

◆ **Institution:** **University of Dhaka**

◆ **Country:** Bangladesh

◆ **Name of representative:** Prof. Dr. Sharmin Huq

◆ **Introduction of the institution:**

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The Institute has been working since its inception to achieve the following objectives:

- To promote and to provide facilities for advanced study and research in education.
- To provide teaching, and guidance in order to prepare candidates for the degrees of Master of Education and Doctor of Philosophy in Education of the University
- To provide courses of further study for those already qualified to engage in educational work.
- To provide services for those concerned with higher education in the University Teaching Departments and affiliated or constituent colleges.

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- b) One-year Master of Education program (day)
- c) Two year part time (evening) Master of Education program
- d) M. Phil Program in Education
- e) Thesis-based Ph. D. Program in Education

A. Integrated Bachelor of Education (Hons.) Program

There are four specialized areas in the Integrated B.ED (Hons.) program. These are: (a) Arts and Language (b) Science (c) Social Science (d) Special Education.

B. One Year Master of Education Program (Day)

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a) Department of Pre-primary and Primary Education, b) Department of Language Education, c) Department of Social Science Education, d) Department of Science, Mathematics and Technology Education, e. Department of Educational Planning and Management, f) Department of Curriculum and Educational Technology, g) Department of Educational Evaluation and Research, h) Department of Non-formal and Continuing Education, i) Department of Educational Psychology and Guidance and j) Department of Special Education.

Photo-1: Main entrance of Institute of Education and Research (IER), University of Dhaka



Photo-2 : Building (partial) of Institute of Education and Research (IER), University of Dhaka



Photo-3 : Front premise of Institute of Education and Research (IER), University of Dhaka



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◆ A-A Dialogue related research or activities in your institution:

❖ Institution's accomplishments under A-A Dialogue up to July 2015:

- JICA Training and Dialogue Programs : Capacity Development for Policy Analysis Using Research Results and Field Knowledge for Education Quality Improvement

Institute of Education and Research (IER) organized week-long programme in Bangladesh on 24-30 November 2012 under Africa-Asia University Dialogue for Educational Development (Phase III). The objectives of the programme was to equip participants with critical skills for policy analyses to bring field knowledge of education practice or cooperation and research results as evidence into policy processes for education quality improvement. These skills included both bottom-up (evidence to policy) and top-down (policy-measures) skills.

Total number of participants was 11 from different countries who were officials of Ministry of Education and researchers in universities or equivalent organization - Burkina Faso (1), Papua New Guinea (1), Morocco (2), Niger (1), Nigeria (1), Pakistan (1), Philippines (1), Uganda (1) and Zambia (2).

The programme included follow-up training and findings sharing meeting on JICA activities in Bangladesh and Primary Education Development programme (PEDP-III) with officials of Directorate of Primary Education, visit of primary school and Primary Teachers' Training Institute (PTI) in Gazipur, symposium on quality education at Institute of Education and Research (IER), University of Dhaka where 5 field level officials of primary education were invited to share their field experiences, meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of University of Dhaka and so on.

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- Participation in A-A Dialogue General Assembly:

The representative from Institute of Education and Research (IER), University of Dhaka participated

in the general assembly held in July 22-24, 2015 in Hiroshima University.

Some pictures related to institution's activities under A-A Dialogue up to July 2015



Photo-4: Participants in training programme with officials of Directorate of Primary Education and JICA in November 2012



Photo-5: Participants from different countries with the Vice-Chancellor of University of Dhaka (in front row, third from the right) in November 2012



Photo-6 : In inaugural session of A-A Dialogue General Assembly in Hiroshima University in July 2015 with participants
(Prof. Dr. Sharmin Huq, first from the right)



Photo-7 : In a business session of A-A Dialogue General Assembly in Hiroshima University in July 2015 with participants
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