Recently two young Lecturers of BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology (BUFT) Md. Iftekhar Rahman and Md. Shamsad Hasnine have joined in "LOCAL INTERNATIONAL" Project which is jointly organized by Goethe-Institute, weißensee kunst-hochschule (School of Art) Berlin and Universität der Künste (University of the Art) Berlin. This is an International tandem Project taking place in Berlin and Dhaka where 12 young designers from Germany and Bangladesh will work together from autumn 2014.

"LOCAL INTERNATIONAL" is a professional development program for fashion design graduates from Dhaka and Berlin, focusing on sustainability & fair production methods. The pilot projects aims to raise awareness for sustainability, participation & fair trade within the fashion industry. Local production methods, sustainable design & production strategies co-operation on the same eye level are the main aims of this project.

The project is conducted by Prof Heike Selmer (Weiβensee kunsthochschule Berlin, Professor of fashion design and founding member of GRELEN LAB Laboratory for Sustainable Design Strategies) and Prof Valeska Schmidt-Thomsen (Universität der Künste, Professor of fashion design and director of the institute of Experimental garment and Textile Design). To work with them, six young fashion designers from Bangladesh and six young designers from Germany have favored through a tough selection process. Among six Bangladeshi designers three are former students of BUFT.

As part of the project, Designers from Germany visited BUFT and different places of Bangladesh in November, 2014 to observe different aspect of sustainability in our country. They have explored NGO’s and factories who are promoting traditional artisan techniques and sustainable production methods to illustrate the diverse spectrum of approaches. With the similar objective, the participants from Bangladesh will go to visit Germany at January 2015 to experience the development of Sustainability in fashion and other sectors in Germany. At the end of the project the outcome will be presented through exhibitions/Fashion show in Summer 2015, during Berlin fashion week.