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Public Events at AIUB (2019–2025)

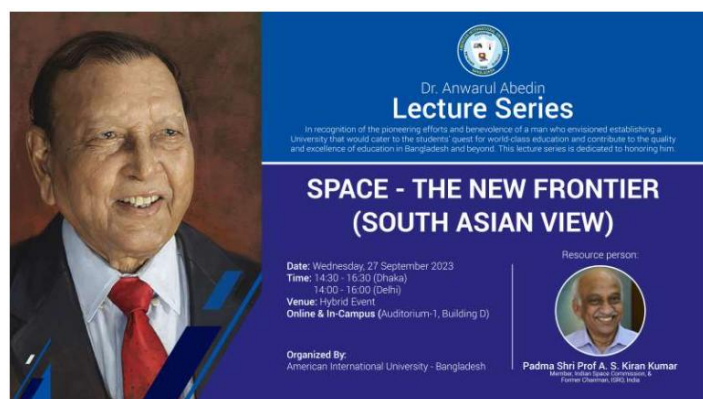
American International University–Bangladesh (AIUB) has actively hosted a variety of events open to the general public and broader community in the past five years. These range from one-off public lectures and awareness seminars to recurring educational programs, competitions, exhibitions, and cultural festivals. Below is an overview of key public-facing events at AIUB (2019–2025), with dates, titles, organizers, collaborators, and target audiences, based on official AIUB reports and news coverage.

Public Lecture Series and Seminars Open to All

- **Dr. Anwarul Abedin Lecture Series (since 2022):**

AIUB's signature public lecture series – established in honor of its founding Chairman – brings distinguished external speakers to campus for open lectures aiub.edu. These events are free and open to all, often in hybrid (in-person + online) format aiub.edu.

Dr Anwarul Abedin Lecture Series: Space: The New Frontier (South Asian View)



The American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) is delighted to invite you to the next episode of Dr Anwarul Abedin Lecture Series. As you already know, this signature public lecture event – designed to engage external speakers of extraordinary intellectual and professional distinction to broaden and enrich the classroom-based education of the University – celebrates the pioneering role, benevolence and contribution of AIUB's Founder Chairman in the education sector of Bangladesh and beyond.

Padma Shri Prof A. S. Kiran Kumar - Eminent space scientist - will be delivering the talk (online) titled: Space: The New Frontier (South Asian View) on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 14:30-16:30(Dhaka), 14:00-16:00(Delhi).

Prof Kumar is former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Secretary, Dept of Space, Govt. of India. He is credited with the development of key scientific instruments aboard India's Chandrayaan-1 and Mangalyaan space crafts. Currently, he is

Chairman of Physical Research Laboratory Management Council and Member, Space Commission, Govt. of India.

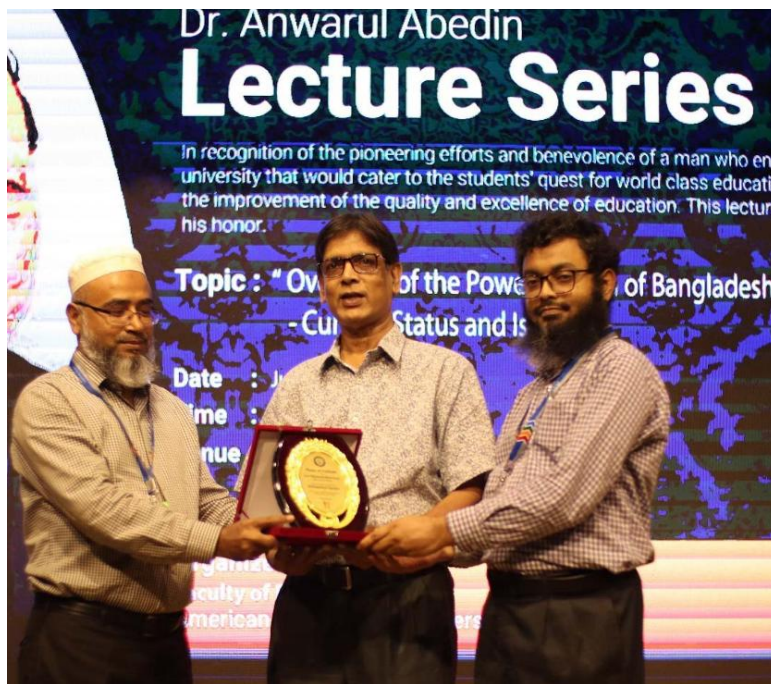
The event is free and open to all and will be conducted in hybrid mode allowing online participation and in-campus attendance. The talks will be followed by a brief Q&A. Please direct your questions/comments (if any) to zikhan@aiub.edu

Please register for the event to confirm your attendance here: <https://forms.gle/6t1FFaaqfMWUjH3B9> [Deadline: 1 PM, Wednesday, September 27, 2023]

Examples in this series include:

- “*Overview of the Power System of Bangladesh – Current Status and Issues*” – July 28, 2022 (Auditorium, AIUB). Organized by the Faculty of Engineering, this technical talk by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Riazul Hamid (a multi-sector consultant) discussed Bangladesh’s energy and power infrastructure. Faculty and students from across AIUB attended, with Q&A following the lecture.

AIUB holds seminar on Bangladesh’s power system



American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) organised an informative technical talk titled 'Overview of the Power System of Bangladesh-Current Status and Issues' as a part of "Dr Anwarul Abedin Lecture Series" on 28 July.

The seminar was organised by the Faculty of Engineering (FE) in the honour of AIUB's visionary Founder Chairman Dr Anwarul Abedin who catalysed substantial transformation in the educational sector of the country, reads a press release.

Prof Dr Muhammad Riazul Hamid, Multi-sector Consultant was the esteemed guest speaker for the occasion.

The talk was on the overview, status, and issues regarding the power system of Bangladesh.

Prof Hamid began his presentation by talking about Bangladesh's main energy sources and power generation over the past 13 years. He also explained system loss, technical and non-technical loss, installed capacity rate, and per capita generation.

The speaker also covered the causes and challenges regarding geopolitical products such as coal and liquid natural gas, and potential solutions associated with the current load shedding. Afterwards, a short interactive discussion session was held where the speakers answered the queries of the participants. Following that, Prof Dr Md Abdul Mannan, Director, Faculty of Engineering, AIUB thanked the speaker and presented a token of appreciation to the speaker.

- “*Be a Future-Fit Leader*” – Nov 14, 2022 (AIUB Campus). Hosted by the Dept. of Marketing, Faculty of Business Administration (FBA), this seminar featured Mr. Solaiman Alam (Chief Digital & Strategy Officer of Grameenphone) as keynote speaker aiub.edu. It addressed leadership in the era of the 4th Industrial Revolution, and was attended by AIUB students, faculty, and invited guests aiub.edu.

Seminar on "Be a Future-Fit Leader" - Dr. Anwarul Abedin's Lecture Series



The Department of Marketing, Faculty of Business Administration (FBA), American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), organized a seminar under the Dr. Anwarul Abedin's Lecture Series titled "Be a Future Fit Leader" on November 14, 2022.

The program started with the inauguration speech delivered by Prof. Dr. Nisar Ahmed, Director, MBA Program where he addressed the significance of Future Leadership. Dr. Yesmin Sultana, Associate Professor, Department of Marketing, FBA, paid tribute to the late Dr. Anwarul Abedin, Founder Chairman of AIUB. She also introduced the keynote speaker, Mr. Solaiman Alam, Chief Digital and Strategy Officer, Grameen Phone. Mr. Alam is an experienced leader in the corporate sector with a successful track record in digital channels and services, strategy, marketing, product management, brand management, trade marketing, and sales. He has been instrumental in building Grameenphone as the number one brand and market leader, with more than USD 1 billion in revenue in the mobile telecommunication sector.

