

Conference on
**IDEAS AND INNOVATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
BANGLADESH: THE NEXT DECADE**



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But we have created a society that does not allow opportunities for those people to take care of themselves because we have denied them those opportunities.

—Muhammad Yunus

Everything comes to us that belongs to us if we create the capacity to receive it.

—Rabindranath Tagore

After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb.

—Nelson Mandela

The true wealth of a nation lies not in its gold and silver but in its learning, wisdom, and the uprightness of its sons.

—Kahlil Gibran

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

A FEW WORDS ABOUT BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (BDI)



BDI is a USA-based non-profit organization comprised of independent scholars associated with institutions of higher education in the United States and involved in scholarly exchanges between the United States and Bangladesh through establishing educational programs, publishing an academic journal, sustaining a book publication program to archive indigenous knowledge, and organizing conferences that debate policy prerogatives for Bangladesh and its various sectors. BDI also includes professionals who are involved in supporting social development initiatives in Bangladesh.

BDI was founded in 1988, headquartered in Pennsylvania, USA, to promote the production of high-value-added products such as durable and capital goods in Bangladesh. Equipped with an understanding that Bangladesh's economic development problem lies on the demand side of the equation rather than the supply side, instigated by an anomalous tax structure, BDI has always advocated the establishment of an environment of fair competition in Bangladesh so as to allow the domestic producers a fair chance to market their products and in turn improve their products through research and development (R&D). BDI feels that the establishment of the production of durable and capital goods, supported by domestic R&D, is the preferred way to increase the labor productivity of Bangladeshi citizens to a desired level. More can be learned about BDI on its web site: www.bdiusa.org.

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Democracy and Development in Bangladesh Forum (DDBF) is a Boston-based, nonprofit, and nonpartisan organization of Bangladeshi-American scholars and professionals residing across the USA. Without any political affiliations, DDBF was formed primarily to provide a platform to mobilize the Bangladeshi diaspora in North America with a view to emphasizing the urgency of the development discourse in Bangladesh. DDBF enables the Bangladeshi diaspora to develop into a cohesive and resourceful group that contributes to the democratic and socio-economic development of Bangladesh. In particular, the Forum is committed to creating a bridge between the professional Bangladeshi diaspora and the public and private sectors in Bangladesh to open up avenues for meaningful cooperation. DDBF also acts as an advocacy group to promote the Bangladesh interest in the U.S. foreign policy. Developing a positive image of Bangladesh in North America through meaningful engagements with governmental, educational, cultural, and professional organizations in the U.S. is central to DDBF's mission.

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**A FEW WORDS ABOUT
THE ASH INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE & INNOVATION,
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The Roy and Lila Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation fosters excellence in government around the world in order to generate and strengthen democracy. Through its research, publications, curriculum support, global network, and awards program, the Ash Institute explores critical issues in democratic practice and effective governance. By engaging a broad, global community in which knowledge is shared, by generating and supporting research and curriculum materials, and by highlighting exemplary government programs, the Institute serves as a catalyst for successfully addressing many of the world's most pressing concerns and, in turn, improving the lives of its citizens.

MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

MESSAGE FROM DR. SYED SAAD ANDALEEB, PRESIDENT, BDI



Bangladesh is an enigma!

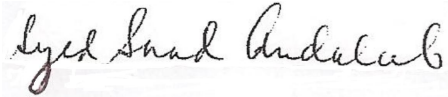
Since its inception in 1971, its people have faced many challenges: civil unrest, corruption, incompetence, strong egos, external pressures, economic downturns, debilitated institutions, weak infrastructure, widespread poverty and related adversities.

Yet, the country has made remarkable progress that has often remained below the radar and gone almost unnoticed by the outside world. Termed as the Bangladesh Paradox, economic growth reached almost 7% in FY 2006–2007. Furthermore, grouped in the Next-11, global banks and multilateral institutions have portrayed Bangladesh as a key investment opportunity. Other accomplishments of the country include a tripling of food production, doubling of per capita income, population control, steady manpower exports, growing shipbuilding and pharmaceutical industries, global peace-keeping operations, contributions of the NGOs, and educational opportunities, especially for women.

