

17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



**Strengthening the
Partnership
Through
Internationalization**



DAFFODIL INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

BANGLADESH



INTRODUCTION

Since human development is a key input to the goal of inclusive and shared economic growth and poverty alleviation, we need to put considerable emphasis on human development. Human capital, in a broad sense, includes education, skills, training, health and other related factors of work forces that determine their overall productivity and capacity to seize opportunities created by economic progress. Economic growth depends intricately on four types of capital, i.e., a) natural capital, b) physical capital, c) human capital, and d) social capital.

Of these, human capital is one of the important ingredients for continuation of delivery of services and output in the country. In line with the Rio+20 outcome document which articulates the global sustainable development agenda, the National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) identifies human resource development as a priority sector. The widely adopted human capital view is that higher education increases skill and knowledge which resulted higher income. Besides this theory other factors also need to be taken into consideration like geography, sectors, available skills and education systems and networks of companies are all important factors. In this globalized world, the idea and thoughts of internationalization of higher education especially in developing countries like Bangladesh has been deduce from globalization of education process. We need to recognize the integral role of human development in pursuit of a prosperous nation, and will advocate measures to ensure that development is indeed inclusive so that the benefits can be equitably shared by all. In this era of globalization, the objectives, goals and missions of higher/university education have undergone profound change all over the world. Information and communication technology has brought forth a global knowledge revolution.

To strengthen the international partnership and ensure internationalization of Daffodil International University, the office of the International Affairs has been working for a long time.

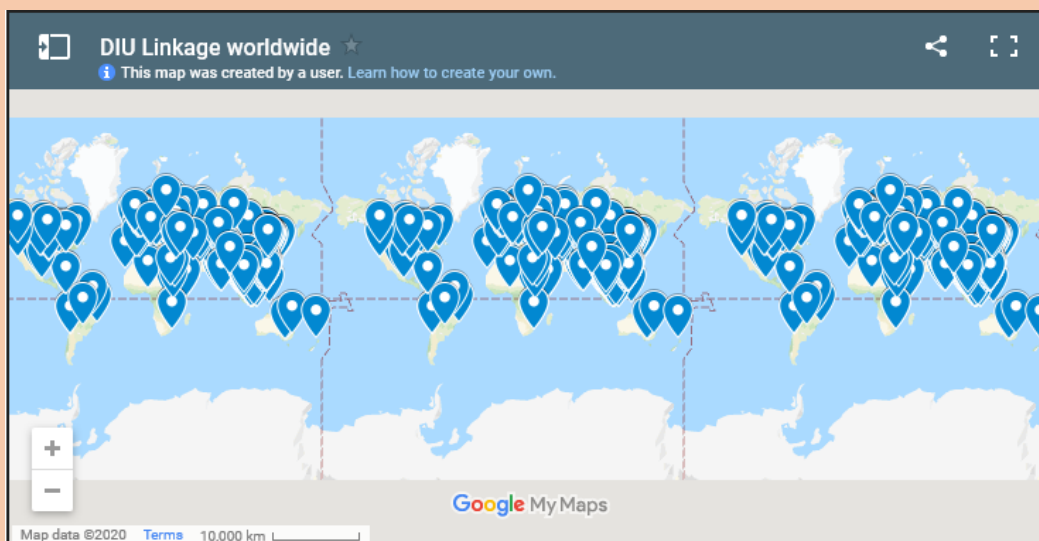
THE MAIN FOCUS & OBJECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Office of the International Affairs of Daffodil International University (DIU) in Bangladesh is an independent counseling station for students to be connected with the international educational arena. The International Affairs office provides assistance for international students who want to study at DIU, and also works on creating opportunities for DIU students to internationalize them by joining short time and semester exchange programs. The International Affairs office is the information center for overseas institutions who are interested in working with DIU.

Understanding the current threat of COVID-19 global pandemic toward the field of internationalization, the International Affairs office has taken necessary initiatives for uninterrupted cooperation and collaboration to support all the students, faculty members and employees virtually. As the situation required, IA officials has taken several

initiatives for continuation of international cooperation, and for spreading awareness and mental support during the challenging times.