During the session, Mr. Alam discussed the most significant impact of 4IR will be felt in the labor market. Low-skilled and repetitive works will be carried out by machines. Machines will

be able to work better and faster. Of course, new types of jobs will emerge with higher productivity and higher pay. He also mentioned the top strategic technology trends that must be followed to be an effective leader in the future. The speaker introduced Grameen Phone and its operations in Bangladesh from a strategic perspective. Mr. Alam provided a comprehensive overview of the various strategic leadership practices. He suggested that participants not think from a business perspective but think from the customers' point of view and focus on innovation in every aspect. Mr. Roomee Tareque Moudud, Director, Office of Placement and Alumni, delivered the Vote of Thanks. Associate Deans, Directors, Heads, and faculty members of different departments, key officials, and students of different programs also attended and enjoyed the event.



- “*Secrets to Success*” – Apr 18, 2024 (AIUB Auditorium). Organized by the Faculty of Engineering, this talk (part of the Abedin Lecture Series) was delivered by Zaheed Sabur, a Google senior director and AIUB alumnus [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com). The session drew a full auditorium of participants from every discipline, and was inaugurated by AIUB’s Board of Trustees Chairman [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com) [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com). Sabur shared his personal journey and career advice in an interactive forum, emphasizing learning through understanding and innovation in one’s field [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com) [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com).

Dr Anwarul Abedin lecture series on secrets to success held at AIUB



The Faculty of Engineering (FE) of American International University – Bangladesh (AIUB) organized a seminar titled *Secrets to Success* included in the prestigious Dr Anwarul Abedin Lecture Series on Thursday.

The speaker of the seminar is Zaheed Sabur, senior director, at Google, and an alumnus of the Department of Computer Engineering (CoE), AIUB.

This seminar started at 3:30pm and ended at 5pm in AIUB Auditorium.

The auditorium was houseful, and the session was interactive due to the presence of educators and many learners from every discipline.

The session was inaugurated by the chief guest of the event Mr Ishtiaque Abedin, founder member and chairman, the Board of Trustees, AIUB and he welcomed the speaker to the stage to give his invaluable speech and greeted Sabur's companions at the session.

The speaker, Zaheed Sabur, started his speech by introducing his current work going on with application of long data and generative AI.

The speaker spoke on his early academic undergraduate years at AIUB, as well as his career hardships, beginning with his position as a software engineer at Google's backend system development project in 2007 in India's Bangalore office and continuing six months later in their California office.

Sabur also led the engineering team for the first Google Assistant Smart Displays.

He discussed hidden recipes for setting objectives in life and achieving success while enjoying the ride.

He emphasized the importance of learning through understanding rather than memorization.

The speaker recommended balancing life planning priorities in the past, present, and future while successfully organizing time.

The speaker concluded the talk by emphasizing the value of being kind and respectful, sharing knowledge to improve oneself, and being appreciative of what everyone has in life.

Afterward, during an interactive question and answer session, Sabur discussed his previous temporary failures and how he overcame them, his constraints before becoming successful, how to present work positions would be affected by technology, and the benefits and drawbacks of ever-evolving AI modules.

He expressed his views on the need for clear basic mathematical ideas and programming language in engineering professional positions.

Then, Prof Dr ABM Siddique Hossain, dean, FE, AIUB emphasized that by working hard, one can fulfill one's life goals.

At the end of the program, Prof Dr Md Abdur Rahman, pro-vice chancellor, AIUB delivered his concluding remark, emphasizing that everyone has their journey, success, and failure, and that one must cope properly.

The speaker was presented with a token of appreciation from AIUB for sharing his valuable time and insightful encouraging speech.

- *"Space: The New Frontier (South Asian View)"* – Sep 27, 2023 (Hybrid: Online & On-Campus). A special episode of the lecture series featuring Padma Shri Prof. A. S. Kiran Kumar, former Chairman of ISRO (India's space agency). Prof. Kumar's talk on space exploration was publicly advertised and open to all (with pre-registration) aiub.edu

aiub.edu. This event was organized by AIUB in collaboration with its Dr. Anwarul Abedin Institute of Innovation, and attracted students, faculty, and external science enthusiasts in Dhaka and online.

Dr Anwarul Abedin Lecture Series: Space: The New Frontier (South Asian View)



**Dr. Anwarul Abedin
Lecture Series**

In recognition of the pioneering efforts and benevolence of a man who envisioned establishing a University that would cater to the students' quest for world-class education and contribute to the quality and excellence of education in Bangladesh and beyond. This lecture series is dedicated to honoring him.

**SPACE - THE NEW FRONTIER
(SOUTH ASIAN VIEW)**

Date: Wednesday, 27 September 2023
Time: 14:30 - 16:30 (Dhaka)
14:00 - 16:00 (Delhi)
Venue: Hybrid Event
Online & In-Campus (Auditorium-1, Building D)

Organized By:
American International University - Bangladesh

Resource person:



Padma Shri Prof A. S. Kiran Kumar
Member, Indian Space Commission &
Former Chairman, ISRO, India

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- “*A Journey towards Smart Bangladesh*” – Oct 1, 2023 (AIUB Auditorium). Hosted by FBA under the Abedin Lecture Series, this public seminar invited Mr. Md. Tazul Islam, MP, Bangladesh’s Minister of Local Government, as the chief guest aiub.edu. A panel of experts from industry and academia joined the minister in discussing government initiatives for a “Smart Bangladesh” vision aiub.edu. The event, dedicated to AIUB’s founder, was attended by AIUB students, faculty, and officials, fostering dialogue on public policy and development aiub.edu aiub.edu. (Other editions of the lecture series have covered topics like communication skills, financial technology, and pedagogical leadership, often co-organized by relevant AIUB faculties/departments aiub.edu dhakatribune.com.)

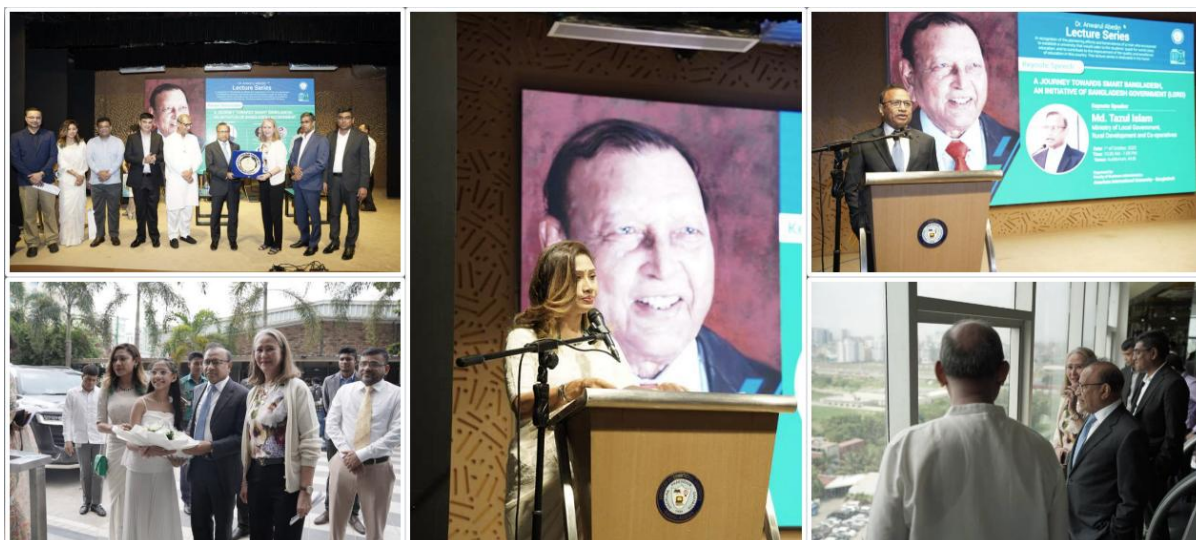
Seminar on 'A Journey towards Smart Bangladesh, an initiative of the Bangladesh Government'



On Sunday, October 1st, 2023, the Faculty of Business Administration at the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) hosted a seminar titled 'A Journey towards Smart Bangladesh,' which is an initiative of the Bangladesh Government. This seminar took place in the AIUB auditorium and was organized as part of the 'Dr. Anwarul Abedin Lecture Series,' dedicated to the memory of AIUB's Founder Chairman, Dr. Anwarul Abedin, whose contributions have catalyzed significant advancements in the country's educational sector.

