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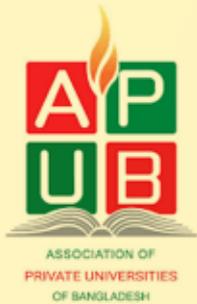
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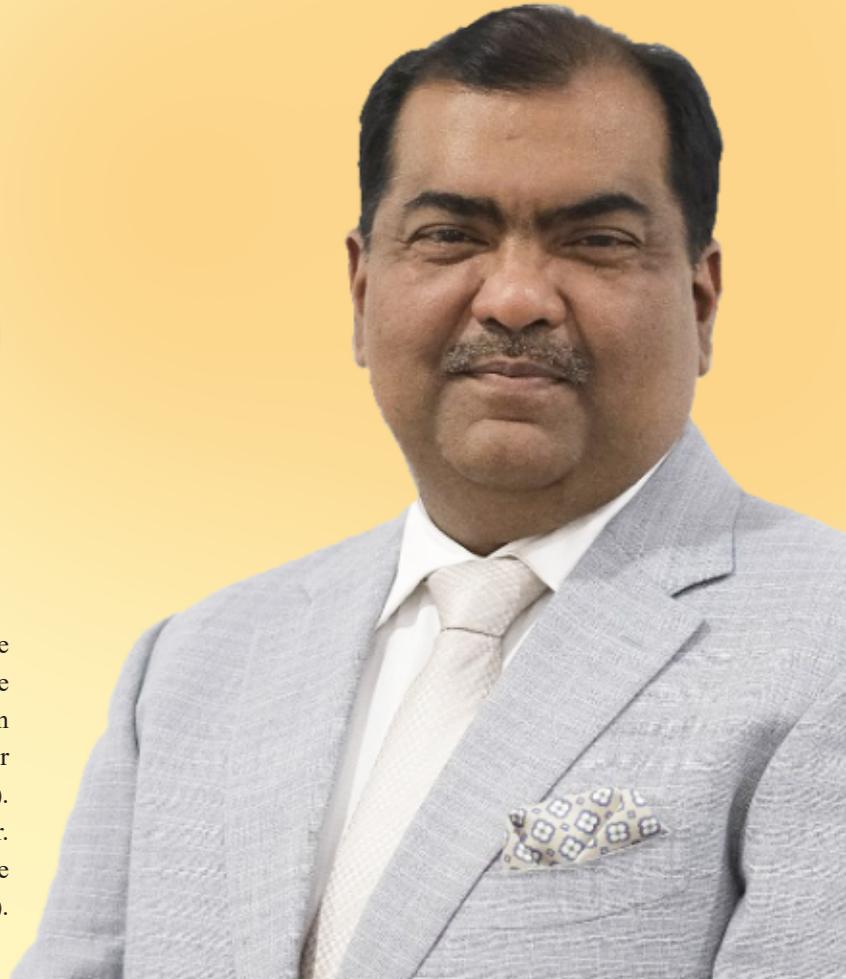
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# Mr. Ishtiaque Abedin Elected Secretary General of APUB

16 August 2024, Friday

Mr. Ishtiaque Abedin has been elected Secretary General of the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB). The APUB Executive Committee made this decision during an emergency meeting. Mr. Ishtiaque Abedin is a Founder Member of the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB). Previously serving as the Joint Secretary General of APUB, Mr. Abedin is also a member of AUAP, DCCI, and the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI).





# Ms. Nadia Anwar Elected as Chairperson of AIUB

01 September 2024, Sunday

Ms. Nadia Anwar, a Founder Member and Vice Chairperson of the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), has been unanimously elected Chairperson of the AIUB Board of Trustees. Ms. Nadia Anwar is the Chairperson of wEvolve Ltd, a mental health care organization. Additionally, she serves as the director of American Dairy Ltd (ADL), Director of Chemlube Ltd, the sole distributor in Bangladesh of MAK Lubricants, a product of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, and director of Subaru Bangladesh Ltd.

