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## UIU, SEU sign deal on research collaboration

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Southeast University VC AFM Mafizul Islam and United International University VC (in-charge) Abul Kashem Mia shake hands after signing a memorandum of understanding at UIU Campus in Dhaka on Tuesday. — Press release

A memorandum of understanding was signed between United International University and Southeast University for research collaboration on Tuesday.

AFM Mafizul Islam, vice-chancellor of Southeast University, was present as chief guest in the ceremony at UIU Campus at the United City on Madani Avenue in Dhaka.

Abul Kashem Mia, vice-chancellor (in-charge) of United International University, was present as special guest.

M Rezwan Khan, executive director of IAR and former VC of UIU, presided over the ceremony.

The vice-chancellor of UIU and vice-chancellor of SEU signed the MoU on behalf of their respective universities.

Chowdhury Mofizur Rahman, adviser, BOT of UIU, ANM Meshquat Uddin, adviser to BOT, SEU, Farhana Ferdousi, director, Institute of Research and Training along with the faculty members and high officials were present in the programme.

This MoU will promote collective research and high-quality publications in reputable journals, as well as facilitate cooperative research partnership opportunities between SEU and UIU.

Research funds will be awarded to faculty members from both universities' research fields. Already, such research collaborations have been completed with different renowned universities of the home and abroad.

The Institute for Advanced Research of United International University, with active financial support from the United Group, has taken the pioneering initiative to provide Research and Development funds for the researchers to promote quality research activities in multidisciplinary research areas and spent more than Tk 4.5 crore since 2019.

UIU collaborated with other national and international organisations as well and provided matching research grants. Currently IAR has been disseminating research grants twice a year and has more than 75 research projects ongoing.



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