. Md. Fakhrul Islam, Director, Private University Division, UGC were present.

Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) delegation visits UGC

A seven member delegation from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) called on Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC at UGC Bhaban on 18 December 2018. Professor Ir. Dr. Mohd Azraai bin Kassim, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, UTM led the delegation. The Chairman of UGC welcomed the delegation and said that University Grants Commission of Bangladesh



always welcomes foreign assistance and cooperation for internationalization of higher education. He assured the delegation of extending necessary cooperation in this regard.

They discussed the whole gambit of higher education in both countries and emphasized on collaborative research, professional development of academia, need-based research projects, exchange programme for students and faculties between Bangladesh and UTM for promotion and internationalization of higher education.

Launching ceremony of books written by Professor Mannan

(a) Education-Humanity-Heroism: A launching ceremony of a book entitled Education-Humanity-Heroism and written by Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC was held at Hotel TajVivanta in Guwahati, Assam on 24 October 2018. Mr. Siddhartha Bhattachary, in-charge of the Ministry of Education was the Chief Guest. Six Vice-Chancellors from six different Universities of North Eastern India and the Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh were present on the occasion.



(b) Padma Shetur Shat kahon: The launching ceremony of a book entitled Padma Shetur Shat Kahon was held at Pathok Shomabesh Kendro on 27 December 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of



Bangladesh and noted journalist Suvas Singho Roy compiled the book. Dr. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, National Professor; Dr. Atiur Rahman, former Governor, Bangladesh Bank; Mr. Shahabuddin Chuppu, Mr. Moshraf Hossain Bhyuian and Swadesh Roy were present on the occasion.

UGC facilitates to resolve Issues Between USTC and MBBS Students from Sri Lanka



His Highness the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in Dhaka Mr. Crisanthe De Silva called on the Chairman of UGC Professor Abdul Mannan and sought cooperation to resolve certain issues involving University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC) and the MBBS students from Sri Lanka studying at USTC.

Professor Mannan raised the issues with USTC authority and amicably resolved the issues on 23 October 2018. As a result ten MBBS students from Sri Lanka who had earlier completed their MBBS courses from USTC received certificates without payment of additional fees. Mr. Sameera Dayasekara, Deputy Head of Mission, Sri Lankan High Commission in Bangladesh, received the certificates from Professor Abdul Mannan on behalf of the students. The USTC authority assured the Chairman of UGC that in future there will be no such issues.

DG of Malaysian Higher Education Department held meeting with UGC Chief



The Director General of Department of Higher Education of Ministry of Education, Malaysia held a meeting with Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh on 31 October 2018. Professor Mannan appraised the Director General and his team members about the role of UGC in managing and promoting higher education in Bangladesh and expressed his desire to have meaningful collaboration with Higher Education in Malaysia.

They discussed the whole gambit of higher education in both countries and emphasized on collaborative research, professional development of academia, need-based research projects, exchange programme for students and faculties between Bangladesh and UTM for promotion and internationalization of higher education.

National Workshop on HEQEP Achievements



A day-long national workshop on the achievements of Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) was held at a city hotel in Dhaka on 26 December 2018. University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, implementing agency of HEQEP organized the workshop to showcase ten years achievements of HEQEP, the largest project in education sector.

Mr. Md. Sohorab Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, MoE, was present as the Chief Guest, while Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC presided over the function. Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC; Dr. Mahmud-ul-Haque, Additional Secretary (Development) SHED, MoE and Dr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank, Dhaka were present as the Special Guests. Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, (Additional Secretary), Project Director, HEQEP delivered the welcome speech.

In his presidential speech, the Chairman of UGC said that HEQEP has completely changed the tertiary education scenario of Bangladesh. No other project in education sector saw 99 percent success. The World Bank in its last review mission rated the activities of HEQEP as highly satisfactory.

The Chief Guest, in his speech stated that HEQEP achieved significant success to raise the quality of education in higher educational institutions. A number of researches have been carried out with few breakthrough innovations. It will bring massive changes in our socio-economic condition of our country, he added.

Members of UGC, Vice-Chancellors, Pro Vice-chancellors of different universities, distinguished educationists were present on the occasion. Besides, high officials from MoE, UGC, HEQEP and WB were present.