<https://www.aiub.edu/-letter-from-the-chairman-board-of-trustees>



# Official Inauguration of Campus-Wide Free Student Wi-Fi at AIUB

04 September 2024, Wednesday

In a significant step towards enhancing digital learning and connectivity, AIUB officially launched its campus-wide high-density free Wi-Fi service for students on September 4, 2024, AIUB Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Saiful Islam and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Nadia Anwar jointly cut the ribbon to symbolize the official opening of this state-of-the-art facility. The high-density Wi-Fi network,

designed to support thousands of simultaneous users, will cover all areas of the campus, including classrooms, libraries, corridors, and outdoor spaces. This initiative is part of AIUB's broader strategy to integrate cutting-edge technology into the academic experience, ensuring students can access the necessary tools to succeed.

<https://www.aiub.edu/official-inauguration-of-campus-wide-free-student-wi-fi-at-aiub>



# AIUB Founder Chairman Dr. Anwarul Abedin's 12th Death Anniversary

05 September 2024, Thursday

American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) commemorated the 12th death anniversary of its Founder Chairman, Dr. Anwarul Abedin, on Thursday, September 5, 2024. To honor his memory, the AIUB community, along with his family, organized a Quran Khani and Milad Mahfil at the AIUB campus. During his lifetime, Dr. Anwarul Abedin made exceptional contributions to the advancement of higher education in Bangladesh. His vision and dedication laid the foundation of AIUB, shaping its continued progress. The AIUB community invited all students, faculty, staff, relatives, and well-wishers to join in prayer for the eternal peace of his soul.

<https://www.aiub.edu/dr-anwarul-abedin-death-anniversary>



## AIUBian Europe Meetup 2024 Held in Frankfurt, Germany

07 September 2024, Saturday

AIUB European Alumni Meet 2024 was held in Frankfurt, Germany, on 7th September 2024, bringing together alumni from across Europe who have made significant contributions in their respective fields. Mr. Ishtiaque Abedin, Founding Member of the AIUB Board of Trustees, was the Chief Guest of the event. Ms. Sabrina Abedin, Member of the AIUB Board of Trustees, and Mr. Zaheed Sabur, Google's first Bangladeshi Distinguished Engineer and Senior Director, attended as Special Guests.

<https://www.aiub.edu/aiubian-europe-meetup-2024-held-in-frankfurt-germany>



# AIUB Becomes Title Sponsor of NASA Space Apps Challenge 2024

08 September 2024, Sunday

Ms. Nadia Anwar, Chairperson of the AIUB Board of Trustees, and Mr. Russell T. Ahmed, President of BASIS (Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the AIUB campus on September 8, 2024, for the NASA Space Apps Challenge 2024. AIUB is the title sponsor of NASA Space Apps Challenge 2024, and the event will be held on October 4-5, 2024, at the AIUB campus. BASIS Vice President (Finance) Mr. Iqbal Ahmed

Fakhrul Hasan, NASA Space Apps Challenge 2024 Bangladesh Chapter Convener Mr. Abhijit Bhowmik (Associate Professor, Computer Science, AIUB), and local leads Mr. Anisul Haq and Mr. Sanjar Adnan Alam attended the ceremony. From AIUB, Prof. Dr. Manzur H. Khan, Proctor, and Deputy Director of the Office of Student Affairs, Mr. Ziarat Hossain Khan were also present.

<https://www.aiub.edu/-aiub-becomes-title-sponsor-of-nasa-space-apps-challenge-2024>



# AIUB Delegates Visit Hochschule Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences

09 September 2024, Monday

A delegation from AIUB, led by Mr. Ishtiaque Abedin, Founder Member of the Board of Trustees, visited Hochschule Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences in Darmstadt, Germany, to discuss potential academic partnerships and collaborative initiatives on September 9, 2024. They met with Prof. Dr. Matthias Vieth, Vice President for Studies, Teaching, and Student Affairs at Hochschule Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences. During the discussions, it was confirmed that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AIUB and Hochschule Darmstadt

University of Applied Sciences would soon be signed to formalize their commitment to working together on research and academic development. The delegation also toured the university's laboratories, classrooms, and other facilities, accompanied by Prof. Dr. Krau, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, and Prof. Dr. Peter Fromm, Head of the Master's Program.

