

Leading Bangladesh into the Future: A Journey of Exploration

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Leadership involves moving forward for a shared purpose, regardless of the differences that exist between us. This is what is shown in the puzzle. Without marginalized groups in society, as represented by the black pieces, this puzzle cannot be made. Therefore, a leader must reach out to diverse factions in society, listen to their opinions, and understand their values. At the center is the dance floor of life, the Bangladesh flag that inspires us all to act on behalf of the issues we care about deeply, and this is where leadership takes place. However, a leader must also have the capacity to move away from the dance floor and look at the broader picture of society which is represented by the different colors. Only by looking from a distance can a leader truly understand the patterns of behavior that exist in society. Like BYLC, the goal of the different pieces in the puzzle is to come together to create a cohesive and vibrant community, where individuals from diverse backgrounds work together to build a better Bangladesh.

This picture was drawn by Md. Nafis Hussain, Mutasim Billah, Nuzhat Khan, Mim Rahman, Maksudul Alam Manik, and Osama Bin Noor, members of the small group Ahom of BYLC's fifth Building Bridges through Leadership Training (BBLT) program. December 2010, Dhaka.



2012 | 450 Delegates 50 Speakers 3 Days of Exploration

WELCOME MESSAGE

DEAR DELEGATES.

Welcome to the Youth Leadership Summit 2012, Leading Bangladesh into the Future: A Journey of Exploration. We are delighted to have you with us, and we greatly appreciate the idealism, intellectual curiosity and energy you bring with you to the Summit. The Summit will provide a unique space for all of us to share ideas, to forge relationships, and to collectively explore new possibilities for impacting the world around us.

Leadership is the vehicle through which we can bridge the gap between Bangladesh as it is and Bangladesh as it ought to be. This is the conviction with which BYLC began its journey three years ago. Our work focuses on the young generation because change throughout history has often been shaped by the youth. And we believe that if the youth of Bangladesh are equipped with the right skills, values and knowledge then we can leave behind a Bangladesh that is better than the one that we inherited.

Central to such transformative leadership is a commitment to lifelong learning, reflection, a capacity to inspire and engage others, and a sense of urgency to act on behalf of issues that we care about most deeply. The plenaries on the inner journey of leadership will help you reflect on your core values and priorities in life and explore how you can translate your aspirations into reality. In parallel, the plenaries on the outer journey of leadership will equip you with diagnostic tools to analyze problems and systems, and to effectively mobilize others in a group.

The challenges facing Bangladesh today are complex and disparate. Many of our problems such as chronic poverty, poor governance, ecological devastation and widening socio-economic inequities are interconnected. Therefore, to provide fresh and innovative thinking in this environment our next generation of leaders will need to be comfortable in multiple sectors and disciplines. To help broaden your understanding of the current realities across a range of sectors, we have organized the different plenaries and panels on global citizenship, entrepreneurship, education and career, climate change, agriculture, technology and innovation, governance, social media, women and leadership, social impact markets and national economy.

In the next three days, you will have the opportunity to interact with speakers who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields. Despite their busy schedules, they have taken the time to invest in your learning. I invite you to engage with them in the sessions with both your heart and your intellect, and learn as much as you can.

From over 2100 applications this year, we have brought to this Summit a diverse group of 450 delegates from Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka, Khulna, Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet. You are all accomplished leaders in your colleges, madrassas, universities and organizations. I hope that you will use the breaks in between the sessions to get to know one another and forge a deeper and lasting connection with your peers. This network will be useful for you, both in your present and in your future endeavors.

I wish you a pleasant, memorable and transformational journey at the Youth Leadership Summit 2012.

Sincerely,

Ejaj Ahmad

Founder & President, BYLC

ABOUT BYLC

Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC), the country's first leadership institute, was founded with the vision of creating a more inclusive, tolerant and just society by training the next generation of home-grown leaders. Originally developed at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in 2008, BYLC was registered as a non-profit with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms in Bangladesh on January 5, 2009.

The signature program of BYLC is the four-month long leadership course, Building Bridges through Leadership Training (BBLT). This program, designed for students aged between 17 and 22, is offered twice a year in Chittagong and Dhaka. Besides the BBLT program, BYLC also conducts month-long leadership programs for secondary school students, Building Bridges through Leadership Training Junior (BBLT-J), and day-long workshops on leadership and entrepreneurship for university students and young professionals. BYLC has over 400 graduates from 11 different programs, and collectively they have completed more than 18,000 hours of service in underprivileged communities.