The 238 million US dollar project was jointly financed by the WB and Government of Bangladesh. The ten-year project started its journey in 2009 and was completed in 31st December 2018.

Awards for Change Makers



World University of Bangladesh (WUB) and the Daily Sun jointly organized an event on 02 October 2018 to honor A level and O level students for their outstanding results. The program was held at the International Convention City Bashundhara in Dhaka with the theme Change Makers Awards Programme.

The Hon'ble Speaker of the National Parliament of Bangladesh Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury graced the function as Chief Guest. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC; Mr. Enamul Hoque Chowdhury, Editor, Daily Sun; Mr. Nurul Islam, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Ms. Morsheda Choudhury, Treasurer, WUB were present on the occasion. Professor Abdul Mannan Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor of the university presided over it.

The Hon'ble Speaker, in her speech, observed that the young generation is the real change makers of the country and they should be equipped with the state of art knowledge and skills in all branches of human sciences. Stressing the need for acquiring proper knowledge, Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury called on the students to take the advantage of modern technology for building the nation.

Addressing the event, the Chairman of UGC urged English medium students to acquaint themselves with the true history and cultural diversity of Bangladesh. 'It is of paramount importance that our young generations are familiar with Liberation War of this country and its culture, tradition, history and work of famous people' – Professor Mannan noted.

Meetings on proposed HEAT project at UGC

(a) Brain storming on proposed HEAT project

A view exchange meeting on the proposed Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation (HEAT) project was held at the conference room of UGC on 18 November 2018. The World Bank (WB) Mission in Bangladesh is taking the initiative to finance five-year long HEAT project emphasizing on graduate employability, modernizing governance in higher education institutions, enhancing excellence in women's education in Bangladesh and Internationalization of higher education in Bangladesh.

Chaired by Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of UGC the programme was addressed, among others, by Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain,



Members, UGC; Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC; Dr. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer, WB and Dr. Venkatesh Sundararaman, Lead Economist, WB. Representatives from USA, China, India, Nepal and Afghanistan and high-officials from UGC were also present.

The Chairman of UGC observed that HEAT project is expected to make a breakthrough in Bangladesh's higher education and research through capacity building and enhancing employability of our graduates. About women education and leadership, Professor Mannan said that UGC is sincere to enhance their participation in higher education.

Dr. Mokhlesur Rahman sought UGC's support and assistance to identify the reforms activities and action plans of the project. The core goals of HEAT project are to establish a regional network of higher education institutions, improve teaching, learning and research to support graduate employability and improve the higher education management of the country, he said.

(b) Technical Meeting on HEAT project at UGC

A technical meeting on the proposed Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation (HEAT) project was held at University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh on 28 November 2018. UGC organized the meeting to discuss the Aide Memoire of the proposed HEAT project. The meeting elaborately discussed preparation, budget, implementation and tenure of the project. UGC will be the implementing agency of the project once finalized



It was disclosed by the WB representatives that the five-year long HEAT project will enhance graduate employability, improve governance and establish a regional network of higher educational institutions.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC presided over the meeting. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC; Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC; Mr. Md. Abdullah Al Hasan Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, MoE, Dr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior

Operations Officer, World Bank; representatives from WB, officials from UGC and HEQEP were present.

The Chairman of UGC said WB has designed the project following a government request to initiate a successor of HEQEP and to support women-centered educational institutions of the country. Students, teachers, employees of higher educational institutions of six Asian countries will be immensely benefited from the project, he said.

(c) Stakeholders' consultation meeting on higher education institutions

A stakeholders' consultation meeting on Research and Development of Bangladesh's Higher Education was held at University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh on 19 November 2018. The Commission invited the SPM's of HEQEP sub-projects and representatives from the World Bank to discuss the proposed 'Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation' (HEAT) project. The Chairman of UGC Professor Abdul Mannan graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC presided over the programme while Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC presented a keynote paper on Research Scenario and Future Needs of Bangladesh. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC; Mr. Md. Abdullah Al Hasan Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, MoE; Dr. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer, WB also spoke on the occasion. Representatives from World Bank, JICA, high officials from UGC were also present. Vice Chancellors from a number of Public, Private universities were present in the meeting.



