BSMRAAU INKS MOU WITH UNIVERSITY OF SURREY TO COLLABORATE ON SPACE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH

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Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University (BSMRAAU) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Surrey, United Kingdom to identify areas of collaboration on learning, teaching and research on space science and technology.

BSMRAAU – the pioneering public university of the country with a focus on providing quality education on aviation and aerospace studies, is scheduled to run graduate programmes on Space System Engineering, Satellite Communication Engineering and Aviation and Space Law from the 2022 academic year. The MoU is part of BSMRAAU's efforts to enhance its in-house capacity for conducting these programmes for the first time in Bangladesh.

The key areas of cooperation outlined in the MoU include research collaboration with Surrey Space Centre including the development of progression arrangements of BSMRAAU students to the Centre's postgraduate programmes, short courses for the BSMRAAU faculty on teaching practices, delivery of space science and satellite technology related courses to students (online/in person) and joint thesis supervision by the BSMRAAU and University of Surrey faculty members. The Surrey Space Centre is a world leading Centre of Excellence in Space Engineering. Its mission is to create and disseminate knowledge that leads and underpins the progress of space engineering and its applications in the space sector.

Professor G.Q. Max Lu, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Surrey, United Kingdom and Air Vice Marshal Muhammad Nazrul Islam, Vice Chancellor, BSMRAAU, Bangladesh inked the MoU on behalf of their respective Universities.

The successful launching of the Bangabandhu-1 marks Bangladesh's entry into the space age. The MoU is expected to open new pathways for collaboration, quality education and indigenous capacity building to accelerate and expand Bangladesh's entry into the space age and benefit from the full spectrum of space science and technology.

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