In March 2011, BYLC hosted its first annual Youth Leadership Summit which brought together 200 students and 50 speakers for three days of inter-generational knowledge sharing, leadership training and networking. Building on the success and lessons learned from the first Summit, BYLC is organizing its second Youth Leadership Summit with 450 delegates and 50 speakers in April 2012.

Over the past three years, BYLC's innovative approach to leadership development has been recognized by, among others, the U.S. State Department, the World Bank Group, BRAC, the private sector in Bangladesh, the Asia Society, the Washington Post and the International Youth Foundation.



OUR JOURNEY SO FAR



March 2008
The proposal for a pilot Building Bridges through Leadership Training (BBLT) program wins the 2008 Kathyrn Davis Projects for Peace Prize in the U.S.



April 2008
BYLC launches pilot BBLT in Chittagong with support from MIT Public Service Center.



January 5, 2009BYLC is registered as a non-profit with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms.



June 19, 2009 Inaugural Ceremony of BBLT 2 attended by the Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University, the then Secretary of Ministry of Youth and Sports, and the then Principal of Viqarunnisa School.



December 5, 2009

Barrister Manzoor Hasan OBE, chairperson of BYLC, speaks at the Inaugural Ceremony of BBLT 3 in Dhaka.



February 21, 2010
BYLC launches Young Scholars Program, a scholarship program for underprivileged secondary school students.



March 6, 2010 BYLC holds its first AGM at the Lake Shore Hotel in Dhaka.



June 26, 2010
Inaugural Ceremony of BBLT Junior 1, BYLC's first month-long leadership program for secondary school students.



July 10, 2010 Inaugural Ceremony of the first four-month long BBLT program in Chittagong.



October 6, 2010
Ejaj Ahmad, president of BYLC, receives the 2010 International Youth Foundation Global Fellowship Award from Nobel Laureate Martti Athisaari at the Finnish Embassy in Washington DC.



November 4, 2010
James F. Moriarty, the then U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, speaks at the BBLT 5 Inaugural Ceremony in Dhaka.



February 1, 2011 Garrett Wilkerson, the then Cultural Affairs Officer at the American Center, speaks at the BBLT Junior 2 Inaugural Ceremony in Dhaka.



March 5, 2011
BYLC brings together 200 students from all over Bangladesh and 50 renowned speakers for its first Youth Leadership Summit in March 3-5 in Dhaka.



March 26, 2011
BYLC graduates celebrate Bangladesh's 40th Independence Day by organizing an earthquake awareness campaign, reaching out to 8000 people in Dhaka.



April 10, 2011
BYLC launches BBLT 6 program in Dhaka.



April 30, 2011
BYLC holds its second AGM at the Lake Shore
Hotel in Dhaka. Barrister Manzoor Hasan OBE
was elected as the new chairman in the AGM.



May 21, 2011
Lauren Lovelace, Director, American Center, distributes certificates among the participants in BBLT-J 2 Graduation Ceremony in Dhaka.





July 20, 2011
BYLC inks deal with BRAC whereby BRAC agrees to fully finance refurbishment of BYLC's new leadership training center in Baridhara, Dhaka.



September 14, 2011
BYLC and Shahid Khalek and Major Salek Bir
Uttam Trust sign an agreement whereby the
Trust waives its right to rent for three floors of
its newly constructed building to support
BYLC's work.



November 12, 2011 Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, the Honorable State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs, addresses students at the BBLT 8 Inaugural Ceremony in Dhaka.



December 4, 2011
UN Resident Coordinator Neil Walker
exchange greetings with Ejaj Ahmad at the
launch of the State of World's Volunteerism
Report 2011 organized by UNDP in
partnership with BYLC.



December 11, 2011
Ronan Farrow, Special Advisor to the U.S.
Secretary of State, delivers a lecture on global
youth leadership at the BYLC Headquarters in
Dhaka.



December 25, 2011
Shan Riku, founder of the See-D program, shares her design and systems thinking insights with young, aspiring entrepreneurs at a workshop organized by BYLC.