Seemingly, there is a lot going for Bangladesh. Yet, in the community of nations, the image in which the country is cast, does not quite acknowledge its real potential. How can the "seventh" largest nation, based on population size, count as a more positive and productive force for its own development? How can the nation inspire itself, energize its potential and rebrand itself as a far more progressive nation?

Ideas and Innovations for the Development of Bangladesh: The Next Decade, the second conference at Harvard University initiated by Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI), in partnership with Democracy and Development in Bangladesh Forum (DDBF) and the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard University, seeks to find some answers. Importantly, we at BDI continue to look for a collaborative model that looks for ways of harnessing the strengths of the Bangladesh Diaspora with those within Bangladesh who can make a difference.

In its efforts, BDI has made many contributions — from policy research and formulating national policies to publishing a journal *The Journal of Bangladesh Studies* and implementing a growing book publication program, all directed at addressing the development prospects and challenges of Bangladesh. In envisioning conferences such as this one, BDI aspires to facilitate the generation and dissemination of knowledge to promote development in Bangladesh. We look forward to an interesting exchange of innovative ideas at the conference that ought to find their way into national policy discourse.



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Following a successful conference on *Bangladesh in the 21st Century*, held at the Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS) of the Harvard University in 2008, DDBF was supportive of a follow-up conference in 2009 in Bangladesh with a clear focus on innovation in a few thematic priority areas for Bangladesh. The reason behind DDBF's suggestion to hold the conference in Bangladesh was to enhance participation of Bangladeshi scholars and policy-makers. However, there was overwhelming support for holding the conference here this year, both from our friends in Bangladesh and "Friends of Bangladesh" living in USA. Holding a conference in Bangladesh remains a distinct possibility for the future.

This being the case, we honestly hope that the scholars and policy planners speaking at this conference will ask themselves: "what is it that I/we have to offer as innovation in the thematic areas chosen?" We do not wish to see this conference as a repeat performance.

Wish you all a conference full of innovative ideas for implementation in Bangladesh in the next decade!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kazi F. Jalal', written on a light-colored background.

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MESSAGE FROM PROF. ANTHONY SAICH, DIRECTOR, ASH INSTITUTE



On the occasion of the Conference on *Ideas and Innovations for the Development of Bangladesh: The Next Decade*, I have great pleasure in extending you all a very warm welcome to the Ash Institute of Governance and Innovation, Kennedy School of Government. When Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI) and the Democracy and Development in Bangladesh Forum (DDBF) approached the Ash Institute for hosting the conference, I was happy to be associated with them based on our past association with BDI and DDBF — the two US-based organization working towards the promotion of development and democracy in Bangladesh. I hope, in future, these institutions working, in association with the Ash Institute and perhaps more importantly, with the Harvard South Asia Initiative will continue to promote new ideas and innovations for the development and democracy in Bangladesh.

I wish you all very productive deliberations for the two days you will spend at the conference.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Saich'.

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LIST OF INVITED DIGNITARIES AND KEY SPEAKERS

Among the dignitaries and key speakers expected at the conference are the following:

