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The United Maritime Academy (UMA) is a leading Maritime resource development centre in Bangladesh. It's a nation building venture of the United Group through human resource development.

The United Maritime Academy commenced its journey with the first batch of cadets from February 2012 for conducting pre-sea training courses for the deck and engine cadets. The pre-sea training is of 2 years with full residential program in a regimental ambiance with maximum capacity for 200 cadets.

UMA follows the syllabus of the pre-sea training approved by the Department of Shipping, Government of Bangladesh, based on the IMO Model Courses 7.03 and 7.04. The academy is also approved by the Department of Shipping for conducting post sea and ancillary courses.
The academy is open for all Bangladeshi and foreign students who qualify themselves through the selection process of UMA. The prospective cadet must have Secondary School Certificate (equivalent to 'O Level') and Higher Secondary Certificate (equivalent to ‘A levels’) in Science with minimum GPA of 3.5 out of 5. English medium students must pass 5 subjects on “O” level and 2 subjects in “A” level with minimum C grade including Physics and Mathematics.

Cadet entry is done through a process of examination and interviews including eye sight and colour vision test.

UMA Management have the vision and commitment to turn the Academy into a premier maritime institution of the country which, in due course of time, will grow into a centre of excellence for maritime education, training and related activities so that the prospective sea farers of this region come here in search of highest quality maritime education. With that vision in my mind, UMA, within a very short period time showed its' commitment by equipping its training facilities with a ‘Full Mission Bridge Simulator’ with six workstations and instructor’s debrief room. The simulator is DNV Class-A compliant with Class Notation INTEGRATED SIMULATOR SYSTEM, NAUT AW (SIM), TUG. Type specific FURUNO ECDIS system and Dynamic Positioning simulator comprise the bridge simulation system.

It also incorporated a ‘Full Mission Engine Room Simulator’ providing medium & low speed engine simulation together with steam engine and gas turbine simulation. Both the bridge and engine room simulations are in accordance with the requirements of Manila Amendment of STCW 1978 Convention.

In the faculty, UMA has drawn a pool of highly qualified resource from various back grounds that include master mariners and chief engineers with overseas working experiences as teachers, superintendants, marine surveyors to impart education and training to the cadets.
A retired Rear Admiral from the Bangladesh Navy who had been the Director General of Shipping is the present Commandant of the Academy. Under him, UMA has a pool of dedicated instructors:

- in the Department of Nautical Studies
- in the Department of Engineering Studies
- in the General Studies

In the training and education curriculum, regular class room lectures are conducted by well qualified teachers and proper learning outcomes are ensured after every term. As UMA has been approved as SQA Overseas Centre, therefore maintaining high quality of education is the hallmark of this Institution for all times to come.

To keep the cadets well conversant with contemporary issues, reputed resource personnel are invited to speak on the topics on national and international interests.

Besides class room instruction, adequate facilities like libraries, labs, engineering workshop,
seamanship training, and ancillary courses are extensively conducted for practical training purpose.

Special attention is given to improve their physical fitness by providing activities such as Physical Training, Parade, games etc. This helps to build sense of discipline and motivation which makes life at sea more meaningful.

In recognition of its commitment to grow as world class maritime institution, UMA, on 19 September 2012, was awarded ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System Certificate by the Registro Italiano Navale (RINA), the Certification Society and QMS certification awarding body based in Italy. UMA has the honour of gaining this edge at an early stage in the maritime education and training sector after the extensive audit procedures from the world reputed certifying authority like RINA. With this, UMA stepped in a new era of Quality Management System (QMS) and is maintaining one of the best international standard in the field of maritime education and training in Bangladesh.

Further to that, on 05 January 2013, an MOU was signed between UMA and SQA
recognizing UMA as the education partner of SQA for delivering Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND) in Nautical Science & Marine Engineering to the cadets of UMA. After obtaining the HND the cadets will be able to continue with degree course in a number of universities in the UK. The HND Program in Nautical Science and in Marine Engineering conducted in Bangladesh is a milestone in maritime education and training sector.

UMA's prime mission is to educate/train honest, dedicated and hard working
sea farers who will make substantial contribution to their company's growth vis a vis build a career for himself.

The Academy is committed to provide quality education and training to the students, which will lead to a rewarding career in maritime sectors. To enable students to apply the theoretical knowledge gained, internship is an integral part of the curriculum. The Academy is doing its best efforts in facilitating the cadets in getting the internship placement opportunity. For this, the Academy is dedicated to networking with potential employers across the shipping industry and top placement consultants. The Academy also constantly interacts with the industry on various forums like seminars, conventions and management programs.
Department of Nautical Science

The Nautical Science Department of UMA is committed to provide the highest standard of maritime education and training for the pre-sea, post-sea and ancillary courses for the nautical students in compliance with the requirements of the STCW Convention (1978, as amended and STCW Code 2010) and that of the Department of Shipping Bangladesh.

The goals are to groom the cadets as world class merchant marine officers and provide education and training to them for excelling their competency, efficiency and professionalism while working on board vessels.

The Nautical Department has installed state of the art simulators for ship handling, bridge team management, electronic navigation, communication and liquid cargo handling complying with the STCW requirements.

We also believe that being in conducive residential environment during training will make the cadets proper seafarers for adaptability to the marine life in terms of living conditions, meals, manners, physical fitness and above all the officer like qualities and to encounter the rigors of the marine profession.

We therefore, assure that the Marine Deck officers receive the highest grade of maritime education and training in UMA leading to excellence in proficiency and competency in the their career.

A group of highly trained & experienced Nautical instructors are dedicated to assist the Nautical Cadets to achieve their goals.
Today's cadets are the future of merchant navy serving the community in various capacities. At UMA we prepare cadets to progress into a league of world class Merchant Marine Engineers. We have installed most advanced facilities like Marine Machinery operating Simulators to create virtual engine room to inject realism into competence training at different levels, Workshop for comprehensive skills training and laboratories for engineering studies, computer science and learning of English language.

Besides academic development cadets receive training to meet the demands of a highly disciplined merchant marine profession, we are also focused on our cadet's physical, moral and professional development.

We are confident that our Engineering cadets will be counted amongst the best in their category irrespective of where in the world they are from and UMA is determined to become a world class maritime institution.

A group of highly trained Marine Engineering instructors are dedicated to assist the engineering cadets to achieve their goals.
Mission

The United Marine Academy is committed to educate and train striving youngsters who wish to take-up seafaring career in the merchant shipping. To achieve our mission UMA will select cadets and train them as per the requirements of STCW Convention and national policy of the Department of Shipping, Bangladesh.

Vision

Our vision is to develop UMA into a leading maritime centre of excellence for pre-sea and post sea students by providing them with up-to-date knowledge and practical training. In near future UMA is moving to its own purpose built campus with all modern educational facilities. To be at the fore front of maritime education and training UMA in a very short time has achieved SQA approval to provide an education of international level in HNC/HND in Nautical Science & Marine Engineering and also been accredited with ISO 9001:2008 QMS certification by RINA.

Quality Policy

United Marine Academy is committed to a policy of providing the highest practical standards of Maritime Education & Training for its students with and assured level of quality in its pre-sea, post sea and ancillary course programs in accordance with the standards of STCW convention 1978 as amended and national policy of the DG Shipping.
United Enterprises & Co. Ltd. was formed in 1978 by four friends and founding Directors who envisioned a Business Firm with core set of values including innovative thinking, upholding commitments to its stakeholders, and being ethical in all its practices. Today, after over three and a half decades of pioneering business, it is now well known as United Group: one of the most recognized business houses of the country and truly known as ‘A Business House of your Trust’.