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Prof. Dr. Md. Sultan Mahmud appointed as the Pro Vice Chancellor, UAP

Dr. Md. Sultan Mahmud, Professor of Physics, Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities has been appointed as the new Pro Vice Chancellor. His Excellency Hon'ble President Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid and the Chancellor of UAP appointed Prof. Mahmud to the post for the next four years following the completion of the tenure of former Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. M. R. Kabir. Prof. Mahmud joined this university as a lecturer in 2000. He had been performing his duties as the Head of the Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities for several years. Prof. Sultan Mahmud obtained his M.Phil. from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and Ph. D. from Khulna University of Engineering and Technology under joint collaboration with International Program for Physical Sciences (IPPS), Uppsala University, Sweden. Prof. Mahmud joined office on 17th December, 2020.



UAP Holds Discussion Session on the Occasion of National Victory Day

The Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW), UAP arranged



a discussion session marking the Victory Day through Google Meet on 15th December, 2020. Freedom Fighter Major General (Retd.) Zamil Uddin Ahsan, Bir Protick and Freedom Fighter Engr. M Abu Taher, Member, Board of Trustees, UAP shared the memories of the Liberation War of Bangladesh. The welcome remark was addressed by Mr. C. M. Shafi Sami, Chairman, BOT, UAP while the event was presided over by Air Cdre Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Acting Vice Chancellor, UAP.

UAP Civil Engineering Students Complete Internship Programs In Smec

Six students in their third year of civil engineering at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) have completed internship programs with SMEC in Bangladesh on November 11, 2020, working on several infrastructure projects in Chattogram and Dhaka. Each intern was paired with a mentor at their respective project location, who enthusiastically took on the task of preparing the interns for future professional roles. The interns reflected positively on their experience at SMEC, with one commenting, "My internship experience has helped prepare me for the responsibilities of professional work and improved my work ethic. It also made me want to work for a company like yours [SMEC] in the future."

Another intern said, "It was useful to gain practical experience in different areas, for example applying academic knowledge to practical fields; observing health and safety guidelines and assisting with or completing tasks assigned by my supervisor wherever possible. I learned about working closely with colleagues to foster professional values and build a good relationship." These internships are part of a collaboration agreement between SMEC and UAP, which was formalized in late 2019. The agreement aimed to further SMEC's active role in collaboration between industry and universities.

Dr. Sayeed Ahmed, Executive Director of SMEC's operations in Bangladesh, was also appointed as a member of the Industrial Advisory Panel of the Department of Civil Engineering, UAP. Additionally, seven final year

students were selected, based on their academic performance, extra-curricular activities and financial hardship, for the 'SMEC scholarship', a financial aid program supported by SMEC. Along with our parent company Surbana Jurong, SMEC takes an active interest in contributing to the development of the next generation of civil engineers in a country where investment in ongoing infrastructure is essential.

Further programs are planned to be rolled out in the coming years in partnership with UAP. Dr. Farzana Rahman, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering at UAP and coordinator of the program, is excited to continue the success of the initiative, saying "I am extremely delighted to be a part of collaboration with SMEC. It has opened a new window of opportunity for UAP students. Our students are getting job experience before graduation which is tremendously valuable for their career. I am looking forward to exploring more ways for our students to benefit."



UAP Architecture Department designs The Liberation War Memorial in Barishal

The Department of Architecture, UAP completed a project on "The Liberation War Memorial" in Barishal. On 8th December 2020, the memorial was inaugurated by Mr. Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah, Mayor, Barishal City



Corporation. The project was undertaken by Barishal City Corporation in association with Liberation War Museum, Bangladesh. The name of UAP has been engraved in both the inaugural plaque and the descriptive plaque of the memorial alter, which testifies to the high standard of UAP. Prof. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, former Head of the Department and Asst. Prof. Masrur Mamun Mithun worked closely with the Liberation War Museum Dhaka, Muktijoddha Sangsad Barisal, and Barisal Shangkritik Shongothon Shomonoy Parishad to bring this project into reality.

Student of UAP receives "Outstanding Junior Author Award" by The New Nation

On 29 December, 2020, Mr. Shahriar Islam Shovon, a student of the Department of Law and Human Rights received the Outstanding Junior Author Award by the New Nation for publishing his write-ups in this daily regularly.

