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## ULAB Officials Pay Courtesy Visit to UGC Chair

Top officials of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) paid a courtesy visit to UGC Chairman Prof. Kazi Shahidullah last 11 May 2023. The officials included ULAB Trustee Board Member Kazi Nabil Ahmed, Vice Chancellor Prof. Imran Rahman, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Jude William Genilo and Registrar Lt. Col. Md. Foyzul Islam (Retd). A few days after the visit, the UGC Chair was appointed for a second term; he will serve for another four years.

In a letter to the UGC Chair, ULAB Vice Chancellor Prof. Imran Rahman expressed heartfelt congratulations regarding the re-appointment. He also gave assurance of the university's support and commitment to quality education in line with its mission to be a student-centered educational institution.

## ULAB Ranks 75 in WURI's Global Top 100 Innovative Universities 2023

The University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) has moved up 21 notches in the coveted Global Top 100 Innovative Universities in the World's Universities with Real Impact (WURI) Ranking – from rank 96 in 2022 to rank 75 in 2023.

In ceremonies held on 17 May 2023 in Fort Myers, Florida, WURI Project Leader Professor MOON Hwy-Chang announced that ULAB has placed 75th in the top 100 universities. The top five ranked universities are: (1) Minerva Schools at Keck Graduate Institute (USA); (2) Arizona State University

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36th in Industrial Application category

19th in Entrepreneurial Spirit category

28th in Ethical Value category

15th in Crisis Management category

20th in Fourth Industrial Revolution category

*ULAB's rank in different categories of WURI 2023 Global ranking*

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(USA); (3) University of Pennsylvania (USA); (4) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA); and (5) Stanford University (USA).

Among Bangladeshi universities, ULAB topped the list; besting seven universities that participated. The other universities on the WURI ranking's Top 300 are International University on Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT), American International University Bangladesh (AIUB), World University Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (BSMRAU), Canadian University Bangladesh (CUB) and Daffodil International University (DIU).

ULAB also improved its position in various WURI categories. Under the Industrial Application category, ULAB's entry "ULAB TV" improved its rank from 49 in 2022 to 36 in 2023. Under the Entrepreneurial Spirit category, ULAB's Dhaka International Mobile Film Festival (DIMFF) increased its rank from 25 in 2022 to 19 in 2023. Under the Ethical Value category, ULAB's entry on Curriculum Integration Program jumped from rank 36 in 2022 to 28 in

2023. Under the Crisis Management category, ULAB's entry regarding its post pandemic strategy upgraded its position from 24 in 2022 to 15 in 2023. Under the Fourth Industrial Revolution category, ULAB entry "Digital Journalism: An Advanced Study Program for the Fourth Industrial Revolution" was ranked 20.

The WURI Ranking is composed of the Global Top 100 and the Top 50 in each of the following categories: (1) Industrial Application; (2) Entrepreneurial Spirit; (3) Ethical Value; (4) Student Mobility and Openness; (5) Crisis Management; and (6) Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The WURI Ranking was developed by the Hanseatic League of Universities (HLU). The HLU Board of Trustees consists of university presidents from the Netherlands, China, Russia, Germany, South Korea, USA and Finland. The mission of HLU is innovation in teaching and research in higher education institutions. Given its mission, HLU has formed an alternative ranking system called WURI. Instead of looking at statistics on research, internationalization and perception, it evaluates a university's real contribution to society. It highlights creative and innovative approaches to university research and education.

## BAC conducted Meeting on "BNQF Implementation in Higher Educational Institutions"

Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC) organized an online meeting on 4 June 2023 at 3.00PM entitled "BNQF Implementation in Higher Educational Institutions' Progress Review/Discussion". This time, BAC invited 27 private and public universities for the meeting. Professor Dr. Sanjay Kumar Adhikari, Full-time member of BAC, presided over the meeting. In the opening session, Professor Adhikari mentioned that "BNQF is the instrument to get accreditation. Without BNQF the application process is not possible for accreditation". He told additionally that so today we will be confined to this. Also let me know and share the problems of implementation of BNQF, OBE in your institutions and the expectations to BAC. The directors of private and public universities shared the challenges like legal frame work of IQAC in the university law, less corporation from Board of Trustee, sometime from the higher authority, lake of knowledge on BNQF, OBE formation, training etc. The meeting was over by the thanks giving from Professor Adhikari.

