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EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JULY 11, 2015, 5 P.M.

Alumni Seminar Hall, IEST, Shibpur

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Dear Members,

At the outset we mention with heavy heart that we lost some of our alumni during the last year. They are Parthasarathi Bhattacharya (ME 1965), Prabal Datta (ME/1979), Pabir Nath (ME/ 1965), Pradip Kumar Ray (CE/1965), Arun Kanti Basu (CE/1947), Himangsu Sekhar Sinha (CE 1950), Pratap Sengupta (CE 1966), Ashis Chakravarty (ME/1982), Uday Sankar Das (71/CE), Pradip Ranjan Dhar (69 MET), Tuhin Ghosh (CE/1967), Prashanta Pal (ME/1974), Nibaran Manna (EE /1974), Alok Kumar Banerjee (MetE/ 1974), Prasanta Pal (ME/1974), Nibaran Manna (EE/1974), Samar Basu (Met/1966), Abhijit Ghosh(MIN/ 88), Anup Chakraborty (Civil /1974), Souvik Ghosh (CE/1999), Amal Kumar Ray (46/ME), Kalyan Banerjee (57/CE), Sukumar Banerjee (EE/63), Kambhu Nath Chakraborty (1948/CE), Edsel Martin Fonseca (1951/ EE), Debabrata Mukherjee (1954/MET), Sri Sibabrata Mukherjee (1962/EE), Tapan Kumar Basu(1958 /Civil), Manas Mukhejee (1980/Met), Ranabir Ghosh (Mech/1965).

On behalf of GAABESU we offer our deep condolences to the friends and families of the departed alumni. May their souls rest in eternal peace!

It is my pleasure to place the Annual Report on the activities of Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (GAABESU), for the period September 2014 to June 2015, before you at this Annual General Meeting.

Executive Committee (2015-17)

Executive Committee for the period 2013-15 was formed in the AGM held on 5th October 2013. Office Bearers were elected within a week after the AGM. Along with the Office Bearers of the Executive Committee several sub-committees were formed to carry forward the activities within the stated aims and objectives of GAABESU. These Sub-Committees include Admission Grant and Scholarship, Research Award, Fellowship for Excellence, Student Award (Extracurricular), Travel Grant, Counseling and Mentoring, Membership, Member Service, Member Recognition, Legal, Finance and Administration. Institute & GAABESU Collaboration, Emergency Fund, Publicity, and Special Project (Gymnasium Renovation). Some of these sub-committees have active volunteers and are running commendably well.

Election process of the Executive Committee for the year 2015-17 has been completed and the New Executive Committee will be announced formally in this AGM.

Annual Accounts and Audit Report



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The Receipts and Payments Account and Audit Report for the financial year 2014-15 had already been circulated to all members in the last year. The Receipts and Payments Account and Audit Report for the financial year 2014-15 are being placed now.

Activities of the Association

Scholarship, Admission Grant, Research Award, and Students' Reward Programme

Among GAABESUs different activities, Scholarship Programme has been a real success story. Although it started in San Francisco, USA about 17 years back, expanded substantially when it came under GAABESU umbrella. GAABESU has increased the number of Scholarship/admission/grants/book grants to the needy students substantially for the last 8 years.

In the year 2008, 6 scholarships were awarded as **"Alumni Fellowship for Excellence"** to the students on merit, Sports and leadership, which increased to 16 Awards on singing, social welfare, extra-curricular activities etc.

From the year 2012 **"Research Fellowship Award"** and **"Students Reward Programme"** were included in the programme. 21 Awards worth Rs 1,01,000 were given to 21 students under **Students' Reward Program** for winning prizes in various competitions held in other prestigious institutes like IIT, IISER, JU, Presidency etc. This year the scholarships that have been awarded are:

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| • 86 scholarships @12000.00 | = Rs.10,32,000.00 |
| • 14 Half Scholarship @ 6000.00 | = Rs. 84,000.00 |
| • 18 book grants @2000.00 | = Rs. 36,000.00 |
| • 16 award for Alumni Fellowship for Excellence | = Rs. 2,46,500.00 |
| • 4 UG Research Award @ 18000.00 | = Rs. 72,000.00 |
| • 21 Students' Reward Program | = Rs. 1,01,000.00 |

The total award amounted to Rs. 15,71,500.00. The names of the scholars and donors are posted in our web site. GAABESU thanks all donors for their generosity.