The event featured Mr. Md. Tazul Islam, MP, Honorable Minister of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development, and Cooperatives, as the chief guest. Dr. Carmen Z. Lamagna, Member of the Board of Trustees at AIUB, delivered the welcome speech. Honorable Minister Mr. Md. Tazul Islam, MP, discussed the Bangladesh Government's initiatives for Smart Bangladesh. Following the Honorable Minister's presentation, a round-table discussion was organized, bringing together notable figures including Dr. Ferhat Anwar, Former Director of IBA at Dhaka University and Advisor at Banglalink; Mr. Taimur Rahman, Chief Corporate and Regulatory Affairs Officer (CCRAO) at Banglalink; Mr. Afran Ali, Chairperson at Zaytoon Business Consultant and Onkur Digital Limited; Dr. Abdur Rahman, Pro Vice-Chancellor at AIUB; and Prof. Dr. Dip Nandi, Associate Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, AIUB.

Dr. Carmen Z. Lamagna presented a token of appreciation to Honorable Minister Mr. Md. Tazul Islam, MP. The seminar was attended by faculty members, officers, and students of AIUB.



- **Health and Social Awareness Seminars:**

AIUB has also opened its campus for seminars addressing public health and social issues, often in partnership with external organizations:

- “*Empowering Women Through Reproductive Healthcare*” – Nov 11, 2025 (AIUB Campus). A seminar jointly organized by AIUB’s Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Office of Student Affairs, in collaboration with healthcare partners, to raise awareness about women’s reproductive health and break related taboos. Aimed primarily at young women, the event featured medical experts discussing vital health issues and encouraged open dialogue among attendees (mostly students and some outside participants).

AIUB Hosts Seminar on “Empowering Women Through Reproductive Healthcare” to Raise Awareness and Break Taboos



A seminar titled “Empowering Women Through Reproductive Healthcare” was organized by AIUB’s Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the AIUB Women Forum in collaboration with Marie Stopes Bangladesh (MSB) on November 5, at the Media Studio (Annex 2). The initiative aimed to promote awareness among female students about vital reproductive health issues and to encourage open dialogue on topics often considered sensitive in society. The seminar was supported by the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), AIUB.

The session began with an inspiring opening speech by Prof. Dr. Saiful Islam, Honorable Vice Chancellor of AIUB, who emphasized the importance of creating an informed, confident, and health-conscious generation of young women. He highlighted AIUB’s ongoing commitment to providing platforms that empower students through education and open discussion.

Dr. Sumona Ferdous, General Manager of Clinical Quality Assurance & Management at Marie Stopes Bangladesh, delivered an insightful presentation on key reproductive health topics such as cervical cancer prevention, sexually transmissible infections (STIs), PCOS, and the importance of nutrition and regular health checkups. Following her, Dr. Surayea Bulbul, Consultant at Marie Stopes Maternity Clinic, Dhanmondi, spoke about menstruation and menstrual hygiene, focusing on debunking myths and promoting healthy, informed practices.

The seminar offered a highly interactive learning environment. During the question-and-answer segment, students actively participated and felt encouraged to speak freely. Many broke long-held social taboos by raising personal health queries, demonstrating the significance of creating confidential and supportive platforms where women can discuss their wellbeing without hesitation or judgement.

The event drew an all-female audience, ensuring a comfortable and relatable atmosphere. Participants expressed that the session was timely, informative, and deeply needed, as it addressed areas of women’s health that are often overlooked or misunderstood. Light refreshments for participants were graciously sponsored by ACI.

AIUB is also pleased to share that discussions are underway to establish a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Marie Stopes Bangladesh. Under this initiative, AIUB students and staff will have access to selected reproductive healthcare services at discounted rates, further strengthening the university’s commitment to student wellbeing.

At the conclusion of the seminar, tokens of appreciation were exchanged with the resource persons. The success of the program was made possible through the dedicated efforts and cooperation of the AIUB management and administrative staff, whose support ensured the smooth and meaningful execution of this important event.

- *Cervical Cancer Awareness Program* – Dec 29, 2024 (AIUB Multipurpose Hall). Organized by AIUB IQAC, OSA, and AIUB Women Forum in partnership with Popular Pharmaceuticals PLC, this program educated participants on cervical cancer prevention and provided on-site HPV vaccinations. The AIUB Social Welfare Club “Shomoy” mobilized a week-long

campus campaign beforehand, registering students and ensuring broad participation. The event included expert talks by a pharmaceutical medical director and AIUB's Public Health faculty, and was an example of the university's commitment to community health outreach.

Cervical Cancer Awareness Program at AIUB



On Sunday, December 29, 2024, the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Office of Student Affairs (OSA), and AIUB Women Forum, in collaboration with Popular Pharmaceuticals PLC, successfully organized the Cervical Cancer Awareness Program at the AIUB Multipurpose Hall (Building D). This impactful initiative, facilitated by the AIUB Social Welfare Club – Shomoy, aimed to educate students about cervical cancer risks and prevention strategies while offering on-site vaccination services to registered participants.

In the lead-up to the event, the AIUB Shomoy Club played a pivotal role by setting up an awareness stall on campus for a week. They ran a vaccination campaign and gathered information from interested students, ensuring broad participation and outreach.

The program commenced with a warm welcome and an opening speech by Professor Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman, Pro-Vice Chancellor of AIUB. Distinguished guests included Professor Dr. Saiful Islam, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of AIUB, representatives from Popular Pharmaceuticals PLC, faculty members, and students.

A key highlight was an insightful presentation by Dr. Zayer Rashid, Head of the Medical Service Department at Popular Pharmaceuticals PLC, who addressed the current state and future challenges of cervical cancer in Bangladesh and highlighted the benefits of vaccination. This was followed by a compelling discussion led by Professor Dr. Muhammad Wasif Alam, Head of the Department of Public Health at AIUB, who emphasized the critical need for community awareness and preventive measures to combat cervical cancer.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Kazi Abdul Mubin, Brand Manager of Popular Pharmaceuticals PLC. In his closing remarks, Professor Dr. Saiful Islam, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of AIUB, underscored the university's commitment to health

awareness initiatives. He emphasized the importance of empowering students with the knowledge to make informed decisions for their well-being.

The event was marked by active student participation, fostering engaging discussions and an interactive atmosphere. The collective efforts of AIUB IQAC, OSA, AIUB Women Forum, and the AIUB Shomoy Club ensured the success of this meaningful initiative, reflecting AIUB's dedication to the health and well-being of its community. The program concluded with a group photo, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.