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- Syed A. Samad (Executive Chairman, Board of Investment, Prime Minister's Office)
- Tawfique-e-Elahi Chowdhury (Power and Energy Adviser to the Prime Minister)
- Rasheda K. Chowdhury (Former Adviser, Caretaker Govt. and Executive Director, CAMPE)
- Hossain Zillur Rahman (Former Adviser, Caretaker Government and Chair, PPRC)
- Iqbal Z. Quadir (Founder and Director, Legatum Center for Development & Entrepreneurship, MIT)
- Shelley Feldman (Cornell University and American Institute of Bangladesh)
- Peter P. Rogers (Harvard University)
- John Thomas (Harvard University)
- Michael Owen (Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Department of State)
- Elena R. Soderblom (Bangladesh Desk Officer, U.S. Department of State)
- James F. Moriarty (H.E. the US Ambassador to Bangladesh)
- A.K. Abdul Momen (H.E. Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN)
- Akramul Qader, (H.E. Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United States)
- Manzoor Ahmed (Institute of Educational Development, BRAC University, formerly of UNESCO)
- Mahfuz Anam (Editor, Daily Star)
- Matiur Rahman (Editor, Prothom Alo)
- Shykh Seraj (Channel-I)
- Qazi Kholiquzzaman (Chairman, Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad)
- Mustafizur Rahman (Executive Director, Center for Policy Dialogue)
- Mustafa Mujeri (Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies)
- A. Atiq Rahman (Executive Director, Bangladesh Center for Advanced Studies)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

Registration: Taubman 5th Floor Lobby
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM (continues throughout the day)
Breakfast: Taubman 5th Floor Lobby Open Corridor
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Opening Session: Taubman Nye A+B+C and Allison
8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Chaired by

Kazi F. Jalal
President, DDBF; Faculty, Harvard Extension School

Opening statement by

Syed Saad Andaleeb
President, BDI, Professor and Program Chair, Black School of Business, Penn State Erie

Address of welcome by

Archon Fung
Ford Foundation Professor of Democracy and Citizenship, KSG, Harvard University

Inaugural address

Sugata Bose
Gardiner Professor of History and Director, South Asia Initiative, Harvard University

Address by Special Guest

Michael Owen
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, US Government

Keynote Speaker

Iqbal Z. Quadir
Founder & Director, Legatum Center for Development & Entrepreneurship, MIT

Tea Break: Taubman 5th Floor Lobby Open Corridor
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Session 1-1: Taubman Allison
Governance Track: Governance & Political Development, Rights, Representation, & Social Indicators

Session Chair: Ahrar Ahmad (Black Hills State University)

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

- Role of Civil Society in Bangladesh's Democratic Transition
 - Badiul Alam Majumdar, Secretary, SHUJAN (Citizens for Good governance)
- Civil-Military Relations and Governance in Bangladesh
 - Habibul Haque Khondker, Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Justice and Freedom for Democracy and Development: An Exploration of Politico-Economic Reforms and their Effectiveness
 - Zillur R. Khan, Rosebush Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Session 1-2: Taubman 301

Investment Track: Industrialization and Exports as Engines for Rapid Economic Growth

Session Chair: Mustafizur Rahman (Executive Director, Center for Policy Dialogue)

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

- Paper making from Jute: A win-win solution for Bangladesh
 - Bernhard G. Gunter, President, Bangladesh Development Research Center (BDRC), Adjunct Faculty, Department of Economics, American University, Washington, DC
 - M. Sarwar Jahan, Senior Scientific Officer, Pulp and Paper Research Division, Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR) Laboratories
 - A.F.M. Ataur Rahman, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, North South University
- Domestic Coalitions and the Push for Policy Change in Bangladesh's Garments and Textiles Industry
 - Sanchita Saxena, Associate Director, Center for South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley and Research Consultant, The Asia Foundation
- Economic Growth in Bangladesh: Experience and Policy Priorities
 - Jyoti Rahman, Drishtipat Writer's Collective
 - Asif Yusuf, Driven Partnership

Session 1-3: Taubman Nye A+B+C
Energy & Environment Track: Governance and Policy
Session Chair: Sajed Kamal (Brandies University)
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

- Introductory Remarks
 - Sajed Kamal, Brandies University
- Energy Policy: Strategic Directions
 - Tawfique-e-Elahi Chowdhury, Energy Adviser, Bangladesh
- Sea Level Rise in Bangladesh: Governance Aspects
 - John Thomas, JFK School of Government, Harvard University
- BEN Findings on Bangladesh Energy Study
 - Ahmed Badruzzaman, Chevron