PARTNERSHIP FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SDGs



DIU has formulated relevant policies on SDGs and taken initiatives to adopt sustainable practices in its all development activities as part of its societal and environmental responsiveness, and the office of the International Affairs has been working in a fully-fledged way in this regard. SDGs have opened up a new horizon for DIU to explore its capability, readiness and initiatives towards ensuring sustainable development aligning with the national SDGs targets. Few notable implementation of SDGs from the Office of the International Affairs are as follows:

- Office of the International Affairs organized International Social Business Summer Program (ISBSP) in collaboration with Yunus Centre (A Centre of Nobel Laureate Dr. Yunus). International Social Business Summer Program (ISBSP) is a two weeks long unique summer school that offers action learning on Social Business for achieving SDGs. The work of the summer course is equivalent to three (3) credits. So, besides broad learning experience, participants get certificates after successful completion of ISBSP. The summer program creates chance to Meet Nobel Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus as well as explore the Bangladeshi culture and heritage. For more: <https://isbsp.daffodilvarsity.edu.bd>.
- Office of the International Affairs, hosts the “Youth4SDG Asia Leadership Program” in Bangladesh organized by Youthink Center China with active participation of talented students from different universities of China. Under this program, the young leaders worker to create the social business plan after surveying different villages of Bangladesh under case study. They also visits small enterprises, social business projects, and join sessions on Social Business model Canvas etc.

- International Affairs office in collaboration with the Social Business Students Forum of DIU host 'Social business creation competition' organized by HEC Montréal's Social Business Centre in Canada. One of the successful teams has developed a baby food called 'Pedicare', and this project was awarded 2nd prize in the 'social business creation competition' organized by HEC Montréal's Social Business Centre, Canada. Through the social business creation competition, DIU has been mentoring students to be social entrepreneurs & create sustainable business through a global platform: <http://sbc.daffodilvarsity.edu.bd>.







Academic Collaboration (MoUs)

Daffodil International University has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a number of foreign partner universities. The MoU aims at forming of cooperation on: students exchange programs both inbound and outbound, Faculty exchange programs, Research collaboration and networking, Twinning Programs and Centers of Excellence. Through these MoU, DIU students have been getting the opportunity to enjoy lot of international collaboration such as branch campuses, cross-border collaborative arrangements, Exchange of bibliographical material, publications, programs for international students, establishing English-medium programs and degrees. These MoUs have been playing a vital role in DIU's endeavor towards international partnership for implementing the SDGs.

DIU is highly focused on international collaborations, and by now International Affairs Office has affiliated with around 384+ universities all over the world, and member of leading international organizations.



Tarlac State University of
Philippine



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University, Philippine



Samar State University,
Philippine



Wesleyan University,
Philippine



University of Mindanao,
Philippine



University of Applied
Sciences Upper Austria



Danubius University Galati,
Romania



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Guangdong University of
Foreign Studies, China



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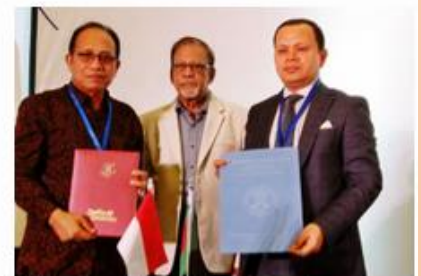
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University, Indonesia**



**State Polytechnic of
Ambon, Indonesia**



**Triatma Mulya Institute of
Economy, Indonesia**



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Indonesia**



**Universitas Internasional
Semen, Indonesia**



**Universitas Kristen Krida
Wacana, Indonesia**



**Universitas Kristen
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**Naval State University,
Philippine**



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Indonesia**



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Philippines**

Academic Linkages: <http://daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/international-linkage>

Memberships: <http://daffodilvarsity.edu.bd/mps/members>

RESOURCE SHARING

As a part of resource sharing activities of DIU, one of the officials from Dept. of Information Science and Library Management, DIU has recently been one of the guest speakers of the webinar on Library Services Amidst Pandemic organized by Learning Resource Center, San Pedro College. As a guest speaker, he has shared about Library Marketing Strategies in the Midst of Pandemic, e-tools impacts of library promotion and highlighted Library promotion activities of DIU. The webinar was organized with a view to unfolding the best practices of International Librarians and Learning Resource Centers experts from Indonesia, Philippines & Bangladesh.



