

# IUBAT NEWSLETTER

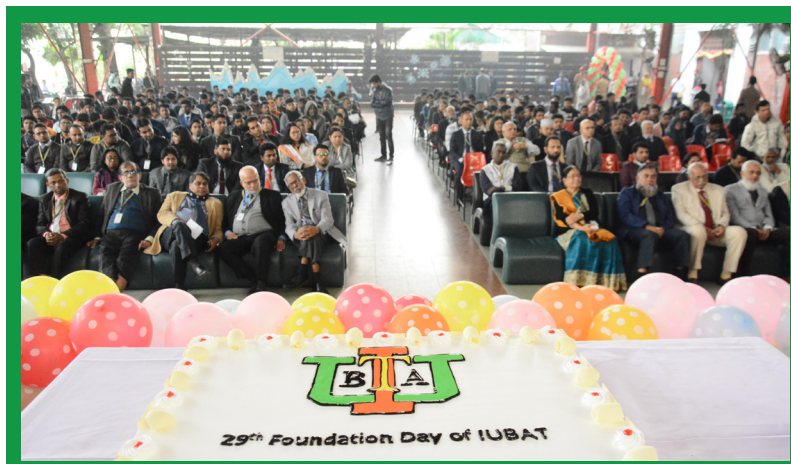
2020

## 29<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDATION DAY OF IUBAT



The monthlong celebration of 29<sup>th</sup> foundation anniversary of IUBAT was inaugurated on Thursday, 16th January 2020 by the Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Abdur Rab. The Pro Vice-Chancellor, Deans, Chairs, Program Coordinators, faculty members, alumni, students and officials of the university took part in the anniversary cake cutting led by

the Vice-Chancellor. The monthlong curricular and extra-curricular competitions included sports, spelling, debate and cultural activities. Blood donation campaigns, seminars and workshops were also organized for teachers, staff and students.





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## NATIONAL CAREER FESTIVAL 2020



IUBAT Placement and Alumni Affairs Office organized a Career Festival on 29th February 2020. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Abdur Rab inaugurated the Festival. Over seventy national and multinational companies participated in the festival and offered job opportunities to over two hundred applicants from different universities during and after the festival.



A session on career development was arranged during the festival. Mr Md Abdul Quayyum, UNDP Communication Head, Mr. Zaved Parvez, Vice President, Robi Axiata Limited and Mr. Kazi Rakib Uddin Ahmed, Vice President, BSHRM were among the speakers of the sessions on career development.



## INDUSTRY 4.0: EMPLOYERS' EXPECTATIONS AND ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION



IUBAT organized a symposium on Industry 4.0: Employers' Expectations and Roles of Higher Education on Wednesday, January 19, 2020 in collaboration with Bangladesh Society for Human Resource Management (BSHRM).

BGMEA President Dr Rubana Huq was the Chief Guest of the symposium and IUBAT Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Abdur Rab presided over. BSHRM President Rtn M Mashequr Rahman Khan and Bangladesh Foreign Employment Council (BFEC) President Mr. M. Nayeem Hossin

were the Guests of Honor.

IUBAT Treasurer Prof Selina Nargis offered the address of welcome.

Mr Abdullah Yousuf Khan, Coordinator, BBA Programme, and Mr. Krishna Das, Assistant Professor, Computer Science & Engineering, spoke on the occasion.

Dr Rubana Huq emphasized on improvement of education system to prepare future generations for challenges of the fourth industrial revolution.

The speakers highlighted the drastic changes in labor-intensive industries and offered public-private partnership as a sustainable solution in delivering market congruent education and training to address the challenges and to stay tuned to future revolutions.

Prof Dr. Abdur Rab reflected on the ongoing progressive use of artificial intelligence instilled into robots and foresees a major takeover of the labor markets in the future. Dr Rab also briefed on the ongoing curricular and extracurricular initiatives of IUBAT in addressing future challenges out of industrial revolutions.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FUTURE OF LEARNING

IUBAT Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Abdur Rab participated in the International Conference on Future of Learning held during 3-4 January 2020 in the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIMB), India. He chaired a session Learning to Learn, Unlearn and Relearn. The challenges of forecasting skills for future and the challenges of the online education were also broadly discussed. Some three hundred delegates from several countries attended and contributed to the conference proceedings. Mr. N. R. Narayanan, Chairman of Infosys was the keynote speaker who emphasized on the need for student-centered learning, critical thinking and innovation. Dr Devishetty, The renowned cardiologist and



chairman of the Board of IIMB emphasized on the innovative framing for skill-founding of people at work.