AGENDA

Thursday, Ap	ril 26 , 2012	Friday, April 2	27, 2012
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration	9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Arrival
10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Inaugural Ceremony	9:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Leadership Part I: Diagnosing and Mobilizing the System Joe Hsueh, Systems Dynamics Modeler, MIT Sloan School of
	Welcoming Remarks Ejaj Ahmad , Founder & President, BYLC		Management
	Ejaj Atimau, Founder & Fresident, BTLC	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Tea Break
	Introductory Remarks by the Chair of the Ceremony		
	Mahbub Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Youth and Sports	11:30 AM - 12:45 PM	Entrepreneurship: What does it take to become a Successful Entrepreneur
	Remarks by Abdullah Abu Sayeed , Founder, Bishwa Shahitya Kendra		Chaired by Annisul Huq , Former President, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) and The Federation of Bangladesh
	Remarks by Aly Zaker , Actor and Freedom Fighter		Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI)
	Launch of Steering Bangladesh in the Right Direction: A report based on Youth Leadership Summit 2011		Panel includes: Geeteara Safiya Choudhury , Chairman, Adcomm Limited
			A.K. Azad, President, The Federation of Bangladesh
	Presentation on key findings of the report by Pial Islam , Member, Governing Board, BYLC & Managing Partner, pi Strategy Consulting		Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) Salahuddin Kasem Khan, Managing Director, A. K. Khan &
11:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Tea Break		Company Limited
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11:45 AM - 1:00 PM	Preparing for the Inner Journey of Leadership Max Klau, Director of Leadership Development, City Year	2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Four Concurrent Panels
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch		Climate Change and Renewable Energy: Preparing for the Challenges Ahead
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Dialogic and Facilitative Leadership		Chaired by A. Atiq Rahman , Executive Director,
	Joe Hsueh, Systems Dynamics Modeler, MIT Sloan School of Management		Bangladesh Center for Advanced Studies
3:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Tea Break		Panel includes: Munawar M. Moin, Managing Director, Rahimafrooz Renewable
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Global Citizenship: A Step Forward		Energy Limited
	Chaired by Mahfuz Anam , Editor and Publisher, The Daily Star		Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Executive Director, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA)
	Panel includes:		Sarwat Chowdhury, Climate Change Specialist, United Nations
	Shiro Sadoshima, Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh		Development Program (UNDP), Bangladesh
	Neal Walker, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Michael Kuehner, CEO & Managing Director, Robi Axiata Limited		Good Governance: Ensuring Transparent and Accountable Systems
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5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Debrief		Panel includes:
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Networking Event & Barbeque Dinner		Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director, Transparency International
			Bangladesh
			Shaheen Anam, Executive Director, Manusher Jonno Foundation Alexious Butler, Director, Office of Democracy and Governance,

USAID

Social Media: Harnessing the Power of Connected Platforms Chaired by **Habibullah N. Karim**, President & CEO, Technohaven Group

Panel includes:

Shariful Islam, Founder, Bangladesh Brand Forum

Nazim Farhan Choudhury, Managing Director, Adcomm Limited

Taufiq Rahim, Director, Globesight

Women and Leadership: Breaking the Glass Ceiling Chaired by **Nasim Firdaus**, Executive Director, Bangladesh Alliance for Women Leadership

Panel includes:

Hasina Newaz, Managing Director, Orchid Printers Luna Shamsuddoha, Chairman, Dohatec New Media Saima Anwer, Deputy Country Representative, The Asia

Foundation, Bangladesh

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Tea Break

4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Education and Career: Connecting the Dots

Chaired by A.K. Azad Chowdhury, Chairman,

University Grants Commission

Panel includes:

Rasheda K. Choudhury, Executive Director, Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) M. Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, Independent University, Bangladesh Kazi Anis Ahmed, Director, Gemcon Group

5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Debrief

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Launch of the BYLC Graduate Network

Saturday, April 28, 2012

8:15 AM - 9:00 AM Arrival

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Leadership Part II: The Inner Journey of Leadership

Max Klau, Director of Leadership Development, City Year

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM Tea Break

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Four Concurrent Panels

Technology and Innovation: Transforming Our Thinking and Practices Chaired by **Muhammed Zafar Iqbal**, Professor, Shahjalal University

of Science and Technology

Panel includes:

