



VC Attended 47th Session of CFM

A three-member delegation led by Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor, attended the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held on 27-28 November 2020 at Niamey, Republic of Niger.

The other members were : Dr. Omar Jah, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dr. Md. Nurul Absar Chowdhury, Professor, MPE Department



Professor Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor, IUT at 47th Session of CFM

Visits of the Vice Chancellor

VC Visited DC, Gazipur

Vice Chancellor, IUT, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, called on Mr. S.M. Tarikul Islam, Deputy Commissioner, Gazipur, on 18 November 2020 at the latter's Office. Prof. Islam thanked the Gazipur District Administration for providing support and cooperation to the University over the years and briefed on the programmes and activities of the University. The Deputy Commissioner assured the Vice Chancellor of his Office's full cooperation and support for the University in the days ahead. The Vice Chancellor



Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor of IUT and Mr. S.M. Tarikul Islam, Deputy Commissioner, Gazipur.

invited the Deputy Commissioner to visit the IUT and he accepted the invitation which will take place at a mutually convenient date.

Dr. Md. Hamidur Rahman, Professor at MPE Department, IUT and Mr. Md Shamsul Arefin, Assistant Commissioner (Land), Gazipur Sadar, were also present during the meeting.

VC Visited DG, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, along with Dr. Omar Jah, Pro-Vice Chancellor, IUT called on Ms. Wahida Ahmed, Director General, International Organizations Wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 19 November 2020.

They exchanged views on the activities and programmes of the university. The Vice Chancellor thanked the International Organizations Wing in particular and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in general for their continued support to the University.

During the meeting, Prof. Islam stressed the need for strengthening the existing bonds of cooperation between the Ministry and the University.

The esteemed Ministry assured the University of extending all possible cooperation during the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) which was held on 27-28 November 2020 in Niamey, Republic of the Niger. Mr. Md. Jasim Uddin, Director of the same wing of the Ministry was also present during the meeting.



Professor Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor, and Dr. Omar Jah, Pro-Vice Chancellor, are seen in a meeting with Ms. Wahida Ahmed, Director General, International Organisation (IO) Wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh

VC met Secondary & Higher Education Secretary

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor, IUT, met H.E. Mr. Md. Mahbub Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division of the Ministry

of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 03 December 2020.

They exchanged views on different activities and programmes of the university. The Vice Chancellor thanked the esteemed Secondary and Higher Education Division in particular and the Ministry of Education in general for their continued support and cooperation being extended to the university.

In the meeting, Prof. Islam stressed the need for strengthening the existing bonds of cooperation between the Ministry and the IUT.



Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor of IUT with H. E. Mr. Md. Mahub Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division of the Ministry of Education of Bangladesh at the latter's office.

VC and Pro-VC Visited High Commission of Malaysia in Dhaka

Vice Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellor of IUT called on H.E. Ms. Haznah binti Md Hashim, High Commissioner of Malaysia in Bangladesh.

The Malaysian High Commissioner handed over a cheque to Professor Dr. M. Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor of Islamic University of Technology (IUT), on 22 November 2020 towards Malaysia's contribution to the budget of IUT for the financial year 2020. The Vice Chancellor thanked the High Commissioner and the Government of Malaysia for settling the current mandatory contribution in time.

In this connection, the Vice Chancellor recalled with gratitude the invaluable support and guidance of Malaysia to the University over the years.

While exchanging views, Prof. Islam apprised the High Commissioner of the academic and other activities and programmes of the university - a subsidiary organ of the 57-nation Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) - which has participation of students from different Member States of the OIC.

The High Commissioner appreciated the role being played by IUT in the development of human resources in the fields of engineering, technology as well as technical & vocational education of the member states of the OIC. The High Commissioner commended the University for its performance and assured the Vice Chancellor of the continued support and cooperation of the Government of Malaysia.



Vice Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellor of IUT in a meeting with H.E. Ms. Haznah binti Md Hashim, High Commissioner of Malaysia in Bangladesh.

Dr. Omar Jah, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University and Mr. Amir Farid Dato' Abu Hasan, Deputy High Commissioner of Malaysia in Bangladesh were also present on the occasion.

VC Visited Libyan Embassy in Dhaka

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor, IUT paid a visit to the Libyan Embassy in Dhaka and met its Chargé d'affaires (CDA) H.E. Mr. Rahoumah M R Yahy, on 07 January 2021.

The Vice Chancellor expressed his deep gratitude to the government of Libya which has shown keen interest in the activities of the IUT since its establishment. While putting on record the support of the Libyan Government in various forums of the OIC including those of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), Permanent Finance Committee (PFC), Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs (ICECS), the VC expressed the hope that the same would gather momentum in the years ahead.

