Workshop held at Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology on Policy Development for Technology Enabled Learning in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning

A two-day visionary workshop, named "Policy Development for Technology-Enabled Learning (TEL) at Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST)" was organized at BdREN Virtual Classroom of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology with the collaboration of Commonwealth of Learning (COL) on 29 - 30th April 2019. The objectives of this workshop were to discuss the draft TEL policy and strategy for the adoption and implementation of TEL at AUST.

The inauguration of the workshop began with a welcome address and warm greetings by Prof. Dr. Kazi A. Kalpoma, Point of Contact, COL TEL AUST Project, & Head, CSE, AUST. The workshop was chaired by honorable Prof. Dr. A.M.M. Safiullah, Vice-Chancellor, AUST. The Special Guest Prof. Dr. Kazi Shariful Alam, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Treasurer, AUST and the Chief Guest Mr. Kazi Rafiqul Alam, Chairman Board of Trustees, AUST were present and took the privilege to extend the heartiest welcome to all top delegates, participants and guests of the workshop. Dr. Sanjaya Mishra, the Education Specialist of COL joined the workshop over skype video conference from Canada. Dr. Mishra delivered lecture about the importance of OER and added why and how we can move forward in the light of the national and international perspectives.

AUST is the first university in Bangladesh to start the implementation of TEL with the support of COL. A contribution agreement has been signed between Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and AUST for 5 years on January 16, 2019. COL agreed to provide a systematic approach to implement TEL through research, consultation, capacity building, monitoring, and evaluation to improve the quality of learning outcomes at AUST. The COL TEL AUST project team with the lead of Prof. Kalpoma had previously conducted studies to identify the scope of improving the teaching and learning practices by integrating technologies. The findings of these studies were presented on the first day of the workshop in three different presentations focusing on the Technology Infrastructure at AUST, Learners' and Faculties' Access to Technology and its implications.

On the second day of the workshop, the top management of the university including the Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor and Treasurer, Registrar, members of Board of Trustees, Syndicate, Academic council members, all deans, departments' head, actively took part in brainstorming sessions to identify the challenges, areas of improving facilities and some key points needed to implement TEL at AUST. Towards the end of the workshop, the participants collaboratively prepared a draft policy for TEL implementation.

The two-day long workshop ended with closing remarks from Dr. Kalpoma. Finally, Prof. Dr. A.M.M. Safiullah announced the official closure of the workshop with the vote of thanks to all the participants.