



Press Release

IUT Hosted an Ice-Breaking Session to Restore Academic Harmony

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The Islamic University of Technology (IUT) successfully organized a special Ice-Breaking Session on Monday, 17 February 2025, bringing together students, faculty, and staff members for an open and amicable interaction. This initiative played a meaningful role in re-establishing a supportive academic atmosphere after a prolonged period of disruption.

The university community went through an emotionally and academically challenging time following the tragic accident and untimely loss of three beloved students on 23 November 2024, which deeply affected both students, faculty members, and the overall IUT community. With academic classes being disrupted for 86 days, the session served as a needed step toward rebuilding trust and understanding among all stakeholders, ensuring that a peaceful and respectful learning atmosphere returned to IUT.

The program took place at the University Auditorium from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM, attended by students, faculty & staff members, respected guardians, and esteemed guests. Distinguished attendees included H.E. Ambassador Aftab Ahmad Khokher, Assistant Secretary-General (Scient & Technology), OIC, Jeddah; H.E. Ambassador Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Secretary MoFA, Bangladesh; H.E. Mr. Muhammad Abdullah-Al-Mamun, Director General (IO), MoFA, Bangladesh, and Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IUT.

The event started with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an and a du'a for the departed and injured students. Following this, speeches were given by representatives from students, guardians, faculty members, and distinguished guests. Each speaker reflected on the recent challenges faced by the university and shared their hopes for a brighter and more united future. An interactive segment was held that allowed students, faculty, and administration to exchange perspectives and reaffirm their commitment to unity.

H.E. Ambassador Aftab Ahmad Khokher highlighted the efforts made by the OIC Headquarters and IUT to address concerns and restore stability. He mentioned that multiple discussions with students, faculty, administrative officials, and guardians' representatives played a crucial role in identifying solutions and implementing measures to bring back academic normalcy.

H.E. Ambassador Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Secretary MoFA, Bangladesh appreciated the involvement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), the Ministry of Education (MoE), and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and specially highlighted that the Assistant Secretary-General of OIC personally supervised these reconciliation efforts, visiting IUT multiple times to facilitate discussions and encourage meaningful solutions.

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of IUT, expressed his deep gratitude for the support and participation of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guardians. He emphasized that the willingness to engage in open conversations and work toward rebuilding trust reflected the strength and unity of the IUT community.

The session culminated with a symbolic moment of harmony and peace, as Ambassador Aftab Ahmad Khokher invited all faculty members and students to engage in handshakes — an expression of mutual respect, forgiveness, and a commitment to unity that is deeply rooted in Islamic values. This heartfelt gesture served as a powerful reminder of the importance of mutual understanding and collective progress.

The IUT administration remains committed to ensuring a dignified, respectful, and cooperative academic atmosphere. This Ice-Breaking Session was a meaningful step toward healing and strengthening the bonds within the University community. It served as a reminder that, with collective efforts and sincere intentions, the IUT family can overcome challenges and continue to thrive as a place of learning, growth, and unity.

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