UAP Holds Virtual Orientation Programs of the Department of CE, L&HR and Pharmacy

The virtual orientation programs for the newly enrolled students of Fall 2020 for the Department of Pharmacy was held on 31st December, 2020 and for the Department of Civil Engineering and Law & Human Rights were held on 01 January, 2021. Mr. C. M. Shafi Sami, Chairman, BOT and Prof. Dr. Md. Sultan Mahmud, Acting Vice Chancellor, attended the programs.

UAP holds International convention on Quality Control Circle Jointly with BSTQM

The 45th International Convention on Quality Control Circle was held at the University of Asia Pacific and Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel from 1st – 3rd December, 2020. The programme was organized jointly by UAP and Bangladesh Society for Total Quality Management (BSTQM). Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussein, Adviser, BSTQM was the Chief Guest while Mr. Mir Ashraful Hossain, COO. Urmi Group was the Special Guest of the convention.

UAP Prof Tanveer Ferdous Saeed Elected BAS Associate Fellow

Dr. Tanveer Ferdous Saeed, Professor of the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Asia Pacific (UAP), has been elected as an Associate Fellow of Bangladesh Academic of Sciences (BAS).

He was elected the fellow in its 5th BAS Council held on 2nd December, 2020. Professor Dr. Saeed was inducted as BAS Associate Fellow in the next AGM held on 19 December, 2020.

Dr. Saeed joined as an Associate Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering, UAP in May, 2016 and had been promoted as a Professor in May, 2019. Prof. Dr. Saeed has received many research and academic awards e.g. University Grants Commission Gold Medal 2016, University Grants Commission Award 2013. UGC author reception award 2016.

Prof. Dr. Saeed is the pioneer of introducing constructed wetland systems in Bangladesh, to provide treatment of wastewaters and polluted surface waters. He has published many papers in highly reputed international journals.



Film and Photography Club: Organized a Documentary Film Making Contest

The Film and Photography club, CSE, UAP organized a documentary film making contest on December 08, 2020. The title of the contest was "Inside CSE". The documentary topic was "A documentary on Department of Computer Science and Engineering". The prize money for this contest is was 20,000 BDT. The last date of submission was 28 November, 2020. There were two teams who participated in this contest. On 8th December, 2020, Film and Photography club CSE, UAP announced the winner. The winner of "Inside CSE" was team "cineMad". Congratulations, Durjoy Mistry and Sourav Paul for the marvelous work.

UAP Film Club Organized a Virtual Film Fest

On 2 October, 2020, the UAP Film Club organized a virtual film festival. The festival showcased 12 short films which were prepared by the students of UAP. Mr. C.M. Shafi Sami, Chairman, Board of Trustees, UAP attended the program for some time and sent a video message wishing the event a success. Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi

Choudhury, Acting VC, UAP also attended the program. The theme of the film festival was COVID-19 pandemic and all the short films were related to different perspectives of the current pandemic situation. The film-makers, beautifully, addressed recent issues, including psychological impact, and socio-economic crisis of Bangladeshi expatriates' due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Another purpose of this festival was to provide a much-needed relaxation to the students at this time of a pandemic that is causing serious mental stress and strain. The program drew much attention and many students from different departments of UAP attended the program and watched the films online. The program was also telecast later on UAP Facebook page.



At the end of the festival, Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury thanked everyone who was associated with the successful arrangement of the festival. Later on, Mohaimanul Islam, President, UAP Film Club ended the program with a vote of thanks. Among others, the program was attended by Mr. Abdullah Al Farabi, Lecturer, Department of Civil Engineering and Adviser of UAP Film Club and Mr. Md. Tarek Khan, AD, DSW, UAP.

UAP Celebrates Victory Day 2020

On 15 December 2020, Directorate of Students' Welfare, UAP, organized an online discussion programme marking the Victory Day of Bangladesh. Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Acting VC welcomed the Guests of Honor Major General (Retd.) Jamil D. Ahsan, Bir Protik and Freedom Fighter Engr. M. Abu Taher, Member, BOT and the participants. In his introductory speech, Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury paid rich tribute to the martyrs of the liberation

war and briefly mentioned the contribution of the Guests of Honors during the liberation war. Mr. C. M. Shafi Sami, Hon'ble Chairperson, Board of Trustees, UAP, in his welcome speech, paid tributes to the liberation war martyrs who laid down their lives for the country.