Session 1-4: Mount Auburn 100
Human Infrastructure Track: Population, Projections and Performance in Education
Session Chair: Manzoor Ahmed (IED, BRAC University, formerly of UNESCO)
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

- Population Growth Projections for Bangladesh from 2000–2025: Policy Implications for Education
 - Halimur Khan, Assistant Professor of Russian, US Air Force Academy
- Education in Bangladesh: A Study from a Spatial Perspective
 - Adil M. Khan, Lecturer, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jahangirnagar University
 - Ishrat Islam, Assistant Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, BUET
- Ranking Schools, Colleges and Teachers Based on Distribution of Students' Performance at SSC and HSC Levels in Bangladesh
 - Sukomal Modak, Executive Member, BDI

Session 1-5: Mount Auburn 160
Media Track: Media and the Credibility Conundrum
Session Chair: Mahfuz Anam (Editor, Daily Star)
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

- Media in Bangladesh: Who Will Watch the Watchmen?
 - Asif Saleh, Executive Director, Drishtipat; Editor, Unheard Voices, a group blog on Bangladesh; Contributor Drishtipat Writers' Collective; Blogger, Guardian — Comment Is Free
 - Mridul Chowdhury, Research Affiliate, Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard Law School
- Credibility of TV News in Bangladesh: What Really Matters to the Audience?
 - Mehdi Rajeb, Lecturer, School of Business, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
 - Anis Rahman, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Communication, Simon Fraser University
 - Marium Akher, School of Business, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
 - Nasrin Akter, School of Business, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
 - Sabiha Gulshan, School of Business, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
- Thikana's Challenges in Raising Awareness and Disseminating Information
 - Sayeed-Ur-Rabb, Thikana

Session 2-1: Taubman Allison
Governance Track: Rights and Representation
Session Chair: Nazli Kibria (Boston University)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

- Minority Rights under International Law and the Case of Religious Minorities in Bangladesh
 - Zakia Afrin, Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Co-Founder, Southern Governance Reporting Group
- Reproductive Health and Rights: The politics of Identities and Gender
 - Runa Laila, Assistant Professor, Department of Women and Gender studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Ph.D. Fellow, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands
- The Crisis of Political Representation in Bangladesh
 - Jalal Alamgir, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Boston

Session 2-2: Taubman 301

Investment Track: Doubling Per Capita Income and Growth in Bangladesh

Session Chair: Mustafa Mujeri (Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies)

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

- How Can We Double Per Capita Incomes in Bangladesh?
 - Bernhard G. Gunter, President, Bangladesh Development Research Center (BDRC), Adjunct Faculty, Department of Economics, American University, Washington, DC
 - M. Sarwar Jahan, Senior Scientific Officer, Pulp and Paper Research Division, Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR) Laboratories
 - B. Bhaskar Rao, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Economics and Finance, University of Western Sydney
 - Gazi Mainul Hasan, School of Economics and Finance, University of Western Sydney
- Challenges of the New Decade and Reforms for Growth in Bangladesh
 - Biru Paksha Paul, Department of Economics, State University of New York

Session 2-3: Taubman Nye A+B+C

Energy & Environment Track: Energy and Public Interest

Session Chair: Sajed Kamal (Brandies University)

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

- What Can Bangladesh Do to Combat Climate Change?
 - Abdullah Shibli, Managing Partner, NAS Enterprises
- Energy Challenges in Bangladesh: Roadmap for Sustainable Energy Solutions
 - Mehdi Anwar, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Connecticut, Storrs
- Energy Protection through Renewable Resources
 - Islam Sharif, Executive Director and CEO, Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL), Bangladesh

Session 2-4: Mount Auburn 100
Human Infrastructure Track: Issues in Healthcare
Session Chair: Abdullah Dewan (Eastern Michigan University)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

