

## **BSMRAAU HOLDS FIRST EVER SEMINAR ON INDUSTRY-UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION**

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Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University (BSMRAAU) organized the first-ever seminar on Industry-University Collaboration involving aviation professionals, academia and enthusiasts on 20 December 2021 at Shaheen Hall, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

Mr. Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury, Honorable Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education graced the seminar as Chief Guest while the esteemed Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB), AVM M Mafidur Rahman, was present as Special Guest. The Seminar was Chaired by Vice Chancellor, BSMRAAU, AVM Muhammad Nazrul Islam.



The Vice Chancellor, in his opening speech mentioned that the inspiration of this seminar is rooted in Bangabandhu's education philosophy, emboldened by the active patronage and vision of honorable Prime Minister of making Bangladesh an aviation hub and a knowledge-based country by 2041. Spelling out the outcomes that BSMRAAU wants to achieve from this Seminar, the Vice Chancellor hoped that

the seminar will connect the current students to the aviation industry and also encourage the new generation to choose aviation as their future career. By unpacking the various functions of aviation industry and the skills required to staff, lead or manage those functions, the Seminar is expected to entice the prospective students to be part of a knowledge-based, skill-intensive, and competitive aviation sector with global prospect.

Three papers were presented at the Seminar. The first paper by Dr. Md. Mahbub Jahan Khan, Director (Corporate Planning and Training), Biman, highlighted the Sustainable Development of Aviation Industry in Bangladesh: Status and Emergence of Industry-University Collaboration - expanding into the areas of sustainable development of aviation industry.



In 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation, AVM Mahmud Hasan (ret'd), BSMRAAU's Distinguished Expert, provided the much-needed conceptual clarity about industry-academic collaboration and pathways for the regulatory bodies to promote such collaboration. The 3<sup>rd</sup> presenter Mr. S M Golam Rabbani, CAAB's aviation safety inspector, highlighted the necessity, constraints and viable future measures for developing skilled aviation professionals in Bangladesh.



The Hon'ble Deputy Minister, in his speech applauded the efforts taken by BSMRAAU to organize this Seminar. He mentioned that the University, within a short span of time, has been making tremendous stride in creating and disseminating knowledge on aviation and aerospace related subjects. Classifying the aviation industry into service industry, manufacturing sector and research and innovation, the Deputy Minister stressed the need for producing graduates, not just for the local but also for the global aviation market. Giving an example of the airline ticketing sector, the Chief Guest observed that there is a shortage of skilled manpower to provide this service. His insightful view on the aviation industry of Bangladesh received instantaneous applause from the audience.

The Special Guest, Chairman CAAB, in his closing remarks emphasized the collaboration aspects for the development of aviation sector and the need for producing skilled manpower. Applauding the University's efforts in a short span of time, Chairman CAAB hoped that it will continue the good work braving all the challenges in making Bangladesh an aviation hub, to materialize Honorable Prime Minister's vision. The seminar ended with a lively question and answer session participated by the students, industry executives and members of regulatory bodies.

The key message that the Seminar was able to convey is that the sustenance and expansion of Bangladesh's progress in aviation science and technology hinges on creating the next generation of scientists, innovators, professionals and enthusiasts achieved through an pragmatic University-Industry Collaboration – a task that BSMRAAU is committed to pursuing without an iota of failure.

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