Professor Mannan initiated a threadbare discussion on HEAT project and observed that Bangladeshi graduates should develop their competency for national and international job markets. He called upon the Vice Chancellors to focus on skills and job oriented education. He also noted that a regional network specially for the South Asian countries on higher education need to be established under the HEAT project.

(d) Meeting on Teachers' Professional Development' at UGC

A stakeholders' consultation meeting on Teachers' Professional Development was held at UGC Auditorium on 25 November 2018. The UGC in association with World Bank organized the meeting for the university teachers and researchers to discuss the proposed Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation (HEAT) project. 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. Nirmala Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Asian University for Woman; Dr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank and Professor Javed I. Khan (Research and Network Specialist), among others, spoke on the occasion.



Professors Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC; Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, high officials from UGC, World Bank, British Council, Quality Assurance Unit of UGC and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), among others, were present.

Power Point Presentations by different Universities

(a) Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University

A-five member delegation from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University, Gopalganj led by its Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Khandker Nasir Uddin made a Power Point Presentation of a development project proposal on “বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, গোপালগঞ্জ এর একাডেমিক কার্যক্রম সম্প্রসারণ ও অবকাঠামোগত উন্নয়ন” at an appraisal meeting held on 01st October 2018 at UGC Bhaban. The committee recommended the project proposal of seven hundred twelve core fifty nine lac Tk for approval.

(b) Sylhet Agricultural University

A-three member delegation from Sylhet Agricultural University, Sylhet led by its Vice Chancellor Professor

Dr. Md. Matiur Rahman Hawlader made a Power Point Presentation of a development project proposal on “সিলেট কৃষি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধিকতর উন্নয়ন” at an appraisal meeting held on 04th October 2018 at UGC Bhaban. The committee recommended the project proposal of eight hundred two core sixty four lac Tk for approval.

(c) Sheikh Hasina University at Netrokona

A two member delegation from Sheikh Hasina University led by its Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Rafiqullah Khan made a Power Point Presentation of a development project proposal on “শেখ হাসিনা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়” at an appraisal meeting held on 23th October 2018 at UGC Bhaban. The committee recommended the project proposal of two thousand six hundred thirty seven lac forty thousand nine hundred ninety Tk for approval.



(d) Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology

A four member delegation from Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology led by Professor Dr. Mohammad Jahangir Alam made a Power Point Presentation of a development project proposal on Establishment of an Applied Bioengineering Research Incubator (ABRI) at BUET at an appraisal meeting held on 17th December 2018 at UGC Bhaban. The Committee recommended the project proposal of eleven core ninety five lac Tk for approval.

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

Strategic Planning and Quality Assurance Division

(a) A meeting of the SPQA unit was held on 09 October 2018 to finalize the Organogram and Manpower Structure for Institutional Quality Assurance Cells (IQACs) of the universities. Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah,

Member, UGC in-charge of SPQA unit presided over the meeting. Professor Dr. Sanjoy Kumar Adhikary, Head of the Quality Assurance Unit (QAU) of UGC was present in the meeting on invitation.

(b) A meeting was held on 11 November 2018 with Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC in-charge of SPQA unit in the Chair to formulate future work plan on the targets set in the Post Self Assessment Improvement Plans of the IQACs of the universities. Head of Quality Assurance Unit of HEQEP Professor Dr. Sanjoy Kumar Adhikary was present by invitation.

(c) A meeting for preparing Standard Outcome Based Education Curriculum template was held at the conference room of UGC on 27 November 2018. The Chairman of UGC Professor Abdul Mannan presided over the meeting, while Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC in-charge of SPQA unit moderated the program. Members and Secretary of the UGC; Head of the Quality Assurance Unit and all officials of SPQA Unit of UGC were present in the meeting. Seven curriculum experts from both Public as well as Private Universities were invited to help preparing the Standard Outcome Based Education Curriculum template which will be a National document.



Conferences attended by Professor Mannan, Chairman of UGC

(a) International Conference on Sustainable Development through Cross-Border Cooperation

A two-day International Conference on Sustainable Development through Cross-Border Cooperation was held at Bangladesh University of Business and Technology (BUBT) on 08 October 2018.