They exchanged views on the different activities and programmes of the university. The Vice Chancellor thanked the CDA in particular and the Embassy in general for their continued support and cooperation being extended to the university.

The Vice Chancellor requested the CDA to explore the possibility of nominating Libyan students for admission in various academic programmes including those on the emerging and cutting age technologies. The cooperation between IUT and various Libyan universities also came up for discussion. The VC sought the good offices of the Libyan Embassy in Dhaka in establishing cooperation in this regard. Libyan CDA in Dhaka assures IUT of continued support.



Vice Chancellor, IUT, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam and H.E. Mr. Rahoumah M R Yahy, Chargé d'affaires (CDA) of the Libyan Embassy in Dhaka in a meeting

The VC invited the CDA to visit the campus of the University and see for himself the excellent facilities and infrastructure that have been developed for imparting world class education and training to the youths of the Ummah. The CDA accepted the invitation with pleasure.

VC Visited Embassy of KSA in Dhaka

H.E. Mr. Essa Yousef Alduhailan, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Dhaka, handed over cheques to Professor Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor of IUT, in settlement of mandatory contributions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the budget of IUT during the visit of the Vice Chancellor to the embassy on 13 January 2021.

While exchanging views, the Vice Chancellor thanked the Ambassador and his Government for their continued moral, material and intellectual backing to IUT. The Ambassador assured the Vice Chancellor of Saudi Arabia's continued cooperation and support to Islamic University of Technology (IUT) reiterating the fact that as the Kingdom is the host of the headquarters of OIC, Saudi Arabia always attaches great importance on the University since it has been established for the education and training of the youths on whom the future of the Ummah depends. The Vice Chancellor apprised various academic and other activities and programmes of the university which has participation of students from Asian, African and Arab regions of the OIC.

The Ambassador appreciated the role being played by IUT in the development of human resources in the fields of engineering, technology as well as technical & vocational education of the member states of the OIC.

The Vice Chancellor took the opportunity to invite the Ambassador to visit the campus of the University and His Excellency accepted the invitation which will take place at a mutually convenient date.

Dr. Omar Jah, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University, was also present on the occasion.



H.E. Mr. Haji Haris Othman, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam in Dhaka and Vice Chancellor, IUT, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam

programmes and activities of the University and exchanged views on the newly-formulated Strategic Plan of IUT reflecting the spirit and essence of the recently-modified vision and mission of the University and other relevant factors. The Vice Chancellor expressed his deep gratitude to the Government of Brunei Darussalam for their continued cooperation and support to the University since its establishment.

During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor urged upon the High Commissioner to use his good offices to nominate the Bruneian students for admission in various academic programmes of the University including those in the emerging and cutting age technologies.

The cooperation between IUT and various Bruneian universities also came up for discussion. The VC sought the advice of the Bruneian High Commissioner in Dhaka in establishing cooperation in this regard. Prof. Islam seeks the cooperation of the High Commissioner to raise fund for IUT Endowment Fund from the Government, Philanthropic Organisations and Private Individuals of Brunei Darussalam.

The Vice Chancellor invited the High Commissioner to visit the campus of the University and the High Commissioner accepted the invitation.



H.E. Mr. Essa Yousef Alduhailan, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Dhaka, handing over cheque to Vice Chancellor of IUT against contributions of his Government towards the budget of IUT. Pro-Vice Chancellor, IUT, is also seen in the picture.

VC Visited High Commission of Brunei Darussalam in Dhaka

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor, IUT, had an audience with H.E. Mr. Haji Haris Othman, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam in Dhaka on 12 January 2021.

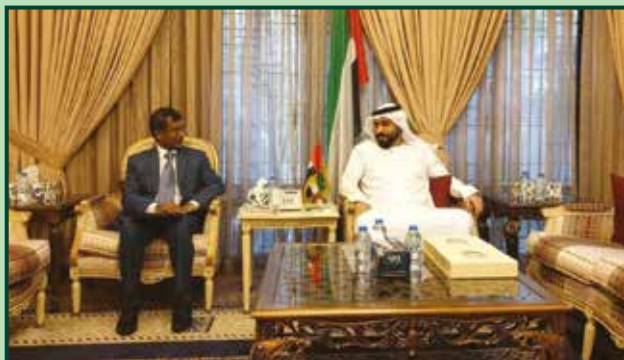
Prof. Islam briefed the High Commissioner on the

VC Visited Embassy of United Arab Emirates in Dhaka

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor, IUT, had an audience with H.E. Mr. Abdulla Ali Al Hmoudi, Chargé d'affaires (CDA), Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Bangladesh on 08 December 2020.