Pial Islam, Member, Governing Board, BYLC & Managing Partner,

pi Strategy Consulting

Munir Hasan, General Secretary, Bangladesh Mathematics Olympiad

Kamal Quadir, CEO, BKash Limited

Agriculture: The Need for a Paradigm Shift

Chaired by Shykh Seraj, Founder Director and Head of News, Channel i

Panel includes:

Niaz Rahim, Group Director, Rahimafrooz Limited

Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Agricultural Research

Council

Selina Quader, Proprietor, Agroconcern

 $Social\ Impact\ Markets: Fostering\ collaboration\ across\ Private,\ Public$

and Non-profit sectors

Chaired by Syed Kaiser Kabir, Managing Director and CEO, Renata

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Panel includes:

Pradeep Shrivastava, Chief Marketing Officer, Robi Axiata Limited **Qahir Dhanani**, Project Leader, Boston Consulting Group

Mridul Chowdhury, CEO and Founder, mPower Health

40 years of Bangladesh Economy: Achievements and Challenges Chaired by **Debapriya Bhattacharya**, Distinguished Fellow,

Center for Policy Dialogue

Panel includes:

Fahmida Khatun, Head of Research, Center for Policy Dialogue **Nazneen Ahmed**, Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of

Development Studies

Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Senior Research Fellow, Center for

Policy Dialogue

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Debrief

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Youth Perception Survey & Evaluation of the Summit

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Summit Closing at Bashundhara Convention Center

Chaired by **Gowher Rizvi**, Member, International Advisory Board, BYLC & Advisor and Special Representative of the Prime Minister of

Bangladesh

Keynote address by

Marty Linsky, Co-Founder and Principal, Cambridge Leadership

Associates

Remarks by

Dan Mozena, U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh and Title Sponsor

of the Youth Leadership Summit 2012

Mohamed Mijarul Quayes, Member, International Advisory Board,

BYLC & Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh

Vote of Thanks by

Manzoor Hasan, Chairperson, BYLC

8:00 PM - 8:20 PM Awards Distribution

8:20 PM - 9:00 PM Dinner

Speaker Biographies

INAUGURAL CEREMONY



Mahbub Ahmed

Mahbub Ahmed is the Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. He has also served for the Ministry of Finance as Additional Secretary for two years. Prior to this, he served in the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Ministry of Fisheries and Development and Ministry of Agriculture. Ahmed has also served as a director of different organizations including Bangladesh Shilpa Bank, Basic Bank, JibonBima Corporation, Electricity Generation Company (EGCB). Ahmed has attended training programs at several reputed national and international institutions including Cornell University, Manchester University, the World Bank, UNESCO, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Center (BPATC). He completed his BSS (Hons) and MSc in Economics from the University of Dhaka, and completed the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program in Finance and Development Economics at the American University, Washington DC.



Aly Zaker

Alv Zaker, Group Chairman of Asiatic 3Sixty and Owner of Asiatic Marketing Communications Limited, is an actor, writer and director in Bangladeshi national television drama and theatre. He is one of the trustees of Liberation War Museum and has been a valiant freedom fighter of the nation. During the Liberation War, he had made significant contributions not only as a cultural activist, but also as a war correspondent of Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, the radio station that worked as the mouthpiece of the freedom struggle of Bangladesh in 1971. Renowned for his theatrical performance. Zaker has achieved many prestigious awards such as the Ekushey Padak, National Academy of Performing Arts Award, Critic Circle of India Award, Sequence Award of Merit and Martyr Muneir Chowdhury Award. Presently, he is the president of Nagorik Theatre Group and vice president of the International Theatre Institute. Bangladesh Center. He studied law in Dhaka University and also holds a Master's degree in Political Science.



Abdullah Abu Sayeed

Abdullah Abu Sayeed is the founder of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra and a former professor at Dhaka College. During the 1960s, Sayeed ushered in a new wave in the Bangla literary movement as the editor of Kanthashar, a noted literary magazine of that time. Since the advent of Bangladesh Television, Sayeed championed both educational and entertainment shows. For 30 years, he has led the nationwide Alakita Manush Chai movement which aims to build a prosperous Bangladesh through enlightenment. He has been awarded Jatiya Television Purashkar (1977), Mahbub Ullah Trust Purashkar (1998), Rotary Seed Purashkar (1999), Bangladesh Book Club Purashkar (2000), M. A. Haque Foundation Sharnapadak (2001), Ekushey Padak (2005), Sheltech Padak (2006), Paribesh Padak (2009), and Mercantile Bank Padak (2009) for his active role in social reform. In 2004, Saveed was awarded the 97th Ramon Magsaysay Award in Journalism, Literature, and Creative Communication Arts.



