New Chairman and Vice Chairman of the IUB Founding Trust

Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, Managing Director of New Asia Limited, has been elected Chairman of the Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT), the founding trust of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) for 2015-2016. Dr. Syed Serajul Huq, Chairman, Sea Pearl Lines Limited has been elected Vice Chairman. Mr. Chowdhury, is a founder Trustee of ESTCDT. He joined the Liberation War of Bangladesh while he was a medical student in 1971 and was commissioned in the first batch of officers of the Bangladesh Army and led troops in Sector 6 (A) and was injured in action. In 1976 he took voluntary retirement from the Army as a major. He then joined the family business and currently he is the Chairman of two companies and Managing Director of five others. He is the former Chairman of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) and current Chairman of the Underprivileged Children’s Educational Programme (UCEP). He is also associated with the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB) and other educational and social organizations for promotion of education and healthcare for the underprivileged.

Dr. Huq is currently Sponsor Director and Chairman of Bean Monde Apparels Ltd, Bean Monde Garments Ltd and Tetash Refinery Co Ltd. He is also the Vice Chairman of Sonata Shipping Lines Ltd and Union Insurance Co Ltd. Besides, he is the former President, Rotary Club of Chittagong; life and permanent member of Bhatiari Golf and Country Club; permanent member of Chittagong Club Ltd; and former President of Barisal Bivagor Samity, Chittagong.

The ESTCDT is a Trust set up by a group of like-minded individuals with the objective of “giving back” to the society and the country. It is a genuinely non-profit body comprising of industrialists, business leaders and eminent personalities in academic, professional, diplomatic and public life. The ESTCDT prides itself on not receiving or expecting to receive any financial or any other personal benefit; all the revenue is ploughed into further development of the institutions. The Trustees give a lot of time and effort to Independent University, Bangladesh, Dhaka and, also, Chittagong Independent University to create institutions of unparalleled excellence for students, teachers and the society.

Seminar on New Frontiers of Wireless Telecom: 4G LTE and Beyond held

A seminar titled New Frontiers of Wireless Telecom: 4G LTE and Beyond was held at the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering (EEE), Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on 24 January, 2015. Dr. Sharif Islam, Senior Technology Specialist, R&D Department of Manitoba Telecom Services (MTS), Manitoba, Canada, was the speaker of the event. The seminar was organized by the IEEE IUB Student Branch. Dr. Shahriar Khan, Professor of the EEE department, introduced the speaker. The students and faculty members of the EEE department attended on the seminar. The question-and-answer session provided a good insight into the field of wireless telecommunication. The seminar was conducted by Dr. Abdur Razzak, Counselor of IEEE IUB Student Branch and Associate Professor of the EEE department. The seminar ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Shahriar Khan.
IUB Theatre staged its 16th production, Rabindranath Tagore’s “Daakghar” at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on 27th January 2015. The club performed the play in front of a full house. Club patron Dr. G.M. Shahidul Alam, Head, Department of Media and Communication, was present. The play was directed by Md. Rafiqul Islam. Inspired by the high acclaim the play received from the audience, IUB Theatre is looking forward to staging it on the university campus as well as other places outside it.

Rifat Ara Rouf earns a Ph.D

The Academic Council of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, conferred the “Doctor of Philosophy” degree on Ms. Rifat Ara Rouf under department of Mathematics. The title of her thesis was “Analytical Investigation for the Solar Heat Driven Cooling and Heating System for the Climatic Condition of Dhaka”. Dr. Rouf had first class and secured first position in her Msc degree (in Applied Mathematics) from University of Dhaka. She attended a number of International Conferences in home and abroad and presented her research work. She has published several research articles. Some of her conference articles are published in Procedia Engineering of Elsevier. Her article “Solar Adsorption Cooling- A case study for the Climatic Condition of Dhaka”, has been published in Journal of Computers of Academy Publishers. She attended and presented her article “Adsorption Solar Cooling- Driven by Heat Storage Collected from CPC Panel” in International Symposium on “Innovative Materials for Processes in Renewable Energy Systems” held at Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan from September 3-6, 2013. Which afterward, had been accepted to be published in Journal of Heat Transfer Engineering from Taylor and Francis publishers. Dr. Rouf had the opportunity to co-author this article with renowned Professor Francis Muenier a pioneer in adsorption solar cooling and member of IPCC, who was awarded 2007 Nobel peace prize. Dr. Rouf is a life member of Bangladesh Mathematical Society (BMS). She served as Secretary of “IUB Inter College Math and Science Olympiad, 2011” and as a Member Secretary of the “Final Event of 5th National Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad, 2013”. She is a Senior Lecturer in Mathematics of Department of Physical Sciences in School of Engineering and Computer Science, IUB.
RESEARCH GRANT 2015

The presentation of research proposals under “Research Grant 2015” organized by the Centre for Business Policy Research (CBPR) was held in IUB on Friday, 23rd of January 2015. The Director of the Centre, Dr. Sarwar Ahmed, Dean School of Business, inducted the ceremony with a welcome speech. A total of Nine proposals were presented. A board of external experts, which comprised Professor Masudur Rahman, Dr. Nazmul Amin Majumdar and Professor Abdul Hannan Mia, gave their valuable reviews on the presentations. Several distinguished guests and other faculty members were also present at the ceremony.

Farhad Alam earns a Ph.D

Dr. Alam is a Senior Lecturer of Department of Physical Sciences, School of Engineering and Computer Science of IUB. He received his Ph.D degree in June 2014 from the Department of Physics, BUET, Dhaka. He did his B.Sc. (Hons), M.Sc. (Thesis) from University of Chittagong and M. Phil from BUET. Dr. Alam has been teaching at this university since 2001. In the last 14 years of his teaching career he has proved himself as a potential teacher and creative researcher in different field of Physics. In his M.Sc., M. Phil and Ph.D dissertations, he presented his research work in the field of Semiconductor Physics, Amorphous and Crystalline Magnetic Materials. A number of research articles have been published by him in reputed national and international journals and a number of papers have been presented in different national and international conferences. Dr. Alam is a life member of Bangladesh Physical Society (BPS). Besides teaching he is also involved in different socio-cultural event of the society.
An orientation programme was held on Monday, 12 January 2015, at the university campus for the newly admitted students of the spring trimester.

Welcoming the students, Prof. M. Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor said, ‘Be a pioneer and leader, not a follower. Believe that each of you can change Bangladesh and the world.’

Prof Milan Pagon, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Designate); Dr. Sarwar Uddin Ahmed, Dean, School of Business; Prof Shahriar Khan, on behalf of Dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science; Prof. M Ali Hossain, Dean, School of Environmental Science and Management; Prof Zakir Hossain Raju, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; and Dr. Tanvir A. Khan, Registrar, spoke on the occasion. The programme was conducted by Ms Priyanka Dey, Assistant Director, Office of the Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid.

Later, the newly admitted students visited different schools, departments, the library, laboratories, and the cafeteria. Parents, guardians, members of the faculty and management of IUB were also present on the occasion alongside the graduating students.