While exchanging views, the Vice Chancellor thanked the CDA and the Government of the UAE for their continued moral, material and intellectual support to IUT. The VC particularly expressed his gratitude for always settling the yearly mandatory contribution by the UAE in time.

Prof. Islam reiterated the University's appreciation to the UAE for funding towards the establishment of the 'Center of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies (CALIS)' at the IUT campus. In this context, VC highlighted the need for increased funding for the university with a view to expanding its physical infrastructure to cater to the heightened demand for providing education and training of international standard befitting the digital age for the benefit of the students representing member states of the OIC.



Vice Chancellor, IUT, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam and H.E. Mr. Abdulla Ali Al Hmoudi, Chargé d'affaires (CDA) of the United Arab Emirates in Bangladesh is seen in the meeting

The Vice Chancellor apprised the CDA of various academic and other activities and programmes of the university which has participation of students from Asian, African and Arab regions of the OIC.

Prof. Islam requested the CDA to use his good offices for establishing collaboration and exchange programmes between IUT and the Universities of UAE.

The Vice Chancellor also requested the CDA to facilitate raising the initial contribution for the Endowment Fund of IUT and the CDA assured the Vice Chancellor of continued help and assistance from his country.

Visitors to IUT

Walton Group Visits IUT

Mr. Golam Murshed, Managing Director at Walton Hi-Tech Industries Limited along with Mrs. Tahmina Afrose Tanna, Managing Director at R.B. Group of Companies Ltd & Director at Walton Group paid a visit to the campus of the Islamic University of Technology (IUT) on 18 January 2021. They had a meeting with the Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Deans, Registrar, Heads of Department, Office, and other high officials of the University. The team of Walton Group and the University management exchanged views on the possible areas of cooperation in the fields of industry-academia collaboration. The guests went round the different facilities of the University and expressed their satisfaction over the activities of the University.

Mr. Md. Shahjalal Hossain Limon, Deputy Executive Director (Administration) at Walton Hi-Tech Industries was also present on the occasion.



Mr. Golam Murshed, Managing Director at Walton Hi-Tech Industries Ltd. and Mrs. Tahmina Afrose Tanna, Managing Director, R.B. Group of Companies Ltd & Director, Walton Group with Professor Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor, IUT

The Vice Chancellor has been invited to visit the Walton Hi-Tech Park at Chandra, Kaliakoir by the Managing Director and the Hon'ble VC accepted the invitation.

Faculty News

Keynote speech Shamsudin Ahmed (2020), Prospects of End-of-life Electrical and Electronic Equipment Remanufacturing, IMEOM 2-day International Conference, on 27-28 Dec 2020.

Keynote session chair and a technical session chair, 3rd International Conference on Industrial and Mechanical Engineering and Operations Management (IMEOM) held in virtual mode during 26-27 December, 2020.

New Positions

Prof. Dr. Md. Anayet Ullah Patwari joined as Head, Department of Mechanical & Production Engineering (MPE)

Prof. Dr. Md. Zahid Hossain joined as Head, Department of Business & Technology Management (BTM)

Prof. Dr. Abu Raihan Mostofa Kamal joined as Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE).

Prof. Dr. Khondokar Habibul Kabir joined as Librarian (In Charge).

Prof. Dr. Md. Kamrul Hasan joined as Head, ICT Centre.

Prof. Dr. Md. Hamidur Rahman joined as Head, Institute of Energy & Environment (IEE).

Prof. Dr. Md. Tarek Uddin joined as Head, Office of Accreditation and Quality Assurance (AQA)

Prof. Muhammad Mahbub Alam, PhD joined as International Affairs and External Communication (IAEC)

Squadron Leader (Retd.) Md. Golam Kibria Abbasi joined as Security In Charge.

Faculty Publications

Prof. Dr. Md. Shahadat Hossain Khan, TVE Department, IUT, worked collaboratively with Dr. Uzair Shah, Lecturer and Michael Reynolds, Professor, Department of Organization, Work & Technology, Lancaster University, UK. The outcome of this work published in SSCI (Q1) indexed journal that is "Insights into variation in teachers' conceptions of ICT use; a phenomenographic exploration in a Pakistani higher education context", Technology, Pedagogy and Education, 29 (5), 541-555

Prof. Dr. Md. Shahadat Hossain Khan presented a paper titled "Prospects & Challenges in Skills Devolvement of Bangladesh: A Qualitative Investigation" at International Conference on Skills Readiness for Achieving SDGs & Adopting IR 4.0, organized by Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB) & Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC), Manila, at Dhaka, Bangladesh, 02-04, February 2020.

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