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From the Desk of the Editor

The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh accorded a grand reception on 09 July 2018 to three eminent individuals who were earlier appointed as National Professors by the Government of Bangladesh. The three distinguished persons are Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, Professor Emeritus Rafiqul Islam and Professor Jamilur Reza Chowdhury. The UGC family extends its wholehearted congratulations to each of them. These individuals are well-known both nationally and internationally for their enviable achievements and contributions in many areas of human activities. They have excelled in their respective academic fields and earned well-deserved reputations and recognitions. Each one of them represents an epitome of dignity, conscience, patriotism, devotion and the very essence of holistic human values. Their immaculate ingenuousness is phenomenon. We are proud of them.

The Nation will be much benefitted if we follow the shining examples set by each of them. The sooner we appreciate this the better for the Nation.

Prof. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah
Member, UGC

Inauguration of Bangladesh Bhaban at Santiniketan, India



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the Bangladesh Bhaban on 25 May 2018 along with her Indian counterpart - Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi at Visva Bharati University in Santiniketan. The Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also attended Visva Bharati Convocation Ceremony as the Guest of Honor.

Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal; Sheikh Rehana, younger daughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman; Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Minister in-charge of MoE; Mr. Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, MP, Minister in-charge of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor, Minister in-charge of Cultural Affairs; Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC; Professor Sabuj Koli Sen, Vice Chancellor, Visva Bharati; Syed Muazzem Ali, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India, among others, were present during the inaugural ceremony.

Bangladesh Bhaban is adorned with a museum showcasing Rabindranath Tagore's association with Bangladesh, Indo-Bangla relations, and the Liberation War of Bangladesh. The Bhaban was built with funds from the Bangladesh government.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh said that Bangladesh Bhavan located in Visva Bharati University will be a symbol of unity between the two Bengals and Rabindranath Tagore belongs to both Bengals. She recalled how her father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was inspired and influenced by Rabindranath Tagore. The Prime Minister recollected the contribution of India during our liberation war and mentioned that Indians stood by Bangladesh, sheltered 10 million refugees, and provided shelter and training to the freedom fighters. She remembered with reverence the contributions of India and the then Indian Prime Minister Ms. Indira Gandhi during the Liberation War in 1971.

PM conferred the Honorary DLitt Degree by Kazi Nazrul University in India



Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was conferred the Honorary DLitt Degree at a special Convocation of Kazi Nazrul University at Asansol West Bengal in India on 26 May 2018. The university authorities conferred the Honorary DLitt degree upon the Bangladesh Prime Minister in recognition of her outstanding contributions towards building exploitation and disparity-free society, women empowerment and her contribution to nation's education which is the ideal of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

The Hon'ble Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressed the function after receiving Doctor of Literature (DLitt) degree from the university. The Prime Minister said non-communalism and humanity were reflected in verses and works of Rebel Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

The Prime Minister said though the Bengal was divided, but the two great poets –Kazi Nazrul Islam and Rabindranath Tagore were not divided. She said Nazrul's spirit will remain for ages as source of inspiration for people to work for the welfare of human being.

Dr. Partha Chatterjee, Education Minister, West Bengal spoke on the occasion. Dr. Sadhan Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor, Kazi Nazrul University delivered the welcome speech. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC along with noted educationists of Bangladesh were present in the convocation ceremony.

UGC Chairman leads a team of 29 delegation on a study tour of Singapore

A-29 member delegation led by Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC visited the Nanyang Polytechnic International and National Institute of Education, Singapore from 19 June to 21 June 2018. Three representatives from Cabinet Division and

Ministry of Education were also included in the team. The study tour was organized as a part of implementing the Annual Performance Agreement effectively. Nanyang Polytechnic International of Singapore organized a training program in this connection. In addition, Professor Mannan addressed an ISAS discussion session at the National University of Singapore on 21 June 2018. The session was chaired by Dr. S Narayan, visiting senior research fellow of Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore and Former Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of India.



The members of the delegation were Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali (Member), UGC; Dr. Md. Khaled, (Secretary), UGC; Mr. Abdur Rezaque (Director); Mr. Khandker Hamidur Rahman (Director); Dr. Sultan Mahmud Bhuiyan (Director); Dr. Ferdous Zaman (Director); Mr. Kamal Hossain (Additional Director); Mr. Md. Omar Faruque (Addt. Director); Dr. Md. Fakhru Islam (Joint Secretary); Mr. Rezaul Karim Hawlader, Director (Current Charge), Finance and Accounts Division; Dr. Durga Rani Sarker (Addt. Director); Mr. Maksudur Rahman Bhuiyan (Addt. Director); Mr. Md. Shah Alam (Addt. Director); Mr. Md. Jamilur Rahman (Addt. Director); Mr. Md. Fazlur Rahman (Dy Secretary); Ms. Jesmin Parveen (Dy Director); Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj (Dy Secretary); Ms. Tahmina Rahman (Dy Director); Ms. Mouli Azad (Sr. Asstt. Sec.); Mr. Mustafizur Rahman (Sr Asstt Sec); Mr. Morshed Alam Khondker (Senior Asstt Sec); Mr. Md. Mohibul Hasan (Sr Asstt Director); Mr. Md. Yousuf Ali Khan (Sr. Asstt Director); Mr. Nurul Islam (Sr. Asstt Sec.) and Mr. Md. Robiul Islam (Asstt. Director), UGC.

Ms. Jinnat Rehana, Deputy Secretary, MoE; Mr. Md. Kamrul Hasan, Deputy Secretary, Cabinet Division and Mr. Md. Fazlur Rahman, Senior Assistant Secretary, MoE, were also in the team.

Admission test for selection of students for Masters and PhD programmes at SAU

The admission test for selecting students for MS and PhD programmes at South Asian University (SAU), New Delhi was held on 15 April 2018 under the supervision of UGC of Bangladesh at Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka. The admission test was held simultaneously throughout the SAARC region.

University Grants Commission of Bangladesh conducted the admission test. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, Dr. Md. Fakhru Islam, Joint-Secretary, UGC, Dr. Pankaj Jaim, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, South Asian University, New Delhi, India and Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, Administration Division, UGC among others were present at the examination center.

