

Editorial

With a national scenario of having 135 (94 private, 38 public and 3 international) universities, very often, all stakeholders of higher education in Bangladesh have to swallow a bitter pill on charge of low standard of education as compared to many other developing countries. Though the annual budgetary allocation, both revenue and developed, is still very meager, higher education in the country has been a highly discussed phenomenon focusing its challenges and opportunities in general and size of enrolment (approx. 3.5 million), volume of scholarship, fee waiver, severe competitiveness in local and international job market, low level of skill of graduates etc. in particular under the ongoing global perspectives. The grim picture of not meeting the standard of quality of higher education even at a regional context, is evident, when not a single university of Bangladesh be able to show its position on the list of top 500 universities in Asia.

Under this brief backdrop scenario, the 1st National Seminar of Feni University was organized on 16 June 2015 on the theme *Challenges and Opportunities of Higher Education in the 21st Century: Bangladesh & Global Perspectives*. In total, 14 presenters took part in the seminar representing 12 institutions and presented 13 articles in 3 technical sessions. The Organizing Committee of the seminar, in addition to print a proceeding covering the day-long programs and abstract of the papers presented, had decided later to publish a journal after blind review of each article by at least two subject experts selected from some reputed public universities of Bangladesh. It may be noted here that publication of an academic journal in our system of education management is an arduous task. However, with the active support and encouragement from the learned members of the Board of Trustees (BoT), the Editorial Team and Members of the Journal Committee have been able to encounter a lot of procedural hazards, and finally, publish the journal.

Sincere thanks and best wishes are due to all concerned who put enormous efforts right from the very beginning in order to get the journal published by upholding its academic standard. I shall be failing my duties, if the contribution of Board of Trustees (BoT), especially, its Hon'ble President and university administration, not put on record and recognized for their unstinted support and guidance. My heartiest thanks are also due to the reviewers who worked hard to ensure publication of quality articles in the 1st Feni University Journal.

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