

BDI ACTIVITIES 1992-1993

4. PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF BDI, IAT AND CHEMICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

(Che=Chemical, IAT=Institute of Appropriate Technology, BUET=Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. BDI made a token donation of 100 U.S. dollars to the Che Alumni Association Capital Fund.)

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Meeting between BDI, IAT and Che Alumni Association

A meeting was held at the Chemical Engineering Library Annex on June 30, 1992 at 3.00 p.m. The following members were present:

1. Dr. Shah Yunus - Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI)- U.S.A.
2. Dr. M. Nurul Islam - Director, IAT, BUET.
3. Dr. A.K.M. Abdul Quader - Che Alumni Association, BUET.
4. Dr. K. Ikhtyar Omar - Che Alumni Assco., BUET.
5. Dr. Jasimuz Zaman - Che Alumni Assoc., BUET.

The meeting discussed the possibilities of co-operation between BDI, IAT and Che Alumni Association. The following points were discussed:

1. BDI could contribute to the Capital Fund of Che Alumni Association which would help the Association initiate its stated objectives (set out in its constitution). Alternatively, BDI could initiate specific projects which the association could execute on its behalf. Some of the projects discussed were scholarships to undergraduate and postgraduate students, upgrading class rooms and reading facilities, and enrichment of undergraduate computing facilities.
2. The possibility of BDI contributing to society at large was also discussed. BDI could, for example, support an innovator's award for technology development.

3. IAT is currently offering extension courses related to technology transfer, technology development and entrepreneurship. Courses have been offered even to undergraduate students. It was considered that IAT would be in the most suitable position to accept any meaningful contribution that BDI may like to offer in the development of a course on history of technology and entrepreneurship.
4. IAT would also be in a position to channelize any contribution that BDI could make toward developmental strategies in Bangladesh.
5. Both IAT and Che Alumni Association would be able to arrange for seminars and discussions for visiting BDI persons.

Signed by

Dr. Jasimuz Zaman