<https://www.aiub.edu/aiub-delegates-visit-hochschule-darmstadt-university-of-applied-sciences>



# Courtesy Call by AIUB Delegates to UGC Chairman

17 September 2024, Tuesday

A delegation from the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), led by Ms. Nadia Anwar, Founder Member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, met with the newly appointed Chairman of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC), Prof. Dr. SMA Faiz, on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at his office.

The delegation included Prof. Dr. Saiful Islam, Vice Chancellor of AIUB, Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman, Pro-Vice Chancellor of AIUB, and Prof. Dr. Manzur H Khan, Proctor of AIUB. Dr. Md. Fakhru

Islam, Secretary of the University Grants Commission, was also present at the meeting.

On behalf of AIUB, Ms. Nadia Anwar presented a plaque of felicitation to Prof. Dr. SMA Faiz. The AIUB team also met Professor Dr. M. Anwar Hossen, Member of the UGC, during the visit.

<https://www.aiub.edu/courtesy-call-by-aiub-delegates-to-ugc-chairman>

# Mr. Ishtiaque Abedin Meets Newly Appointed UGC Chairman Prof. Dr. S M A Faiz



18 September 2024, Wednesday

Mr. Ishtiaque Abedin, a Founding Member of Board of Trustees of AIUB and the Secretary General of the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB), met with the newly appointed Chairman of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC), Prof. Dr. SMA Faiz, at the UGC office. The visit took place on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Mr. Ishtiaque also met with Prof. Dr. M. Anwar Hossen, Member of the UGC for Private Universities. The meeting discussed potential collaborative opportunities within the private higher education sector in Bangladesh, including PhD programs and various scholarships at private universities.

<https://www.aiub.edu/mr-ishtiaque-abedin-meets-newly-appointed-ugc-chairman-prof-dr-sma-faiz>



# AIUB Donates Twelve Lakh Taka to Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund for Flood Victims

19 September 2024, Thursday

In a compassionate response to the recent devastating floods, American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) has generously contributed twelve lakh taka to the Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund for flood victims. This donation represents a united effort by the AIUB community, with funds collected through a voluntary contribution of one day's salary from the University's management, faculty, officers, and staff.

Prof. Dr. Saiful Islam, Vice Chancellor of AIUB, presented the cheque to Mr. Faruk E Azam, Bir Protik, Honorable Adviser to the Ministry of

Disaster Management and Relief, during a ceremony at his office. The donation aims to support immediate relief and recovery efforts, providing much-needed assistance to those affected by the flooding.

AIUB remains committed to national relief efforts, reaffirming its dedication to supporting the well-being of communities across Bangladesh.



# Students of AIUB: Standing with the Flood-Affected People

19 September 2024, Thursday

In response to the devastating floods that recently struck the southeastern region of Bangladesh, numerous groups of students from AIUB have exemplified their commitment to humanitarian needs and social responsibility through various relief and rescue efforts throughout several affected areas like Chagolnaiya, Porshuram, Shonagazi, Modhupur, Mohipal, Shenbag, Mohipur, Hajigonj, Alipur, Rajgonj, Boshikpur, Shompara, Dottopara, etc. Moved by the plight of those affected, they organized fundraising campaigns, arranged care packages of necessities, and

volunteered to brave the rising water levels to distribute relief and even assist the on-site locals, army, and navy personnel with their rescue missions in many remote areas of the region. Their combined efforts enabled the distribution of essential food and medical supplies to over 1200 families struggling with the flood's aftermath. Many groups of students were able to rescue several locals stranded in a flood-affected region.