COLLABORATIVE EVENTS WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

18th Asian University Presidents Forum Hosted at DIU with Asian University Leaders (Regional Partnership)



Daffodil International University (DIU) arranged 'Welcome Dinner' for the participants of 18th Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF-2019) today on 22 November 2019 at Daffodil Tower, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Mr. AKM Enamul Hoque Shameem, Deputy Minister for Water Resources was present at the program as the chief guest. Mr. Baybars Altuntas, keynote speaker of AUPF-2019 and

Chairman of World Business Angel Investment Forum, Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, DIU, Professor Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor of DIU were also present.

Regional Final of Social Business Creation, Bangladesh

HEC, Montreal Canada and Daffodil International University jointly organized Regional Final of Social Business Creation, Bangladesh chapter on July 30, 2019 at 71 Milonayoton of Daffodil International University. 'Sorbojaya' team comprised with Mahfuz Islam (Textile Engineering Department), Meghla Akter Mitu (English Department) and Md. Ashik Iqbal (CSE Department) became Regional champion in Social Business Creation, Bangladesh chapter and moved to Canada to attend the global final.



His Excellency, Benoit Préfontaine, High Commissioner of Canada to Bangladesh joined the program as the Chief Guest and handed over the awards among the winning team members. Ms. Lamiya Morshed, Executive Director, Yunus Centre joined the program as the Special Guest.

Canada Education Expo – 2020

In collaboration with Daffodil International University (DIU), Admission.ac organized Canada Education Expo – 2020 at DIU Milanayaton 71 with a view of opening access to the information of higher study in Canada.

The students could have the opportunity to meet with the Representative of Canadian Universities and Colleges who will acquaint you with their study programs, scholarship, post-study work permit and other related matters. Not only this, but you will also get free career counselling, on-the-spot assessment and much more. So get ready for your future and reach there.



Collaboration with Government and NGO to Implement Dhaka Smart City

On October 31, 2019 Department of Architecture (DoA), DIU presented their research work converted into idea proposal at DTCA (Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority) conference room, Nagar Bhaban for pedestrian integration with BRT, MRT and Expressway. Prof. Khairul Enam, Head, DoA and Sk.

Md. Rezwan, Sr. Lecturer presented the work for due consideration. Mr. Nasim Hawlader from DSA and Mr. Omar Mostafiz from FNF Bangladesh were present during the presentation. Daffodil International University and FNF Bangladesh are continuously working in the area of mobility to make Dhaka Smart city. The meeting concluded with the remark that an inter-ministerial meeting is needed for the project. Around 15 officials from deputy secretary to engineers attended the presentation and praised the effort.

Semester Exchange Programs: The Office of the International Affairs has been processing and maintaining the exchange program since 2015. Students of DIU can choose any partner university to do complete their one semester to one year's courses without paying any tuition fee to partner universities under students exchange program. At the same time, a good number of students from different partner universities do attend at DIU for one semester exchange program. The program is not only limited in Asia but also across the globe.



Scholarships: Each year a good number of students from Daffodil International University join different countries under ERASMUS+ program in European countries, and Mevlana scholarship program in Turkey, KGSP program in Korea, MEXT Scholarship in Japan and many more. DIU students have been to the UK, Poland, Portugal, Turkey, Lithuania, Greece under the Erasmus and Mevlana Initiatives

Winter Camp: Every year IA office organizes a one week long cultural exchange program, as winter camp of DIU. Students from SIAS International University, China participate in this winter camp. This program held at DIU campus in the first week of January every year with almost 30-35 participants come to Bangladesh from China to join DIU Winter



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camp. Participants from SIAS International University exchange their educational and cultural activities with DIU students. This program has several fun activities, field visits, exploring Dhaka city and observing the lifestyle of Bangladesh.

International Social Business Summer Program:

International Social Business Summer Program (ISBSP), is an excellent summer school program, organized by Office of The International Affairs focusing on the social business concept of Nobel Laureate Professor Mohammad Yunus. Since 2016 IA office has been organizing this program every year. This program is held in the first week of July, and each year almost 50-60 students join this program from different countries in the world. This year we have organized this programs virtually, and around a hundred participants joined the Virtual ISBSP-2020.