- *(Additional initiatives: AIUB regularly holds well-being workshops and awareness days (e.g. mental health seminars, anti-drug campaigns, environmental awareness talks) as part of its contribution to Sustainable Development Goals. These events are often free for students and sometimes open to the wider public or specific groups, such as local school counselors or parents, depending on the topic.)*

Youth Workshops, Camps and Competitions

AIUB frequently partners with national organizations to host educational programs, competitions, and workshops that invite participants from schools, colleges, and other universities:

- **Space Robotics Workshops:**
 - *Space Robotics Workshop – Oct 22, 2022 (AIUB Campus). AIUB hosted a hands-on “Space Robotics Workshop” organized by the Bangladesh Innovation Forum and Space Innovation Camp. The event welcomed 100 children (ages 4–16) from various schools to build simple robots with mentorship. Participants were grouped and guided by mentors to assemble robots, then demonstrated their creations to guests. A former NASA systems administrator attended as chief guest, inspiring the kids to pursue science and technology. AIUB engineering faculty supported the workshop and thanked the organizers for using the campus to “sow the seed of science and technology in young minds”.*

AIUB Hosted Space Robotics Workshop

<https://www.aiub.edu/aiub-hosted-space-robotics-workshop>



On October 22, 2022, the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) hosted an exceptional workshop titled “Space Robotics Workshop” which was organized by the Bangladesh Innovation Forum and Space Innovation Camp. 100 children aged between 4 to 16 years from different schools participated in this event.

Bangladesh Innovation Forum President Mr. Ariful Hasan Apu welcomed all the participants and guests. He said, in this workshop, children will be shown the various activities of space robotics and also through this workshop they will learn teamwork and develop problem solving skills. The workshop started at 2 PM where all the participants gained hand on experience on how to make robots by themselves with the assistance of mentors. All children were divided into small groups led by mentor. Later they demonstrated the robot they made by themselves in front of the guests. Mr. Azadul Haque, the former system administrator of NASA, was present as the chief guest in the program. He said that the robotics workshop being held by these children today is sowing a seed of science and technology in the minds of the children. The results will start coming in 10 to 15 years by starting today. Professor Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman (Associated Dean, Faculty of Engineering, AIUB & Adviser, Bangladesh Innovation Forum) thanked Bangladesh Innovation Forum and Space Innovation Camp for organizing this innovative event at AIUB. He also thanked the guardians for encouraging their children to participate in this event.



- *Space Robotics Camp* – Sept 29–30, 2023 (AIUB Campus). South Asia's largest space-themed robotics camp was co-organized by Bangladesh Innovation Forum and Space Innovation Camp, with AIUB as the venue partner. Over 200 children from across Bangladesh (ages 4–16) participated in this two-day camp, forming 30 teams that each built a functional robot with a space mission theme. The robots performed tasks like collecting space debris and detecting gases (simulating Mars exploration). AIUB's Pro-Vice Chancellor inaugurated the camp, emphasizing the value of igniting scientific curiosity at an early age to propel the nation's future. The camp engaged parents and school communities as well, illustrating AIUB's outreach in STEM education.

AIUB Hosted Space Robotics Camp

<https://www.aiub.edu/aiub-hosted-space-robotics-camp>



The South Asia's largest "Space Robotics Camp", was organized by the Bangladesh Innovation Forum and Space Innovation Camp on September 29-30, 2023, hosted at the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB). This two-day event drew the participation of 200 students, aged 4-16, from various regions of Bangladesh. These young enthusiasts were divided into 30 groups, collectively undertaking the task of constructing approximately 30 robots, all centered around a space-themed design.

These robots were designed to perform a wide array of scientific experiments, with a particular focus on Mars and Chad. Their capabilities include functioning as space junk collectors, detecting carbon monoxide, oxygen, and methane, among other essential features.

The event featured Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman, the Pro Vice-Chancellor of American International University-Bangladesh, as the chief guest. He emphasized the significance of initiating education in early childhood through such activities. He highlighted how nurturing young talents from an early age can set the stage for propelling the nation forward in the future.

Mr. Ariful Hasan Opu, President of Bangladesh Innovation Forum and Crew Chief of Space Innovation Camp underscored the importance of captivating children's imaginations with stories of adventure, curiosity, and scientific discovery. He noted that such narratives serve not only as a source of fascination for children but also as valuable educational experiences. These stories allow children to explore the wonders of the universe and acquire essential problem-solving skills.

The American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) was the venue partner for this event, with Creative Junior acting as the knowledge partner.



AIUB Hosted Kids Space Camp 2025

<https://www.aiub.edu/aiub-hosted-kids-space-camp-2025>



On February 8, 2025, Space Innovation Camp successfully organized Kids Space Camp 2025 to inspire children and teenagers in space science. This day-long Space Camp was held at Multipurpose Hall, Annex-7, American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), where young participants from 85 schools across Bangladesh took part. Through unique activities

such as space technology, robotics, rocket science, and astronaut training, the event provided an exceptional educational experience for children and teenagers.

With the guidance of experienced Mission Controllers, children and teenagers learned model rocket building and launching, space robot creation and programming, telescope making and space observation, as well as designing colonies for Mars and the Moon. The camp also featured VR-based astronaut training, offering immersive space experience. Additionally, a team of young participants not only designed a Mars colony but also published their own research paper, showcasing their innovative ideas and scientific curiosity. The event was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Dr. Hasanul A Hasan (Founder Member and Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, AIUB). He mentioned that the activities undertaken by the young participants would further stimulate their creativity and curiosity. He also stated events like this would be instrumental in shaping Bangladesh's future scientists, engineers, and space researchers. The event was also graced by the presence of Special Guest, Mr. James Gardiner (Economic Officer, U.S. Department of State). He stated Space Innovation Camp has created a platform where children and teenagers can start dreaming about space science from an early age. He also mentioned today's children are the scientists, researchers, and astronauts of tomorrow. The President of Space Innovation Camp, Mr. Ariful Hasan Opu said their goal is to continue bringing new initiatives for children and teenagers in the future, enabling them to learn, explore, and turn their dreams into reality. In the closing remark Prof. Dr. Saiful Islam (Vice Chancellor, AIUB) mentioned through this kind of program, kids and adolescents can learn new things that will accelerate their academic activities. He highlighted how nurturing young talents from an early age can set the stage for propelling the nation forward in the future. The event was also graced by the presence of Dr. Carmen Z. Lamagna (Member, Board of Trustees, AIUB), Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman (Pro-Vice Chancellor, AIUB) and many other officials of AIUB.

The event was supported by esteemed partners, with Creative Junior as the Knowledge Partner, e-Soft and Robust Research & Development as the Tech Partners, and Enigma TV as the Media Partner. Additionally, the event was collaborated by Scientifly, Kids Coding Club, and Team Atlas.



- **Science Olympiads and Fairs:**

- *Space Exploration Olympiad – Grand Finale – Apr 27, 2024* (AIUB Auditorium). AIUB hosted the national grand finale of the Space Exploration Olympiad 2023 aiub.edu, a first-of-its-kind science competition in Bangladesh powered by ACI Pure Salt and organized by Bangladesh Innovation Forum and Space Innovation Camp aiub.edu. After months of regional rounds (including online exams, astronaut camps, and school campaigns in all eight divisions), 150 finalists (ages 6–14) from all over the country came to AIUB for the final exam aiub.edu. Winners and runners-up in three age categories were honored on-stage aiub.edu. The event drew government representatives (from the Prime Minister’s Office) as chief guests and was co-organized by the National Museum of Science & Technology, with AIUB as academic partner aiub.edu. By hosting this Olympiad, AIUB provided a platform for young “small scientists” nationwide to explore space science and be celebrated for their talent aiub.edu.