A good number of reputed researchers and Professors from different countries attended the conference. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh addressed the programme as the Chief Guest. Addressing the event, he said knowledge has no



border and we can share knowledge or exchange it to develop ourselves, he said.

Professor Abu Saleh, Vice-Chancellor, BUBT said the conference will contribute to help policymakers from different countries to formulate development plans and processes in a right path. Professor Dr. Partha S Ghosh, Senior Fellow of Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, delivered the keynote speech. Professor Dr. Shafique Ahmed Siddique, Member of Board of Trustees, BUBT thanked participants at the conference. Radwan Mujib Siddiq Bobby, Councilor of Bangladesh Awami League and Consultant at UNDP was also present.

(b) International Conference on Rethinking Development in South Asia

A two-day International Conference titled Rethinking Development in South Asia was held at Chittagong University (CU) on 07 October 2018. Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) of CU hosted the conference aiming to focus on alternative and effective ways to rethink development issues in South Asian context. Dr. Moshir Rahman, Economic Advisor to the Hon'ble Prime Minister was Present as the Chief Guest. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh addressed the programme as Special Guest. Professor Dr. Farid Uddin Ahamed, Dean of Social Science and Director of SSRI presided over the programme. Professor Dr. Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, CU inaugurated the seminar.



Addressing the programme, the Chairman of UGC said it created a platform for discussion and critical engagement in achieving development goals in South Asia.

(c) Conference organized by Bangladesh University Teachers' Federation

Bangladesh University Teachers' Federation organized a conference for the teachers of public universities at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) on 20 October 2018.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina graced the function as the Chief Guest. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Hon'ble Minister in-charge of MoE; Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC and Mr. Md. Sohorab Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, MoE spoke on the occasion. Professor ASM Maksud Kamal, President, Bangladesh University Teachers' Federation presided over the meeting.



Addressing the programme, the Hon'ble Prime Minister observed that it is not possible to make a country free from hunger and poverty without having an educated nation.

She highlighted various programs undertaken by her Government for the development of the education sector. The Prime Minister urged the authorities concerned to look into the quality and standard of education at private universities. She mentioned that the government has put emphasis on modern technology-based education and vocational training.

(d) International Conference on Pathways to a sustainable economy

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) organized a day-long International Conference on Pathways to a sustainable economy: Vision 2041 agenda for Bangladesh on 30 October 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission



of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest, while Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Chairman, PKSf was in the Chair. Mr. Md. Abdul Karim, Managing Director, PKSf delivered the welcome speech.

Professor Abdul Mannan, in his speech, said Bangladesh has made significant progress in economic development, but the biggest challenge is sustainability. To achieve sustainability, we need political stability and the government needs to empower people working in different sectors for further development.

Professor Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad noted that the country has made significant progress in economic and social sectors. All problems, including those with manpower, terrorism, corruption and political stability need to be resolved properly to consolidate these achievements.

(e) Conference at Dhaka University

Bangladesh Psychological Association and Psychology Department of Dhaka University jointly organized the 'Psychological Conference 2018' at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban on 17 November 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh addressed the conference as the Chief Guest.



(f) 5th International Conference on Mechanical, Industrial and Energy Engineering

The inaugural ceremony of a two-day long 5th International Conference on Mechanical, Industrial and Energy Engineering (ICMIEE 2018) was held at



Khulna University of Engineering & Technology (KUET) on 23 December 2018. Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of KUET organized the conference to create an effective platform for researchers and technical experts to share their recent ideas, innovations and problem solving techniques in the areas of Mechanical Engineering.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Quazi Sazzad Hossain, Vice-Chancellor was present as Chief Patron, while Professor Dr. Mihir Ranjan Halder presided over the inaugural ceremony.

Addressing the programme, Professor Mannan said that Bangladesh needs more trained and educated people in technical, vocational and engineering fields to take Bangladesh into next level of development. He also said the present government has taken various measures for the development of technical and engineering education in the country.

