

UNITED STATES:**NIIT -American Degree Programme (Nov 2000)**

The NIIT Academy announced a unique educational opportunity exclusively for all 2-year alumni students through a special educational arrangement with the Southern New Hampshire University (SHUN), Manchester, NH, USA. Under this exclusive one-on-one arrangement all 2-year graduated students of NIIT can be admitted to the BASIS (Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Systems) degree of SHUN and earn a Bachelor's Degree in just 15 months or take on further studies. Out of the 15 month period, 9 months involve fully paid work experience in American industry. This is NIIT's latest tie-up among a series of such tie-ups with universities. Earlier, NIIT announced a tie-up with Australian Universities and a UK based university.

US students at NSU (North South University).

Students from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA were studying at NSU during summer 2000 and are here in 2001.

Business Graduate Study

A collaboration agreement between Saint Xavier University (SXU), Chicago, USA and NSU, providing opportunities to NSU students for Business graduate study at SXU was signed.

The agreement envisages students completing part of the requirements in Bangladesh and attending SXU for two semesters to obtain NSU-MBA and SXU-MBA through a combination of transfer credits and 8 courses at SXU. There are provisions for waiver of GMAT requirements and possible reduction of tuition and fees at St Xavier University. A prominent feature is the faculty exchange programme between the universities.

WORLD BANK AND UNESCO:**Proposed Women's University (October 2000)**

The World Bank and UNESCO have, for the first time, agreed to set up an international university exclusively for women in Bangladesh. A World Bank-UNESCO task force, which was formed to draw up a feasibility study, has submitted its report proposing Bangladesh as the venue for this university. The proposed Asian University for Women will be a centre of excellence. The university is likely to have a multinational faculty with students coming from all parts of the world.

INTERNATIONAL:**Teacher Training Programme**

Aga Khan School has initiated a teacher training programme. The teachers from AKS, Dhaka have gone through the Masters graduate programme at the Institute of Educational Development (IED). The IED was formed in partnership with Oxford University, UK, University of Toronto, Canada and the European Union. The IED operates through Professional Development Centres (PDC) on Aga Khan School campuses in different parts of the world. With the proposed new campus in Dhaka, a PDC is included in the plan. The long term plan will be to open the programme for training teachers from other schools in Bangladesh.