## AIUB to host APQN Academic Conference and AGM

## BAETE Holds International Symposium on Quality Assurance

The Board of Accreditation for Engineering and Technical Education (BAETE) organized an International Symposium on Quality Assurance in Engineering Education on 11 to 12 May 2023 at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka with the theme "Education imparts competencies for sustainable development". The symposium focused how engineering education curriculum embraces the challenges of Sustainable Development Goals, how to better address quality assurance issues and how to fill up the gaps. Professor Dr. Jude William Genilo, Pro Vice Chancellor and Director of IQAC; Professor Dr. M. Mofazzal Hossain, Dean of Engineering Schools; Professor Dr. Muhammad Golam Kibria, Head of Computer Science and Engineering; Dr. Nafees Manzoor, Associate Professor of CSE; and Dr. Abul Barkat Mollah Sayeed Ud Doulah, Assistant Professor of EEE, attended the symposium.

## CETL Arranged New Faculty Orientation

On 17 June 2023, the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) hosted the New Faculty Orientation Summer 2023 at ULAB, which welcomed twelve newly recruited faculties from various academic and research centers. The event was led by CETL director Dr. M. Shazzad Hossain.

During the opening speech, Vice Chancellor Professor Imran Rahman introduced the core principles of ULAB, the founder, and the board of trustees. CES director Sajid Amit shared insights on liberal arts education. On the other hand, visiting fellow of CSD, Dr. Haseeb Irfanullah, addressed the core of sustainability and the impact of SDGs in education. Additionally, Prof. M. Mofazzal Hossain, the Dean of Science and Engineering, thoroughly explained the OBE curriculum in higher education institutions. Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Jude William Genilo emphasized the significance of having a teaching portfolio and conducting research in pursuing a career in academia.

## Workshop on Teaching for Active Learning

The Foundation for Learning, Teaching, and Research (fLTR), in partnership with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), recently hosted a three-day certificate course on Teaching for Active Learning (TAL) for batch 10 to enhance the standards of higher education. The training occurred from 8 to 10 June 2023, at the Green University of Bangladesh (GUB). The course was designed to improve faculties' teaching and learning skills and was attended by 32 faculty members from eight public and private universities.

The Vice Chancellor of GUB and Chairperson of the fLTR, Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, lead the course. He was joined by distinguished educationists such as Prof. Dr. M. R. Kabir from DIU, Prof. Dr. Md. Mozahar Ali, former Director of GTI at BAU, Prof. Md. Abdur Razzaque from DU, Prof. Arshad Mahmud Chowdhury from BRACU, Prof. ASM Shihavuddin, Director of CETL-GUB, and Asst. Prof. Hasan Al Zubayer Rony from CETL-GUB was instrumental in facilitating various course sessions.
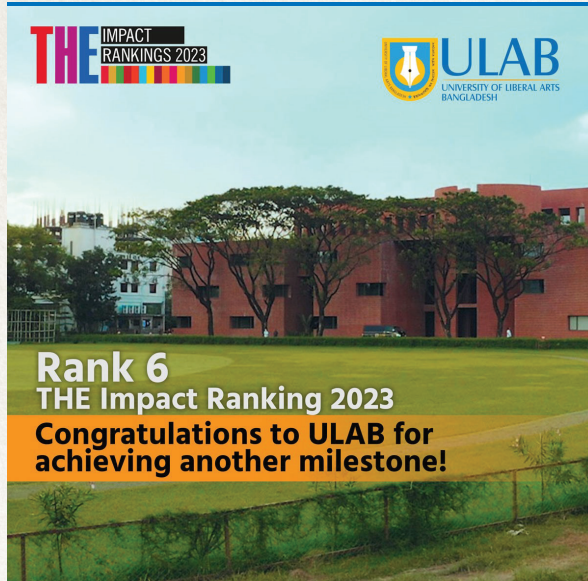
## Program Quality Assurance Committee Reconstituted

