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MoU signing between AIUB and CRID USA

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

To establish a framework for collaboration and cooperation in research, innovation, and capacity-building initiatives, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between CRID USA and AIUB. Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman (Pro Vice-Chancellor, AIUB) and Mr. Mehdi Shams (President & CEO (Co-Founder), CRID USA), representing E-Technologic, signed the MoU on 8 April 2025.

Key areas include joint research, faculty and student capacity building, exchange programs, and co-development of innovative technologies. CRID USA also donated a full-size simulator to AIUB for research purposes.

The event was attended by Brig. Gen. Shafiu Azam Parvez (Director

General, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission), Dr. Hasanul A. Hasan (Founder Member, Board of Trustees, AIUB), Ms. Nadia Anwar (Founder Member and Chairman, Board of Trustees), Dr. Carmen Z. Lamagna (Member, Board of Trustees), Professor Dr. Saiful Islam (Vice-Chancellor), Prof. Dr. ABM Siddique Hossain (Professor, Dean, Faculty of Engineering), Dr. Mohammad Abdul Mannan (Professor, Associate Dean, Faculty of Engineering), Dr. Md. Saniat Rahman Zishan (Professor, Director, Faculty of Engineering), Dr. Chowdhury Akram Hossain (Head, Department of Computer Engineering).

<https://www.aiub.edu/mou-signing-between-aiub-and-crid-usa>



Analytics in Action: Unlocking Opportunities in a Data-Driven World

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

The Department of Management Information Systems, Faculty of Business Administration (FBA), AIUB, organized a seminar titled "Analytics in Action: Unlocking Opportunities in a Data-Driven World" on April 9, 2025. Mr. Mehabul Hoque Nahid, Senior Assistant Professor and Department Head of Management Information System, moderated the event. Professor Dr. Anwar Hossain, Advisor and Dean-in-Charge, FBA, delivered the opening remarks. The seminar featured Mr. Shyamol B. Das, Additional Managing Director of Technology & Digital Banking Operation at Nagad, who covered several key topics including the digital payment

industry's growth and movement, industry insights, Nagad's journey until 2024, Nagad's transactional target achievements, active customer target achievements, customer insights, and challenges with improvement scopes.

Dr. Rezbin Nahar, Associate Professor and Director of the Undergraduate Program (BBA), delivered the closing speech. Several FBA faculty members, including Dr. Md. Aftab Anwar, HS Sarder, Jubayer Suhan, Md Nur Al Ahad, and Mohammad Baijed, attended the event and engaged in the subsequent networking session.

AIUB Students Shine at Global Student Sustainability Symposium 2025

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

AIUB students presented their community-centered sustainability project at the Responsible Futures Student Sustainability Symposium held virtually on April 9, 2025, jointly organized by Students Organizing for Sustainability UK (SOS-UK) and the University of the West of England (UWE Bristol).

Dr. Shourov Barua (MPH Program) and Ms. Fathima Anwar (Architecture Department) represented AIUB. Their presentation, titled “Students’ Community Engagement Initiatives in Korail, Bangladesh,” showcased youth-led projects’ role in engaging underserved urban communities through education, awareness, and sustainable practices. Project members included Mr. Md. Ishmam Bin Zaman, Ms. Maimuna Ferdausi, Ms. Samia Zaman from the



Architecture Department, and Dr. Sifat Jubaira from the MPH Department.

The AIUB team was mentored and supported by Prof. Dr. Carmen Z. Lamagna, Member, AIUB Board of Trustees & Former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Farheen Hassan Ph.D., SFHEA, Director, IQAC & Professor, FBA, Ms. Carlin Z. Lamagna, Senior Assistant Professor & Deputy Director, OPD, Dr. Rezbina Nahar, Associate Professor & Director, Undergraduate Program (BBA), FBA, and Ms. Nazia Farhana, Assistant Professor, FBA & Additional Director (in-charge), IQAC.



AIUB Boishakh Utshab 1432 Celebrated with Grandeur

Monday, April 14, 2025

AIUB celebrated AIUB Boishakh Utshab 1432 on April 14, 2025, at its campus.

The Boishakhi Mela featured an array of stalls by the students and a classic ‘nagordola’. A cultural program was staged featuring performances by the AIUB Performing Arts Club (APAC) and a fun debate by the AIUB Oratory Club (AOC). Later, renowned singers of the country, Minar Rahman (an AIUB Alumnus), Bappa & Dolchut, Pritom Hasan, and Tahsan Khan, captivated the crowd.

With the “alpona” road painting across the premises and a stall

offering hand-made craft items at the fair, the AIUB Arts Club upheld their tradition this Pohela Boishakh. Besides, the Department of Architecture installed colourful motifs throughout the campus.