(g) International conference on War of Independence

An international Conference on Muktizuddher Jana Itihas was held at Jahangirnagar University on 05 December 2018. Jana Itihas Charcha Kendra of Dhaka University and Department of History of JU jointly organized the conference at Zahir Raihan auditorium. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC inaugurated the event as Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Harun-or Rashid, Vice-Chancellor, National University addressed the function as Special Guest, while Professor Arifa Sultana,



Chairman, Department of History, JU presided over the ceremony. Professor Mesbah Kamal, President, Jana Itihas Charcha Kendra, DU also addressed the gathering. Professor Mozahidul Islam, Department of History, JU and researcher Mr. Mustafa Chowdhury delivered keynote speech in the inaugural session.

Addressing the programme, the Chairman of UGC said that people from all walks of life participated in the War of Independence being inspired by the country's founding Father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1971. Bangladesh would not have achieved independence if Bangabandhu was not born in this country, he added.

(h) Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering at BUET

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) addressed the inaugural conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology on 20 December 2018.



(i) Seminar on Qualitative Development of Fazil Hon's Education

A seminar on Qualitative Development of Fazil Hon's Education was held at Islamic Arabic University on 09 December 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh addressed the seminar as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Muhammad Ahsan Ullah,



Vice-Chancellor, Islamic Arabic University presided over the ceremony. Mr. Md. Abdullah Al Hasan Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, MoE; Mr. Rawnak Mahmud, Additional Secretary, Technical and Madrasah Education Division, MoE, among others, spoke on the occasion.

6th Convocation of Uttara University



The 6th Convocation of Uttara University was held at Bashundhara Convention Center on 30 October 2018. Hon'ble Education Minister Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP presided over the Convocation ceremony as representative of Hon'ble President and conferred degrees among the graduating students. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC delivered the Convocation speech. Professor Dr. M. Azizur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, and Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Uttara University addressed the Convocation ceremony.

UGC participates in 4th Development Fair in Dhaka



University Grants Commission of Bangladesh participated in the 4th Development Fair held at Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF) premises in Agargaon, Dhaka during 04-06 October 2018. The Commission set up a stall highlighting the achievements on country's higher education and research and brought out a colorful rally marking the Development Fair. Achievements in higher education sector in the last ten years (2009-2018) by the UGC were exhibited in the fair.

Programming contest at Daffodil International University



A day-long programming contest was held at the Shawadhinata Milonayoton of Daffodil International University (DIU) at Ashulia on 10 November 2018. DIU and Information, Communication Technology Division of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication and ICT organized the contest as part of a selection process for finding two teams for the ACM International Collegiate Programming (ACM-ICPC) Contest for the World Finals 2019 Contest. ACM-ICPC was an annual global multi-tiered competitive programming competition for university students.

A total of 297 teams from more than 100 public and private universities took part in the contest. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC inaugurated the programme, while National Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury was Guest of Honour. Professor Dr. S M Mahabub Ul Haque Majumder, Acting Vice-Chancellor, Daffodil International University presided over the inaugural ceremony.

The two best regional contest winners will participate in the world finals in 2019 to be hosted by the University of Porto in Portugal on March 31.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University (BSMRDU) enroll students from 2018-19 academic session

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University (BSMRDU), country's first digital university, is beginning academic activities from 2018-19 session. Initially students will be admitted under two faculties and an institute.



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh handed over the approval letter to Professor Dr. Munaz Ahmed Noor, Vice-Chancellor of BSMRDU on 08 November 2018.

With a view to improving the standard of information and communication technology education in the country, the university has been established at Kaliakair of Gazipur. The newly approved faculties are Engineering Faculty and Education and Research Faculty and the new institute is Institute for Online and Distance Learning.

The university will commence the course of Bachelor of Science in IOT in Education under Engineering Faculty and the course of Bachelor of Science in ICT in Education under Education and Research Faculty from academic session of 2018-2019. Besides, the BSMRDU got the approval of enrolling students from this session at the Digital Learning and Cyber Security Certificate Course under the Institute for Online and Distance Learning.

Workshop on Annual Performance Management at Chittagong University



A day-long workshop on Annual Performance Management was held at University of Chittagong on 14 November 2018. The university organized the workshop under the Performance Management Framework Policy of the government. The objectives

of the workshop were ensuring transparency, accountability and good governance and also enhancing excellence in tertiary education at university level.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the function as the Chief Guest, while Professor Dr. Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, CU presided over it. Professor Dr. Shirin Akhtar, Pro Vice-Chancellor, CU; Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, Dr. Md. Fakhru Islam, Director, Private University Division, Mr. Md. Rezaul Karim Hawlader, Director (Current Charge), Finance and Accounts Division, UGC were the Special Guests. Mr. K. M. Nur Ahmed, Registrar (In-charge), of CU delivered the address of welcome.

