

University of Dhaka (<http://www.du.ac.bd/>)

## Introduction

Established in 1921, University of Dhaka (DU) is the top university in Bangladesh dedicated to advancement in education and research. Our visit to DU is being facilitated by the School of Business Studies and especially by Dr. Rakibul Hoque, an associate professor at Department of Management Information Systems and also an external member for JI-CFE.



Dr. Hoque has been leading many collaborative action research projects with Bangladesh Government using technology for social purposes and is an adviser to Bangladesh Government's 'Access to Information (a2i)' project. This is a flagship program of the Digital Bangladesh agenda run from the Prime Minister's Office with the support of UNDP and USAID. Well-known projects of a2i include Union Digital



Center (UDC), EK-Shop, National Portal, Agricultural Portal, Teachers' Portal, Skills for Employment, Empathy Training, Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Tracker and E-Learning Platform. It has become a role model of the application of technology for positive socio-economic and sustainable development.

## Objectives for Bangladesh Challenge

Together with a team from the University of Dhaka, we will carry out joint workshops and field visits for research in the following areas:

- **Poverty**
- **Street children**
- **Life of char dwellers**
- **Elderly in Bangladesh**
- **Disability**
- **Access to health care services**

We will jointly prepare reports and documentary to summarize our observation and explore possible technological solutions.