## FOOD SECURITY AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT



IUBAT Institute of SDG Studies (IISS) and RCE Greater Dhaka organized a National Seminar on Food Security and Ecosystem Management

in COVID-19 on 19 November 2020. Ms. Zuena Aziz, Principal Coordinator (SDGs) of Prime Minister's Office was the Chief Guest while Dr. Kristofer Johnson, Team Leader of NRM, Food & Agricultural Organization (FAO) was the Special Guest. Dr. Abdhesh Kumar Gangwar, Convener, Asia-Pacific RCEs Coordinating Committee was the Guest of Honor. Prof Dr. Abdur Rab, Vice-Chancellor of IUBAT presided over the seminar.

During the seminar, the guests discussed the management of food security during the Pandemic in detail.

## INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2020

IUBAT Registrar Prof M Lutfar Rahman was the Special Guest of the International Management Conference-2020 (IMCO-2020) held during January 9-11, 2020 in Bhubaneswar ASBM University, India. Former Foreign Secretary of India was the Chief Guest.

## MECHANICAL DAY 2020



Limited; Engr. Md. Hasmotuzzaman, CEO, Utility Professional and Prof. Md. Lutfar Rahman, Registrar, IUBAT. A large number of students eagerly attended the seminar. The seminar ended with concluding remarks from the honorable Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Abdur Rab.

Daylong Project Showcasing attracted thousands of students, teachers and industry representatives. Total 27 projects presented by the mechanical engineering students.



Department of Mechanical Engineering organized 'Mechanical Day 2020' on Sunday, February 9, 2020 as a part of the 29th Foundation Day Celebration of IUBAT. A seminar on 'Career Building for Industry 4.0' was organized. The speakers of the seminar were Engr. Helal Uddin, GM, IAL, Singer Bangladesh Limited; Engr. Abdullah Al Masum, Production Officer, IAL, Singer Bangladesh Limited; Engr. Tofail Ahmed, Operative Director, Refrigerator R&D, Walton Hi-Tech Industries



## CELEBRATION OF KRISHIBID DIBOSH-2020



The College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS) celebrated the Krishibid Dibosh-2020 on 13 February 2020 at the IUBAT Seminar Hall with a seminar on 'Agricultural Revolution in Bangladesh'. Prof. Dr. Golam Rasul, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (BSMRAU), Gazipur was the Guest of Honor and Session Chair. Professor Dr. Abdur Rab, the Vice-Chancellor of IUBAT presided over the ceremony.

CAS Associate Professor Dr. Farjana Sultana and CAS Professor Dr M Sayadur Rahman spoke on the contribution of the Krishibids.

In his presidential speech, Professor Dr. Abdur Rab congratulated the Krishibids for their immense contributions towards the agricultural development of Bangladesh. Prof. Dr. Rab also emphasized the contribution of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for the recognition of Krishibids and their contribution to agricultural development.

## FRESHMEN INDUSTRIAL VISIT



Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (DEEE) of IUBAT organized a day long freshmen industrial visit at Reverie Power and Automation Engineering Limited for the students of Spring-2020 on 8th February 2020. The freshmen were exposed to power and automation engineering activities, knowledge about distribution and power transformer and a wide range of tools like switchgear and control panel, MCC panel, PFI panel, distribution panel, generator synchronizing panels, LT switchgear panel, MV switchgear panel, generator and engine control accessories, relays (ABB, Siemens, and General Electric), circuit breakers, PLC, instrumentation accessories. Dr. Bishwajit Saha, Coordinator, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering led the visit.