AIUB Hosted Grand Finale of Space Exploration Olympiad



On April 27, 2024 AIUB hosted the Grand Finale of Space Exploration Olympiad. Space Exploration Olympiad powered by ACI Pure Salt was held for the first time in the country under the initiative of Bangladesh Innovation Forum and Space Innovation Camp. Students aged 6 to 9, 10 to 12 and 13 to 14 years participated in this Olympiad in three groups. Astronaut camps, 150 school campaigns, district-wise data boot camps have been held in eight divisions of the country based on the Olympiad. Apart from this, space scientists and researchers answered various questions about space to children through 12 space talks.

The final of Space Exploration Olympiad was held on April 27, 2024 with the selected students through two preliminary and secondary online exams according to their age. 150 crew members from all over the country participated in the final exam, 9 people from three groups got the Excellence Award including the runner-up, second runner-up and champion. For Category 6-9 Years the awardees are: The Champion was Nusaib Hasan Labib from CDA Public School And College, Chittagong, the Runner Up was Arham Md. Nusayer from SFX Greenherald International School, Dhaka and the 2nd Runner Up was Md. Safwan Hasan from Civil Aviation School and College, Dhaka. Category 10-12 years: Champion was Aminur Rahman

Sazim from N. Alam Merit Care School, Dhaka, Runner-Up was Subha Safayet Shizda from LORDS An English Medium School, Dhaka and the 2nd Runner Up was Md. Safwan Hasan from Civil Aviation School and College, Dhaka. Category 13-14 years: champion was Lidika Rahman from Birshreshtha Munshi Abdur Rouf public College, Dhaka. Runner-up was Wafiq Karim from Universal Tutorial, Dhaka and the 2nd runner-up was Adyan Omair Islam from Playpen School, Dhaka. Besides, the Excellence Award was given to Jadeeda Jawad Trana from Nawab Faizunnesa Govt Girls' High School, Cumilla.

Shahida Sultana (Executive Cell and PEPZ, Director General Prime Minister's Office) was present as the chief guest at the event. She said, - “Power to change the world in the hands of small scientists! They will take our country forward in the coming days. Program Chair Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman (Pro-Vice Chancellor, AIUB) mentioned through this kind of program, children and adolescents can learn new things that will accelerate their academic activities. Md. Jisan Rahman (Business Manager, ACI Limited) mentioned ACI has been working for a long time in the development of children's talent. The event was also attended by Mr. Ariful Hasan Opu (President of Bangladesh Innovation Forum) and Mohammad Mahdi Uz Zaman (Country Head of Space Exploration Olympiad USA). The event was co-organized by National Museum of Science and Technology, Academic Partner American International University of Bangladesh (AIUB) and Knowledge Partner Creative Junior, IT Partner E-Soft.



- *School/College Science Festivals:* In April 2025, AIUB partnered with Notre Dame College, Dhaka to host the Notre Dame Annual Science Festival 2024 & 34th GKC on AIUB campus (April 30 – May 2, 2025) techtopiabd.com. This multi-day fair brought together hundreds of high school students for project showcases, science quizzes (GKC), and interactive exhibits – demonstrating AIUB’s willingness to open its facilities for inter-institutional educational events. (Source: *Techtopia BD report on science events* techtopiabd.com.)



- **Tech and Entrepreneurship Competitions:**

- *Cisco IoT Hackathon 2024* – Nov 2, 2024 (AIUB Campus, D-Building). AIUB’s Institute of Continuing Education (ICE) organized this day-long hackathon in partnership with Cisco, inviting tech enthusiasts and developers from any institution to compete in developing Internet-of-Things solutions. Over 20 finalist teams were selected via open submission, and the entry was open to all interested participants. The event ran from morning to evening, providing a collaborative platform for innovation, with cash prizes for the top three teams. Teams from various universities (e.g. Independent University Bangladesh) took part, and AIUB hosted the final demos and award ceremony on campus.

AIUB Hosts the Cisco IoT Hackathon 2024

<https://www.aiub.edu/aiub-hosts-the-cisco-iot-hackathon-2024>



On November 2, 2024, the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) hosted the “Cisco IoT Hackathon 2024” in its campus at Kuratoli, Khilkhet, Dhaka. This day-long event brought together 125 talented programming teams from educational institutions across the country. From this remarkable pool of innovative minds, 20 teams advanced to the final competition round, where they presented their projects to a distinguished panel of judges.

Following a rigorous evaluation, the judges awarded prizes to the top three teams for their exceptional projects. The first prize of 50,000 BDT was awarded to Team Underrated—comprising Md. Shakil Hossain, Mahin Shikder, Kamrul Islam, and Safid Hasan—for their outstanding project, "Smart Farm Management System Using IoT for Enhanced Agricultural Productivity and Disaster Mitigation," which impressed the judges with its innovation and technical prowess. The second prize of 30,000 BDT went to Team Sohayok (Md. Rahat Al Mamun, Sujoy Mahmud, Samiul Haque, Md. Rayhan Hossain, Jotirmoy Mollick) for their project, "A Cost-Efficient Device for Individuals with Cerebral Palsy Utilizing IoT." The third prize of 20,000 BDT was awarded to Team Artificial Intelligence Bangladesh (Shahida Afrin, K.M. Farzadul Islam, Shoriful Islam Sumon, Sheikh Ashim Asman Azaz) for their impactful project, Interactive Educational Bot for Children using IoT.

The winners were selected based on creativity, innovation, and technical execution. The event concluded with an award ceremony, where Mrs. Nadia Anwar, Chairperson of the AIUB Board of Trustees, and Prof. Dr. Saiful Islam, Vice Chancellor of AIUB, presented the prizes to the winning teams. They were joined by respected members of the AIUB leadership, including Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdur Rahman, Proctor Prof. Dr. Manzur H. Khan, and Mr. Md. Manirul Islam, Director of the Institute of Continuing Education, along with other distinguished university officials.

Prof. Dr. Saiful Islam extended heartfelt thanks to Cisco, the event's Title Sponsor, for its invaluable support in making the hackathon a resounding success and for fostering innovation among the next generation of tech talent.



- *Business Plan & Startup Events:* AIUB's Faculty of Business Administration regularly holds Business Plan Exhibitions (each semester) where students present start-up ideas to external judges and industry guests. Notably, in August 2025 the Dept. of MIS, FBA hosted "*A New Generation of Visionaries: Crafting a Sustainable Future for Bangladesh*" – a public seminar featuring four young startup founders as panelists. These entrepreneurs (including CEOs of local agritech and insure-tech startups) shared insights with an audience of AIUB business students and faculty. The event, moderated by the MIS department head, bridged academic knowledge with real-world entrepreneurship, and was aimed at inspiring both AIUB students and aspiring entrepreneurs in the community. (Such open forums on innovation and sustainability are often publicized via AIUB's channels and sometimes involve collaborators like startup accelerators or industry associations.)

A New Generation of Visionaries: Crafting a Sustainable Future for Bangladesh

<https://www.aiub.edu/a-new-generation-of-visionaries-crafting-a-sustainable-future-for-bangladesh>



The Department of Management Information Systems (MIS) of the Faculty of Business Administration (FBA) at American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) successfully organized a seminar titled “A New Generation of Visionaries: Crafting a Sustainable Future for Bangladesh.”

