



Celebrating the Birth Centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Academic Essay Competition for Students

'KNOWING BANGABANDHU FROM GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE'

The Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh has undertaken an initiative to commemorate the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 2020. As part of the plan, the Department will organize an Academic Essay Competition for Students. This competition aims to encourage students to write academic essays on the historic and significant role of Bangabandhu as the master helmsman in forging a global perspective for a newly independent country, Bangladesh. Indisputably, Bangabandhu was the prime mover and architect of Bangladesh foreign policy. His major foreign policy decisions were attuned to the complex realities of the Cold War-driven world. Bangladesh's peaceful and balanced relations with the two competing superpowers – the United States and Soviet Union – and two archrivals in South Asia – India and Pakistan – lend credence to the view that the weight of Bangabandhu's diplomacy was centered on his proportionate and well-rounded perspective. In addition, Bangabandhu's proactive and pragmatic diplomacy fostered a thaw in Bangladesh's relations with China, which opposed the country's war of independence. His bold, imaginative, and persuasive leadership was crucial in international events of paramount importance – the Commonwealth Summit and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit in 1973, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Summit and the United Nations General Assembly session in 1974 – where Bangladesh attained extraordinary diplomatic gains.

This competition enthruses undergraduate and postgraduate Bangladeshi students from any recognized university of the world to explore and write on Bangabandhu's world vision and his foreign policy decision-making power and autonomy. The students will highlight Bangabandhu's foreign policy orientations, successes, aspirations and their contemporary relevance to attain global peace and humanity. It is expected that students will engage in an in-depth study to write analytically rich and creative essays on Bangabandhu's vision from global perspective. Selected best essays will be considered for publications in an edited volume from the Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka.



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ESSAY THEMES

**Bangabandhu and Bangladesh
Foreign Policy**

**Bangabandhu and Global
Peace and Humanity**

ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

- Undergraduate or graduate students of any discipline from any recognized university of Bangladesh and abroad.
- Bangladeshi nationals aged between 18 and 25.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Word Limit: 4,000-4,500 (excluding cover page, notes and references)
- Full Text: In Times New Roman font; single spacing; 12 font size
- A participant can submit only one essay on either of the themes.
- Only single-authored essays will be considered for the competition.
- Cover page must contain author's name, current institution, level of study, detailed contact address with email address and phone number.
- Softcopy of the essay must be submitted through email along with a scanned copy of the participant's valid institutional ID card.
- No hardcopy of the essay is required.
- Submit to:
bangabandhu100.duir@gmail.com
- For more details, visit: www.duir.ac.bd

Submission Deadline: **15 February 2020**
Notification of Results: **17 March 2020**

PRIZES

1st Prize : BDT 50 Thousand

2nd Prize : BDT 25 Thousand

3rd Prize : BDT 15 Thousand

BDT 5,000 each for next SEVEN essays

Each writer of the best ten essays will also receive a **certificate** and a **crest of appreciation** from the Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka.

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