He also appreciated the utmost bravery of the valiant freedom fighters and mentioned some of his memories working together at different organizations with Major General (Retd.) Jamil D. Ahsan, Bir Protik and Engr. M. Abu Taher. Engr. M. Abu Taher- a Freedom Fighter and member, BOT, UAP was one of the distinguished speakers in the event who went to India in 1971 and started a weekly magazine named "Dabanol" which contributed to raise the spirit of the Freedom Fighters.

After the war, Engr. Abu Taher involved himself in the business world, but side by side he established many educational institutions for the development of education in Bangladesh. Major General (Retd.) Jamil D. Ahsan, Bir Protik was the keynote speaker. In 1971, he was a student at the University of Dhaka. After the declaration of independence on 26 March 1971, he crossed the border in April 1971 and joined the liberation war under sector 2.

He vividly shared the reminiscences of his joining the liberation war and how he fought initially as a guerrilla and later was commissioned in the Bangladesh Army 1st War Course. He shared his memories regarding his direct engagement in different battles in Sylhet, Cumilla and Chattogram. All the speakers encouraged the youth to work together for the development of the country. Later, a Q&A session was facilitated. Among others, the programme was also attended by Heads of Departments, directors, faculty members and officials of UAP.

The program was concluded by a vote of thanks of from the Acting VC of UAP Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury. Students from different departments attended the programme with great enthusiasm.

UAP's English Department Launched Its Online Magazine Reflections

The Department of English, University of Asia Pacific (UAP), launched its very own bi-annual online magazine, Reflections. In order to mark this glorious achievement, an online launching ceremony was held on 8th October 2020, Thursday, at 8:00 PM. The event was organized on google meet.

Students and teachers from all the departments of UAP joined the ceremony. Air Cdre (Retd) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor (Acting) of UAP, was present as the Chief Guest on the occasion. The session was inaugurated with the welcome speech by Arjumand Ara, Head of the English Department. Then as the honorable chief guest, Acting Vice Chancellor Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury launched the website (<http://reflections-eng.uap-bd.edu/>) and surfed the contents.

He thanked the magazine committee wholeheartedly and encouraged the faculty as well as the students of the Department of English to persist with this sort of activity. By the end of the event, Saimum Rahman Prattay, Faculty of the English Department and the member of the magazine committee announced the possible date of the next issue and demonstrated the online procedures for submitting the write-ups in for the magazine. The session was wrapped up with a vote of thanks by the editor of Reflections, Dr. Zakia Ahmad, Associate Professor, Department of English.

UAP Faculty Ismat Zarin Receives Noble Asian Educator Award

The International Society of Teachers, Administrators, and Researchers (ISTAR) conferred the "Noble Asian Educator Award" on Ms. Ismat Zarin, Assistant Professor at the Department of English of the University of Asia Pacific. The Bangkok-based organization presented Ms. Ismat Zarin the prestigious award for her altruistic contributions and superior performance in research supervision and collaborations as well as publications in reputable, international journals on the occasion of the "Asia Pacific Conference on Teaching English as a Foreign Language" on December 20, 2020 with the theme "Going Beyond Borders: Interfacing EFL Practitioners to Survive and Excel in the New Normal".



IQAC-UAP Organized an Online Workshop for the Faculty Members

On November 27, 2020, IQAC-UAP organized an online workshop for the faculty members of CE, CSE and EEE Departments on “How to demonstrate the culmination of program outcomes in solving Complex Engineering Problems”. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Salequ Islam, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, United International University (UIU). He is also a member of the taskforce, BAETE, IEB. The program was chaired by Air Commodore (Retd) Ishfaq Elahi Chowdhury, Acting VC, UAP and moderated by G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC, UAP. More than 50 faculty members from CE, CSE and EEE departments attended the program.

G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC-UAP Selected Quality Assurance Expert

On November 18, 2020, G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC-UAP was selected as one of the panel members of the quality assurance (QA) experts of Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC), GoB through a formal letter from BAC.