Ejaj Ahmad

Ejaj Ahmad, founder and president of BYLC, is an instructor, practitioner and consultant of leadership. His inspiration for BYLC came from his family's grassroots connection, its commitment to public service, and his own longstanding desire to change the quality of leadership in Bangladesh. Prior to founding BYLC, Ejaj's outer journey in life included academic and professional exposures in four continents and more than ten years of community campaign organizing and public speaking experience. In his former career, Ejaj worked as an economist and entrepreneur in Bangladesh. He holds an MA (Hons) in Economics from St. Andrews University and a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

PREPARING FOR THE LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

Inner journey of leadership

The inner journey of leadership is about purpose, values, passion, and meaning. What is your unique mission in the world? What do you care most about? What questions burn in your soul? Only you can answer these questions honestly and authentically, and your answer plays a vital, central role in guiding you through your lifelong leadership journey.

Outer journey of leadership

The outer journey of leadership is about creating a safe dialogue space for multistakeholders to form a shared vision, see the current reality and the whole system, identify root causes of a problem, design and implement high-leverage solutions. In these sessions, we will learn some of the core leadership capabilities such as systems thinking, distributed leadership, dialogue and facilitation skills that enable you to be an effective leader.



Max Klau

Max Klau, Member, International Advisory Board, BYLC, is currently the Director of Leadership Development at City Year, a national service and leadership development program headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts. City Year brings together 17-24 year-olds for ten months of full-time citizen service in 16 cities across the U.S. He is supporting the organization's efforts to design and execute a leadership development program for the 1,000 young people who participate in City Year annually. Klau is a developmental psychologist with an expertise in leadership in complex systems. He received his doctorate from Harvard in 2005, where he focused his studies on leadership education. His research explored the connection between individual action and systemic change. Klau has also conducted research exploring youth leadership, and served as the lead editor of an issue of the journal New Directions for Youth Development.



Joe Hsueh

Joe Hsueh, Systems Dynamics Modeler, MIT Sloan School of Management, is a trainer, consultant and researcher with a passion to help organizations develop systems thinking, organizational learning and leadership capabilities. He has conducted systems thinking, learning organization and leadership workshops for corporations such as Hitachi, Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, and Trend Micro in China, Japan, Taiwan and the U.S. Hsueh has guest lectured at National Taiwan University's Executive MBA program is also a founding member and lead lecturer for the Science and Technology Leadership Association (STeLA). He obtained his PhD in management from the System Dynamics Group at MIT's Sloan School of Management. Prior to MIT Sloan, he obtained a Master's in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID) at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Hsueh also holds a Master's degree in Economics from Queen's University.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: A Step Forward



Mahfuz Anam

Mahfuz Anam is the Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star, the leading English newspaper in Bangladesh. The Daily Star was launched on January 14, 1991, with him as the executive editor and in November 1993 he became the editor of the newspaper. In 1998, he was made the publisher and CEO of the newspaper. Prior to joining The Daily Star, Anam worked for 14 years with UNESCO in various public affairs and media capacities in Paris, New York and Bangkok. He started his journalism career in 1972 and worked for the Bangladesh Observer and Bangladesh Times before starting his overseas career in 1977. Anam was awarded the Jefferson Fellowship in Journalism in 1976 by the Honolulu based East-West Center. He was a freedom fighter in 1971. Anam earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Economics from Dhaka University.



Shiro Sadoshima

Shiro Sadoshima is the current Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Prior to this, he was the Director General of International Cooperation Bureau. He served as the Director General, Policy Coordination Department and later on as the Vice President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (2007 - 2009). Earlier in his career, Sadoshima was posted as a counselor in the Embassy of Japan in Vietnam in 1994 and in Australia in 2000. In addition, he served as the Deputy Director General of the Economic Cooperation Bureau and the Asian & Oceanian Affairs Bureau. He graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo in 1997.