Held on Sunday, 24 August 2025, at the Multipurpose Hall, Annex-7, on the AIUB Campus, the event brought together a distinguished panel of young startup entrepreneurs to share their invaluable insights and inspiring journeys with an engaged audience of BBA students and faculty members from FBA. The seminar was expertly moderated by Mr. Mehzabul Hoque Nahid, the Head of the Department of MIS and Business Analytics, who set a dynamic tone for the discussion. The panel featured four notable visionaries: Mr. Ashraf Hossain Sachin, the Founder of KINSO Stores; Mr. Sayed Zubaer Hasan, the Founder & CEO of "Krishi Shwapno"; Ms. Nurunnassa (Nasim), the Co-Founder & COO of InsureCow; and Mr. Tasvir A. Faheem, the Founder & CEO of InsureCow. Their collective presence provided a powerful platform for the audience to learn more about the entrepreneurial landscape in Bangladesh. The event was designed to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and real-world application, offering practical advice and motivation to the next generation of business leaders.

The core of the seminar centered on the personal and professional experiences of the esteemed panel members, who each offered unique and compelling narratives of their success. Mr. Tasvir A. Faheem, drawing from his winning journey at the Grameenphone Accelerator, shared how he and his team were able to secure significant national and international funding for their ventures. He emphasized a pragmatic approach, strongly advising aspiring entrepreneurs to work in a corporate or business organization for a few years before embarking on their own entrepreneurial journey. He provided the audience with a foundation of essential skills and a deeper understanding of market dynamics. Ms. Nurunnassa (Nasim) captivated the audience with her heartfelt account of being a female entrepreneur in Bangladesh’s challenging yet rewarding ecosystem. She spoke candidly about the unique obstacles she overcame and the triumphs that followed, offering a message of resilience and empowerment. Mr. Sayed Zubaer

Hasan provided a deep dive into the critical concept of achieving product-market fit. He explained the iterative process of listening to customer feedback, adapting the product, and finding the right niche. He highlighted the vast opportunities that await students who possess the right skills, urging them to

proactively prepare for the demands of the modern startup world. Finally, Mr. Ashraf Hossain Sachin, an alumnus of FBA, AIUB, shared his personal journey with a "moonshot mentality" approach to entrepreneurship. Mr. Ashraf Hossain Sachin emphasized the significance of setting ambitious goals and embracing failure. He offered candid advice, detailing what future entrepreneurs should and should not expect. His guidance included a set of "dos and don'ts" and a "recipe for success," which resonated strongly with the students. A particularly impactful piece of advice he offered was for future entrepreneurs to be discerning about their role models and not follow someone that they do not want to become.

The seminar concluded with thoughtful remarks from key academic figures at AIUB. Professor Dr. Anwar Hossain, the Advisor and Dean-in-Charge of the Faculty of Business Administration (FBA), delivered the concluding remarks. He concisely explained the importance of maintaining ethics and integrity for start-ups and their pivotal role in building a trustworthy business environment. Professor Dr. Saiful Islam, the Vice Chancellor of AIUB, delivered the vote of thanks. Professor Dr. Saiful Islam expressed his gratitude to the distinguished panel members and offered encouragement for their respective ventures. He reminded everyone of the necessity of following technology-oriented sustainable business practices, emphasizing the need for these ventures to create more employment opportunities for graduates and contribute positively to the nation's economic growth. The event's smooth execution was a testament to the collaborative efforts of its coordinators, Mohammad Bajjed and Khandakar Tahurul Islam, both lecturers from the Department of MIS. The event was supported by the presence of several esteemed faculty members, including Jubayer Suhan, Assistant Professor, Department of MIS; Dr. Rezbin Nahar, Director, Undergraduate Program, FBA; and Dr. Mohammad Faridul Alam, Professor, Director, Graduate Program [MBA & EMBA]. By encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation as a means of job creation and economic progress, the event contributed to SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). It also supported SDG 5 (Gender Equality) by showcasing a successful female entrepreneur, providing a powerful role model and encouraging more women to enter the business world. Furthermore, the seminar supported SDG 4 (Quality Education) by providing a practical, real-world learning experience that complemented the students' formal curriculum.



Cultural Festivals and Community Events

- **Thematic Student Festivals:** AIUB's campus plays host to vibrant festivals that engage not only its own students but also youth from other institutions and the wider public:
 - ECO Fest 2025 – Jan 16, 2025 (AIUB Campus). An environmentally-themed festival organized by AIUB's Department of Economics to promote sustainability and social awareness. The event drew 200 students from 20 outside schools/colleges alongside 350 AIUB students for a day of competitions and discussions. Activities included poster presentations, quiz contests, debates, and impromptu speech contests around the theme "Bridging Socio-economic Inequality for Sustainable Development". Dignitaries like the AIUB Pro-Vice Chancellor and the Executive Director of the Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD) addressed the opening and closing ceremonies, underlining the festival's significance in advancing UN SDGs (e.g. Quality Education, Reduced Inequalities). ECO Fest was open to young participants and audiences from the community, fostering dialogue on global issues and showcasing AIUB's role in youth engagement for sustainability.

Eco Fest 2025



On Thursday, January 16, 2025, the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) hosted the highly anticipated ECO FEST 2025, organized by the Department of Economics. The event brought together 200 students from 20 schools and colleges, along with 350 AIUB students, who actively participated in a series of stimulating competitions such as poster presentations, quiz contests, debates, and impromptu speeches. The overarching theme of the event, "Bridging Socio-economic Inequality for Sustainable Development," sparked lively discussions and thoughtful deliberations from participants, faculty members, and guests alike.

The event commenced with a grand opening ceremony graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. Abdur Rahman, Pro-Vice Chancellor of AIUB, and Dr. Tazul Islam, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Both of them emphasized the importance of addressing socio-economic inequality and the vital role education plays in achieving sustainable development. Their opening remarks set the tone for a day of intellectual engagement and collaboration among young minds eager to explore solutions to pressing global issues.

The competitions began with qualifying rounds, where participants from various institutions showcased their knowledge and creativity in tackling the theme. The debates sparked intense discussions, while the quiz challenged participants' understanding of socio-economic issues. The impromptu speech competition tested the ability of speakers to deliver impactful speeches on the spot, inspiring many with their ideas on reducing inequality.

The final rounds brought together the best participants from each competition, where they went head-to-head for the coveted titles. The closing ceremony, which followed the successful completion of the final rounds, was a memorable occasion. The Special Guest Dr. Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) has delivered motivating remarks, highlighting the importance of youth engagement and active participation in building a just and sustainable society. Prof. Dr. Tazul Islam, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences also graced the closing event and shared his motivational thoughts with the students.

This event has addressed several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), most notably SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality), SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). The event's theme, "Bridging Socio-economic Inequality for Sustainable Development," highlighted the importance of reducing socio-economic disparities and fostering inclusive development, resonating with SDG 10's emphasis on reducing inequality both within and among countries. Through debates, quiz contests, and impromptu speeches, participants actively engaged with the complex issues surrounding socio-economic inequality, promoting awareness and dialogue, essential for achieving long-term societal change. Furthermore, the involvement of students from diverse schools and colleges, alongside AIUB students, underscored SDG 4's focus on providing quality education and empowering youth to contribute to sustainable development. The event also fostered collaboration, with academic leaders emphasizing the crucial role of education in shaping a more equitable and sustainable future addressing SDG 17. By offering a platform for young minds to explore and discuss pressing global issues, ECO FEST 2025 contributed significantly to raising awareness and inspiring action toward the achievement of the SDGs.

