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Semi-Annual Meeting
Dhaka-Bangladesh-2026

Transforming Higher Education for a
Sustainable, Innovative and AI-Enabled Future

19–21 November 2026
Daffodil International University (DIU)
Dhaka, Bangladesh



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About the IAUP Semi-Annual Meeting 2026

The IAUP Semi-Annual Meeting 2026 will convene 100–150 university presidents, rectors, and senior leaders from around the world to discuss the transformation of higher education in the context of sustainability, innovation, and artificial intelligence.

The program includes Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings, keynote and plenary sessions, thematic discussions on sustainability, innovation, and AI, MoU signing opportunities, networking sessions, cultural programs, and a campus visit to Daffodil Smart City, alongside the celebration of DIU's 25th anniversary.



About the Host Institution

The event is hosted by Daffodil International University (DIU), a leading private university in Bangladesh, recognized in world university rankings such as QS and Times Higher Education (THE). DIU is ranked 221st in Asia (QS Asia 2026) and 1st in Bangladesh (THE WUR 2026), 1st in Bangladesh in both THE Impact Rankings 2025 and QS Sustainability Rankings 2026 with strong performance in research and interdisciplinary innovation.

DIU is number one private university in Bangladesh in terms of Scopus and Web of Science indexed research publications. QS World University Rankings also recognizes DIU as a "Very High Research Intensive University".

DIU hosts over 25,000 students across 7 faculties and 32 departments, including 100+ international students, offering a globally inclusive learning environment with modern facilities and strong industry connections.

The university maintains over 600 international partnerships and actively engages in student and faculty exchange, international internships, research collaboration, scholarships, and global mobility programs.

The university has also successfully hosted major international events, including the AUPF 2019 and the AUAP General Conference 2022.

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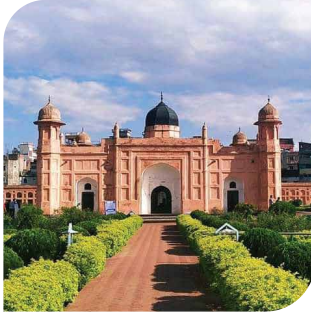
25k+
Students

30+
Departments

100+
International
students

600+
International
Partners





About Dhaka, Bangladesh

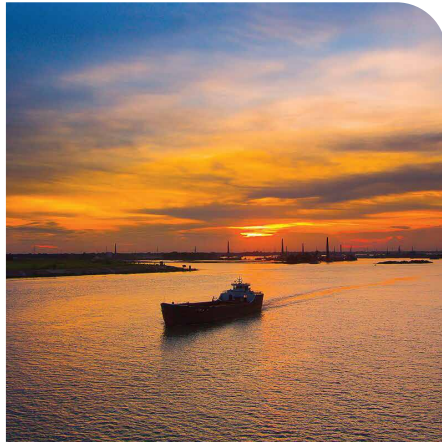
Dhaka is the capital city of a South Asian country, Bangladesh. It is the hub of economic, political and administrative enterprises located in central Bangladesh at 23°42'N 90°22'E, on the

eastern banks of the Buriganga River. It lies on the lower reaches of the Ganges Delta and covers a total area of 306.38 square kilometers (around 118.29 square miles). Historically, Dhaka was associated with the



periods of Kamarupa kingdom, Sena kingdom, and Sultanate period, and was a part of Mughal Empire, Nawab era, British. The capital has a favorable climate characterized by tropical monsoon from June to October; mild winter from October to March; hot, humid summer from March to June. The

demographic features of the city are varied in character. Dhaka (North and South) city corporations are the most populated urban areas with the highest density accommodating over 22 million people including Muslims, Hindus, Christians, Buddhists and others.



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Tentative Schedule

Date	Activities
<p>Day 1: 19 Nov, 2026 (Thursday)</p> <p>Venue: Daffodil Plaza, Dhanmondi, Dhaka</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration & Welcome Coffee • IAUP Executive Committee Meeting • IAUP Board of Directors Meeting • Welcome Dinner hosted by Daffodil International University
<p>Day 2: 20 Nov, 2026 (Friday)</p> <p>Venue: Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration & Networking Coffee • Opening Ceremony & Keynote Session • Networking Lunch & Prayer • Panel Session 1 • Coffee Break • Panel Session 2 • Poster Presentation • Session Break & Networking Time • Gala Dinner & Cultural Program
<p>Day 3: 21 Nov, 2026 (Saturday)</p> <p>Venue: Daffodil Smart City, Birulia, Savar, Dhaka</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception • Campus Tour – Daffodil Smart City • Join 25th Anniversary Program of DIU • MoU Signing Ceremony • Closing Ceremony • Lunch & Departure of Delegates



Tea Gardens in Jaflong (by helicopter or flight)

**Optional Post-Event
Tour (TBC)**



Visiting the Sundarbans (by helicopter)



Registration

Early Bird Registration

IAUP, AUAP Members & DIU's Partner Institution
Non-Members

USD 400
USD 500

General Registration

IAUP, AUAP Members & DIU's Partner Institution
Non-Members

USD 500
USD 600

Late Registration

IAUP, AUAP Members & DIU's Partner Institution
Non-Members

USD 600
USD 700

Participants' Family

-

USD 400

Local Participants

-

BDT 20,000

Important Dates

Deadline of Early Bird Registration

August 31, 2026

Deadline of General Registration

September 30, 2026

Deadline of Late Registration

October 31, 2026

Program Date

19-21 November, 2026



Venues



Day 1: Daffodil Plaza, Dhaka



Day 2: Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka



Day 3: Daffodil Smart City, Birulia



Suggested Accommodation

Hotel Sheraton Dhaka, 44 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka
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For Registration and more Details

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