<https://www.aiub.edu/students-of-aiub-standing-with-the-flood-affected>



# AIUB Faculty Honored in Stanford University and Elsevier's Top 2% Scientists Worldwide List

23 September 2024, Monday

AIUB is proud to announce that three of its esteemed faculty members have been recognized on the prestigious Stanford University and Elsevier's Top 2% Scientists Worldwide List for 2024. The list includes Dr. Mohammed Jashim Uddin, Professor and Convenor of the Research and Publication, Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science & Technology; Dr. Muhammad Firoz Mridha, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Science & Technology; and Dr. Nowshad Amin, Professor and Deputy Director of the Dr. Anwarul Abedin

Institute of Innovation, Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, for their exceptional contributions to scientific research and innovation. Ms. Nadia Anwar, Founder Member and Chairman, Board of Trustees presented plaques to them for their achievement, while meeting lead researchers of AIUB-funded projects.

<https://www.aiub.edu/aiub-faculty-honored-in-stanford-university-and-elseviers-top-2-scientists-worldwide-list>



# Tourism & Hospitality Management Department Organizes Study Tour to the Asian Tourism Fair 2024

24 September 2024, Tuesday

The Department of Marketing and Tourism & Hospitality Management (THM) under the Faculty of Business Administration (FBA) at AIUB organized a study tour to the 11th Asian Tourism Fair (ATF) 2024 on September 19, 2024. The fair, held from September 19 to 21 at the International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB) in Dhaka, Bangladesh, featured nearly 100 tourism organizations, including tourism clubs, tour operators, educational institutions, hotels, airlines, and resorts from countries like Bangladesh, Maldives, China, Philippines, Sri Lanka,

Vietnam, Bhutan, and Singapore. The event was coordinated by Mr. AKM Kamrul Haque, Senior Associate Professor, Department of Marketing, and Mr. Mahmudul Hasan, Lecturer, Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Partha Prasad Chowdhury, Head of the Department of Marketing and THM.

<https://www.aiub.edu/tourism--hospitality-management-department-organizes-study-tour-to-the-asian-tourism-fair-2024>



## AIUB Champions League (ACL) 2024: BBA Team Atletico de Madrid Claims the Championship!

24 September 2024, Tuesday

On July 15, 2024, the AIUB Champions League (ACL) kicked off, featuring 48 departmental teams in a seven-day tournament. Football fans followed the action live on AIUB's YouTube channel. The finale on September 18 saw Atletico de Madrid (BBA) defeat Crystal Palace FC (MBA) 2-1 for the title, while SSC Napoli (EEE) placed third and Leeds United (CS) won the Fair Play award. In a special women's match, Real Madrid CF edged out FC Barcelona, showcasing stars like Sanjida Akhter, Krishna Rani Sarker, Mishrat Jahan Moushumi, Anuching

Mogini, and Rupa Akter. The prize-giving ceremony, hosted by Mr. Md. Joynal Abedin, Coordinator of the Office of Sports, honored champions with esteemed guests, including Professor Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Professor Dr. Manzur H. Khan, Proctor; Professor Dr. Mohammad Faridul Alam, Director of Graduate Program, FBA; Dr. Saniat Rahman Zishan, Director, Faculty of Engineering; and Dr. Rezbin Nahar, Director of Undergraduate Program, FBA, honored the champions.

<https://www.aiub.edu/aiub-champions-league-acl-2024-bba-team-atletico-de-madrid-claims-the-championship>



# Seminar on Female Students Career-Building Opportunities in Power Sector

26 September 2024, Thursday

On September 23, 2024, AIUB, in collaboration with WePOWER Bangladesh National Chapter, hosted a seminar titled “Female Students Career-Building Opportunities in the Power Sector,” aiming to inspire final-year female students from the EEE, CSE, and IPE departments to pursue careers in the power sector. About 40 students and 9 faculty members attended. Mr. Faizul Karim (WePOWER Bangladesh, Senior Officer, The World Bank) introduced WePOWER. Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman (Pro Vice Chancellor, AIUB) highlighted the contributions of women in power generation organizations and distribution industries in his welcome address. Speakers included Ms. Jorifa Khatun (BPDB), Ms. Shahin Are Begum (DESCO), Ms. Sharmin Aktar (ECCB), Ms. Kaniz Fatema Khondaker (Power Grid Bangladesh PLC), Ms. Ivy Nahar Tisha (BREB), Ms. Kashfia Zaman (Grameen Shakti)), and Mr. Md. Aminur Rahman (BPMI), who discussed