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1965 Mechanical Engineering Alums of erstwhile B.E. College organized a get-together on the occasion of their 50th Year of Graduation on 19th Jan 2015 at Alumni Guest House in the Institute campus. They collectively donated a fund exceeding INR 5.5 Lakhs to GAABESU for two Admission Grants and one Research Award for every year. The fund kept in a fixed deposit with an annual interest payment option.

Travel Grants

This program, initiated through the donation received from 1987 Batch, is solely intended for the present students of IEST, Shibpur. Partial assistance is provided to attend national/international events of repute. These would include seminars, conferences, innovative design competitions, research paper presentation and receiving of awards of international repute (only if the work was done at IEST, Shibpur or the awardee is the principal investigator of the work), international students' summit etc, subject to certification by IEST respective department head and acceptance by GAABESU.

- GAABESU Travel Grant committee approved and handed over Rs. 50,000.00 as a travel grant to Shrestha Ghosh (3rd year, CST, UG student of IEST) to present a paper in a conference named "The 29th IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE On Advanced Information Networking and Applications, 2015" held at Seoul National University of Science and Technology (Seoul Tech), Gwangju, Korea, during March 25-27, 2015.
- GAABESU Travel Grant committee also committed Rs.50,000.00 travel grant to Neelanjan Dutta (PG Scholar, Environment, Civil) toward a Presentation of paper titled "FIELD APPLICATION OF ELECTROCOAGULATION FOR ARSENIC REMOVAL FROM GROUND WATER SUPPLIES" AT "Oklahoma International Water Conference, Norman, USA" to be held from 21st to 23rd September, 2015.

We expect to consolidate our activities under this program based on the repeated requests received from students every year.

Emergency Fund

The Emergency Fund Sub-Committee maintains a corpus fund that can be utilized in the time of need and replenish with individual campaign as and when alumni or their family members seek help through their local Alumni Chapter, friends or relatives.



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GAABESU has been able to help a few of our Alumni by providing emergency assistance during the time of difficulties. All contributions are acknowledged and posted in our web site. Since the last AGM of August 2014, fund drives undertaken are as follows:

- To help Monjurul Islam Ahmed Mondal, a 3rd year Civil Engineering student in this University suffering from meningitis and TB last year. He lost his ability (partially) to stand on his own legs and lost his voice also. After a successful operation in Peerless Hospital he got back his voice immediately. After a few days Monjurul was released from hospital and shifted to Baguihati to ease his physiotherapy for the next two months. All alumni throughout the globe come forward to help him for his medical treatment. GAABESU raised more than 4.8 Lakh and handed over the money to his brother as and when required. Now he is able to walk with the aid of walker and shifted from Baguihati to his home. GAABESU continuously helped his brother for his treatment even now.
- To help Basudev Sahoo, Alumni-1986, Electrical, due to his ailing wife, Mrs. Mala Sahoo she has been suffering from multi deceases, immunity power has considerably decreased and suffering from different ailments Off and On. The attending nephrologists suggest for Early Transplantation of Kidney. She has been advised to proceed for kidney replacement. GAABESU immediately launch a global fund drive based on our established process and raised 4.63 Lakh. The total money handed over to Mr. Basudev Sahoo. Her Kidney has not yet transplanted due to the requisite administrative clearances will take some more time.
- Late Souvik Ghosh (99, CE) was fighting with Cancer since 2009 and literally refused to bow down for 5 long years to this dreaded disease. Souvik lost his battle on 18 Dec 2014. He is survived by his unfortunate 10 year old son, wife (homemaker) and aged parents. Friends of late Souvik Ghosh decided to raise fund with the consent of his family (father: Gautam Ghosh) and GAABESU has agreed to provide the logistics to raise a fund for building a corpus amount around 10 Lakhs. GAABESU appealed to all BEC/BEDCU/BESU Alumni and many of them generously donate to the cause of the Souvik Ghosh (99CE) and support his immediate family. GAABESU has raised 12.5 lakhs and handed over the money to his family which will support the education of his son.



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Publicity

The objective was to publish newsletters in regular interval and this continued for the initial few years. However, due to lack of volunteers the publications had to be discontinued in the past. However, I am happy to inform you that we have once again started quarterly publication of GAABESU newsletter (ALUMNI LINK), which carries news of the institute community. This has been possible due to the diligent and professional approach of the newly formed Publicity Sub-Committee. This Sub-Committee also updates the web site and maintains a Social Networking (face book) account with news and other institute related information regularly.

Membership Growth

GAABESU has current membership strength of 2715, out of which 1280 are life members and the others are annual members.