Dr. Nehreen Majed, Director, OIA, UAP, Attends the ACU Champions' Summit 2020

ACU Champions' Summit 2020 by Association of Commonwealth Universities (UK event) was held on 15 October, 2020 to create as an opportunity for ACU colleagues and other ACU Champions in the network to meet and to discuss the transformations that are changing the way all of us work in international education. Dr. Nehreen Majed, Director, OIA, UAP, attended the event as the Champion of ACU at UAP.

PhotoPhilic's Virtual Photo Exhibition - "Expressions V"

PhotoPhilic- the photography club of the Department of Pharmacy, UAP, arranged a two day long virtual exhibition titled “Expressions V” from November 24-25, 2020 which was broadcasted live from the Facebook page of PhotoPhilic-We love Photography. This is was the 5th season of the annual photography contest held by the club where students submitted self-clicked photographs for professional judgment. A total of 63 participants from different departments of the University of Asia Pacific

participated in the program and more than 300 pictures were submitted among which 61 pictures were selected for the exhibition. Professor Dr. Swarnali Islam Khandaker, Head of the Department of Pharmacy, UAP, chaired the online inauguration program on 24th November, 2020 at 8:00 pm.

Advisor of the club, Professor Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, Mentor of the club, Associate Professor Dr. Mohammad Shahriar and Co-ordinator of PhotoPhilic, Mr. Fahad Imtiaz Rahman were present as the honorable guests. In this online exhibition, the selected photos were presented and the guests shared their thoughts and experiences with PhotoPhilic. The closing ceremony was held on the following day, 25th November, 2020, where the Head of the Photography Department of Pathshala South Asian Media Institute, Mr. Khandaker Tanvir Murad Topu was present as the honorable guest and judge.

Mr. Murad Topu shared his years of wisdom in photography, his ideology and thoughts behind photo judgement and many personal experiences with the audience. Md. Faysal Hossain from EEE Department, Joya Saha from the Department of Pharmacy and Faysal Ahmed from the Department of Pharmacy secured the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position, respectively.

G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC-UAP, Attends an Online Workshop

Upon invitation from Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC), GoB, on October 13, 2020, G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC, UAP attended an online workshop on ‘Accreditation Standards and Criteria’, organized by BAC, GoB. The Chairman of BAC chaired the workshop and Prof. Dr. S. M Kabir, member, BAC, presented the accreditation standards and criteria. All members of BAC were present and spoke at this event. Director, IQAC, UAP shared his feedback on the presented standards and criteria which was noted by BAC. The program was attended by IQAC Directors of different public and private universities.

Dr. Nehreen Majed, Director, OIA, UAP, Attends the ACU Ambassadors' Summit 2020

ACU Ambassadors' Summit 2020 by Association of Commonwealth Universities (UK event) was held on 9 December, 2020 regarding virtual engagement and student engagement. This was an excellent opportunity to interact

with fellow ACU Ambassadors and take away key tips on running virtual engagement activities. Dr. Nehreen Majed, Director, OIA, UAP, attended the event as the Ambassador of ACU at UAP.

G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC-UAP Attends a Workshop on "Are Your Online Students Engaged"

From 29th November 2020 to 1st December, 2020 Director, IQAC, UAP attended a 3 day workshop series entitled "Are Your Online Students Engaged" which was organized and sponsored by UGC Bangladesh and supported by IDOL (Institute for the Development of Online Learning). Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Dean, School of Engineering Technology and Sciences, IUB conducted the workshop. IQAC Directors of 67 private universities attended the workshop.

IQAC-UAP Organized 2nd Phase of Online Workshop for the Faculty Members

On December 07, 2020, IQAC-UAP organized an online workshop for the faculty members of CE, CSE and EEE Departments on "How to incorporate the attributes of complex engineering problems and complex engineering activities in teaching, learning and assessment". The workshop was conducted by Dr. Engr. Anisul Haque, Professor, Dept. of EEE, East West University, Dhaka. He is a distinguished board member of BAETE, IEB. The program was chaired by Air Commodore (Retd) Ishfaq Elahi Chowdhury, Acting VC, UAP and moderated by G. R. Ahmed Jamal, Director, IQAC, UAP. More than 60 faculty members from CE, CSE and EEE departments attended the program.