Neal Walker

Neal Walker is the present Resident Coordinator of United Nations Bangladesh. Prior to taking up the responsibility in Bangladesh, he served as the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative for the Kyrgyz Republic (2006-2011). From 2005-2006, he was chief of Country Office Oversight & Support for Latin America, and from 2002-2005 he was senior policy advisor for the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP New York. Walker began his career with UNDP as the Assistant Resident Representative in Sudan (1990-1993). Before joining UNDP, he worked for five years for the Organization of American States in the Department of Regional Development where he had various technical assignments covering Bolivia and Central America. Walker holds an MA in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Michael Kuehner

Michael Kuehner is the Managing Director and CEO of Robi Axiata Limited. With almost 35 years of international experience in the telecommunications and IT industry. Michael is an experienced leader with a strong track record in growing businesses. In his current role, he has steered the company through a major rebranding exercise and overseen Robi's progress to a more than 17 million subscriber base. He joined Siemens' Asian operation in 2000 and held responsibility for profit and loss of the Siemens Communications business in Malaysia and India. After the merger into Nokia Siemens Networks, Michael was appointed as Head of Subregion Japan/Korea and successfully integrated the various operations in both countries. In earlier roles, he has held executive positions in Sales and Marketing, Service and Project Management, where he was based in Germany, Russia and several North African countries. He has a Master's degree in Mathematics and Economic Science from the University of Cologne, Germany.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP: What does it take to become a Successful Entrepreneur



Annisul Hug

Annisul Huq is the former President of SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) in Bangladesh. Previously, he served as the President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and prior to that he served as the President of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturer and Exporter's Association (BGMEA) for two terms in 2005 & 2006. He played an integral role in finalizing minimum wage of garments & textile sectors in 2006 by being the only signatory & negotiator of the Minimum Wage Board of readymade garments & textile sector. In addition, Huq has been self-employed since 1986, working as the Chairman and CEO of Mohammadi Group. He holds a Master's degree in Economics from Chittagong University.



Geeteara Safiya Choudhury

Geeteara Safiya Choudhury, Chairman of Adcomm Limited, began her career in the advertising industry as a sub-editor in the then Pakistan Observer and then served as the Executive Vice President of Interspan Advertising Limited. In 1974, she took a bold step and established her own advertising agency Adcomm Limited. Choudhury was selected for The Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World 2000 by Fortune Magazine, IBM and Christian Dior, The Best Women Entrepreneurs Awards 2008 by Arthakantha and The Outstanding Woman in Business of the Year 2002 by The Daily Star-DHL Bangladesh Business Awards. She served as an advisor to the Ministry of Industries, Jute & Textile, Social Welfare and Women & Children Affairs during the past Caretaker Government.



A.K. Azad

A.K. Azad is the President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI). He started his own garments company, Ha-meem Group, in the mid 80s. Recognizing his contribution to the export of readymade garments, he was given C.I.P. status and Gold Export Trophy by the Government of Bangladesh. He is also the publisher and owner of Daily Samokal, a leading Bengali national daily. Azad is the founder of several schools and a hospital for children, a life member of Faridpur Diabetic Samity and Medical College Hospital in Faridpur, and a sponsor director of Shahjalal Islamic Bank and Sonar Bangla Insurance Company. He holds an undergraduate degree in Applied Physics from Dhaka University.



Salahuddin Kasem Khan

Salahuddin Kasem Khan is the Managing Director of A.K. Khan & Company Limited, Chairman of Coats (Bangladesh) Limited, Chairman of A.K. Khan Jute Mills and Director of Bengal Fisheries Limited. He was previously the Chairman of AKTEL, Bangladesh. He was appointed as honorary consul general of the Republic of Turkey, Chittagong by the President of Turkey in 1984. Among other notable positions that he held, Khan previously served as the Chairman of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association. He holds a longstanding commitment to the gradual realization of the IFTA and an Islamic Common Market. He graduated from the University of Punjab in 1968 and did post graduate legal studies in London (1969-1972).