The Chairman of UGC emphasized on producing skilled manpower for the sake of nation and country. He urged the concerned authority to discharge their duties with sincerity, devotion and honesty.

Workshop on Annual Research Review at CVASU



Annual Research Review workshop of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) was held at its auditorium on 17 November 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh addressed the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Goutam Buddha Das, Vice-Chancellor of CVASU was Chief Patron of the workshop. Professor Dr. Md. Kabirul Islam Khan, Director, CVASU Research and Extension Office Affairs presided the inaugural session of the workshop. Professor Dr. Md. Nurul Absar Khan, Dean of Faculty of Fisheries; Professor Dr. Md. Raihan Faruk, Dean of Faculty of Food Science Technology and Professor Dr. Abdul Halim, Dean of Faculty Veterinary were present as Special Guests.

The Chairman of UGC called upon the researchers to conduct research works for the welfare of the people.

Inauguration of Research Facilities at CVASU



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh inaugurated the newly constructed Graduate Research Dormitory, an approach road and laid foundation of a marine hatchery of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) in Cox's Bazaar on 15 December 2018. Vice-Chancellor of the University Professor Dr. Goutam Buddha Das along with senior faculty members of the university were present during the ceremony. The research centre has been named as Coastal Biodiversity, Marine Fisheries and Wild Life Research Centre. Once completed, it will be of international standard and seventy five senior researchers will be able to conduct research at this Centre at a time. The Centre is being built on a seven acre of land and it will cost approximately Taka seven Crore.

Grants to Bangamata Sheikh Fajilatunnesa Mujib Science and Technology University



A cheque of Tk. 2 Crore was handed over to Professor Dr. Syed Samsuddin Ahmed, the Vice-Chancellor of Bangamata Sheikh Fajilatunnesa Mujib Science and Technology University on 20 December 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of UGC disbursed the money for

2018-2019 Financial Year. The university will soon start academic activities and the UGC will extend all necessary support and cooperation to establish the universities, said the Chairman of UGC.

Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Member, UGC; Mr. Md. Kamal Hossain, Director, Public University Management Division, Mr. Md. Rafiqul Alam, Deputy Director (Budget), Finance and Accounts Division, Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, Administration Division, UGC were present. Khandker Hamidur Rahman, Registrar (in-charge), Bangamata Sheikh Fajilatunnesa Mujib Science and Technology University was also present there.

Certificate course on autism held at ICDDR,B



Inaugural ceremony of certificate course on autism, first of its kind in Bangladesh, was held at ICDDR,B on 05 December 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC inaugurated the certificate course as the Chief Guest. Dr. Syed Monjurul Islam, Deputy Executive Director, ICDDR,B presided over the programme while Nilufer Ahmed Karim, Executive Director, Faith Bangladesh, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Faith Bangladesh in association with Adelphi University of the United States organized the five-day course titled 'Traditional Therapies and Art Modalities'. The certificate course on autism was arranged with a view to creating trained professionals for taking care of children with autism.

Addressing the programme, Professor Mannan said children with autism deserve good treatment and honour, not sympathy, from the society. He said Bangladesh has done a lot in protection of the rights of people with disabilities but the country has still miles to go in this regard.

According to organizers, Bangladesh is facing a big challenge of handling autism, a development disability, as at least 17 per 10,000 children in the country have autism spectrum disorder.

IBA graduation ceremony at Rajshahi University



The 5th Graduation ceremony of Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Rajshahi University was held at IBA premises on 09 December 2018. Twelve students of IBA received gold medal for their outstanding academic performance. Besides, 440 graduate students received certificates for BBA and MBA courses of the university.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC handed over the gold medal and certificates among the students as the Chief Guest. Professor M Abdus Sobhan, Vice-Chancellor, RU, presided over the ceremony. Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Member, UGC; Professor Dr. Ananda Kumar Saha, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Professor Dr. Chowdhury Md Zakaria, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Professor Dr. Mostafizur Rahman Al Arif, Treasurer, RU were Special Guests while Professor Dr. Samsudduha, Director, IBA delivered welcome speech.