UAP Architecture Faculty Members Win International Design Competition

Iftekhar Uddin Ahmed, Lecturer and S.M. Ehsan Ul Haque, Lecturer were awarded 1st Prize as team members in the international design competition "Architecture of the Abandoned" held on 17th November, 2020 organized by The Big Thing. Their entry was entitled 'Life Under the Memory of a Giant Umbrella'. The competition focused on identifying metal objects that have long been forgotten, are in a state of abandonment or in ruins and re-purpose these objects into a functional typology of a residence.

The 22nd Meeting of the IEERD Scrutiny Committee Held

On 08 October 2020, Institute of Energy, Environment, Research and Development (IEERD), UAP organized the "22nd Meeting of the IEERD Scrutiny Committee (ISC)" in an online platform through Google meet. The meeting was presided over by the ISC Chairman - Dr. Kazi Mohiuddin Ahmed, Professor, Dept. of EEE. Professor Muhammad Mizanur Rahaman, Director, IEERD and members of the IEERD Scrutiny Committee (ISC) were present in the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the applications for conference registration fees and on the basis of information provided by the applicants with supporting documents, the applications were scrutinized and approved. The ISC members recommended to considering virtual presentation in online conferences for registration fee applications up to 31 May 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic situation. The meeting formed a subgroup for formulating a unified set of criteria for UAP IEERD Research Award.

The ISC members decided to forward five research proposals submitted under Spring 2020 call of for IEERD Internal Research Grant recommended by the external reviewers to the next IEERD Advisory Council meeting for final review and approval. As the research work has been discontinued due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, the deadline of all ongoing IEERD funded research projects were extended up to 31 May 2021.

Ismat Zarin Conducts a Workshop As a Resource Person in a University in Oman

Ismat Zarin, Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of Asia Pacific conducted an online workshop titled "Promoting Self -Directed, Collaborative and Reflective Learning on Electronic Platforms" organized by the University of Technology and Applied Sciences, Ibri, Oman on October 15, 2020. Ms. Zarin had been invited by the University to hold the workshop which was meant for their faculty members. The workshop was conducted via Teams Meeting, an application of Microsoft.

UAP Faculty Members Attend Webinar Organized by IAB

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) organized a webinar on 'Teaching Architecture' on 12 December, 2020.

The online event was attended by Anika Tasnim Ananna, Nishat Tasnim, Nabila Ferdousi, Iftekhar Uddin Ahmed, S.M. Ehsan Ul Haque and Afrida Afroz Rahman, all of whom are serving as Lecturers in the Department of Architecture, UAP. Prof. Dr Ashraf M. Salama from the University of Strathclyde was the keynote speaker of at the event. Prof. Abu H. Imamuddin from the University of Damman, KSA and Associate Professor Mahmudul Anwar Riyad from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology were also invited as speakers.

UAP Student Wins First Place in the Tamayouz International Graduation Projects Award 2020

Umme Tahmina Haque, who graduated in Fall 2019, won First Place in the Tamayouz International Graduation Projects Award 2020 cycle for her thesis project conducted in UAP. As the First Place winner, she will be not only be offered a Master's Degree Scholarship to the Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy, but will also receive a medal, certificate, and travel scholarship to attend the annual ceremony and the international design workshop. The Award Committee also declared the Department of Architecture, the University of Asia Pacific from Dhaka, Bangladesh as the Architecture School of the Year 2020.

Asst. Professor Mehrab Iftekher won the Supervisor of the Year for supervising the first place winning project which had also been co-supervised by S. M Ehsanul Haque. Umme Tahmina Haque's project was selected out of 1,089 submissions representing 141 universities and 64 countries.



Ismat Zarin Speaks at International MeetX Program

Ismat Zarin, Assistant Professor, English Department, University of Asia Pacific was invited as a MeetX speaker at the International Education Panel Discussion organized by

Charles Walter Society for Innovation and Research (CWSIR) in which she was an honorary coordinator representing Bangladesh. During the panel, she discussed her journey of getting the UN Award for being an 'Inspiring Educator' in the year 2018 and what she thought of pedagogical advancements after COVID-19. The event was held online (Zoom) on October 3, 2020 at 7.00 pm (BDT).