CLIMATE CHANGE & RENEWABLE ENERGY: Preparing for the Challenges Ahead



A. Atiq Rahman

A. Atiq Rahman is the Executive Director of Bangladesh Center for Advanced Studies (BCAS). He is a leading environment and development specialist and has won the Champions of the Earth Award in 2008. He spearheads several networks and associations including the regional network of Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA). Rahman has also been a consultant to the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and UNDP. He is the Bangladesh Focal point of South Asian Poverty Commission follow-up actions and is also a reviewer of the World Energy Assessment by the World Energy Council. Since 1996, Rahman has been a visiting professor to the International Diplomacy and Sustainable Development at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University in USA. He holds a PhD in Industrial and Applied Chemistry from Brunel University, UK.



Munawar Misbah Moin

Munawar Misbah Moin is the Managing Director of Rahimafrooz Renewable Energy Limited and Group Director of Rahimafrooz (Bangladesh) Limited. He established BangladeshCarbon - a carbon project development service in Bangladesh. On behalf of the Rahimafrooz board, Moin led the V2015 program to transform Rahimafrooz into one of the most admired and trusted enterprises with global operations. He is also the Managing Director of Rural Services Foundation (RSF), a non-profit owned by Rahimafrooz. Moin completed his undergraduate studies from St John's University, Minnesota, USA.



Syeda Rizwana Hasan

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Executive Director of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), is a lawyer of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. She has fought against pollution, ship breaking, reckless land usage and commercial shrimp cultivation. Hasan is an elected vice-chairperson of the Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh (FNB), the largest network of NGOs in Bangladesh. She is also the chairperson of RDRS, a leading Bangladeshi NGO. She received the Annanya Top Ten Award and the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize in 2009 for her contributions to environmental justice. She is amongst the first five South Asian women to receive the Celebrating Womenhood Award (2008) given by the Creative Statement and South Asia Partnership based in Nepal. Her name appeared in the list of environmental heroes in a recent issue of TIME Magazine.



Sarwat Chowdhury

Sarwat Chowdhury is Climate Change Specialist at UNDP Bangladesh. She manages UNDP's energy and mitigation portfolio and is gender focal point of her group. Earlier, she was International Climate Technology expert of Environment and Energy group, UNDP, NY. She also held Program Specialist position with Regional Bureau for Asia Pacific of UNDP, NY. She has lived and worked in Bangladesh, UK, USA, Zambia and worked for Bread for the World, World Federalist Association, Department for International Development (DFID), Grameen Bank, Greenpeace International, SciDev (UK) and the World Bank. She has authored a number of national and international publications on climate change and energy. Chowdhury holds a PhD in Renewable Energy Policy from University of Maryland,

GOOD GOVERNANCE: Ensuring Transparent and Accountable Systems



Manzoor Hasan

Manzoor Hasan, Chairperson, BYLC, is currently an Advisor to BRAC University's Institute of Governance Studies. Earlier, he was the founding Executive Director of Transparency International Bangladesh (1996 - 2003) and then the Regional Director (Asia-Pacific) of Transparency International in Berlin. He was awarded the Officer of Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2003 for his work on transparency. He rejoined BRAC as its Deputy Executive Director in 2004. Hasan has been an active member of the civil society in Bangladesh for over two decades. In his former career, he practiced civil and commercial law in England and Bangladesh. He received his first degree in Economics from the London School of Economics and was then called to the English Bar from Lincoln's Inn.



Shaheen Anam

Shaheen Anam is the Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), a grant making organization that works with different sectors of the society including non-government organizations, civil society, private sector, and state institutions. Through MJF, Anam provides financial and technical support to the stakeholders in creating an enabling environment where human rights and good governance are upheld and nurtured by the stakeholders. She has 20 years of experience in development work, specializing in gender and human rights. Prior to MJF, she was the coordinator for CARE Bangladesh's largest program. Anam has served in senior management positions in several national and international organizations. She is involved with important national level advocacy campaigns such as the Right to Information Act 2009, and changing of laws for women empowerment and domestic violence law.



Iftekharuzzaman

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SOCIAL MEDIA: Harnessing the Power of Connected Platforms



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WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP: Breaking the Glass Ceiling



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EDUCATION AND CAREER: Connecting the Dots



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TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION: Transforming Our Thinking and Practices



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AGRICULTURE: The Need for a Paradigm Shift



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SOCIAL IMPACT MARKETS:

Fostering collaboration across Private, Public and Non-profit sectors



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40 YEARS OF BANGLADESH ECONOMY: Achievements and Challenges



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CLOSING CEREMONY



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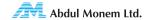
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