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# BPATC and EWU jointly organise i-IKM-19 conference

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The Inaugural ceremony of 1st International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (i-IKM 2019) was held at BPATC, Savar, Dhaka on 25 April 2019. The conference was jointly organized by the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) and the Department of the Information Studies

MA Mannan, MP, Ministry of Planning, graced the inaugural ceremony as chief guest. Dr Mohammed Farashuddin, Chief Advisor and Founder Vice-Chancellor of East West University (EWU) was present at the event as the inaugural keynote speaker. Prof Dr Fakrul Alam, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of EWU graced the program as special guest. Conference Advisor Dr M Aslam Alam, Rector, BPATC and Senior

Secretary to the Government, was present as the inaugural program chair. The Conference chairs Dr Dilara Begum, Chairperson, Department of Information Studies and Library Management, EWU and Dr Sanwar



and Library Management, East West University (EWU). Around 30 invited speakers from all around the world, 170 paper presenters and around 350 participants joined the conference. This conference was the first initiative taken in Bangladesh of its kind focusing on one of the burning issues of 21st Century, Agenda 2030.

Jahan Bhu-iyen, Director (PPR), BPATC, were also present at the occasion. Chief guest emphasized on the importance of information and knowledge management for sustainable development and also acknowledged the initiative taken by both the organizers. Keynote speaker highlighted the concept of information industry as a new paradigm of economic transformation.