## RE THINK, RE IMAGINE



IUBAT Innovation Hub (IIH) and College of Business Administration (CBA) jointly organized a workshop on Re Think Re Imagine on Tuesday, February 2020 at the IUBAT Conference Hall. The Chief Guest was Ms Farhana Islam, Head of Innovation, Digital & Strategy, Grameen Phone Ltd. The theme was “How to think as an innovator?” The session was interactive where 13

groups including 10 students from CBA took part. Many groups performed effectively as innovative idea creator.

Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Hamida Akhtar Begum, CBA Dean Prof Dr. Khair Jahan Sogra and faculty members from CBA were present in the workshop.

## NATIONAL DEBATE COMPETITION-2020



Second National Debate Competition-2020 was organized by Debating Forum of IUBAT (DFI) on 1st March 2020. Forty renowned colleges participated in the battlefield of intellects. In the first round, 100 debate sessions were held in contemporary national and global issues. Eight teams were selected for the Semi-Final.

RAJUK Uttara School and College and Adamjee Cantonment College contested in the final round where RAJUK Uttara School and College won the final round. The prize money was Tk. 15,000 for

the winners and Tk. 10,000 for runners-ups.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Abdur Rabinaugurated and presided over the final program. Prof. Dr. Bijoy Lal Basu, Adviser, Department of English and Modern Languages of IUBAT welcomed all at the participants of the program. Eminent actor Mr M A Alamgir was guest of the day and DFI Chief Patron Professor Selina Nargis, Treasurer, IUBAT attended the ceremony as the guest of honor. Md. Sadekul Islam, Assistant Professor of English coordinated the programme.



## IUBAT'S YOUNGEST STUDENT LEADER AT THE COMMONWEALTH FUTURES WORKSHOP



Ms Muhtasim Islam Nirjon, a student of Department of Languages represented IUBAT in at the Second Commonwealth Future Leaders Workshop. A total of 28 student leaders from 14 Commonwealth countries participated in the Workshop at O. P Jindal Global University, India. During the four-day (9-12 February 2020) session, students immersed themselves in learning from Gandhian principles, participatory democracy, non-violence and truth and morality of applying them in the modern life.

## VICTORY DAY-2020

IUBAT celebrated the Victory Day with due respect to the martyrs and freedom fighters, marking the moment the country was liberated after nine months' bloodstained war for liberation.

The program began with the hoisting of National Flag and recitation of National Anthem at the campus followed by one-minute silence and special prayers offered to commemorate the martyrs.

## ROMEO AND JULIET STAGED AT IUBAT



Department of Languages of IUBAT staged William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet on Wednesday, 11 March 2020, at the IUBAT Open Auditorium.

The drama was performed by the students of BA in English program of IUBAT and directed by Md. Kawsar Uddin, Assistant Professor of the department. The event was preceded by the Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the Book Reading Competition, organized by the Department of Languages in collaboration with the British Council.



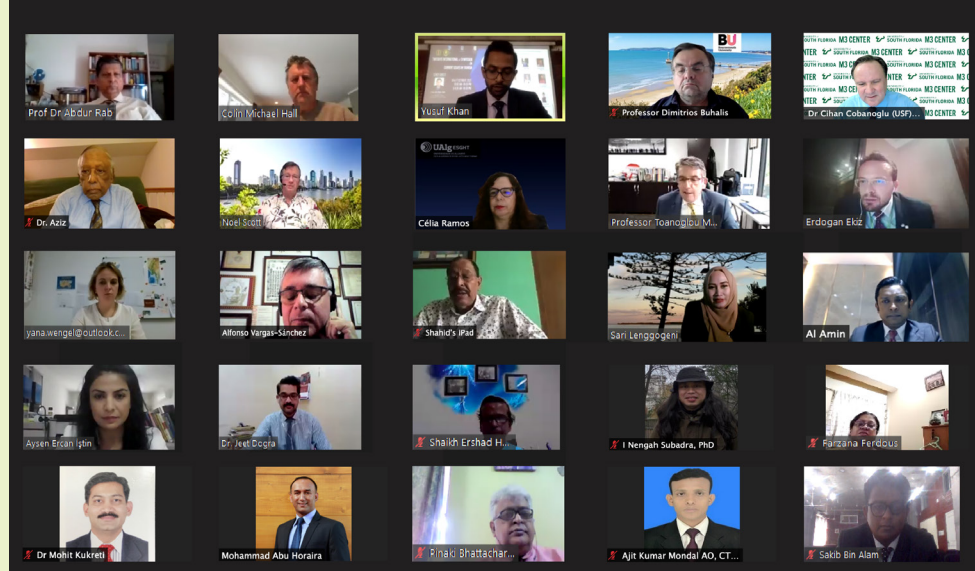
A virtual discussion was organized at 9:00 am to present the events of the Liberation War to the new generation. Respecting the heroic martyrs of the great liberation war and wishing everyone a happy Victory Day, IUBAT Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdur Rab delivered the introductory speech.