Other activities of the Chairman of UGC

(a) UGC Chairman attends NDC programme

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh delivered a Lecture on The Fourth Industrial Revolution and Our Next Generation at National Defense College on 10 December 2018.



(b) Offering Fateha and placing Floral wreath at Martyred Intellectuals Memorial

University Grants Commission of Bangladesh paid rich tribute to the martyred intellectuals at Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial at Mirpur. The Chairman of UGC Professor Abdul Mannan along with UGC Officers' Association, Karmachari Union and other officials of the Commission placed floral wreath at the memorial to mark the Martyred Intellectual Day.



(c) UGC pays tributes to martyrs on Victory day at National Mausoleum in Savar

University Grants Commission of Bangladesh paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the Liberation War by placing wreaths at the National Mausoleum in Savar marking the Victory Day on 16 December 2018. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC along with UGC Officers' Association, Karmachari Union and other officials of the Commission were present.



(d) UGC Chairman pays tribute to Bir Shreshtha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh placed floral wreath at the graveyard of Bir Shreshtha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir at Sonamasjid in Chapainawabganj on 07 December 2018. Professor M Abdus Sobhan, Vice-Chancellor; Professor Choudhury M Zakaria, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dr. A.K. Shamsuddoha, Director, Institute of Business Administration, Rajshahi University accompanied the UGC Chairman.



Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir is one of the seven Bir Shreshtha of 1971 Liberation War. Chapainawabganj was freed from the clutches of Pakistani occupation forces under the valiant leadership of Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir on 14 December 1971.

(e) Silver Jubilee celebration of Central Women's University

Silver Jubilee celebration of Central Women's University was held at its campus premises on 24 November 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh addressed the event as Chief Guest. The university observed the day to honor three noted women in the country.



Installation ceremony of UGC Karmachari Union



The Installation ceremony of Karmachari Union of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) was held at UGC auditorium on 29 November 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC was the Chief Guest and administered the oath to the members of the Executive Committee of Karmachari Union. Professors Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Members, UGC and Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC were Special Guests on the occasion. President of UGC Karmachari Union Mr. Md. Anwar Hossain presided over the function.

The 2nd general election to 9-member Executive Committee of UGC Karmachari Union was held on 13 August 2018. Mr. Md. Anwar Hossain and Mr. Md. Saiful Islam were elected President and General Secretary in the election. Other office bearers were- Mr. Md. Monir Hosain, Vice-President; Mr. Md. Juel Mian, Joint Secretary; Mr. Abdul Motaleb, Organising Secretary; Mr. Md. Nazmul Hasan, Treasurer; Mr. Md. Tajul Islam, Publicity Secretary; Mr. Md. Aminul Islam, Office Secretary and Mr. Md. Nur Islam, Cultural and Sports Secretary. The committee will discharge its duties for the next two years.

Divisional heads and other officials of the Commission were present on the occasion.

The 153rd Full Commission Meeting of UGC

The 153rd meeting of the Full Commission of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh was held on 27 December 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC presided over the meeting. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC conducted the meeting.

Mr. Md. Sohorab Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of



Education; Mr. Muhammad Delwar Bakht, Member (Socio-Economic Infrastructure), Planning Commission; Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Members, UGC; Professor Dr. Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, Chittagong University; Professor Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chancellor, Jessore University of Science and Technology; Professor Dr. Md. Forhad Hossain, Department of Statistics, Jahangirnagar University; Divisional Heads and other high officials of UGC were also present at the meeting.

The meeting, among other agendas approved the Organogram of Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the universities of the country.

Delegation from UGC, Cabinet Division and Ministry of Education on a study tour in Malaysia



A-18 member delegation from UGC, the Cabinet Division and the Ministry of Education visited Malaysia on a study tour on 'Innovation in Public Finance and Performance Management' from 31 October 2018 to 05 November 2018. The delegation was led by Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of UGC. The team members visited number of universities and also signed a MoU with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) for bilateral collaboration on education and research.



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