About 200 Bangladeshi students took part in the examination for the admission into Economics, Sociology, Biotechnology, Applied Mathematics, Computer Science, International Relations, and Legal Studies. The students, who will be qualified in the examination and get admitted, will receive twenty five thousand Rupees for PhD and fifteen thousand for Masters programme per month as scholarship.

It may be mentioned that, South Asian University is an international university established by the Governments of the eight member nations of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC). SAU started its academic activities from the year of 2010. The university currently functions from New Delhi, India.

UGC Chairman attends Sheikh Hasina's Shodesh Prothaborthan book launching ceremony



The launching ceremony of a book entitled Sheikh Hasina's Shodesh Prothaborthan was held at

Pathak Shamabesh in Shahbagh, Dhaka on 07 May 2018. Mr. HT Imam, Political Affairs Advisor to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was present on the occasion as the Chief Guest and unveiled the book. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh attended the ceremony. The book was written by Columnist Suvas Singho Roy.

The background of this book is the hostile circumstances and indomitable struggle of the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina confronted when she returned home from India after nearly six years in exile following the assassination of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Ms. Dipu Moni, Joint General Secretary, Awami League, Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan, Director General, Bangla Academy, Professor Dr. Harun-or-Rashid, Vice Chancellor, National University, Dr. Syed Anwar Husain, Supernumerary Professor, Dhaka University, artist Hashem Khan, among others, were present.

Award of Prime Minister Gold Medal



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh will arrange a program to award the Prime Minister Gold Medal-2017 to 163 meritorious students from public and private universities in recognition of their academic achievements.

The decision was taken at the meeting of Steering Committee held at UGC on 08 May 2018 with Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC in the Chair. In his speech, the Chairman of UGC said that the gold medals will be awarded to 163 students (161 from public and 02 from private universities) for securing the highest marks / CGPA in their respective faculties.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has kindly consented to hand over the gold medals among the talented students as the Chief Guest at Shapla Hall of Prime Minister's Office on 25 July 2018.

The Prime Minister Gold Medal was introduced in 2005 as an effort to inspire the talented students of the universities in the country.

'UGC Professor' Award Giving meeting held



The selection committee of 'UGC Professor' was held at its conference room on 24 June 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh presided over the meeting. Professor Md. Anwar Hossain, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Dhaka was selected as UGC professor for a period of two years. The UGC professorship is awarded to professors who have outstanding contributions to teaching, publication and research in national and international journals. Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain; Members, UGC, Professor Dr. Iftakher Uddin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, Chittagong University, Dr Md. Khaled, Secretary, Dr. Ferdous Zaman, Director, Research Support and Publication Division, UGC and Member Secretary of the UGC Professor Award giving ceremony, among others, were present in the meeting.

Tk. 4643.50 crore budget (2018-19) for 40 Public Universities



The 151th meeting of the Full Commission of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) was held on 27 June 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of UGC presided over the meeting. At the beginning a resolution was adopted

to condole the deaths of father of Chief Justice; sister of the Secretary of MoE and mother of the Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Professionals. One minute silence was observed and prayer was held to show respect to the departed souls.

Mr. Rezaul Karim Howlader, Director (Current Charge), Finance & Accounts Division, UGC presented the revised (non-development) budget before the meeting. The summary of the overall budget is as follows:

- Revised budget of Tk 4324.61 crore for 2017-18 FY for 40 Public Universities
- Budget of Tk 4643.50 crore for 2018-19 FY for 40 Public Universities
- Revised budget of Tk 37.80 crore for 2017-18 FY for UGC
- Budget of Tk 38.05 crore for 2018-19 FY for UGC

One of the salient features of this years budget is that the allocation for research has been increased by manyfold.

All full-time and part-time members of the Commission including Mr. Md. Sohorab Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, MoE and Ms. Shamima Nargis, Member, Industry and Energy Division, Ministry of Planning were present in the meeting. The high officials of UGC were also present to assist the meeting.

Workshop on Digital Library at UGC



A day-long workshop on 'UGC Digital Library User Training' was held at UGC auditorium on 08 April 2018. University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh in association with Wiley, an online based publisher organized the professional training programme for the librarians of public and private universities and some national level organizations.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, graced the programme as the Chief Guest. With Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC, in the Chair, Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC delivered the address of welcome.

Mr. Md. Abdullah Al Hasan Chowdhury, Additional Secretary (University), Ministry of Education and Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mahanta ndc, Project Director (Additional Secretary), Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project, were the Special Guests on the occasion. Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Members, UGC and divisional heads, UGC, among others, were present.

Addressing the event, Professor Mannan said that Digital Library enhances knowledge, skills and efficiency of teachers, students and researchers at higher educational institutions. He said the demand of e-resources is ever increasing in the country. "Digital Library can play a significant role for creating new knowledge to produce skilled manpower." Professor Mannan also said Bangladesh needs skilled manpower and innovation for the sake of the country's progress.

Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, in his speech, underscored the need for proper use of e-content. "UGC Digital Library is playing its due role in providing excellent tertiary level education and research to the country." he opined.

At present, 90 organizations including 86 universities of the country are subscribing to over 35,000 high-quality scholarly e-resources through UGC Digital Library. A total of 14 e-publishers including Wiley are providing e-resources to the subscribers.

Workshop on Sustainability of BdREN held at UGC



A-daylong workshop on 'Sustainability of BdREN Trust' was held at UGC auditorium on 09 April 2018. Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN) of UGC organized the workshop. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, graced the function as the Chief Guest while Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC, presided over it. Mr. Md. Abdullah Al Hasan Chowdhury, Additional Secretary (University), Ministry of Education, Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mahanta ndc, Project Director (Additional Secretary), HEQEP and Dr. Mokhlesur Rahman,

Senior Operations Officer, World Bank, were the Special Guests on the occasion. Mr. AKM Habibur Rahman, Chief Executive Officer, BdREN gave the address of welcome.

Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC, Vice-Chancellors from different public, private and international universities, high officials from Ministry of Education, UGC, HEQEP, Power Grid Company and research institutions, were present.