The event was inaugurated by Ms. Nadia Anwar, Founder Member and Chairman of the AIUB Board of Trustees, attended by fellow Board Members, including Dr. Hasanul A. Hasan, Dr. Carmen Z Lamagna, Ms. Sabrina Abedin, Ms. Shania Mahia Abedin, and Ms. Adhira Alim. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Saiful Islam and Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman also joined the celebration.

Seminar on Smart Grid Initiatives: Multidisciplinary Research Approach and Funding Opportunities with a Special Focus on Europe

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

On April 16, 2025, the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE), Faculty of Engineering (FE), AIUB, in collaboration with the IEEE AIUB Student Branch, organized a seminar titled "Smart Grid Initiatives: Multidisciplinary Research Approach and Funding Opportunities with a Special Focus on Europe."

The seminar commenced with Prof. Dr. A.B.M Siddique Hossain, Dean, FE, AIUB; Advisor, IEEE AIUB Student Branch, highlighting the importance of developing smart and sustainable energy systems.



The keynote speaker, Dr. Shafi K Khadem, Principal Researcher and Innovation Leader, Smart Grid and Distributed System, International Energy Research Center (IERC), Tyndall National Institute, Ireland, provided in-depth insights into the multidisciplinary scope of smart grid research and the integration of renewable energy into smart grids. The discussion concluded with a Q&A session.

The event concluded with Dr. Md. Hasan Imam's (Associate Professor, AIUB) speech.

AIUB at the QS Higher Ed Summit: Middle East 2025

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

The QS Higher Ed Summit: Middle East 2025, themed ‘Society 5.0: Higher Education and Skills for a Human-Centred Future’, was held in Kuwait on 20–22 April, hosted by Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST). Representing AIUB, Ms. Shania Mahia Abedin, Member, Board of Trustees, attended.

The Opening Session, titled ‘Setting the Scene’, was attended by Mr. Ashwin Fernandes, Executive Director (AMESA), QS Quacquarelli Symonds; Mr. Jason Newman, Chief Commercial Officer, QS Quacquarelli Symonds; Mr. Nawaf Arhamah, Chairman, GUST; Mr. Bassam Alameddine, President, GUST; Mr. Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor, Abu Dhabi University; and H.E. Prof Dr Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General, Association of Arab Universities.

The Opening Panel, ‘State of the Region,’ explored the transformative shifts reshaping the Middle East’s educational and economic landscapes. Distinguished speakers included Mr. Ashwin Fernandes;



Mr. Bassam Alameddine; Mr. Ebrahim Al Hajri, President, Khalifa University of Science and Technology; Mr. Fuad Mohammed Al-Ansari, President, University of Bahrain; Ms. Aisha Al Kharusi, Deputy Executive Chairperson, Modern College of Business and Science, Oman; and H.E. Dr Ahmed Bin Saleh Al-Yamani, President, Prince Sultan University.

<https://www.aiub.edu/aiub-at-the-qs-higher-ed-summit-middle-east-2025>



Architecture Department Transforms AIUB Campus with Artistic Flair on AIUB Boishakh Utshab 1432

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

As part of AIUB's vibrant celebration of Pohela Boishakh 1432, the Department of Architecture initiated a colorful and culturally rooted project.

The activities were coordinated under the guidance of the Head of Department, M. Arefeen Ibrahim. Students were mentored by their studio guides — Tarek Morad, Rashed Hasan, Nandita Barai, Nushrat-E-Hoque, Md Obaidul Haque, Sumaita Fatema Nur, Ishrar Haque, and Preyo Darshan Dash.

As part of the event's structure, Studio I students created vibrant placards and decorated the linear space in front of Annex 7, and Studio II students designed, created, and installed the large-scale mascots throughout the campus.

In addition, current students and alumni of the department came together the night before the event to create stunning street art in the parking space (in front of Annex 2-3). A special arts & crafts stall was also arranged during the university fair.

<https://www.aiub.edu/architecture-department-transforms-aiub-campus-with-artistic-flair-on-aiub-boishakh-utshab-1432>



AIUB Joins AASHE to Strengthen Commitment to Sustainability

Thursday, April 24, 2025

American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) is proud to announce its official membership in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). This milestone reflects AIUB's growing commitment to environmental stewardship, sustainability education, and responsible campus practices.

As a member of AASHE, AIUB gains access to a global network of

institutions and resources dedicated to integrating sustainability into higher education. This membership will support AIUB in strengthening its sustainability initiatives, fostering innovation, and contributing to a more sustainable future. Also, this affiliation provides AIUB with valuable resources, collaborative opportunities, and a platform to share and enhance its sustainability initiatives.

