Colloquium on ‘Take on the Text Series’

The School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS) of the University organized the first colloquium of the ‘Take on the Text’ series on Sunday, 8 March 2015. The event celebrated Dr. A. Quyum Khan’s recently published memoir entitled ‘Bittersweet Victory—a Freedom Fighters Tale’. The author, a freedom fighter, said, “I felt an urge to record the feelings of the common mass and I chose to write this book in English to tell the story of our great Liberation War to the foreigners. I also intended to understand the present state of our society and to make the upcoming generations aware of our glorious past.”

Prof. Zakir Hossain Raju, Dean, SLASS, IUB, delivered the welcome speech. Among others, Mr. Rashed Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB; and Prof. M. Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor spoke on the occasion.

The discussion was followed by a lively question-answer session. Members of IUB founding trust, faculty and management, and students attended the programme.

IUB Aero Fest 2015

The School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS) of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organized ‘AERO Fest 2015’ on 6th March 2015 at the university campus. This is the second such event organized by IUB. The first-ever exhibition of flying machines was organized back in 2014 in collaboration with ESAB (Engineering Students’ Association of Bangladesh). More than 80 participants from 22 organizations took part in this day-long event in two categories. In a room full of enthusiasts of all ages, participants displayed their products. In the afternoon, participants from the "Rotary Wing" category were invited to give a demonstration of the flight of their machines. IUB, a pioneer in aerial robotics research, plans to host this event every year.

The event ended with a prize giving ceremony presided over by the Vice-Chancellor of IUB, Professor M. Omar Rahman. The Dean of Engineering School, Dr. Ali S. Sabir, gave a brief welcome speech. The winning teams were:

Rotary Wing Category: 1st – A. I. Squad (Independent University, Bangladesh), 2nd – Daffodil Drown (Daffodil International University), 3rd – Flying House (United College of Aviation)

Fixed Wing Category: 1st – Flying House (United College of Aviation), 2nd – RC Dynamic (Stamford University), 3rd – Blue Hawk (Aeronautical Institute of Bangladesh)
Talk on Knowledge Dissemination
Sharing Experiences in Voluntary Knowledge Dissemination
Venue: Multi-purpose Hall, IUB, Date: 9 March, 2015, Time: 4:00 PM
Organized by:
School of Environmental Science and Management
Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

The School of Environmental Science and Management of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organized a Talk on ‘Sharing Experiences in Voluntary Knowledge Dissemination’ on Monday, 9 March 2015. Mr. Philip Crabtree, a renowned teacher at Voluntary Service Overseas delivered the talk. He shared his working experiences in Bangladesh since 1966. Currently, he is associated with Moanoghar Residential School in Rangamati, Bangladesh. Prof. Dr. M. Ali Hossain, Dean, School of Environmental Science and Management, IUB, delivered the welcome speech. Among others, Mr. Rashed Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB and Prof. M. Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, spoke on the occasion. Mr. Hla Thaiching Marma, a student of IUB and hailing from Moanoghar Residential School in Rangamati spoke on behalf of the students. Mr. Chowdhury Kamrul Hasan, Senior Lecturer of Environmental Science gave the formal vote of thanks. The discussion was followed by a lively question-answer session. Members of IUB founding trust, faculty and management and students attended the programme.

Recruitment Drive by Marico Bangladesh Ltd.

Marico Bangladesh Ltd., one of the most renowned FMCG brands of the country, visited the School of Business on March 1, 2015 with a view to recruiting future ‘Sales Trainee Officers.’ The recruitment process was held in two phases. Over 70 candidates were initially judged by an ‘Aptitude Test’ which left 28 short-listed candidates for the ‘Group Discussion’ round. Finally, 11 deserving candidates were chosen by the HR Manager of Marico Bangladesh Ltd., for the final interview.

IUB team on Joint Student Project in Vietnam

I n association with South East Bank, Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation organized the 35th National Senior Table Tennis Tournament, 2015. It was held from 23-28 March, 2015, at the Gopalgonj Swimming Pool and Gymnasium. Under the supervision of IUB Table Tennis Coach Md. Kamruzzaman, the following members of the IUB table tennis club participated in the tournament: Shahidul Islam Sumon (ID: 1320578), Shayan Soha (ID: 1410253), Nazirul Islam (ID: 1410036), Nasiruddin (ID: 1321901) and Tuhin Hossen (ID: 1210543).
Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), organized a public lecture entitled ‘Contemporary Global Climate Change Debate: Challenges and Prospect’ on Monday, 16 March, 2015 at IUB. Sir David King, Climate Change Envoy, UK, was the Keynote Speaker. Dr Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) and Prof M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, IUB, delivered the welcome remarks while Mr Md Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Bangladesh, delivered the closing remarks. HE Mr. Robert Gibson, British High Commissioner, Dhaka; HE Ms. Sophie Aubert, French Ambassador, Dhaka; Helen O’Connor, Advisor, Climate Change and Environment from DFID Bangladesh and Mr A Matin Chowdhury, Chairman, ESTCDT (the Founding Trust of IUB) also attended the event.