While speaking as the Chief Guest, Professor Mannan observed that BdREN brought the higher educational institutions of the country together in the virtual system. It provided uninterrupted internet connectivity to the stakeholders of universities. "One can easily share their knowledge and views through BdREN." He urged all concerned to work jointly for sustainability of BdREN connectivity.

Professor Akhtar Hossain said there is no alternative to BdREN as it is enhancing the quality of tertiary level education of Bangladesh. He also said BdREN connectivity is playing a significant role to have access to the world pool of knowledge.

BdREN is a high-speed data communication network established under Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP). It is designed to meet up specialized requirements of the academic and research communities. BdREN is a component of HEQEP, set up in 2012. It is supposed to close in December 2018. For operation and maintenance purpose, an 11-member "BdREN Trust" headed by UGC Chairman has been formed.

Training programme on Advanced LINUX System at UGC

The closing and certificate distribution ceremony of a-three daylong training programme on Advanced LINUX System / Network Administration was held at UGC auditorium on 18 April 2018. Bangladesh Research and Education Network of UGC organized the professional training programme for 25 Network Engineers from different public and private universities of the country.



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the function as the Chief Guest and distributed certificates among the participants. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC, presided over it. Mr. Ajit Kumar Debnath, Senior Procurement Officer (Joint Secretary), Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) was present as the Special Guest. Mr. A.K.M Habibur Rahman, Chief Executive Officer, BdREN, among others, spoke on the occasion.

The Chairman of UGC Professor Mannan, in his deliberation, said that the main objective of this training programme is to enhance the quality at tertiary level education of the country. The training programme was arranged to familiarize the young people with the new generation of IT. He said “we have to invent and use new technology for working in an effective and efficient way.”

Professor Akhtar Hossain said there is no alternative to such a training programme for capacity building of network engineers. It helps them to become aware of the new technology.

UGC and UNICEF sign a Letter of Understanding



A Letter of Understanding (LoU) was signed between University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Bangladesh at UGC Bhaban on 19 April 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC and Mr. Edouard Beigbender, Representative, UNICEF Bangladesh signed the LoU on behalf of their respective organizations. The aim of LoU is to foster Communication for Development (C4D) capacity of the academic institutions of Bangladesh in the area of curriculum and research works.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC; Mr. Abdur Rezaque, Director, Planning and Development Division, Dr. Shamsul Arefin, Additional Director, Public Relations, Dr. Md. Fakhru Islam, Additional Director, ICC, Mr. Mohammad

Maksudur Rahman Bhuiyan, Additional Director, IMCT Division, Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, Administration Division, UGC, Ms. Yasmin Khan, Communication for Development Specialist and Ms. Hasina Begum, Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF Bangladesh, among others, were present.

Mr. Beigbender said UNICEF Bangladesh is willing to work with UGC for developing curriculum on Communication for Development (C4D) at tertiary level education of Bangladesh.

Professor Abdul Mannan said C4D is very essential for socio-economic development of Bangladesh. In this regard, UNICEF's initiative to develop a curriculum on C4D to achieve results for children will play a significant role for qualitative development of higher education of Bangladesh.

Awareness Workshop on Medical e-Resources at UGC



A day long workshop aiming at creating awareness on medical e-resources among the medical professionals was held at University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh on 22 April 2018. UGC Digital Library (UDL) and Wolters Kluwer jointly organized the workshop to set demand of contents that are really needed for the medical professionals.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the opening session of the workshop as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC, presided over it. Professor ABM Abdullah, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Dr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank, Bangladesh and Mr. Rajesh K Singh, Vice President, Wolters Kluwer spoke on the occasion as the Special Guests. Mr. Abdur Rezaque, Acting Secretary, UGC gave the address of welcome.

In his address, Professor Mannan said that Bangladesh has made tremendous progress in infrastructure development, education and health

sectors. He underscored the need for enhancing the capacity of medical professionals and producing skilled medical technicians for serving the health care sector of the country.

As conducting research in medical science is highly expensive, the Chairman of UGC urged the medical professionals to conduct research in technology and develop techniques to tackle health related problems. "We have to bring qualitative changes in medical education," and urged the healthcare professionals to enhance connectivity among them. He said UGC is working to bring the medical e-resources in a common platform so that one can easily use it.

Professor Akhtar Hossain, in his presidential speech, said UDL has been providing more than 35,000 high-quality scholarly e-resources to the academicians, researchers and students across the country. He said "health sector will move forward if we create awareness to conduct research using e-resources." He also emphasized to increase e-resources at medical colleges and universities.

UGC Member Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah and high officials of UGC, among others were present on the occasion. Vice-Chancellors and Pro Vice-Chancellors of different medical universities, principals of government and private medical colleges, researchers of medical related research institutes participated in the workshop.

Workshop on implementation of APA between UGC and public universities at UGC



A-daylong workshop on implementation of Annual Performance Agreement (APA) between UGC and 40 public universities for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was held at UGC auditorium on 26 April 2018. UGC 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 Chaired it. Professors Dr. Dil Afroza Begum and Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC, spoke at the event as the Special Guests. Mr. Md. Rezaul Karim Hawlader,

Director (Current Charge), Finance and Accounts Division, UGC delivered address of welcome on the occasion.

Mr. Md. Kamrul Hasan, Deputy Secretary, Cabinet Division and Mr. Md. Fazlur Rahman, Senior Assistant Secretary (Budget Wing), Ministry of Education, were present as resource persons on the occasion.

In his speech, Professor Mannan said the Annual Performance Agreement is very crucial for universities and in this regard, urged the registrars and focal points of APA to properly implement the Annual Performance Agreement for establishing good governance and excellence in tertiary level education.

Professor Shah Nowaz Ali called upon all concerned to work jointly to implement the government's development plan and play their due role to build Bangladesh as a prosperous country.

Professor Dr. Masum Habib, Vice-Chancellor, Rajshahi Medical University and High officials from UGC and Ministry of Education, among others, were present. Registrars, focal points of APA from 40 public universities of the country participated in the workshop.