Short Term Programs:



IA office nominates and accepts students, faculty members and admin officers for international short term programs like Asia Summer Program, ELC Supper Camp, Global Entrepreneurship Camp, CommTECH summer camp, KIIT-KISS internship program, fellowship programs etc in Asia, Europe and other parts of the world. Besides, DIU hosts Asia Leadership Camp, Youth4SDG program, Youth Exchange program with neighboring countries etc.

Online/Virtual Program:

International Affairs is organizing numerous virtual programs concerning the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, students' physical mobility to foreign universities has been restricted but we are connecting our students globally through virtual mobility. Office of the international Affairs is organizing virtual E talk sessions, webinars, Master Class in collaboration with foreign universities and professionals; and providing international opportunities to the students.



International mobility/exchange programs

The International Affairs office of DIU works on two types of exchange program:

Faculty Exchange Program: DIU/IA office nominates faculty members as visiting lecturers who are interested in international exchange programs for at least a few weeks or 1-2 months periods of time; and accepts visiting lecturers to our



university at different departments from partner universities. The Office of the International Affairs takes the responsibility of local hospitality like accommodation, meals, local transport, office, etc.

during the stay of incoming faculty member. And also do the processing for the outgoing faculties.

Student Exchange Program: International Affairs office processes for student exchange programs (both short time and semester exchange) of DIU students, and accepts the overseas students from partner university's students to complete short time or semester exchange programs. IA officials do that processes and maintain the student's mobility for the entire mobility period.



Global Peace Summit Malaysia-2020

Dr. Kudrat-E-Khuda Babu, Associate Professor, Department of Law, Daffodil International University attended the 'Global Peace Summit Malaysia-2020' as a selected International Delegate and his selection was made from the pool of 7000+ applications across the globe.

The Summit was organized by the Global Peace Chain and held at the Hotel Transit, Sultan Idris Education University and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia from 26-28 February 2019 where more than 100 Delegates participated from 70 countries.

In the summit, he shared his views, knowledge, ideas and experiences related to build resilience, cultivating a culture of tolerance, inclusivity, harmony, oneness, love and social peace. Finally, he received Certificate and also received Medal as a Global Peace Ambassador.



Eurasia Higher Education Summit (EURIE) 2020

Daffodil International University (DIU) attended EURASIA HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT (EURIE) 2020 held from 19 to 21 February 2020 in Istanbul, Turkey. DIU had a dedicated booth with the purpose of new global connections, network and academic partnership with higher education institutions around the world. Dr. Sabur Khan, Chairman led the DIU delegation in EURIE 2020 along with Mr. Syed Raihan-UL-Islam, Assistant Director, International Affairs to exchange the partnership possibilities and had discussion among different universities from Asia, Europe, Africa and more. They had a good number of meetings to start collaboration with new and existing partners from Poland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Turkey, Iran, Malaysia, South Africa, India, Jordan, Russia, Azerbaijan and more. Two Lecturers from the Department of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Mr. Md. Asif Iqbal and Ms. Beauty Akter also accompanied DIU delegation in EURIE 2020 for collaborative meetings.



International Conference on Cyber Security and Computer Science (ICONCS 2020)

Daffodil International University (DIU) in partnership with the Karabük University of Turkey and Dongseo University of South Korea organized an international conference on 'International Conference on Cyber Security and Computer Science (ICONCS 2020)'. This conference devoted a platform for academics, researchers and industrial entities to share knowledge and ideas, and increases networking possibilities within research communities. In this platform researchers presented their research findings related to theoretical and fundamental interest concerning industrial applications, emerging instrumental techniques which have some practical application to an aspect of human endeavor and explore any other potential benefits that might contribute to build a better future.

POLICY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND FACULTY

1 Introduction

International Exchange Programs bring benefits to students by providing them with opportunities to have international exposure, to acquaint with new cultures and global educational standards. Such activities are important components of overall development of a student giving them awareness and help adopt alternative, multi-faceted approaches to learning. With changing global economic conditions, international exchange programs are

becoming practicable and effective increasing prospects of learning and gaining international experiences.

The international students' exchange policy of Daffodil International University (DIU) includes Outbound and Inbound Exchange Programs. In addition, faculty exchange policy is also considered.

