

IAUP

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 200–250 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 1st in Bangladesh (THE WUR 2026), 2nd Private university in Bangladesh (QS WUR 2027 & QS Asia 2026). 1st in Bangladesh in both THE Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026 and QS World Sustainability Rankings 2026, 1st private university in Bangladesh in THE Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026, URAP 2026, with strong performance in research and interdisciplinary innovation.

DIU also has a remarkable presence in both THE and QS subject rankings (2026). It has active research collaborations with 200+ universities around the world. The university has been positively contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and enhancing academic social responsibilities. 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 24,000 students across 7 faculties and 32 departments, 7700+ Scopus Publications, 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.

Daffodil
International
University

24k+
Students

30+
Departments

7.7k+
Scopus
Publications

600+
International
Partners



About Dhaka, Bangladesh

Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, is one of South Asia's largest and most dynamic cities. Home to more than 20 million people, it is the country's centre of government, commerce, culture, and higher education, where tradition and progress exist side by side.

With a history spanning more than four centuries, Dhaka offers a rich cultural landscape shaped by Mughal heritage, vibrant artistic traditions, and the warmth of Bangladeshi hospitality. Visitors can explore historic landmarks, experience renowned Bengali cuisine, discover thriving artisan crafts, and enjoy the energy of a city that never stands still.

As Bangladesh continues its remarkable economic and social transformation, Dhaka has become a meeting place for ideas, entrepreneurship, and academic collaboration. The city is home to many of the nation's leading universities, research institutions, and industries, making it a fitting venue for global conversations on the future of higher education.

We look forward to welcoming you to Dhaka and hope your visit offers not only professional engagement but also an opportunity to experience the history, culture, and hospitality that make Bangladesh unique.



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Registration

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION	GENERAL REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION	PARTICIPANTS' FAMILY	LOCAL PARTICIPANTS
IAUP, AUAP, EURAS Members & DIU's Partner Institution	IAUP, AUAP, EURAS Members & DIU's Partner Institution	IAUP, AUAP, EURAS Members & DIU's Partner Institution		
USD 400	USD 500	USD 600	USD 400	BDT 20,000
Non-Members	Non-Members	Non-Members		
USD 500	USD 600	USD 700		

Important Dates

Deadline of Early Bird Registration	September 20, 2026
Deadline of General Registration	October 10, 2026
Deadline of Late Registration	October 30, 2026
Program Dates	19-21 November, 2026

Site Visit Highlights



Dhaka City Exploration & Parliament Visit



Optional Leisure Activities



Playing golf at DSC/Kurmitola Golf Club (Pre-confirmation required)



Venues

 Day 1: Daffodil Plaza, Dhaka	 Day 2: Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka	 Day 3: Daffodil Smart City, Birula
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Suggested Accommodation

 Hotel Sheraton Dhaka, 44 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka	
For more Options : https://iaup-bd2026.daffodilvarsity.edu.bd	

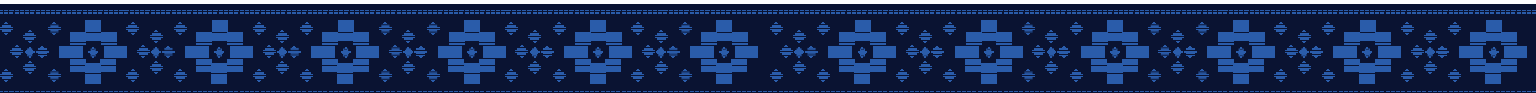
Tentative Schedule

DAY 1: 19 November 2026 (Thursday)

Time (GMT+6)	Program at Daffodil Tower and Dhaka
Day Long	Early and Regular Check-In
09:00am-05:00pm	Registration and Kit Distribution
09:30am-11:00 am	Complementary Golf play
11:30am-12:30pm	IAUP Executive Committee Meeting
12:30pm-01:30pm	IAUP Board of Directors Meeting followed by Lunch
02:30pm-05:00pm	Explore Bangladesh National Parliament
05:00pm-05:30pm	Transfer from Bangladesh National Parliament to Daffodil Tower
06:00pm-08:30pm	Welcome Reception
08:30pm-09:00pm	Transfer to Hotel Sheraton and other program partner hotels

DAY 2: 20 November 2026 (Friday)

Time (GMT+6)	Program at Sheraton Hotel Ballroom, Dhaka
08:30am-10:00am	Registration, Kit Distribution and Networking Breakfast
10:00am-11:00am	Opening Ceremony of the IAUP Semi-Annual Meeting 2026
11:00am-11:30am	Keynote: Universities After AI - Reimagining Higher Education for the Next Decade
11:30am-11:45am	Tea Break
11:45am-12:30pm	Global Leaders Dialogue: The Future of Universities - From Traditional Institutions to AI-Native Ecosystems
12:30pm-01:50pm	Lunch & Jumma Prayer Break
02:00pm-02:45pm	Panel 1: Building Entrepreneurial Universities for Sustainable Economic Growth
02:45pm-03:00pm	Tea Break
03:00pm-03:45pm	Panel 2: Transforming Higher Education to Empower Women in an AI-Driven World
03:45pm-04:00pm	Tea Break



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DAY 2: 20 November 2026 (Friday)

Time (GMT+6)	Program at Sheraton Hotel Ballroom, Dhaka
04:00pm-05:00pm	Panel 3: Sustainable Universities for a Sustainable Planet
05:00pm-06:30pm	Break and Rest Time
06:30pm-09:00pm	Book Launching, Bangladesh Cultural Night, and Networking Dinner

DAY 3: 21 November 2026 (Saturday)

Time (GMT+6)	Program at Daffodil International University in Daffodil Smart City
08:30am-09:15am	Transfer from Hotels to Daffodil Smart City
09:15am- 10:30am	Morning Tea, Parade, Campus Tour & DIU 25 th Anniversary Celebration
10:30am-11:15am	Panel 4: Open Science, AI, and the Future of Academic Research
11:15am-12:00pm	Parallel Session: 1 (Title will be confirmed) Parallel Session: 2 (Title will be confirmed)
12:00pm-12:30pm	Closing Ceremony
12:30pm-01:20pm	MoU signing Ceremony / Closed-Door Women's Tea Session
01:30pm-02:30pm	Farewell Lunch
02:30pm-06:30pm	Optional City Tour
07:00pm	Drop to Program Hotels



Optional Post-Event Tour

(Tentative Date: 22 & 23 November, 2026)

Srimangal, Sylhet
(Visit by helicopter)



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