The event also had an electrifying cultural show, adding an artistic flair to the day's intellectual discussions. The closing ceremony also featured a prize-giving session, where the winners of the competitions were awarded for their outstanding performances. The event ended with a vote of thanks given by Dr. Faria Sultana, Department Head, Department of Economics at AIUB. The students and participants left the event feeling motivated and inspired to contribute to the cause of sustainable development and socio-economic equality.

ECO FEST 2025 was a tremendous success, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the AIUB management, administration, participants, and distinguished guests. The event served as a platform for young individuals to share ideas, showcase their talents, and engage in meaningful dialogue on the pressing socio-economic challenges of our time.

- MMC Creative Fest 2025 – May 22, 2025 (AIUB Media Studio). A day-long arts and media festival hosted by AIUB's Department of Media and Mass Communication, in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs. "MMC Fest 2025" invited students from schools, colleges, and other universities to

compete in creative contests. Events included on-spot painting and mobile photography competitions open to high schoolers (grades 9–12), plus a poster design contest for both school and university students. The festival created a “vibrant showcase of artistic talent”, and featured cultural performances by AIUB student clubs. AIUB’s Vice Chancellor attended as Chief Guest to congratulate winners, and sponsors (e.g. Pantel) provided prizes. With enthusiastic participation from youths across Dhaka and an audience of families, faculty, and media, the MMC Fest exemplified AIUB’s openness in celebrating creativity beyond its campus.

MMC Fest 2025 Celebrates Youth Creativity at AIUB

<https://www.aiub.edu/mmc-fest-2025-celebrates-youth-creativity-at-aiub>



The Department of Media and Mass Communication (MMC) at the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), successfully hosted MMC Fest 2025 on Thursday, 22 May. The day-long celebration of creativity and culture brought together students from schools, colleges, and universities for a vibrant showcase of artistic talent.

The event featured multiple competitions, including an On-Spot Painting Competition and an On-Campus Mobile Photography Competition, both open to students from classes 9 to 12. A Poster Presentation Competition welcomed participation from both school and university-level students.

These contests provided a platform for young minds to express themselves through art while encouraging positive engagement and creativity.

Prof. Dr. Saiful Islam, Vice Chancellor of AIUB, attended the program as the Chief Guest. In his speech, he praised the MMC Department for organizing such a vibrant event and congratulated all the winners and participants in the competition for their enthusiasm and talent.

Dr. A J M Shafiul Alam Bhuiyan, Advisor to the MMC Department, officially inaugurated the fest following a warm welcome from Ms. Rani Ellen V. Ramos, who greeted guests and participants, setting an energetic tone for the program.

During the inaugural session, Dr. Mohammad Zahidul Islam Khan, Registrar of AIUB, underscored the importance of creative platforms in today's media landscape. He remarked that in an era where social media is increasingly filled with negativity and chaos, artistic competitions such as MMC Fest can help unite students and foster positivity through creative expression.

Echoing this sentiment, the advisor of MMC emphasized the significance of aesthetic experiences in confronting social challenges. He noted that at a time when negativity is widespread in society, students can respond by embracing and promoting artistic values.

The fest concluded with a prize-giving ceremony, where winners from the various competitions were recognized for their talent and hard work. The winners were rewarded with prize money, certificates and special gift bags from the sponsor of the program- Pantel. The Vice Chancellor handed out the awards, followed by a colorful cultural performance that highlighted the diverse talents of AIUB students.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from students representing schools, colleges, and universities across Dhaka. It was also attended by Heads, faculty members and academic leaders including Prof. Dr. Anwar Hossain, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration.

MMC Fest 2025 turned the AIUB campus into a lively hub of youthful energy, artistic expression, and collaborative spirit.



- Cultural Celebrations (Open Campus Events): AIUB has a tradition of celebrating national culture and heritage with events often open to the public. For instance, the annual “Boishakhi Ullash” (Bengali New Year festival) transforms the campus into a fairground with folk music, food stalls, art, and performances. A program schedule from a past year shows day-long festivities including a fair opening, cultural shows by the AIUB Performing Arts Club, and guest performances by well-known artists aiub.edu. In recent years (e.g. April 2025, Bengali year 1432), AIUB issued public guidelines and schedules for its Boishakh Utshab on April 13–14, inviting the community to celebrate on campus (with booths, cultural competitions, and concerts). These events are typically organized by the Office of Student Affairs and Cultural Affairs, and while primarily aimed at students and alumni, they often welcome family members and visitors, reflecting AIUB’s inclusive campus spirit.

AIUB Boishakhi Ullash

<https://www.aiub.edu/aiub-boishakhi-ullash#:~:text=>

Program Schedule:

10 AM: Opening of the Fair and the Stalls 12 PM: Beginning of Cultural Program by the Performance of AIUB Performing Arts Club (APAC) 3 PM: Performance by DJ Rahat
Performance by Mila Performance by Maqsud O Dhaka Performance by Dalchut Performance by Ehsan (Folk Fusion)



○ Performing Arts and Exhibitions:

The AIUB Drama Club hosted “*Curtains Rise 2025*” – a two-day theatre festival (May 20–21, 2025) featuring multiple plays and creative performances by students. While the performers and immediate audience were largely AIUB community (students, faculty, alumni), events like this highlight AIUB’s encouragement of arts. Similarly, departments have organized public exhibitions – e.g. a Tourism & Hospitality Day exhibition with industry booths and a cultural show (in an earlier year) – to which outside guests (industry professionals, prospective students) were invited. Such events provide learning and networking in an open environment.

AIUB Drama Club Presents “Curtains Rise 2025”

<https://www.aiub.edu/aiub-drama-club-presents-curtains-rise-2025>



On May 20–21, 2025, the AIUB Drama Club, under the guidance of the Office of Student Affairs, organized a dynamic and engaging two-day theater festival titled “Curtains Rise 2025.” The celebration began with a captivating dramatic flashmob on May 20 at 11:00 AM in front

of C Building, drawing the attention of students and faculty alike and setting an exciting tone for the festival's theatrical showcase.

The main events took place at the AIUB Auditorium. The festival opened with enthusiastic performances and was graced by the presence of Dr. Mohammad Zahidul Islam, Registrar of AIUB and Dr. Ziarat Hossain Khan, Associate Professor and Deputy Director of Student Service and Welfare (SSW). Alongside other faculty members, their attendance underscored strong institutional support for student-led cultural initiatives.

As part of its mission to foster creativity and interdisciplinary collaboration, the festival featured four diverse theatrical productions. The first day's lineup included "Election Caricature," a compelling political satire by acclaimed playwright S. M. Solaiman, which cleverly exposed electoral absurdities through humor and performance. This was followed by an original mime-based murder mystery, conceptualized and performed by AIUB Drama Club members. This unique, wordless piece utilized expressive physicality and music to deliver an emotionally charged narrative.

On the second day, the audience enjoyed two more contrasting yet equally engaging plays. The first was a gothic adaptation of "Dracula," filled with suspense, horror, and dramatic tension. The second performance, "Ek Credit-er Prem," was a light-hearted original comedy exploring the chaos of campus group projects and student life, written and directed by Dipty Rahman, mentor of the club. The play resonated with viewers through its humor and relatability.

Notable attendees on the second day included Dr. Manzur H. Khan, Proctor of AIUB, and Mr. Hamidul Haque, Head of the Department of English, alongside faculty members, alumni, and a packed student audience. Their presence highlighted the administration's encouragement of cross-disciplinary artistic expression and student empowerment.

The event was supported by over 80 ADC members, including performers, writers, and crew from various faculties, demonstrating the collaborative spirit of the university's cultural community.