ULAB Vice Chancellor Professor Imran Rahman appointed the Chair and members of Program Quality Assurance Committee (PQAC) for five academic programs at ULAB. This will be effective from May 14, 2023. The committee members are: **USB >** Prof. Sarwar Uddin Ahmed (Chair), Asif Uddin Ahmed (Member), Dr. Shamsuddin Ahamad (Member). **MSJ >** Prof. Dr. Jude William R Genilo (Chair), Dr. Sarkar Barbaq Quarmal (Member), Nandita Tabassum Khan (Member). **DEH >** Arifa Ghani Rahman (Chair), Nadia Rahman (Member), Nusrat Tajkia (Member). **CSE >** Prof. Dr. Golam Kibria (Chair), Dr. Nafees Mansoor (Member), Dr. Mohammad Ashikur Rahman (Member). and **EEE >** Prof. Dr. M. Mofazzal Hossain (Chair), Dr. Mirza Rasheduzzaman (Member), Dr. Abul Barkat Mollah Sayeed Ud Doulah (Member)



## Dr. Shazzad appointed to CETL Director

Vice Chancellor Professor Imran Rahman of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh appointed Dr. Mohammad Shazzad Hossain, Assistant Professor of Media Studies and Journalism (MSJ), as the Director of Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) for two years effective from May 16, 2023. Dr. Mohammad Shazzad Hossain is an expert in e-learning with a wealth of experience and a passion for creating engaging and compelling learning experiences. As an Assistant Professor he has been at the forefront of developing and implementing innovative teaching-learning methodologies in the Department MSJ since 2012.

**Rank 6**
**THE Impact Ranking 2023**
**Congratulations to ULAB for achieving another milestone!**

*ULAB ranks 6 in THE Impact Ranking 2023*

## ULAB ranked 6th among universities in Times Higher Education Impact Ranking 2023

The University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh has ranked sixth among all Bangladeshi universities in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking 2023. This is the third time ULAB has earned its global impact ranking since 2019. Around 1,600 universities from all over the world participated in the ranking. ULAB ranked first in Bangladesh in SDG 11 (sustainable cities and communities) and second in SDG 17 (partnerships for the goals) categories. It has also been ranked in SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and SDG 4 (Quality Education) categories.

Nine private and three public Bangladeshi universities have been included in this prestigious global ranking. THE evaluates several aspects of a university's performance — teaching, research, outreach, and stewardship (faculty, staff, and alumni) — and further assesses universities against the United Nations SDGs.

THE Impact category was introduced in 2019 to give opportunities to teaching universities that do not have the heavy resources of research-intensive universities.

## EEE Celebrates IEB Accreditation

The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE), University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) has achieved a significant milestone by obtaining accreditation from the Board of Accreditation for Engineering and Technical Education (BAETE) under the Institute of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB). This accomplishment serves as a testament to ULAB's unwavering dedication to providing top-notch education and producing skilled engineers capable of addressing real-world challenges.

To celebrate this achievement, a joyous event took place at ULAB's permanent campus. The celebration brought together students, faculty members, alumni, and officials, including Treasurer, Deans, Registrar, Heads of Departments and Directors of different admin offices. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as everyone gathered to commemorate this remarkable milestone.

The celebration began with a cake-cutting ceremony, followed by a delightful celebratory walk with faculty members, students, and alumni joining hands in camaraderie, signifying the collective journey towards excellence. Throughout the event, memorable photos were taken, capturing the pride and joy experienced by all in attendance. ULAB extends its gratitude to BAETE and IEB for their recognition and trust in the EEE department. The university also expresses sincere appreciation to the dedicated faculty members, students, alumni, and the entire ULAB community for their unwavering support and commitment. This accreditation is a shared success that reinforces ULAB's position as a center of academic excellence in engineering education. It reflects the continuous efforts to provide students with an outstanding learning experience and equip them with the skills necessary to excel in their professional careers.



*Caption: EEE celebrates IEB Accreditation*