## INTERNATIONAL E-SYMPOSIUM ON TOURISM

A Two-Day International e-Symposium on Current Issues in Tourism was organized by the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management (CTHM) of IUBAT from 16 to 17 October 2020. World's top tourism scholars from 5 continents and 13 countries participated in the symposium. Prof. Dr. Colin Michael Hall from New Zealand, Prof. Dr. Dimitrios Buhalis from UK, Prof. Dr. Cihan Cobanoglu from USA, Prof. Dr. Noel Scott from Australia, Prof. Dr. Sari Lenggogeni from Indonesia, Prof. Dr. Alfonso Vargas Sanchez from Spain, Prof. Dr. Erdogan Ekiz from Morocco, Prof. Dr. Yana Wengel from China, Prof. Dr. Michail Toanoglou from South Korea, Prof. Dr. Celia Ramos from Portugal, Prof. Dr. Aysen ErcanIstin from Turkey and Prof. Dr. Jeet Dogra from India shared their research-based thoughts and theoretical studies on current issues in tourism. The topics included sustainability, ICT applications, branding and crisis, smart and ambient intelligent tourism and the like. Mr. Shahid Hamid, Chairman of PATA Bangladesh Chapter and Mr. Al Amin, General Manager of Six Seasons Hotel Dhaka also presented their industry experience in the Symposium.



## MOU WITH UOH, JAPAN

IUBAT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with University of Hyogo (UH), Japan. IUBAT Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Abdur Rab and UH President Prof Dr Isao Ohta signed the MoU on behalf of their institutions. Associate Professor Mozaffar Alam Chowdhury, Director International Program Office, IUBAT and Professor Kosaka, Makoto, Executive Vice President, UH signed the same as witness.



This MoU is intended to facilitate exchanges and co-operative initiatives in the arena of research and information, researchers, faculties, students, publication, joint research, internship placement and the like.

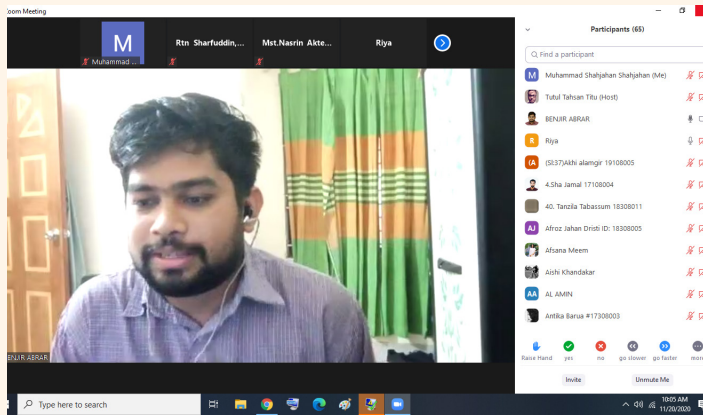


## NATIONAL MOURNING DAY

IUBAT observed the National Mourning Day-2020 on August 15. The National Flag was hoisted at half-mast. A dua mahfil was organised at IUBAT mosque. An online discussion was held at 4.00 pm on the day to commemorate the 45<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