QAU holds training workshop at UGC



A-day long training workshop on Peer Review organized by Quality Assurance Unit, UGC was held at UGC auditorium on 30 April 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC and Dr. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank, Dhaka were Special Guests. Professor Dr. Sanjoy Kumar Adhikary, Head of Quality Assurance Unit, UGC delivered the welcome address on the occasion. Mr. Sohel Ahmad, Deputy Project Director, Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project presided over the function.

The Chairman of UGC, in his speech, observed that quality education at tertiary level needs to be

ensured to keep pace with today's world. Peer reviewing of self assessment report is an important component for Quality Assurance (QA).

University Grants Commission of Bangladesh has been earnestly working to establish Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in country's public and private universities for enhancement of quality of higher education in the country.

Professor Yousuf Ali Mollah urged the peer reviewers to perform their duties honestly and ethically for quality enhancement of higher education.

Directors and Additional Directors of IQAC from 20 public and private universities of the country took part in the training workshop.

German-Bangladesh Higher Education Network for Sustainable Textiles



A-daylong familiarization event on 'German-Bangladesh Higher Education Network for Sustainable Textiles (HEST) jointly organized by UGC of Bangladesh and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) was held on 03 June 2018 at UGC.

The event was arranged to share information about HEST project objectives among its stakeholders. HEST project aims at reducing the skill gap of the mid-level managers in textile and Ready Made Garments (RMG) sectors in Bangladesh. Ministry of Education, UGC and GIZ are jointly implementing the project.

The project has successfully developed partnerships with four German and eight Bangladeshi universities. The German universities are: Hof University of Applied Sciences, Chemnitz University of Technology, Dresden University of Technology and University of Stuttgart, while the universities from Bangladesh side are: 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.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, Christian von Mitzlaff, Programme Coordinator, GIZ, Mr. Md. Abdullah Al Hasan Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, MoE and Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC spoke on the occasion.

Professor Abdul Mannan highlighted the importance and advantages of HEST project. He also emphasized on boosting applied research in cooperation with the industry. Terming Bangladesh as the second largest RMG exporter in the world, the Chairman of UGC said textiles sector has taken a leading position in sustainable industrialization in the country. "We need sustainable network for the development of textiles sector" he added.

Christian von Mitzlaff, Programme Coordinator, GIZ, said that HEST project can play a vital role to reduce the skill gap of the textile industry and address the sustainability challenges of higher education.

Representatives from Ministry of Education, UGC, World Bank, HEST project's partner universities, industry associations, brands and factories, among others, were present at the event.

Later on, a panel discussion was held to reduce the skill gap of the textile industry and addressing the sustainability challenges.

Workshop on curriculum design



A-five day workshop on Developing Curriculum and Conducting Research in Communication for Development (C4D) for Higher Educational Institutions of Bangladesh was held at BRAC Center for Development Management at Savar in Dhaka on 24-28 June 2018. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and UGC of Bangladesh jointly organized the workshop. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC addressed the inaugural ceremony of the workshop as the Chief Guest. Ms. Neha Kapil, Section Chief, C4D of UNICEF, Bangladesh, delivered the welcome remarks.

Waithira Gikonyo, Senior Learning Advisor, UNICEF, David H Mould, Professor Emeritus, Ohio University, among others, spoke on the occasion. Professor Mannan thanked UNICEF for arranging the workshop to include child protection and their rights in curriculum at tertiary level education of Bangladesh. He said the workshop will play a significant role in designing curriculum and conducting participatory research in C4D to achieve results for children.

The Chairman of UGC said that C4D and ICT4D are essential for achieving sustainable development goals and addressing social problems of Bangladesh. He said communication helps change people's mindset and improves their lives.

Ms. Neha Kapil said that there is a great need for advancing C4D/SBCC related research, to execute current programmes and to meet the needs of future developmental programmes. 'It is also important to demonstrate and share lessons and experiences learned in using C4D/SBCC, to achieve development goals including the rights of children and to introduce their communities to the global C4D communities', she added.

Academicians from 30 public and private universities, UGC and UNICEF officials took part in the workshop.

ADB delegation at UGC



A six member delegation from Asian Development Bank (ADB) led by Mr. Erik A Bloom, Senior Social Sector Specialist, Human and Social Development Division, South Asia Department, called on Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC on 10 April 2018.

The meeting discussed action plan on the proposed three-year long ADB project on IT in nine universities of Bangladesh. Besides, ADB has also expressed interest to start an agricultural project. UGC has been made the implementing authority of the \$250 million project.

The other members of the delegation were Mr. Ryotaro Hayashi, Social Sector Specialist, Human

and Social Development Division, South Asia Department, Dr. Mohiuddin Alamgir, Consultant, ADB, Dr. Arun Kumar Saha, Agriculture Specialist, ADB, Mr. Md. Alamgir Akanda, Finance and Administrative Officer, ADB and Professor Dr. Md. Mozahar Ali, Consultant, ADB.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC; Professor Dr. Md. Kamal Uddin, Treasurer, University of Dhaka, Professor Dr. Saiful Islam, Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Professor Dr. M Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chancellor, Jessore University of Science and Technology, Professor Dr. M M Shahidul Hassan, Vice-Chancellor, East West University, Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, Dr. Md. Fakhru Islam, Additional Director, International Cooperation and Collaboration (ICC), UGC, among others, were present.

Professor Abdul Mannan welcomed the delegation and thanked them for initiating the project for IT engineers and set up advanced institutions for science and technology. "The proposed project will play a significant role for country's human resource development in IT sector. The universities would be able to produce quality graduates also." he further said.

Mr. Erik A Bloom said ADB has a great desire to initiate the important project in two phases. "We want to start the first phase in four universities in September 2019 and we will start the second phase with five universities shortly after that." Apart from financial support, ADB will also provide technical support.

Malaysian delegation visits UGC



A delegation comprising eleven members from the Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) and Immigration Department of Malaysia called on Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh on 17 April 2018. Haji Mohd Zaki Bin Zakaria, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, EMGS led the Malaysian delegation.

Professor Abdul Mannan warmly welcomed the delegation and said Bangladesh has a close ties with Malaysia since our independence. He appraised the delegation about the role of UGC in the higher education sector of Bangladesh and various activities undertaken to ensure quality higher education at the universities.