- Redistribution for Human Development: Welfare Gains at the Cost of Welfare Loss?
— Nafisa Halim, Nafisa Halim, University of New Mexico
- Natural Disaster and Sickness Shocks: Evidence of Informal Insurance from Bangladesh
— Pallab Mazumdar, Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environment and IHRC, Florida International University
- Prospects and Problems of Medical Tourism in Bangladesh
— M.Z. Mamun, Professor, Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka

Lunch Break
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Luncheon Speaker:

Anthony Saich, Director Ash Institute of Governance,
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Energy & Environment Plenary: Taubman Nye A+B+C
Theme: Collaboration between Bangladesh and Its Neighbors on Energy and Environment:
Potentials and Challenges
Moderator & Chair: Peter P. Rogers, Professor of Env. Engineering, Harvard University
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Panelists:

- Kazi F. Jalal, Faculty, Harvard University Extension School
- Qazi Kholiquzzaman, Chairman, Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad
- Sufian A. Khondker, Senior Associate & Director of Water Resources, Dewberry
- A. Atiq Rahman, Bangladesh Center for Development Studies
- Ashish Khanna, World Bank

Bangladesh Brand Forum Plenary: Taubman Allison
Theme: Role of NRBs in Building Brand Bangladesh
Moderator: Munawar Misbah Moin (Rahimafrooz)
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Panelists:

- Syed Ferhat Anwar, Faculty, IBA, Dhaka University
Position Paper — “*Outlining areas where NRBs can play a constructive role*”. How to take it forward. Major focus of the discussion will be on finding specific action points on which Bangladesh Brand Forum will actively work. Open floor discussion will be followed.
- Syed Saad Andaleeb, President BDI
- Imran Rahman, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
- Shariful Islam, Founder & Editor, Bangladesh Brand Forum
- Enam Ali, Entrepreneur, Founder, British Curry Award
- Fahmida Khatun, Center for Policy Dialogue

Tea Break: Taubman 5th Floor Lobby Open Corridor
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Session 3-1: Taubman Allison
Governance Track: Governance and Development — Applications
Session Chair: John Thomas (JFK School of Government, Harvard University)
4:15 – 5:30 PM

- Good Governance in Planning Permission Can Ensure Planned Development of Dhaka City
 - Yana van der Meulen Rodgers, Department of Womens and Gender Studies, Rutgers University
 - Günseli Berik, Department of Economics, University of Utah
- An Assessment of Institutional Capacity of RAJUK in Development Control of Dhaka City
 - Akhtar Mahmud, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jahangirnagar University
- High Performances in Social Indicators with Low per Capita Income Growth: What Explain Such Anomaly? A Case Study on Bangladesh
 - A.B.M. Nasir, Associate Professor of Economics, School of Business, North Carolina Central University

Session 3-2: Taubman 301
Investment Track: The Rural Non-Farm Economy
Session Chair: Faizul Islam (Southeastern University)
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

- Remittance and Economic Growth in Bangladesh: A Bounds Testing Approach
 - Md. Gazi Saleh Uddin, Senior Lecturer, Department of Business Administration, East West University
 - Abdullah M. Noman, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business Administration, American International University Bangladesh
- Non-farm Sector in Rural Bangladesh: Determinants of Income of the Lagging Rural Regions
 - Md. Nazrul Islam, Graduate Student, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan; Assistant Chief Planning Commission, Dhaka, Bangladesh
 - Mohammad Abdul Malek, Graduate Student, Japan

Session 3-3: Taubman Nye A+B+C
Energy & Environment Track: Energy-Security and Service
Session Chair: Syed A. Hasnath (Boston University)
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