"Curtains Rise 2025" successfully underscored the importance of incorporating performing arts into academic life. By combining satire, horror, suspense, and comedy, the festival encouraged students to engage with contemporary issues through storytelling and theatrical expression. It reaffirmed the AIUB Drama Club's ongoing commitment to cultivating cultural engagement, artistic innovation, and youth empowerment.



- **Career and Networking Events:**
 - AIUB Job Fair 2024 – Dec 21, 2024 (AIUB Campus).

A major public-facing event connecting graduates with employers. Organized by AIUB's Office of Placement & Alumni (OPA), the fair hosted 118 leading companies from banking, IT, telecom, manufacturing, hospitality and other sectors on campus [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com). Recruiters set up stalls and met thousands of attendees. The primary audience was AIUB's graduating students and alumni, for whom the fair served as "a bridge to transition into the corporate world" [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com) [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com). Inaugurated by AIUB's Board of Trustees leadership [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com), the day-long fair allowed students and former students (now part of the general public) to interact with employers, submit resumes, and explore job openings [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com) [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com). Many company representatives were AIUB alumni themselves, underscoring community engagement [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com) [dhakatribune.com](https://www.dhakatribune.com). The success of this open-campus Job Fair – covered in national media – highlights AIUB's role in facilitating public career development opportunities.

AIUB hosts Job Fair 2024

The AIUB Job Fair serves as a bridge for graduating students and alumni to transition seamlessly into the corporate world



On Saturday, the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) successfully hosted the "AIUB Job Fair 2024" at its permanent campus.

The event was inaugurated by Ms Nadia Anwar, Founder Member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, AIUB.

This flagship event was organized by the Office of Placement & Alumni (OPA).

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A total of 118 leading national and multinational companies participated in the job fair, representing various sectors of the economy, including banking, IT solutions, telecommunications, networking solutions, pharmaceuticals, electronics, leasing and finance, call centers, automobiles, accessories and equipment, hospitals, hotels, agro-businesses and FMCGs, among others.

Prominent companies such as Abdul Monem Ltd, bKash Limited, BRAC Bank PLC, City Bank PLC, Eastern Bank PLC, Mutual Trust Bank PLC, Navana, Pathao Limited, Crown Cement, Meghna Group of Industries, Apex, GPH Ispat Limited, Le Meridien Dhaka, Renaissance Dhaka Gulshan Hotel, RFL Group, Robi Axiata PLC, United Hospital Limited, and others showcased their career opportunities to enthusiastic attendees.

Ms Nadia Anwar and other distinguished guests visited the stalls and expressed their gratitude to the companies for their collaborative participation.

The job fair was graced by the presence of Dr Carmen Zita Lamagna, Member of the Board of Trustees, AIUB; Prof. Dr. Abdur Rahman, Pro-Vice Chancellor, AIUB; R. Tareque Moudud, FCMA, Director of OPA, along with proctor, deans, directors, departmental heads, faculty members, and other high-ranking officials of the university.

Representatives from the participating companies, many of whom are proud alumni of AIUB, further enriched the event.

Throughout the day-long program, students and alumni actively engaged with the companies, submitting resumes and exploring job opportunities aligned with their career aspirations.

- Industry Conferences:

AIUB has also co-hosted several academic and industry conferences open to external participants. For example, the 7th ICIEOM 2024 (International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management) was held at AIUB in Dec 2024, drawing university leaders and researchers from home and abroad. Likewise, AIUB was venue for the International Conference on Computing Advancements (ICCA 2024) in Oct 2024. While these are professional events (requiring registration), they are open to scholars and practitioners globally, reflecting AIUB's engagement with the broader academic public.

7th ICIEOM hosted by AIUB



The IEOM Society International successfully organized the 7th IEOM Bangladesh International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management (ICIEOM) at the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) on December 21-23, 2024. 18 technical sessions with 141 papers were presented and authored by researchers from 15 different countries on a diverse array of topics such as Sustainability, Green Systems and Energy, Supply Chain and Logistics, Human Factors, Ergonomics and Healthcare, Engineering Management and Project Management etc.

The two-day conference begun with an opening ceremony on December 21, 2024 at the AIUB Auditorium where the Chief Patron Dr. Carmen Z Lamagna, Member, Board of Trustees, AIUB, Conference Chair Prof. Dr. ABM Siddique Hossain, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, AIUB, Conference Co-Chair Dr. Ahad Ali, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) IEOM Society International and Program Co-Chair Professor Don Reimer, Chief Operating Officer of IEOM welcomed and addressed the participants.

The conference featured 13 Keynote speeches from prominent figures including Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman, Pro Vice Chancellor, American International University-Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dr. Quamrul Mazumder, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Engineering, College of Innovation and Technology, University of Michigan-Flint, USA, Md Touhidur Rahman Rad, Chief Business Officer, Walton Digi-Tech Industries Ltd, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dr. Matiar Howlader, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Dr. Mohammad Sarwar Morshed, Professor, Department of Mechanical and Production Engineering (MPE), Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST), Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dr. Md. Mamun Habib, Professor, School of Business & Entrepreneurship (SBE), Independent University Bangladesh (IUB), Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dr. Md Ashikul Alam Khan, PhD, FHEA, Program Director, MSc Management Suite, Graduate School of Management, Birmingham City University, Birmingham, UK, Dr. Mohammad Iqbal, Professor, Department of Industrial and Production Engineering, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh, Dr. Anwar Haque, Associate Professor, Department of Aerospace Engineering & Mechanics, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Ms. Rupali Biswas, Additional Secretary, Productivity Improvement Cell (PIC), BKMEA (Bangladesh Knitwear

Manufacturers & Exporters Association), Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dr. Ferdous Sarwar, Professor, Department of Industrial & Production Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Mr. Khaja Moyeen Uddin, General Manager (Plant), Metrocem Ispat Limited, Gazipur, Bangladesh, and Mr. Muhammad Noor E Ala, Ph.D, Dept. of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Northeastern University.

The closing ceremony was held on the afternoon of December 22, 2024, where Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman, Pro Vice Chancellor, AIUB delivered the welcome speech of the closing ceremony. This was followed by a brief closing remarks by Dr. Carmen Z Lamagna, where she expressed her appreciation for the participants, volunteers, and organizers. Afterwards, the Program Co-Chair, Dr. Md. Ehasanul Haque, Head, Department of IPE, AIUB debriefed the two-day proceedings and offered their vote of thanks respectively. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of plaques of appreciation to the conference contributors.

The ICIEOM aligns with several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By fostering global knowledge-sharing in education and research (SDG 4), promoting innovation and sustainable industrial practices (SDG 9), and enhancing international collaboration among researchers and professionals (SDG 17), the conference contributes to creating a more sustainable and interconnected world. This alignment underscores the event's commitment to advancing societal progress through education, innovation, and partnerships.



Conclusion

In summary, AIUB has demonstrably hosted a wide array of public events over the last five years, spanning health awareness, sustainable development, entrepreneurship, science and technology, arts and culture, and career networking. Many of these events were organized by AIUB's own faculties or student bodies, often in collaboration with government agencies, industry partners, or innovation forums, to benefit not only AIUB students but also school children, youth from other institutions, alumni, and interested members of the public. From free public lectures by renowned experts to youth robotics camps and national competitions,

AIUB's campus has been an open hub of community engagement. These examples – verified through AIUB's official news releases and coverage in national media – illustrate AIUB's commitment to extending its educational resources and facilities to the wider society in Bangladesh aiub.edu dhakatribune.com. Each event, complete with its date, organizers, partners, and target audience, underscores the university's role in fostering learning, innovation, and cultural exchange beyond its formal student population.