Mr. Zkaria, also the Senior Director of International Student Management Services, Malaysia emphasized the need for recruiting quality students from Bangladesh to universities in Malaysia. He also said Malaysian government is working to ensure quality education to the foreign students including Bangladesh. He also mentioned that over 85 thousand Bangladeshi students were enrolled in higher educational institutions in Malaysia during 2013-2018.

The visiting delegation expressed their desire to work closely with UGC and in future sign a MoU with UGC.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Members, UGC; Mr. Abdur Rezaque, Director, Planning and Development Division, Dr. Shamsul Arefin, Additional Director, Public Relations, Dr. Md. Fakhru Islam, Additional Director, International Cooperation and Collaboration, Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, Administration Division, UGC, among others were present.

South Korean delegation calls on UGC Chairman



A South Korean delegation led by Professor Dr. Kyoung Y. Bae called on Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh at the latter's office on 23 April 2018. The delegation discussed about the startup of the proposed IT Project of ADB. ADB and Korean Export Import Bank are collaborating to develop an IT Park

in Bangladesh. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, Khandker Hamidur Rahman, Director, IMCT Division, Dr. Md. Fakhru Islam, Additional Director, ICC, Mr. Mohammad Maksudur Rahman Bhuiyan, Additional Director, IMCT Division and Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, Administration Division, UGC, among others, were present.

ADB delegation meets UGC member Prof MYA Mollah



A delegation from Asian Development Bank led by Mr. Erik A Bloom, Senior Social Sector Specialist of Human and Social Development Division in South Asia Department met Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh on 28 June 2018.

The meeting discussed matters related to ADB funded project for the tertiary level education competitiveness in computer science, review the human resources development for IT engineers, and review joint knowledge sharing programme for the incubation centre and start up in Bangladesh. The proposed ADB project on Information Technology will be implemented in four universities of Bangladesh.

Mr. Bloom said ADB wants to finalize the proposed project and disburse fund to the selected universities shortly after receiving the detailed project plans.

In his concluding remarks, Professor Mollah said UGC is trying its best to strengthen the relationship between industry and universities. This project will certainly play a significant role for country's human resource development in IT sector. The universities would be able to produce quality graduates in IT and CSE disciplines.

The other members of the ADB delegation were- Dr. Mohiuddin Alamgir, Amitabh Lahiri, Professor Dr. Md Mozahar Ali, Consultants, ADB, Dr. Arun Kumar Saha, Agriculture Specialist, ADB, Mr. Md. Nasimur Rahman, Procurement Consultant, ADB and Mr. Md. Alamgir Akanda, Finance and Administrative Officer, ADB.

Dr. Md Khaled, Secretary, Mr. Abdur Rezaque, Director, Planning and Development Division, Dr. Md. Fakhru Islam, Additional Director, International Cooperation and Collaboration and Mr. Mohammad Maksudur Rahman Bhuiyan, Additional Director, Information Management, Communication and Training Division, UGC, assisted Professor Mollah in the discussion meeting.

Russian delegation meets UGC Members and officials



A three member delegation from three leading Russian Universities called on Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh on 04 April 2018.

Mr. Oleg Zyrianov, Director, (Bangladesh Region) Synergy University, led the delegation. The other members were- Dr. Anna M. Gorokhova, Deputy Vice Rector, (Educational Work) Linguistics University of Nizhny Novgorod and Dr. Anna Bannikova, Director, Institute of International Educational Programs, Saratov State Agrarian University, Russia.

Professor Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah welcomed the delegation and thanked them for their visit to Bangladesh for fostering academic collaboration with the higher educational institutions in the country. He appraised the delegation of the brief history of UGC and higher education scenario of Bangladesh. He also noted that UGC has been earnestly working for enhancement and internationalization of higher education of Bangladesh.

During the meeting, they discussed various issues relating to collaboration in higher education between the higher educational institutions of the two friendly countries

Professors Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC; Khandker Hamidur Rahman, Director, Information management, Communication & Training Division, Dr. Md. Fakhru Islam, Additional Director, International Cooperation & Collaboration (ICC), UGC, among others, were present in the meeting.

The 3rd Convocation of South Asian University



The 3rd Convocation of South Asian University (SAU) was held on 07 June 2018 at New Delhi's Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra auditorium. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh and also a Board Member of SAU attended the Convocation.

The Education Minister of Nepal Mr. Giriraj Mani Pokhrel conferred MS and PhD degree to 160 graduates at the convocation. Of them, six students received PhD degrees and ten awarded MPhil degrees from the university. The PhD degrees were awarded for the first time from this university and Mr. Md. Mainuddin from Bangladesh was a recipient from Computer Science Department who was awarded Gold Medal for his academic excellence.

Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudde, President, Indian Council of Cultural Relations and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha was the Convocation Speaker, while Professor Dr. Parashar Prasad Koirala, President, Board of Governors, SAU Presided over the ceremony.

Dr. Kavita A Sharma, President of the University gave the welcome address. Mr. Amjad Hussain B Sial, Secretary General of SAARC also spoke on the occasion. The Speakers emphasized on the importance of unity amongst SAARC Nations to eradicate poverty, illiteracy and income inequality of the people of the region. Mr. Md. Shamsul Haque, DG, (SAARC) attended the convocation as member of the Board representing Bangladesh.

South Asian University is an initiative of SAARC countries. Temporarily housed in Akbar Bhavan of Indian External Affairs Ministry, the university is scheduled to relocate on one hundred acre permanent campus in South Delhi's Maidan Gari location in early part of 2019.

1st Convocation of Chittagong Independent University



The 1st Convocation of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held at its campus premises on 01 April 2018. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Education presided over the Convocation ceremony as representative of the Hon'ble President and the Chancellor of the universities and conferred degrees among the graduating students.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC was the Special Guest at the Convocation ceremony while Professor Emeritus Dr A Majeed Khan, former Education Minister was the Convocation Speaker.

Professor Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor and Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Chittagong Independent University, among others, addressed the ceremony.