2. Outbound Exchange Program

Under outbound program of Daffodil International University, students will spend one or more semesters up to 3 in an international educational university/ institute. The program may also be for a short duration of one month or even less than one month. Following rules will apply to students going abroad under outbound exchange program.

2.1 The Students, who completed at least three semesters in Daffodil International University and obtained a minimum CGPA of 3.0, will be eligible for availing outbound exchange program.

2.2 For availing the above opportunity, the student must apply to the Director of International Affairs through the Head of the respective Department and the concerned Dean of the faculty. He (Director) will scrutinize the applications and make a short list. He will then arrange for interview of the candidates through a board comprising of Dean of the faculty as Chairman and Heads of the concern departments, as members. The Director will work as a member secretary of the board.

2.3 The board will select candidates based on proficiencies in language, subject matter and other social skills.

2.4 The Director will forward the list of successful candidates to the Vice-Chancellor for the final approval.

2.5 Prior to availing outbound exchange program, the student must arrange for freezing his semester activity in Daffodil International University by submitting an application to Registrar through concerned Head of the Department. The process of freezing all formalities will be free from any charges by the student.

2.6 The duration and number of semesters to be frozen will depend on the period for which the student will spend abroad with the program.

2.7 The students availing outbound exchange program will bear travel, food, lodging and other incidental expenses. In this regard an undertaking will have to be signed between the sponsor/guardian of the student and Director, International Affairs.

2.8 Transfer of Credits for Outbound Exchange Program

2.8.1 Transfer of credits will only be applicable in Government (Ministry of Education or relevant organizations) universities/institution of that country. For transfer of credits, the student must

apply to the Registrar. This will be applicable only for Undergraduate programs and equivalent course and for course completed with CGPA of minimum "B". However, in any exceptional case the equivalence committee's decision will be considered. For Transfer of credits, student must submit original transcripts and the prescribed syllables of the University concerned. Daffodil International University will accept the credits of only successful candidate within the program (Short or long).

Students will get additional benefit without paying any extra money in the form of incentive/scholarship/waiver for course(s) completed but not matched with courses in DIU in their transcripts.

3. Policies for Inbound Exchange Program

Foreign students willing to avail inbound exchange program in Daffodil International University for one or more semesters up to 3 must apply to the Director, International Affairs through the Director, International Affairs of his own University. The following policy will be applicable for inbound exchange program.

3.1 Inbound exchange program will be applicable in Government (Ministry of Education or relevant organizations) universities/institution of that country.

Candidates for availing this program must have obtained "B" or equivalent in their native University, Original transcripts and other relevant papers should accompany the application. The application should also contain a consent letter from his/her parent University. The student must be proficient in English language. After successful completion of course(s) in DIU, the student will be awarded an official transcript/ certificate for those course(s).

Registration, tuition, residential requirement and other fees will be charged as per existing rules of the University. However, tuition fee may be waived as per agreement between the two Universities.

In exceptional cases, students having CGPA slightly less than B may be considered eligible for the program, provided the authorities of both countries agree.

4 Academic Staff Exchange

Daffodil International University has already established academic linkages with top Universities of the world. This will strengthen academic staff exchange program of DIU. As a result DIU faculty members will have the exposure of modern and excellent teaching techniques and research potentials. This exchange program will primarily be guided by the terms and condition of the agreement between the two participating Universities. The polices for the program are:

4.1 For availing the above opportunity, permanent faculty members who have served the University for at list three years may apply through the Head of the Department and the Dean of faculty to the Director, International Affairs. Director will make necessary arrangement for approval of the University Vice-Chancellor.

4.2 Exchange program will have duration of a maximum period of one semester. However, in special cases, the duration may be extended for further period depending on the agreement between the two participating Universities. The participatory faculty member will enjoy monthly salary, allowances, benefits, bonus, provident fund etc. from his own University. The incumbent faculty member will also receive allowances (air fare, daily allowances, living allowances, transport cost etc.) as per the conditions of the exchange program.

4.3 The VISA and other paper processes linked to it with travelling to the foreign University will be managed centrally by the office of the Director, International Affairs.

The issues which are not covered above and may arise in future during the tenure of the exchange program will be decided by the authorities of the two Universities.