**The** **IEEE AIUB Student Branch WIE Affinity Group Successfully Organized a Celebration Event of “WIE Day”.**

On **Sunday, June 18th, 2023,** the **IEEE AIUB Student Branch WIE Affinity Group** successfully organized a celebratory event for **“WIE Day”.** The event was held with the aim of empowering and motivating more women to pursue a career in engineering. It highlighted the significant contributions made by current female engineers to various industries and the challenges women engineers face in the traditionally male-dominated field.

**Prof. Dr. A.B.M Siddique Hossain Sir,** *Advisor, IEEE AIUB Student Branch, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, American International University – Bangladesh,* inaugurated the event by briefly talking about women in engineering. He focused on the historical underrepresentation of women in general education while also talking about the contributions of **Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain** and **Begum Sufia Kamal** to empowering Bengali women. He further discussed women’s advancement in engineering and education before handing over the stage to the honorable speaker.

**Dr. Dilshad Mahjabeen Ma’am,** *Counselor, IEEE STAMFORD Student Branch, Acting Chairman & Associate professor, Department of EEE, Stamford University Bangladesh,* took the floor as the speaker of the session. She provided an insightful discussion on women's involvement in Artificial Intelligence (AI) during the event and talked about the current state of women in AI while acknowledging both the specialties of women and the challenges they face. She further emphasized the significant role women play in shaping the field of AI and highlighted the importance of women's participation in engineering and AI while also talking about the need for increased representation of women in AI and data science through STEM education and initiatives that encourage women to pursue careers in AI.

**Dr. Dilshad** continued the session by mentioning the benefits of diversity and inclusion in corporations, as well as the availability of grants, scholarships, and mentorship programs for women in technical disciplines. She provided real-life examples of women who have made significant contributions to AI, with the aim to foster awareness, advocate for change, and encourage women's advancement in the field of AI.

Following a designated break period, **Khan Farhana Ma’am,** *International Relations Specialist, Consultant, Systech Digital Limited; Founder, Farhana’s Brainstation.* assumed the role of the session’s speaker. She delivered an informative session centered around empowering women globally while emphasizing the importance of equality between men and women, highlighting the significance of education for both genders and acknowledged the crucial support of friends and family in women's empowerment. She illustrated the discrimination faced by women through a short clip from a cartoon. Furthermore, she delved into the prevailing stereotype mentality within Bangladesh and introduced herself to the audience, sharing her own job experiences. As an extraordinary user of LinkedIn herself, she highlighted the advantages of utilizing LinkedIn and discussed how societal norms are evolving over time. She touched upon the importance of SWOT analysis and its relevance, emphasizing the value of analytical thinking. Additionally, the speaker demonstrated and provided guidance on emailing a resume effectively. The session concluded with a thoughtful discussion on self-support, accompanied by a meaningful song by Rabindranath Tagore, emphasizing self-help.

**Dr. Md. Saniat Rahman Zishan Sir,** *Director, Faculty of Engineering, American International University– Bangladesh; Advisor, IEEE AIUB Student Branch,* presented the closing remarks of the event. He stressed on the change in number of female engineers in engineering studies in recent years and appreciated the significant contribution of women in engineering. Afterwards he congratulated the **IEEE AIUB Student Branch WIE Affinity Group** for arranging the event and thanked the participants for attending the event. Overall, the event served as a medium to update and inform about the current state of females in different engineering industries and motivate the current female participants to pursue a career in engineering.

The contents of the event correspond to the **SDGs goal of 5 (Gender Equality)** which aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

A total of 90+ attended the event. Distinguished faculty members **MD. Shahariar Parvez**, *Lecturer, Computer Engineering, FE, AIUB* and **Tamim Hossain**, *Lecturer, EEE, FE, AIUB* also attended the session. The event started at **10:00 PM** and ended at **3:30 PM.**