- Service Quality in the Power Sector of Bangladesh: A Model of Customer Satisfaction with Complaint Resolution
 - Sadrul Huda, Assistant Professor, East West University
 - Afsana Aktar, Senior lecturer, BRAC University
 - Segufta Dilshad, Research Fellow, Center for Policy Research and Social Responsibility
 - Syed Saad Andaleeb, President, BDI
- Environment Covenant in Power Project in Bangladesh
 - Mushfiqur Rahman, Managing Director, Precision Energy Limited
 - Masudur Rahman, Director, Finance, Precision Energy Limited
 - Mahbubur Rahman, State Street Corporation
- Trade, Climate Change and Food Security in Bangladesh: Agenda for Copenhagen
 - Fahmida Khatun, Center for Policy Dialogue

Session 3-4: Taubman 401
Human Infrastructure Track: Alternative Education and Workplace Concerns
Session Chair: Abdul Mannan (ULAB, Former VC, Chittagong University)
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

- A Difficult Decision? Parental Choice of Qwami Madrassahs in Bangladesh
— Ali Riaz, Professor, Department of Politics and Government, Illinois State University
- The Organizational Climate of Work for Women in Public, Private, and NFP Sectors in Bangladesh
— Farida C. Khan, Vice President, Bangladesh Development Initiative;
Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Cultural Program: Taubman Taubman + Allison
Directed by Kazi Shahjahan Belal and Gulshan Ara Kazi
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Theme: Power within: Rediscovering the Strength of the Human Spirit A celebration of power and creativity of the human mind through music, dance, and poetry, symbolizing humanity's deepest aspiration for peace and harmony

Dinner: Taubman Taubman + Allison
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Dinner Speakers:

- Hossain Zillur Rahman (Former Adviser, Caretaker Government and Chair, PPRC) and
- Rasheda K. Chowdhury (Former Adviser, Caretaker Govt. and Executive Director, CAMPE)

DAY 2: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009

Registration: Taubman 5th Floor Lobby
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM (continues throughout the day)

Session 4-2A: Taubman Nye A+B+C
Investment Track: Credit Market and Investments
Session Chair: Syed A. Samad (Executive Chairman, Board of Investment)
8:15 AM – 9:45 AM

- Bangladesh Private Sector
 - Mamun Rashid, Citi Bank, NA
- Investment Promotion/Opportunities in Bangladesh
 - Zia Ahmed, Chairman, Venture Investment Partners Bangladesh Ltd.
- The Rise of Micro-Credit as a Solution to Finance Sources of Alternative Energy and Foster Economic Development in Bangladesh
 - Ana Carolina Cabral Murphy, Ph.D. candidate, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

Session 4-2B: Taubman Allison
Investment Track: Bank Efficiency and Investments
Session Chair: Haider Ali Khan (Denver University)
8:15 AM – 9:45 AM

- An Investigation into the Efficiency of Bangladeshi Commercial Banks
 - Mainul Islam Chowdhury, Lecturer, Department of Economics, North South University
 - A.F.M. Ataur Rahman, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, North South University
- Spatial Analysis of Rural Non-Farm Investment in Bangladesh
 - M. Sohel Reza Amin, Assistant Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jahangirnagar University
- How Many Stocks Make a Well Diversified Portfolio: Evidence from Dhaka Stock Exchange
 - A.F.M. Ataur Rahman, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, North South University
 - Abdul Kader, Reseach Associate, VIPB Asset Management Company Limited

Session 4-2C: Taubman 301
Investment Track (Special Track): Marketing to The US from Bangladesh
Session Chair: Syed Ferhat Anwar (IBA, Dhaka University)
8:15 AM – 9:45 AM

- Developing Market Systems for Non Traditional Exports: Challenges and Opportunities for the Bangladesh Shrimp Industry
 - Syed Mahmudul Huq
 - Rajiv Pradhan
- A Creative Marketing and Sales Program Especially Designed to Open the US Market to Increased Importation of Quality Goods and Services from Bangladesh
 - David Rogovin, Managing Partner, The Rogovin Group
- Bangladesh: The Last Uncorrelated Play
 - Haseeb Ahmed, Executive Director, JP Morgan Chase