The Chairman of UGC congratulated the new Graduates and said that they will play important role in building the Sonar Bangla dreamt by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by engaging themselves in creation and dissemination of innovative ideas.

Workshop at Rajshahi University

A-day long workshop on Role, Responsibility, Rights and Rules and Regulations of University Teachers was held at Senate Building of Rajshahi University (RU) on 21 April 2018. Rajshahi University Teachers' Association (RUTA) organized the workshop attended by academics and teachers. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh addressed the discussion as the Chief Guest while Professor Nazrul Islam, President, RUTA presided over it. Professor Abdus Sobhan, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ananda Kumar Shaha, Pro Vice-Chancellor Rajshahi University and Mr. Mosaddeque Hossain Bulbul, Mayor, Rajshahi City Corporation, among others, spoke on the workshop.

The Chairman of UGC said teachers can play vital role in improving quality of education through disseminating time-befitting knowledge among the students with utmost sincerity, professionalism and noble commitments. He also narrated the role of the

teachers and developing their teaching skills for improving standard and quality of education. Terming teachers as architects of building an enlightened and knowledge-based society, the UGC Chairman urged them to revive their dignity and honour through ensuring quality and need-based modern education to produce worthy citizens.



In the workshop, three academic sessions were held elaborating the role and responsibility of the teachers. Among others, Professor Sayeedur Rahman Khan, former Vice-Chancellor, Rajshahi University conducted the sessions as resource person.

2nd International Conference on International Law at EWU

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh addressed as Chief Guest of the concluding ceremony of a three-day international conference on 'International Law' on 31 March 2018 at East West University (EWU) in Dhaka. Dr. Katharina Hoffmann, Member, working group Migration, Gender Politics, Carl von Ossietzky University, Oldenburg, Germany, Professor Dr. Fakrul Alam, Pro Vice-Chancellor, EWU, Professor Dr. Tureen Afroz, Chairperson, Department of Law and Dr. Rafiqul Huda



Chaudhury, Member, Board of Trustees, EWU were present.

15th International Scientific Conference at CVASU



The closing ceremony of a two-day 15th International Scientific Conference was held at the auditorium of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) on 13 May 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC of Bangladesh addressed the programme as the Chief Guest.

Professor Dr. Goutam Buddha Das, Vice Chancellor, CVASU presided over event. Professor Dr. Purnendu Biswas, Vice Chancellor, University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, West Bengal, India, Professor Young-Ki Hong, Biotechnology department, Pukyong National University, South Korea and Professor Dr. Nitish Chandra Debnath, founding Vice Chancellor, CVASU were also present as Special Guests on the occasion.

The Chairman of UGC emphasized the need for vocational and specialized university for turning young generation into human resources. Terming young generation as main resource of the country, the UGC Chairman said graduates from the vocational and technical universities will be able to face challenges of future. He observed that knowledge will have to be shared for enrichment of the society through arranging seminars, symposiums and conferences.

The conference featured one key-note paper, 49 research papers and 25 posters displays on different issues. A total of 250 scientists, researchers, educationists, professionals and NGO workers from home and abroad attended the two-day conference.

National Conference on SDG at Dhaka University

A two day National Conference on Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Bangladesh: Educational Responses, Challenges and Possibilities was held at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban on 30-31 March, 2018.

Education Minister Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Syeda Tahmina Akhter, Chairman, IER, presided over the programme. Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Professor Emeritus Manzoor Ahmed, BRAC University, Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator (SDG Affairs), Prime Minister's Office, Ms. Rasheda K Chowdhury, Advisor, former Caretaker Government, Kazi M Aminul Islam, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority, Professor Mohammad Tariq Ahsan, Department of IER, Professor Sharifa Khatun, former Director, IER, among others, spoke on the occasion.



The Education Minister said that shortage of quality teachers is a big challenge to achieve the expected goal in the country's education sector.

Professor Mollah, in his speech said if teachers' recruitments are not transparent, the country cannot reap any benefit from them.

Sun Lei, Chief of Education, UNESCO, Dhaka, and Mr. Mahmudul Islam, Joint Secretary, Education Ministry, presented separate theme papers on the Agenda of SDG-4 and Education Ministry's Readiness in Achieving SDG-4.

As many as 113 research papers and 18 abstracts were presented in the Conference.

12th Biennial International History conference at Dhaka University



The inaugural ceremony of a two-day 12th Biennial International History Conference and General Meeting of Bangladesh Etihad Parishad was held at TSC on Dhaka University on 27 April 2018. Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor, Minister for Cultural Affairs graced the function as the Chief Guest, while Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice-Chancellor, Dhaka University inaugurated the conference. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was present as the Guest of Honour at the inaugural ceremony of the event.

Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan, Director General, Bangla Academy, presented a paper on Bangla Bhasha, Bangali Jati and Bangladesh Rastra. Professor Dr. AKM Golam Rabbani, General Secretary, Etihad Parishad, was also present on the occasion.

UGC Chairman attends Going Global Conference in Malaysia



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC delivered speech in the Going Global Conference at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Malaysia on 03 May 2018. Going Global is a conference for leaders in international education to debate the future of further and higher education. This conference helped to develop globally minded citizens, acting as conduits to international partnerships, creating the conditions for

industry collaboration and social innovation. They also act as agents of social change, inclusion, and mobility.

Education for Holistic Human Health

Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC attended a three day International conference on human values in higher education (ICHVHE) held at the Khesar Gyalpo University of Health Sciences of Bhutan (KGUMSB) during 26-28th of April 2018. The theme of the conference was Education for Holistic Health. Hosted by the



KGUMSB, this conference was organized jointly with Royal University of Bhutan, Adesh (Medical) University, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University Lucknow, IIT (BHU) Varanasi, IIIT Hyderabad, Atmiya Group of Institutions Rajkot and IK Gujral Punjab Technical University Kapurthala. The conference was inaugurated by Her Highness the Queen Mother Ashi Tshering PemWangchuck. In her address the Queen Mother underscored the urgent need to incorporate Universal Humane Values (UHV) in the curriculum so that the young people can be inculcated with the principle of moral values in their everyday life. About 100 participants from India, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Nepal and Maldives attended the conference.