Link: <https://www.aiub.edu/aiub-joins-aashe-to-strengthen-commitment-to-sustainability>

Architecture Alumna Wins 2nd Position in the “KSRM Awards for Future Architects: Best Undergraduate Thesis”

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Shahira Sarwat, a graduate of the Architecture department at AIUB, received second prize in the 6th cycle of the KSRM Awards for Future Architects.

The Award Gala, in association with IAB, was held at the IAB center on 26 April 2025. Mr. Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan, Honorable Advisor for the Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources, the Ministry of Road Transport & Bridges, and the Ministry of Railways, Government of Bangladesh, the chief guest, presented the winners with a crest, a certificate, and the prize money, and shared a speech.



IAB President, Ar. Prof. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed also gave a speech. Shahira Sarwat secured 2nd position among 44 entries from 15 accredited architectural schools for her thesis project “Heritage Sanctuary for Geology, Jaflong.”

Her thesis teachers were Ashik Vaskor Mannan, Associate Professor, and Irfat Alam, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, AIUB. M Arefeen Ibrahim, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Architecture, AIUB, was her supervisor.



World University Rankings 2025



Asia University Rankings 2025

AIUB Earns Spot in Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2025

Wednesday, 23 April 2025

AIUB has achieved another milestone by being officially ranked in the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2025. This marks a significant progression from its previous status as a reporter university, showcasing AIUB's growing academic and institutional excellence.

This year, 17 Bangladeshi universities have been featured in the rankings — including 13 public and 4 private universities.

The Asia University Rankings, published annually by Times Higher Education, evaluate universities based on several performance indicators, including teaching, research, citations, international outlook, and industry income. AIUB's entry into the ranked list signals its steady advancement in academic quality, research output, and global engagement.



Let's Talk with the EU Ambassador H.E. Michael Miller at AIUB

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

AIUB hosted an event titled "Let's Talk with the EU Ambassador," featuring His Excellency Mr. Michael Miller, the Ambassador of the European Union to Bangladesh, on April 29, 2025.

Themed "EU-Bangladesh Relations in a Changing World: Youth Perspectives on Partnership and Progress," the event included the Ambassador's discussion with AIUB's students and faculty members, and a performance by AIUB Performing Arts Club (APAC).

Ms. Jui Chakma, Programme Manager for TVET and Erasmus+ at the EU Delegation to Bangladesh, was also present.

The university's top leadership in attendance included Ms. Nadia Anwar, Founder Member and Chairman, Board of Trustees; Mr.

Ishtiaque Abedin, Founder Member, Board of Trustees; Ms. Shania Abedin, Member, Board of Trustees; Prof. Dr. Saiful Islam, Vice Chancellor; Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman, Pro Vice Chancellor; Gp. Capt. (Retd) Dr. Mohammad Zahidul Islam Khan, Registrar; and Prof. Dr. S.A.M. Manzur H. Khan, Proctor.

During the official meeting with H.E. Mr. Michael Miller, discussions focused on expanding academic cooperation through Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, and Jean Monnet programs; two-way student and faculty mobility; strengthening climate and research collaboration; reducing barriers to mobility and deepening cultural and educational ties.

<https://www.aiub.edu/lets-talk-with-the-eu-ambassador-he-michael-miller-at-aiub>



Seminar on Digitalization and Service Marketplace: Operational Barriers for Entrepreneurs in Achieving a Sustainable Business Ecosystem

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

The Department of Management Information Systems, Faculty of Business Administration (FBA), AIUB, organized a seminar titled “Digitalization and Service Marketplace: Operational Barriers for Entrepreneurs in Achieving a Sustainable Business Ecosystem” on April 29, 2025. The event commenced with opening remarks by Professor Dr. Anwar Hossain, Advisor and Dean-in-Charge of FBA. Mr. Mehzaul Hoque Nahid, Senior Assistant Professor and Department Head of Management Information Systems, introduced the resource speaker, Mohammad Ilmul Haque, COO and Co-Founder of sheba.xyz, and moderated the session. During the seminar, Mr.

Haque shared the inspiring journey of sheba.xyz, detailing its evolution into a pivotal player in Bangladesh’s service-based SME ecosystem by 2025, with over 15,000 service providers and more than 200,000 orders served.

The seminar was attended by distinguished FBA faculty members, including Dr. Md. Aftab Anwar, Jubayer Suhan, Md Nur Al Ahad, Khandakar Tahurul Islam, and Mohammad Bajjed, with Dr. Rezbin Nahar, Associate Professor and Director of the Undergraduate Program (BBA), delivering the closing speech.

<https://www.aiub.edu/seminar-on-digitalization-and-service-marketplace-operational-barriers-for-entrepreneurs-in-achieving-a-sustainable-business-ecosystem>



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