Membership fees of GAABESU have not increased for many years. So it is necessary to rationalize the fee. GAABESU Publicity team conducted a survey to review membership fee structure and amount for our global alumni. In line of the feedback, GAABESU Executive Committee decided to increase membership fees for alumni in India and abroad. Based on alumni feedback the increased membership fees are given below:

The increased membership fees approved in 51st Executive Committee meeting held on 4th April, 2015.

Suggested average membership fees:

India and sub-continent - Rupees 4000.00

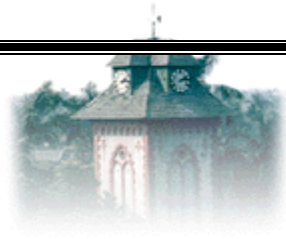
Present Pass out (5yrs) students or Senior Citizen - Rupees 2500.00

Middle East - Rupees 10000.00

Developed Countries (USA, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and Japan) - 400 dollars

This new membership structure is effective from July 2015.

GAABESU operational expenses are solely met from the membership fund as funds received for other purposes are fully spent for the purpose. Sluggish Growth of membership has been a point of concern for the organization and all of us need to work together to ensure that we enroll as many new life members as possible in future.



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MOA Amendment

Following the mandate received during the 7th AGM for amendment of GAABESU Memorandum By-laws, a sub-committee was constituted with purpose under the Chairmanship of Amitabha Ghoshal with Prosenjit Chakraborty as the Convener. The sub-committee took up the exercise diligently and finally came up with a new draft of the amended MOA and Bylaws. This draft will be considered today for consideration of this house.

Alumni Day

GAABESU successfully organized the First Alumni Day on Sunday, December 28, 2014. Around 400 alumni participated in this gala event to reminisce their bygone days with friends and families and rekindle our camaraderie at our own campus. The event could not have been successful without the active involvement of the present students. Around 40 of them worked till midnight to make this event a grand success. Alumni volunteers from all over the world came forward to share the responsibilities and collect donations and sponsorships. Some young alumni and present students arranged the Live Webcast of the entire program, which was uploaded in YouTube in seven (7) parts. For details search "IEST Shibpur Alumni Network" in YouTube or type the short URL <http://goo.gl/ztoiYS>. While www.becollege.org is still active, some active student volunteers designed our new website www.iests.org which was launched during the event. Present students designed the banners for *The Telegraph* and the stage backdrop for the event, which concluded with a pleasant cultural program by some of our renowned alumni. There was a stall with published/released creative product (books on literatures, engineering, musical album, feature films, etc.) in commercial market from alumni community for display at the event. We are thankful to our sponsors and alumni for their donations to the students and alumni causes.

GAABESU SEMINAR

GAABESU is organizing its first National/ International Technical Seminar/ Workshop on 21st and 22nd August 2015. An all India seminar on **Energy and Environmental Challenges: Indian Perspective** will be held at CII--Suresh Neotia Center of Excellence For Leadership at DC-36, Sector – I, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

Expected Participants in the Seminar:

- Persons from mining, metallurgical or manufacturing industries;
- Executives in power stations, process industries, building &



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- construction industries, engineering corporate;
- Service providers, consultants, energy & environmental experts;
 - Researchers and educationists;
 - Architects, builders, designers, project managers and policy makers;
 - Energy solution providers, environment-friendly equipment manufacturers, Socio-economic commentators;

For any information about this event, please contact:

Shymaprasad Datta, '67CE, (Chairman), at 9830292214

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Looking Forward

With the conversion of our institute to the first IEST of the country we look forward to much brighter days of our institute in future and reaffirm our commitment to work together with other stake-holders to meet the long-term organizational goals. It is expected that funds for infrastructure development will not be a big constraint for the institute in future. Hence, GAABESU will like to refrain from taking up further infrastructure development project in the campus like we did in the past in numerous occasions. Henceforth, we should look forward to helping the students, faculty members, and other stakeholders in the campus in their quest for academic and intellectual excellence.

I, on behalf of the Executive Committee, appreciate the selfless work put up by the members to uphold the spirit of the organization and without whose help GAABESU could never function. I shall also fail in my duty if I do not mention help and co-operation extended by the Office Assistants of GAABESU, whose help and active participation were essential to run GAABESU smoothly. I appreciate all help extended by IEST authorities, faculty members and others in the administration without their help it would not have been possible to move GAABESU forward. At the end, I thank all Alumni irrespective of their affiliations to GAABESU for their help and guidance in making GAABESU the best Alumni Association in India and a true representative of all alums in its interaction with the institute.

With warm regards to all the members of GAABESU,

(Pratik Dutta)
Honorary Secretary, GAABESU