their experiences and expressed interest in research collaborations. Prof. Dr. Farheen Hassan (Director, IQAC, AIUB) delivered the vote of thanks. Tokens of appreciation were presented by Prof. Dr. Farheen Hassan, Dr. Md. Saniat Rahman Zishan (Director and Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering, AIUB), and Ms. Susmita Ghosh (Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Assessor, IQAC, AIUB). The event was attended by Dr. Humayra Ferdous (Associate Professor and Head, Department of Physics), Ms. Nuzat Nuary Alam (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering), Dr. Effat Jahan (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering), Ms. Nazia Farhana (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business Administration), and Ms. Tahseen Asma Meem (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering).

<https://www.aiub.edu/seminar-on-female-students-career-building-opportunities-in-power-sector>



# Seminar on the Rise of Tourism and Travel Systems

26 September 2024, Thursday

The Department of Marketing, and Tourism & Hospitality Management (THM), Faculty of Business Administration (FBA) at AIUB, organized a seminar on “The Rise of Tourism and Travel Systems: A Bangladesh Perspective” on September 17, 2024, at the Media Studio of Annex 2. The workshop started with an introductory speech by Mr. Soumendra S. Das, Associate Professor, Department of Marketing. The seminar was conducted by Ms. Mahfuz Sultana, Lecturer, Pabna University of Science and Technology, and covered various industry topics. The

workshop was attended by students from Marketing and THM courses. MCIM, Chartered Marketer (UK) & Head, Department of Marketing, THM, FBA, organized the workshop, with coordination by Mr. AKM Kamrul Haque, Sr. Assistant Professor. Dr. Rezbin Nahar, Associate Professor and Director of the BBA Program, gave the vote of thanks, and Dr. Khondaker Sazzadul Karim, Associate Professor, presented a gift to the resource person.

<https://www.aiub.edu/seminar-on-the-rise-of-tourism-and-travel-systems>



## Advisor of the Department of Law Represents AIUB at the 2024 Global Law Deans' Forum

26 September 2024, Thursday

Professor Dr. Taslima Monsoor, Advisor of the Department of Law at AIUB, recently participated in the prestigious 2024 Global Law Deans' Forum and Annual Meeting of the International Association of Law Schools, held at the University of Lausanne, Faculty of Law, from September 12-13, 2024, in Switzerland. On September 12, she contributed to two key sessions. In 'Recent Developments in the Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Legal Education,' she raised concerns about the potential risks AI poses to human creativity and innovation. In

'Navigating External Influences,' she drew parallels between student activism in Bangladesh and its pivotal role in the country's independence movement. The day ended with a formal dinner at Restaurant Le Débarcadère. On September 13, in a session on 'Teaching Critical Issues for the Future Climate Change,' moderated by Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat National Law University, Professor Monsoor stressed the importance of interdisciplinary studies.

<https://www.aiub.edu/advisor-of-law-represents-aiub-at-the-2024-global-law-deans-forum>



# Head of the Department of Law Participated in the Study of U.S. Institute (SUSI) program

29 September 2024, Tuesday

Dr. Syeda Afroza Zerin, Head and Associate Professor of the Department of Law at AIUB, participated in the Study of U.S. Institutes (SUSI) program from 27th June to 7th August 2024 as a fully funded SUSI Scholar, courtesy of the U.S. Department of State's Exchange Programs. This transformative experience provided her with profound insights into international relations, cross-cultural dynamics, and a thorough understanding of U.S. culture, identity, society, and values. The program featured rigorous academic engagement, panel discussions, networking opportunities with esteemed global researchers, and immersive excursions. A standout aspect of her journey was the chance to connect with 17 remarkable individuals from various countries. Dr. Zerin greatly valued the opportunity to exchange diverse experiences and knowledge with these international peers.

<https://www.aiub.edu/head-of-law-department-participated-in-the-study-of-us-institute-susi-program>



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