Professor Mollah moderated a session on Implementing Education for Wellbeing of All. He was a panel discussant on Systems for Holistic Human Health. Professor Mollah was also honored with the speakers at the concluding session.

World Earth Day seminar at IUB

SESM International Symposium 2018 was held on 27 June at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) to observe the World Earth Day. The Symposium was organized by the School of Environmental Science and Management (SESM). The theme of the Symposium was Avoid Plastic,

Stop Pollution and Conserve Nature. Professor MYA Mollah, Member of UGC attended the symposium as Chief Guest. Professor M. Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor of IUB presided over the meeting.



In his speech Professor Mollah highlighted the adverse effect of plastic pollution on soil environment, water bodies and oceans, wildlife, wildlife habitats and most importantly human beings. Professor Mollah mentioned that plastic products are not biodegradable and may take hundred of years to decompose, and as it does, it releases toxins, like bisphenolA (BPA), bisphenol S (BPS) etc. into soil and aquatic environment. He advised everybody to be cautious about using and disposing of plastic products. Professor Milan Pagon, Pro-Vice Chancellor of IUB; Professor Md. Abdul Khalek, Dean, SESM, IUB; among others were present in the meeting.

3rd Convocation of Khulna University of Engineering & Technology



The 3rd Convocation of Khulna University of Engineering & Technology (KUET) was held at its campus on 04 April 2018. Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, Hon'ble President, People's Republic of Bangladesh presided over the Convocation ceremony and conferred degrees among the graduating students.

Noted scientist and educationist Professor Dr. Mohammad Ali Asgar was the Convocation Speaker. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC

and Professor Dr. Muhamamd Alamgir, Vice-Chancellor, KUET, among others, spoke on the occasion.

The Hon'ble President emphasized on the uses of information technology at every stage of education to face challenges of globalization. He hoped that the young engineers would play vital role in establishing a Digital Bangladesh through real life applications of their creative ideas and technological knowledge.

The Hon'ble President asked authorities concerned to ensure time-befitting world standard education reviewing the academic curriculum of internationally reputed universities.

The Chairman of UGC said the actual aim of universities is to open up the door for fresh knowledge, invention, research, develop creative activities of the students. He said UGC will be providing all kinds of support in future to sustain the ongoing development of this university.

Project Completion Report of Institutional Quality Assurance Cell



The inaugural ceremony of a three-day workshop on Project Completion Report of Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was held at UGC Auditorium on 30 June 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the function as the Chief Guest. Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director (Additional Secretary), HEQEP presided over the workshop. Dr. Mokhesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank was the Special Guest. Professor Sanjoy Kumar Adhikary, Head, Quality Assurance Unit gave the welcome speech. Director/ Additional Director and Office Secretary/Accountant of IQAC of 23 Public and Private universities took part in the workshop.

In his speech, Professor Mannan stressed the need for enhancing quality education at tertiary level. He also said UGC has been trying to improve the teaching and learning environment of higher educational institutions of the country.

Freshers' reception at Chittagong University



Chittagong University organized Freshers' reception ceremony for the students of Faculty of Arts and Humanities on 12 April 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh graced the function as the Chief Guest.

Professor Dr. Iftikhar Uddin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Shireen Akhter, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Chittagong University also spoke in the function. Professor Dr. Sekander Chowdhury, Dean of the Faculty, presided over the function.

In his speech, the UGC Chairman said the future of Bangladesh lies in the hands of present generation. He also said universities are places for creating knowledge and not for creating unrest or disrupting the academic atmosphere of the university.

10th Annual Senate meeting of Bangladesh University of Professionals



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC attended the 10th Annual Senate meeting of Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP). The meeting was held at its campus in the capital on 04 June 2018. Maj Gen Md Emdad-UI-Bari, Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the senate presided over the meeting.

In the meeting, Air Commodore Abdus Samad Azad, Treasurer, BUP presented revised budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 and 2018-19 Tk. 94.19 Crore and 95.12 Crore respectively. The budget proposal was approved unanimously by vote of Senate Members.

Lt. Col. Muhammed Faruk Khan (retd), MP; Professor Dr. Abdur Razzak, MP; Major Rafiqul Islam (retd) Bir Uttam, MP; Mr. H N Ashiqur Rahman, MP and Professor MKashem Mozumder, Pro-VC, BUP were present.

Prize giving ceremony at Islamic Arabic University



The prize giving ceremony of National Competition 2017 of Islamic Arabic University was held at the auditorium of International Mother Language Institute on 27 June 2018.

Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, in-charge of MoE graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC of Bangladesh addressed the programme as the main discussant. Professor Dr. Muhammad Ahsan Ullah, Vice-Chancellor, Islamic Arabic University, presided over the programme. Advocate Mir Shawkat Ali Badsha, MP and a syndicate member of the university also addressed the programme.

Mr. Nahid said that government has been implementing massive programs for the development of Islamic education in the country. Government has established Islamic Arabic University to meet the hundred-year-old demand of Islamic scholars. Now students of Madrasa are also studying ICT and science along with Hadith and Fiqah subjects. As a result, the Madrasa students also get chance to study in universities and chance in government service - the Minister added.

The Chairman of UGC urged all concerned to come forward in the competition of acquiring knowledge and skills in all branches of human science.

Later on, the Hon'ble Minister handed over prizes, certificates and cash to 36 national level winners in the competition.

Digital Survey of UGC establishments



The Presentation Meeting of Digital Survey on University Grants Commission office, its Chairman Residence and Residential Area was held on 03 June 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC presided over the meeting. Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali; Members, UGC and Dr Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, among others, were present in the meeting. The survey is being conducted for comprehensive review and future development of UGC.

30th Senate Meeting of Chittagong University



The 30th Senate meeting of Chittagong University (CU) was held at the conference room in Vice-Chancellor's office on 28 June, 2018. The budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was presented in the meeting by Mr. KM Nur Ahmed, acting Registrar of CU. Professor Dr. Iftakher Uddin Chowdhury, Vice-chancellor, CU presided over the meeting.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC of Bangladesh attended the meeting. Professor Dr. Shirin Akter, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, CU was also present.

