



The Office of Student Affairs (OSA)
American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB)

presents

STORIES OF PANDEMIC

Resonance beyond the horizon!

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- ABOUT THE PROGRAM -

“Stories of Pandemic” – Resonance Beyond the Horizon!

It has been over a year. In actuality the world may certainly still be revolving, yet the realities of those in it have been brought to a standstill. Conditioned to race against a competitive world in an unrelenting hustle, we always seemed to have too much to do and too little time. And now all that we took for granted, seem to be taken away. Everyone just wants things to go back to the way they were – normal. But in a rush to get back to ‘normal’, it is important not to lose sight of the things that really matter in our lives. The pandemic may have altered life as we know it, but it certainly brought about changes that leave a mark. The good, the bad, and the ugly. But in one way or another, we’ve all gone through it. Regardless of who we are, where we’re from, or what we do, we’ve all been affected by the same wave of change. And the ‘Stories of Pandemic’ is about that very impact – showcasing the incredible moments and milestones of hope and triumphs, tragic losses and sufferings of loved ones, and remarkable life lessons of perseverance and courage that have left a mark on the young lives across the globe. “Stories of Pandemic” will be sharing these personal experiences of young adults, in hope, that it will show the world that even though we may be miles apart in this turmoil, we are not alone. We may be of different beliefs or speak in different languages, but we’re in this together, and together, we shall overcome.

Program Overview

- **Tentative Program Schedule**
Date: 26 June 2021 (Saturday)
Time: 3 – 6 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)
Platform: Zoom Application

- **Deadline for Registration to Participate**
Date: 28 May 2021 (Friday)
Time: 11:59 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)
Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/yVaeLThCy7>

- **Deadline for Story Submission**
Date: 14 June 2021 (Monday)
Time: 11:59 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)
Email: osa@aiub.edu

▪ **Format for Story Submission**

Stories may be presented in any format, including (but not limited to):

Category Format	Description	Specification
Short Story (Written/Narration)	A short story written or narrated during or about the pandemic	MS Word/PDF File (Max. 1000 Words) and/or MP3 Audio File (Max. 3 Minutes)
Poetry (Written/Recital)	A poetry written or recited during or about the pandemic	MS Word/PDF File (Max. 35 Lines) and/or MP3 Audio File (Max. 3 Minutes)
Short Film (Independent/Documentary/Animation)	A video recording of an event, documentary or short film shot during or about the pandemic	MP4 Video File (Max. 3 Minutes)
Musical Performance (Song/Dance/Instrumental)	A dance song/music composed during or about the pandemic	MP3 Audio/MP4 Video File (Max. 3 Minutes)
Artwork (Painting/Sketch/Digital)	A painting/sketch/or digital artwork made during or about the pandemic	JPEG/PNG File (1 Image for Single/Series)
Photography (Single/Series)	A photo (single or collage) taken during or about the pandemic	JPEG/PNG File (1 Image for Single/Series)
Any other innovative format made during or about the pandemic (presentation, poster, any other creative alternative formats for sharing your pandemic story!		

* Digitally pre-recorded submissions will be showcased at the Virtual Final Showcase & Facebook Live during the event and will also be made available on the AIUB Website & Official AIUB Facebook Page after the event, while non-recorded submissions will be posted and made available on the AIUB Website & Official AIUB Facebook Page after the event is concluded. Each university may submit maximum 3 stories. Depending on the number and type of submission, the host may decide the final count of the stories to be presented.

- ABOUT THE ORGANIZER -

American International University - Bangladesh (AIUB)

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Since its inception, the American International University – Bangladesh [AIUB] has been committed to provide, maintain, and enhance an educational environment that is conducive to learning, not only for those who come to learn but also for those who impart it. For over a decade, AIUB has been providing students with an enriching undergraduate and graduate experience, with the right combination of all the essential components required for attaining excellence in learning. All the infrastructural and research facilities, along with the support of competent and compassionate faculty, makes AIUB a truly dynamic learning environment, where tomorrow’s leaders are created. Over 10,000 students are currently pursuing their dreams, following the footsteps of nearly 25,000 graduates before them, who experienced AIUB’s high standard and excellence in education. Over the years, graduates have successfully placed themselves in every imaginable sphere of the career spectrum, both nationally and internationally, making their mark in the world, doing AIUB and the nation proud, making the institution a force to be reckoned with.

Office of Student Affairs (OSA)

Office of Student Affairs [OSA] works relentlessly throughout the semesters to ensure multi-faceted student services and successful co-curricular programs. OSA coordinates and supports a number of different processes and initiatives of its student body, including the co-curricular programs and activities of its student clubs. AIUB has about 15 proactive student organizations, who work on a diverse array of projects, campaigns, and workshops for their member base as well as the general student body. There is a passion pursuit for everyone here, from performance arts to drama, debate, photography, filmmaking, arts, and even social welfare. There are even faculty-focused clubs that emphasize on business, science, and engineering. Many of these clubs arrange and participate in several national and international competitions every semester. OSA also assists and promotes student exchange programs, community service, outreach programs, and collaborations with several stakeholders. One of the prominent and proactive student organizations is the AIUB Performing Arts Club (APAC). APAC performs cultural programs, participating and organizing various events within and beyond AIUB. The club is enriched in incredible singers, musicians, dancers, and reciters, who have been the highlight of the major cultural programs of the university over the years, showcasing their talent in the limelight. Continuously striving for excellence in holistic education, AIUB has always emphasized on its co-curricular student development, taking pride in its efforts to build its student community.

Folklore 2021 – Symphony of the World

On the occasion of the International Mother Language Day, AIUB organized a unique virtual event, Folklore 2021 – Symphony of the World, showcasing amazing musical performances that honor the heritage of folk music across borders and transcending generations. One of the first of its kind, the international cultural program brought together 30 musical performances of songs and dances performed by students of 17 academic institutions from 10 different countries around the world. Numerous international affiliates joined the final showcase that was held on the 21st of February 2021 on Zoom and share through Facebook Live on the AIUB official page. Folklore 2021 – Symphony of the World commemorated the incredible rhythms of young talents from across the globe, both traditional to their native tongues and contemporary originals/covers of their choice in celebration of the diversity that does not divide but unites. The program resonated through the lockdown, rejoicing our differences in several mother languages through the one language that we all share – music. The acknowledgement and appreciation the program received, made it one of the most successful events hosted and organized by AIUB. Stories of Pandemic is another such initiative to bring together a world of talent. Submissions of Folklore 2021 – Symphony of the World can be viewed in the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJ7cegnereV8GanRNChutNKCB2Z1gRGYt>
