

## Girls in ICT Day 2026

### “AI for Development: Girls Shaping the Digital Future”

The Department of Computer Science, FEST, in association with IEEE Maldives Subsection, successfully hosted Girls in ICT Day 2026 on 23rd April 2026. The event celebrated this year's theme, “AI for Development: Girls Shaping the Digital Future,” bringing together students, graduates, and faculty for an engaging and inspiring afternoon. The sessions were facilitated by Ms. Aminath Afiya, Generative AI Educator & Trainer, who guided participants through thought-provoking discussions and hands-on activities on Artificial Intelligence.



The event was also open to male students, who participated actively and were invited to share their perspectives on the role and impact of women in the ICT industry. Their responses reflected a strong appreciation for the contributions of women in technology. The day concluded with a warm networking session where current students and graduate girls of FEST reconnected, shared experiences, and inspired one another.



# FEST Students Gain First-Hand Insight into Banking Technology at Bank of Maldives

Students from the Bachelor of Computer Science and Bachelor of Information Technology programmes visited Bank of Maldives (BML) for an industry exposure session on 9th April 2026. Walking through the Technology Division, they got to see the systems, teams and thinking that keep one of the Maldives' biggest banks running every day.

As part of the visit to Bank of Maldives, students met with members of the bank's IT development teams and gained insight into the wide range of technology roles within the banking sector, including software engineering, cloud infrastructure, cybersecurity, data analytics and IT audit. Students also toured the Technology Division and data centre, where they saw first-hand the infrastructure that supports the bank's daily digital operations. The visit concluded with open discussions with BML staff about careers in technology, the realities of working in the industry and the skills most valued in today's evolving digital landscape.



The exposure session underscored the importance of industry-academia collaboration in preparing students for the demands of the professional world. By connecting classroom theory with live operational environments, such visits equip students with a stronger sense of purpose and direction as they progress in their academic and professional journeys.

FEST remains committed to fostering meaningful partnerships with leading institutions across the Maldives to provide students with relevant, impactful learning experiences beyond the campus. The Faculty extends its sincere appreciation to Bank of Maldives for their generosity in hosting and engaging with our students.



# From Blueprint to Reality: FEST Civil Engineering Students Visit the Landmark Maldivian Headquarters Project



On 3rd March 2026, Civil Engineering students from the Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology (FEST) conducted an educational site visit to the construction site of the new Maldivian Headquarters in Malé. The project is a modern 12-storey office building located at the intersection of Majeedhee Magu and Boduthakurufaanu Magu in Maafannu, being developed for Island Aviation Services Limited, the operator of the national airline, Maldivian. The building is designed as a steel structural system and is being constructed by Human No. 6 Company. Upon arrival, the students were welcomed by the site engineers who provided a detailed briefing about the project, including its design concept, construction progress, and the structural system used in the building.



During the site tour, students observed ongoing construction activities and key structural components of the multi-storey building while also learning about emerging construction technologies. The visit provided valuable practical exposure to construction methods, site safety practices, and the development of large commercial structures, helping students connect their theoretical civil engineering knowledge with real-world industry applications.





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