



*Inaugural Ceremony of 1st CETL Conference on Higher Education held at ULAB. Photo: IQAC-ULAB*

## CETL Conference Held at ULAB

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) hosted a 2-day conference entitled “1st CETL Conference on Higher Education In Pursuit of Quality in Higher Education: Challenges Ahead” on 22 to 23 August 2019 at ULAB Auditorium. Professor Kazi Shahidullah, PhD, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was present as Chief Guest whereas Professor Vincent Chang, PhD, Vice Chancellor, BRAC University was the Keynote Speaker. ULAB Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. H M Jahirul Haque did the welcome speech. Emphasizing on quality education, the Chief Guest of the conference said,

“the most important problem in higher education is quality. This problem exists in both public and private universities. We have no quantitative problems in higher education. If we had that problem, we wouldn't have so many universities”. There were two plenary sessions and eight academic sessions in two days. Around 50 scholars participated in this event. On the first day plenary session entitled “What are universities for: Relating quality debate with purpose” Prof. Dr. M. Omar Rahman, Vice-Chancellor of the Independent University Bangladesh (IUB); Professor Syeda Tahmina Akhtar, Director of Institute of Education and Research at Dhaka University; Professor Imran

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Curriculum Review held at ULAB. Photo: IQAC-ULAB

## Curriculum Review Held

Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Shamsad Mortuza organized an Academic Retreat on Curriculum Review on 24 August 2019 at ULAB Permanent Campus Auditorium. A total of 35 faculty members from different departments attended the workshop. The objective of this workshop was to review the existing GED curriculum; the findings of which will be presented to the Academic Council and Syndicate. The program started with the welcome speech from Professor H M Jahirul Haque, Vice Chancellor while Professor Jude William Genilo, Director of IQAC, shared the procedure on curriculum review from the IQAC perspective. Professor Shamsad Mortuza, Pro Vice Chancellor talked about the Liberal Arts curriculum. The whole day workshop was divided into four parts: (i). secondary to tertiary level education, (ii). university core courses, (iii). optional and minor declaration, and (iv). essential skills.

## ULAB Faculty Attend IEB Training

Professor Dr. Samia Subrina, Dr. Mirza Rasheduzzaman, Dr. Shahriar Rahman and Dr. Mohammad Golam Kibria from the School of Engineering, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) participated in a workshop entitled "The Implementation of Complex Engineering Problem Solving (WP) and Complex Engineering Activities (EA)" at Institution of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB) on 18 June 2019. The day-long workshop organized by the Board of Accreditation for Engineering and Technical Education (BAETE), was facilitated by Dr. Siti Hawa Hamzah and Engineer Liew Chia Pao from the Board of Engineers, Malaysia. The participants engaged in group discussions and presentations. The workshop facilitators displayed in-depth exchange on essential subjective issues with an accreditation-specific objective.

## Quality Assurance Committee Convened

The University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh convened for the seventh time its Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) on 28 August 2019 at 4.30pm in the Chancellery. The main agenda of the meeting were: preparation of ISO visit, parameters of ULAB graduate employment survey, and presentation of the follow up study on Institutional Quality Assurance Survey 2018. Vice Chancellor Professor H M Jahirul Haque acts as QAC Chair.

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Rahman, Dean of the ULAB School of Business and Special Advisor to the ULAB Board of Trustees; and Professor Rezwan Khan, Director, Institute of Engineering and Scientific Research, United International University (UIU) participated as panel members. Professor Imran Rahman chaired the session.

In the second plenary session entitled "Dissecting Higher Education Quality Debate: What We Know and What are We Missing Out?", Professor Dr. Salimullah Khan, Director, Center for Advanced Theory (CAT), ULAB; Professor Dr. Ariful Haq Kabir from the Institute of Education and Research (IER), University of Dhaka; Professor Dr. Shamsad Mortuza, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Head, Department of English and Humanities, ULAB; Professor Dr. Jude William Genilo, IQAC Director and Dean, School of Social Science, ULAB; and Dr. Ahmed Tazmeen, Assistant Professor and Chair, Department of Economics, School of Business and Economics (SBE), North South University, participated as panel members. Professor Dr. Jude William Genilo chaired the session.

In the closing ceremony, Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, Chief Adviser and Founder Vice Chancellor, East West University and Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank, was present as Chief Guest. The closing remarks were delivered by Professor Dr. Shamsad Mortuza, Pro-Vice Chancellor, ULAB. Professor Dr. H M Jahirul Haque, Vice Chancellor, ULAB, presented certificates to the participants.

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