IUB Gymnasium and Food Court inaugurated

Amid great enthusiasm, a state-of-the-art gymnasium and a food court were inaugurated on Monday, 16 March. The 6,000 sft high-tech gymnasium, to be monitored by professional instructors, will ensure physical fitness of students and staff and the 5000 sft food court (with a seating capacity of more than 250 at a time) will offer quality food and snack to them. The Chairman and the members of IUB Founding Trust (ESTCDT), Chairman of the Board of Trustees, (BOT), Vice Chancellor, Deans, the Heads of Departments, the members of the faculty and Management and students joined the inauguration ceremony.

The First-Ever Club Magazine of IUB

On February 2015, The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award at IUB (DEA IUB) club published ROLLOUT, the first-ever club magazine of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). The inauguration of the magazine was initiated after it was officially handed over to Mr. Rashed Chowdhury - Chairman, Board of Trustees, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB); Professor M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) and Professor Milan Pagon - Pro-Vice Chancellor, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). Through its 3-year journey, the club has gifted the University with 16 Successful Events, 100+ members and 2 International Delegation Programmes. ROLLOUT features all the events and accomplishments of the club date and also showcases the opportunities that lie ahead for the students.

DEA IUB is coordinated by Mr. Kazi Faruque Ahmed (Award Leader – The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award) and the Editorial & Ideation Team consists of Salman Ahmed (President), Mahaib Fazil (Vice President), Rifat Kamal Saif (General Secretary), Khwaja Saif Rahman (Writer in Chief), Junaid Deep and Fahad Zaman (Graphic Designers). ROLLOUT is available in the university library. It is also available in the PDF format on the university website. Please visit facebook.com/deaiub and youtube.com/user/deaiub/videos for all video updates on the club.
IEEE Region-10 (Asia-Pacific) Members Speak at IUB

The IEEE IUB Student Branch and the IEEE Bangladesh Section jointly organized a technical seminar series at Independent University, Bangladesh on 9th March, 2015. Senior members from IEEE Region-10 (Asia-Pacific) spoke in the seminar. Dr. Aiguo Patrick Hu, Professor of the University of Auckland, New Zealand and Chair of the IEEE New Zealand North Section, spoke on the topic “Wireless Power Transfer”. Dr. Alok Kant Deb, Professor of Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur and Secretary of IEEE Kharagpur Section spoke on “Robo Soccer”. Dr. Terence Betlehem of Collagham Innovation, New Zealand, spoke on “Special Audio for Room”.

The IEEE student members from IUB, BUET, EWU and AUST and faculty members of the EEE and CSE departments of IUB attended the seminar. The question-and-answer session provided a good insight into the respective fields. The seminar, conducted by Mumtahna Mou, Vice-Chair of IEEE IUB Student Branch, ended with a vote of thanks from Dr. Abdur Razzak, Counselor of IEEE IUB Student Branch and Associate Professor of the EEE department.

Inauguration of Sculpture and Painting Exhibition

The Art Club of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organized a sculpture and painting exhibition on the theme ‘The Flag’ at the university on 30 March. The exhibition was inaugurated by Chief Guest Prof. M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor of the university. Professor Zakir Hossain Raju, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences attended the programme as the Special Guest. Under the guidance of Mr. Nazir Ahmed, Asst. Professor of the course Arts and Aesthetics, course students displayed their artworks.

The exhibition was open for all till Monday, 6th April 2015.

Norwegian Ambassador visits IUB

Her Excellency Ms Merete Lundemo, Ambassador of Norway to Bangladesh, visited Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on Tuesday, 24 March, 2015. During her visit, she met the Vice Chancellor, Professor M Omar Rahman, and Dr Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD). She was accompanied by Mr Morshed Ahmed, Senior Adviser, Development Affairs, Norwegian Embassy, Dhaka.