

Report on AIBS-Dhaka University Outreach Lecture (#1)

The AIBS-DU Outreach Lecture (number 1 of the series) was held at the Department of Law, University of Dhaka. The AIBS Dhaka Center arranged, with the Chair of the department, Dr. Shahnaz Huda, this seminar to coincide with the research trip of AIBS fellow, Dr. Chaumtoli Huq. Dr. Huq, the resource faculty for this seminar, dedicated the program to the victims of the Tazreen Fire of 24 November 2012. Dr. Huda facilitated the program.

Attendees of the seminar included Md. Rahmat Ullah, (the acting Chair & Professor, Department of Law), and Mr. Jobair Alam, Lecturer. The Director of AIBS Dr. Rumana Tasmin and the Assistant Director Syeda Nur-E-Royhan represented AIBS and attended seminar. Apart from that, thirty-nine students from the final semester and Masters of Law program attended the seminar with much enthusiasm and zeal. They took part in the question and answer session and many important issues regarding Binding Accord were raised. The audience was comprised of the administration of Department of Law and students. This event had several very positive outcomes. The students were exposed to the AIBS fellow, Dr. Huq, who shared her experiences and knowledge gathered during the field study. Since the fires and accidents such as Rana Plaza or Tazreen Fire is now a huge issue for the garments industries in Bangladesh, understanding of the legal bindings is essential knowledge for anyone who is interested in practicing law or to doing research. Dr. Huq communicated the issue clearly and connected successfully with the audience. Since the students had only studied this matter theoretically, Dr. Huq's lecture helped them understand the practical impact on the garments industry in Bangladesh. Another positive outcome was that Dr. Huda showed strong interest in partnering with AIBS to provide similar seminars on a regular utilizing the intellectual resource AIBS can provide.