In his speech, the UGC Chairman urged the university teachers to be more attentive in carrying out research works. The Chairman of UGC said Tk two crore has been allocated for research in

Chittagong university and UGC is ready for more allocation if needed for the research. Professor Mannan, also the former Vice-Chancellor of CU, however, noted that the fund allocated for the research in public universities remain unspent.

UGC Chairman completes 3-year of his tenure



Professor Abdul Mannan completed three years of office as the Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh on 09 May 2018. UGC organized a ceremony to mark the completion of three years of Professor Abdul Mannan in UGC as its Chairman. Professor Abdul Mannan joined the UGC as 12th Chairman on 07 May, 2015.

Addressing the event, Professor Mannan said I am so appreciative of having this opportunity to enhance the quality of country's tertiary education through UGC. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the Chairman of UGC. He said UGC has significantly contributed to the higher education due to hard work and team spirit of its officials. Its officials and employees are doing effective and meaningful work to brand the higher education, he added. The Chairman of UGC urged its officials to uphold the image of the Commission

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali and Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC, Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, Divisional Heads, UGC and officials from UGC, HEQEP, BdREN were present.

UGC team visits Khulna University of Engineering & Technology

A team from UGC led by its Member Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, visited the Khulna University of Engineering & Technology on 23 May 2018. Later on, the team discussed with the university authorities about various matters including opening of Mechatronics Engineering Department at the University. The team members visited Mechanical

Engineering Department, laboratory of different departments and welfare center of the university.

Other members of the team are Khandker Hamidur Rahman, Director, Public University Management Division, Mr. Mohammad Maksudur Rahman Bhuiyan, Additional Director, Information Management, Communication and Training Division and Mr. Md. Hafizur Rahman, Senior Assistant Director, Public University Management Division, UGC.

Visit to Pet Hospital of CVASU



Professor Abdul Mannan visited the newly established Pet Hospital of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) in Dhaka on 14 May 2018. CVASU has established the Pet Hospital and Research Center in Purbachal with a view to offer medical services to pet animals and birds and training graduates in this area. Members and High officials of UGC accompanied the Honorable Chairman. Professor Dr. Goutam Buddha Das, Vice Chancellor, CVASU was present during the visit.

UGC Chairman holds meeting with its all divisions



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC held co-ordination meetings with all Divisions to bring dynamism in official activities and efficiency among employees of the Commission on 22 May 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC presided over the meeting. Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Member, UGC, Dr Md. Khaled, Secretary, divisional heads of UGC, among others, were present in the meeting.

In the meeting, the Chairman of UGC urged its officials to work in team spirit to brighten the image of the Commission inside and outside the country. He also advised UGC officers and employees to stay away from corruption, drugs and militancy.

UGC Officers' Association polls for 2018-19 held



The 8th general election to 11-Member Executive Committee of UGC Officers' Association was held on 08 February 2018. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary and Mr. Md. Mohibul Ahsan, Senior Assistant Director, UGC have been elected President and General Secretary respectively. Other elected office bearers are: Mr. Md. Omar Faruque as Vice-President, Engr. Mohammad Monir Ullah as Vice-President, Mr. Golam Dostogir as Joint-Secretary, Mr. Rabiul Islam as Sports and Cultural Secretary, Mr. Md. Morshed Ahammed as Treasurer, Mr. Md. Harun Mia as Organizing and Publicity Secretary, Mr. Mohammad Nur Islam Chowdhury, Mr. Mamun Patwary and Mr. A K M Mahmudur Rahman Miah as Members. The committee will discharge its duties for the next two years.

Professor Mannan condoles the death of National Professor Mustafa Nur-UI Islam



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC of Bangladesh expressed profound shock at the death of country's Noted litterateur, language movement hero and National Professor Dr. Mustafa Nur-UI Islam.

In a condolence message, the Chairman of UGC said that the country has lost an accomplished

litterateur, researcher, educationist and organizer of Liberation War. The demise of top academician is an irreparable loss to art, literature and higher education of Bangladesh. Professor Mannan prayed for the salvation and eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Professor Nur-Ul Islam breathed his last (Innalillahi...Rajun) on 09 May 2018 at the age of 91 due to old-age complications.

UGC Chairman condemns attack on DU VC's residence

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC strongly condemned and protested the attack carried out in the residence of Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice-Chancellor, Dhaka University by a group of unruly mob on 09 April, 2018.

Professor Mannan termed the attack on residence of Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor as unprecedented. He said there is no connection regarding the quota system in public service with attack on residence of DU Vice-Chancellor. As part of conspiracy, a vested quarter carried out the attack to make the universities and the country unstable.

He urged all university administrations to remain alert and beef up security measures in university areas to avoid untoward situation.

7th International HR Conference at BSHRM



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the inaugural session of 'Bangladesh Society for Human Resources Management 7th International HR Conference-2018 as the Chief Guest. BSHRM organized the conference on 28 April at Sena Malancha Convention Hall in Dhaka.

UGC Chairman mourns death of KUET students

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC of Bangladesh expressed profound shock at the tragic death of four students of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET).

The four students of Textile Engineering Department of 2013-2014 academic session were killed in a gas line explosion at Bhaluka in Mymensingh. The blast took place in a building on 25 March 2018. They went to Bhaluka and rented a flat for doing their internships.

In a condolence message, the Chairman of UGC prayed for eternal peace of the departed souls and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members.

User training on Cloud Hosting Management at UGC



A-two day User Training on Cloud Hosting Management was held at UGC Auditorium on 04-05 April 2018. Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN), a component of HEQEP, arranged the training program for network engineers from public and private universities. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC, presided over the closing ceremony. Dr Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director, HEQEP, delivered speech at the function. Officials and consultants from HEQEP and BdREN were present at the training programme.

Discussion on Medium of Instructions in Tertiary Education



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh addressed as the Chief Guest at a discussion meeting on the Medium of Instructions in Tertiary Education in Bangladesh at Institute of Modern Languages in University of Dhaka on 31 March 2018.



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