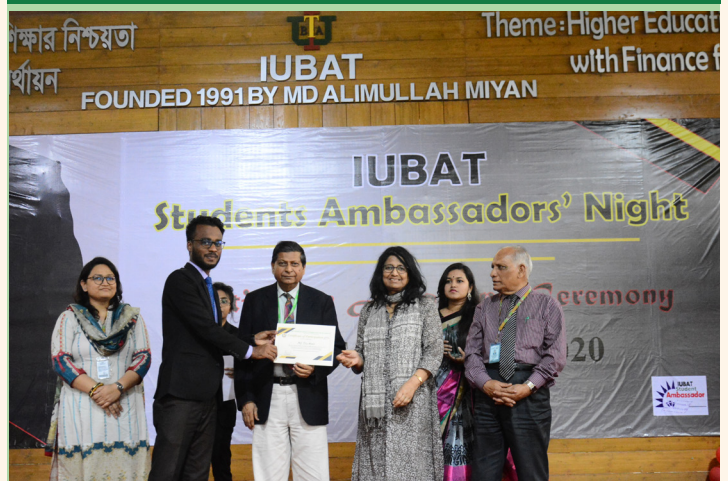


## CAREER COUNSELING PROGRAM



Department of Economics organized Online Career Counseling for students and alumni followed by CV writing workshop on Friday, 20 November 2020. Mr. Benjir Abrar, CEO, Excellence Bangladesh was the guest speaker. He guided the participants on writing quality CV and successful job interviews. Director of IUBAT Alumni and Placement Affairs Mr. AKM Sharfuddin, Chair of the Department of Economics Professor Muhammad Shahjahan also contributed to the proceedings of the program. Prof Dr. Bilkis Raihana offered the address of welcome and the program was anchored by Mr. Md. Titu, Administrative Officer of the Department. Ms. Tasneem Jahan Tumpa, Lecturer, Department of Economics offered vote of thanks.

## STUDENTS AMBASSADORS' NIGHT



IUBAT Student Ambassadors' Night 2020 was held on February 15, 2020 at IUBAT Open Auditorium. In the program, certificate of appreciation was awarded to the student ambassadors of the university in recognition of their roles that they play.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Abdur Rab presided over the program. Prof Selina Nargis, Treasurer and Ms Kaniz Kakon, Adviser of IUBAT Students Ambassadors highly appreciated the contribution of the student ambassadors in helping freshmen adjusting to the environment designed for learning. The program was followed by a cultural gala and dinner.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2020

IUBAT observed International Women's Day 2020 with the theme "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights." on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at IUBAT Open Auditorium. The College of Business Administration (CBA) of IUBAT was organizer of the program.

The program included discussions followed by cultural gala. Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, CEO of WEND was the guest of honor. Dr Amin shared her life experiences under the theme "Journey of a Woman Entrepreneur". Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Abdur Rab presided over the ceremony. Prof Rab highlighted historic role of Bangladeshi women in achieving independence

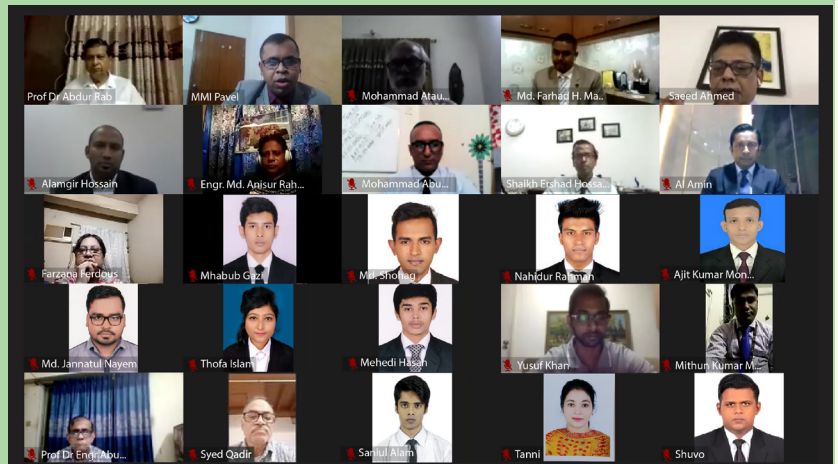


and in shaping the future of the nation.

Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Hamida Akhtar Begum and Treasurer Prof Selina Nargis were present on the occasion.

