



*Workshop participants from MSJ (top) and DEH (bottom)
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DEH and MSJ Build Teams for Self Assessment

The Self Assessment Committees (SAC) of the Media Studies and Journalism (MSJ) Department and Department of English and Humanities (DEH) of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) conducted a training workshop on “Self Assessment Committee Activities and Team Building” for all faculty members on 20 May and 25 May, respectively. The MSJ-SAC workshop was conducted by the Head of SAC, Dr. Sumon Rahman along with members Dr. Barbaq Quarmal, and Ms. Naima Alam. Mr. Wazir Ahmed, Additional Director of IQAC delivered the introductory speech. DEH-SAC workshop was conducted by the Head of SAC Ms. Arifa Ghani Rahman along with the members Dr. Mahmud Hasan Khan and Ms. Nadia Rahman. The workshop covered the Introduction of Quality Assurance in Higher Education and its applications in the department; Quality criteria standards set by University Grants Commission (UGC); introduction of SAC faculty members; process of UGC Program Accreditation-Self Assessment Report; External Peer Review and Improvement Plan. The workshop aims to make the faculty of the program aware of the self-assessment process so that they can help the SAC in program level activities.

IQAC Director Attends APQN Conference

The Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN) held its Annual Conference in Moscow, Russian Federation from 26 to 27 May 2017. Around 154 participants from 29 countries from the Asia-Pacific region attended the conference with the theme: New Horizons - Dissolving Boundaries for a Quality Region. The National Centre for Public Accreditation of the Russian Federation hosted the event at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration.

The keynote speakers included Prof. Libing Wang from UNESCO Asia-Pacific Bureau for Education; Dr. Judith Eaton from the US Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA); Prof. Dr. Jianxin Zhang from APQN; and Waldemar Siwinski from the IREG Observatory on Academic Ranking and Excellence. ULAB has been an institutional member of APQN since June 2010. IQAC Director Prof. Jude William Genilo represented the university in the conference.



National Centre for Public Accreditation Director Vladimir Navodnov welcomes delegates to the conference



UNESCO Director for the Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education Gwang-Jo Kim welcomed participants during the conference inauguration on 15 June 2017 at the Wuzhou Guest House, Shenzhen, China.

UNESCO Holds Quality Assurance Conference

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will organize the International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Paris in early 2018. To prepare, regional conferences have been conducted in various parts of the global. The regional conference for the Asia-Pacific was conducted on 15 to 16 June, 2017 in Shenzhen, People's Republic of China. Attended by more than 100 quality assurance experts, the conference mapped the current status, needs, innovative practices and challenges that are related to quality assurance in higher education in the region.

The themes of the conference include: new impetus for strengthening quality assurance in higher education; external quality assurance mechanisms, internal quality assurance mechanisms including culture of quality; bridging links between internal and external quality assurance processes, national qualifications frameworks; quality assurance in private higher education institutions; quality assurance of qualifications obtained through non-traditional modes; and international cooperation and regional harmonization efforts. IQAC Director Prof. Jude William Genilo represented the university in this event.

IQAC Director Briefs Faculty on QA Achievements and Directions

ULAB IQAC Director Prof. Jude William Genilo briefed faculty members of the university regarding the achievements and directions of the quality assurance office during the Summer Semester General Faculty Meeting conducted on 8 June 2017 at the ULAB Auditorium. The main achievements mentioned were the physical establishment of the office; recruitment of human resources (including the activation of various committees such as Curriculum

Committee and the Self-Assessment Committee); the organization of the Inception Workshop (as per requirement of the University Grants Commission); and the conduct of various capacity building activities at the programme level. The directions included the rallying of support for quality assurance among academic and non-academic staff; using information and communication technology (ICT) for data gathering and retrieval; creating manuals to ensure standardization in university operations (particularly for course teaching and student advising); and forming a working committee to draft the university governance manual (including updating the organogram).

ULAB Governance Manual Committee formed

ULAB Vice Chancellor Prof. Jahirul Haque formed a working committee to draft the ULAB Governance Manual and update the Organogram. The committee was convened in June and is expected to conclude its work before the end of the year. The members of the committee are:

Professor Akhtar Ahmed

Registrar, ULAB

Mr. Asif Uddin Ahmed

Deputy Director, Academic Affairs, ULAB

Mr. Habibur Rahman

Deputy Registrar, Registrar's Office, ULAB

Ms. Sadia Jabeen Khan

Deputy Director, HR Office, ULAB

Professor Jude William Genilo (Point person)

Director, IQAC ULAB

SPSS WORKSHOP CONDUCTED

The Institutional Quality Assurance Cell organized a half-day long workshop on Data Warehousing and Management with Statistics Program for Social Sciences (SPSS) on 1 June 2017 at A301, computer lab of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh. SAC members of five program offering entities and department admin officers have taken part in the workshop. The workshop instructs on how to manage and warehouse the data, which will come from different surveys of program offering entities. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Mehdi Rajeb, Assistant Professor of ULAB School of Business.

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