IEERD Awarded Grants to Faculty Members

IEERD Advisory Council and Scrutiny Committee approved eight research projects and allocated Tk. 16, 51,000 (Taka sixteen lac fifty one thousand only) under IEERD Internal Research Grant funding window during 2019-2020 fiscal year. During the same year, IEERD had granted Tk. 5,91,581 (Taka five lac ninety one thousand five hundred eighty one only) as conference/seminar/workshop registration fee and Tk. 8, 97, 086 (Taka eight lac ninety seven thousand and eighty six only) as travel grant to UAP faculty members for presenting their scientific outputs in academic conference/seminar/workshop at home and aboard.

In addition, Tk. 1, 29, 339 (Taka one lac twenty nine thousand three hundred thirty nine only) was awarded as publication charge to support publishing in Scopus and ISI indexed academic journals. In total, IEERD has funded Tk. 32, 69, 006 (Taka thirty two lac sixty nine thousand and six only) to UAP faculty members in order to promote quality research at UAP.

Ismat Zarin Gave Her Plenary Speech at the International Conference at Philippines

Ismat Zarin, Assistant Professor, English Department, University of Asia Pacific was invited to talk as a Plenary Speaker at the "International Research and Development Congress on Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages" held in the Philippines (Online) from October 23, 2020 till October 25, 2020. The Conference was organized by the International Society of Teachers, Administrators and Researchers (ISTAR) in collaboration with the Asian Society of Teachers and International Alliance for English Language Teachers.

Grand Jury of the Final Thesis of Spring 2020 of the Architecture Department Held

Grand Jury of the Final Thesis of Spring 2020 was held online from 26-29 December 2020. 27 projects were presented and most of the projects were developed by the students based on contextual issues, which led to many unique projects of strong architectural merit. The Jury sessions were attended by students from all semesters.

Revitalization of Betila Banik-bari area by Md. Ripan, Preserving Debi Chowdhurani's History & Heritage, Rangpur by Atikur Rahman Khan, Center for Group Theater Bangladesh by Mahbubur Rahman, Contemporary Art Center at Purbachal, Dhaka by Syeda Rizwana, Temple Conservation & Area Development at Ramu, Chattogram by Porag Chowdhury were some of the most notable projects that received high praise from the jurors.

22nd meeting of the IEERD Advisory Council Held

On 14 December 2020, the Institute of Energy, Environment, Research and Development (IEERD), UAP organized the "22nd meeting of the IEERD Advisory Council" in an online platform through Google meet. The meeting was presided over by the Chairman – Advisory Council of IEERD and Acting VC, UAP, Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury.

The meeting was attended by the members of the IEERD Advisory Council, i.e. Representatives of Board of Trustees, Dr Mohammed Alauddin and Professor Dr Mohammad Shariful Islam, Dean and Heads of academic School and Departments, and Professor Dr Muhammad Mizanur Rahaman, Director IEERD.

The Advisory Council accepted the recommendations of the IEERD Scrutiny Committee to consider the online conference registration fee applications up to 31 May, 2021. On the basis of recommendations made by the external reviewers and IEERD Scrutiny Committee, five research projects were

awarded Tk. 11,45,500/= (Taka eleven lac forty-five thousand only) under IEERD Internal Research Grant.

1st Meeting for the "UAP Best Researcher Award" Criteria Formulation Subgroup Held

On 22 December, 2020, the Institute of Energy, Environment, Research and Development (IEERD), UAP organized the "1st ISC Meeting for Criteria Formulation of the UAP Best Researcher Award" in an online platform through Google meet. The meeting was coordinated by the Convener of the subgroup, Dr. Md. Rajibul Islam, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of CSE.

The meeting was attended by the members of the subgroup and IEERD Scrutiny Committee. The meeting discussed about the methodology and key metrics needed to formulate the criteria for UAP Best Researcher Award.

Ismat Zarin represents Bangladesh in an International Seminar in India

Ismat Zarin, Assistant Professor, English Department, University of Asia Pacific was invited to an international seminar to represent Bangladesh as an eminent speaker on October 8, 2020. She spoke in the International Seminar on "Post- COVID-19 Challenges and opportunities:

A Pragmatic Approach" organized by the Department of Geography, Government College Sidhrawali, District Gurugam, in collaboration with the Government College for Women Sector-14 Gurugam & NETRA Institute of Geo-informatics Management and Technologies Foundation, New Delhi, India. The event was held on the platform of Zoom on 8th of October at 12 pm (BDT). Ms. Zarin focused on the practical approaches to teaching in a post-covid classroom.

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