## WORLD TOURISM DAY 2020

The College of Tourism and Hospitality Management (CTHM), IUBAT celebrated World Tourism Day-2020 in a befitting manner to integrate with the global initiative through United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)'s declared theme for 2020 - Tourism and Rural Development. Prof. Dr. Abdur Rab, the Vice Chancellor of IUBAT, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Mr. Saeed Ahmed, Managing Director and Lead Consultant, Hospitality Total Solutions (HTS) Bangladesh Limited; Mr. Md. Al Amin, General Manager, Six Seasons Hotel; Mr. Syed Ghulam Qadir, Director, Biman Holidays; Mr. Md. Alamgir Hossain, Head of Operations, Platinum Hotels; Mr. Farhad H. Mazumder, Head of Sales and Marketing, Ascott Hotels Dhaka were the guest speakers. The speakers highlighted the importance of the day and role



of stakeholders in promoting Bangladeshi tourism industry in upcoming days through long term initiatives. Prof. Dr. Rab highlighted that the THM graduates of IUBAT are actively participating in the development of tourism and hospitality industry of the country and thereby contributing to community development as well.



## IUBAT – UI GREENMETRIC RANKED UNIVERSITY



IUBAT has been ranked 257<sup>th</sup> world's most sustainable university in the UI GreenMetric University Ranking 2020, released on 7 December 2020. This year, 912 universities from 84 countries have been ranked under the UI Green Metric 2020.

The Founder of IUBAT Prof Dr M Alimullah Miyan had declared the university as a Green Campus in 2008 with the vision of providing an environment designed for learning with embedded sustainability in higher education. This has come true. In this series of UI GreenMetric World University ranking, IUBAT is ranked second top sustainable green campus in Bangladesh.

## MOU BETWEEN IUBAT AND KAZI IT



An MoU was signed between IUBAT and Kazi IT Center Ltd on February 3, 2020 at the IUBAT Conference Room. The MoU is intended for collaborative activities in the areas training, seminars, workshops, career fair, campus recruitment, students' practical placement, guest lecturers and the like.

Prof Md Lutfar Rahman, Registrar, Mr AKM Sharfuddin, Director of Placement and Alumni Office of IUBAT and Ms. Zara Mahbub, Country Director & CEO, and Abdullah Mahsum Vice President, KITC Ltd Bangladesh signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organization



## HUMAN CHAIN FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY

Cadets of IUBAT BNCC Platoon and general students of the university formed human chains in both sides of the Dhaka-Ashulia Road on 23rd January 2020 demanding justice and women's safety from sexual harassment in public places. The platoon commander M. M. Rakibul Hasan along with Cadet Lcpl Naimur Rahaman Ashik led the demonstration.



## IUBAT FOUNDER PROF DR M ALIMULLAH MIYAN



Prof Dr M Alimullah Miyan was the Director of IBA, Dhaka University and visionary and pioneer of non-government universities in Bangladesh. He established IUBAT in 1991 as the first non-government university in the country. He was born on 15 February 1942 and breathed his last on 10th May 2017.

Born in Comilla, Bangladesh, Dr M Alimullah Miyan (1942-2017) is the Founder and was Vice-Chancellor of the IUBAT—International University of Business Agriculture and Technology in Dhaka, the first non-government University in Bangladesh. After completing his Honours and Masters degrees at Dhaka University, he received his MBA at Indiana University, USA and his Doctorate at Manchester Business School, UK. Dr Miyan's distinguished and varied academic career has included the positions of Director and Professor at Dhaka University's Institute of Business Administration, and Founder Chairman of the Centre for Population Management and Research (CPMR),

also at Dhaka University. Dr Miyan served as President of IUBAT upon its founding in 1991 before moving into his role of Vice-Chancellor in 1994. Dr Miyan is the author of 46 academic articles and is author/co-author of 15 books on a wide range of topics related to the promotion of business, education, development and disaster management in Bangladesh. Dr Miyan was also involved in numerous research and consultancy projects, and he has participated in many conferences, seminars and workshops around the world. Dr Miyan was a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society for Labor and Social Security Law in Geneva, Switzerland. He has studied in the United States, Great Britain, worked in Nigeria for a semester and has visited 40 countries as part of his academic activities and in pursuit of excellence for his beloved country.



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