Session 4-3: Taubman 275
Energy & Environment Track: Resource Conservation and Socioeconomic Implications of Alternative Energy
Session Chair: Syed A. Hasnath (Boston University)
8:15 AM – 9:45 AM

- Feasibility of Bamboo Based Green-Technology for Low-Cost High-Quality Environment-Friendly Durable Building Construction towards Sustainable Development in Bangladesh
 - Sukomal Modak, Executive Member, BDI
 - Souren Modak, Director of Engineering, Computer Aided Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd., Dhaka
 - Partha Modak, Graduate Student, Department of Mechanical Engineering, BUET
- Effects on Pond Water Contamination on Incidence of Diseases in Bangladesh
 - Azizur Mollah, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Grand Valley State University
- Population Evacuation Need Assessment in Cyclone Affected Barguna District
 - Umma Tamima, Lecturer, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, BUET
 - Sarwar Jahan, Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, BUET
- Socio-economic Impacts of the Solar Home System in Bangladesh
 - M.A. Hossain Mondal, Junior Researcher, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn
 - Sayan Chakrabarty, Professor, Department of Economics, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology

Session 4-4: Taubman 401

Human Infrastructure Track: Innovative Approach To Eradicate Illiteracy And Promote Peace

Session Chair: M.Z. Mamun (Director, IBA, Dhaka University)

8:15 AM – 9:45 AM

- A Proposal for the Primary Vocational Education Portion of a Two-tiered Vocational Education System serving Informally Educated Students and Potential Dropouts
— Shafi A. Khaled, Edina, MN
- Establishment of a Peace University in Bangladesh
— Momtaz Bhuiyan
- Sun Child Program: Providing Education, Preventing School Dropout and Breaking the Cycle of Poverty for Underprivileged Children in Bangladesh
— Ehsanul Haque

Tea Break: Taubman 5th Floor Lobby Open Corridor

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Governance Plenary: Taubman Allison

Theme: Building Democratic and Accountable Institutions for Development

Moderator: Farida C. Khan (University of Wisconsin-Parkside)

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Panelists:

- A.K.M. Masihur Rahman, Adviser to PM, Economic Affairs
- Hossain Zillur Rahman, Adviser, Caretaker Govt. on Education, Commerce
- Zillur R. Khan, Rosebud Professor, U. Wisconsin
- Ahrar Ahmad, Black Hills State University,
- Ali Riaz, Illinois State University

Media Plenary: Taubman Nye A+B+C
Theme: Media as Development: The Role of Television, Newspapers, and Web-Based Journalism in the Development of Bangladesh
Moderator: Adnan Z. Morshed (Catholic University of America)
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Panelists:

- Mahfuz Anam, Editor, The Daily Star
- Shykh Seraj, Channel-I
- James F. Moriarty, H.E. the US Ambassador to Bangladesh
- Asif Nazrul, Professor, Dhaka University
- Asif Saleh, Director, Drishtipat

Investments and Resource Mobilization Plenary: Taubman Allison
Theme: Ideas & Strategies for Rapid GDP Growth & Development of the Bangladesh Economy
Moderator: Munir Quddus (Prairie View A&M University)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Panelists:

- Mustafa Mujeri, Director General, BIDS
- Haider Ali Khan, University of Denver
- James F. Moriarty, H.E. the US Ambassador to Bangladesh
- Syed A. Samad, Chairman, BOI
- Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director , CPD

Education Plenary: Taubman Nye A+B+C
Theme: Quality Assurance for a 21st Century Education System
Moderator: Syed Saad Andaleeb (President, BDI)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Panelists:

- Manzoor Ahmed, Institute of Educational Development, BRAC; (Position Paper)
- Mawdudur Rahman, Suffolk University (Commentator)
- Shelley Feldman, Cornell University, Director AIBS (Commentator)
- Rasheda K. Chowdhury, Former Adviser, Caretaker Govt. & CAMPE (Commentator)
- Abdul Mannan, ULAB, Former VC, Chittagong University (Commentator)
- Qazi Kholiquzzaman, Economist, Unnayan Porishod (Commentator)

Lunch Break
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Luncheon Speaker:

Shelley Feldman
President, AIBS
Director, Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies
Professor, Development Sociology, Cornell University

Breakaway Sessions: Different Rooms at Taubman
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

These sessions are designed for each track to devise innovative suggestions for “*the development of Bangladesh*” in matters addressed by the track.

Breakaway Session 1: Taubman Allison

Governance Track
Team Leaders: Farida C. Khan

Breakaway Session 2: Taubman 301

Investment and Resource Mobilization Track
Team Leader: Munir Quddus

Breakaway Session 3: Taubman 275

Energy and Environment Track
Team Leader: Kazi F. Jalal

Breakaway Session 4: Taubman Nye A+B+C

Education and Human Infrastructure Track
Team Leader: Syed Saad Andaleeb

Breakaway Session 5: Taubman 401

Media Track
Team Leader: Adnan Z. Morshed

Tea Break: Taubman 5th Floor Lobby Open Corridor
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

Policy Recommendation Session: Taubman Nye A+B+C and Allison
3:30 PM – 4:45 PM (15 Minutes Each Track)

Presentations to be made by a team-leader from each track. Team leaders will be responsible for sending a final write-up that will be compiled later for wide dissemination, e.g., post conference dissemination at Dhaka and for forwarding to various ministries, media, and stakeholders.

Closing Session: Taubman Nye A+B+C and Allison
4:15 PM – 5:45 PM

Chaired by

Syed Saad Andaleeb (President, BDI)

Successes and challenges

Kazi F. Jalal (President DDBF)

Statements by

Elena R. Soderblom (Bangladesh Desk Officer, US Dept. of State)

Statements by

James F. Moriarty (H.E. the US Ambassador to Bangladesh)

Statements by

A.K. Abdul Momen (H.E. Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN)

Statements by

Akramul Qader (H. E. Ambassador of Bangladesh to the US)

Closing remarks by

Syed Saad Andaleeb (President, BDI)

OCTOBER 9, FRIDAY					
8:00 AM–6:00 PM	Registration: Taubman 5 th Floor Lobby				
8:30–9:45 AM	Opening Session: Taubman Nye A+B+C and Allison				
9:45–10:00	Tea Break: Taubman 5 th Floor Lobby Open Corridor				
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	Session 2-1 Governance Track Taubman Allison Chair: Nazli Kibria	Session 2-2 Investment Track Taubman 301 Chair: Mustafa Mujeri	Session 2-3 Energy & Environment Taubman Nye A+B+C Chair: Sajed Kamal	Session 2-4 Human Infrastructure Mount Auburn 100 Chair: Abdullah Dewan	
1:00-2:00	Lunch Break, Luncheon Speaker: Anthony Saich				
2:00–4:00	Bangladesh Brand Forum Plenary Taubman Allison Moderator: Munawar Misbah Moin				
4:00–4:15	Tea Break: Taubman 5 th Floor Lobby Open Corridor				
4:15–5:30	Session 3-1 Governance Track Taubman Allison Chair: John Thomas	Session 3-2 Investment Track Taubman 301 Chair: Faizul Islam	Session 3-3 Energy & Environment Taubman Nye A+B+C Chair: Syed A. Hasnath	Session 3-4 Human Infrastructure Taubman 401 Chair: Abdul Mannan	
	Break				
5:30-6:30					
6:30-7:30	Cultural Program, Taubman Taubman + Allison, Dir: Kazi Shahjahan Belal and Gulshan Ara Kazi				
7:30-9:30	Dinner, Taubman Taubman + Allison, Dinner Speaker: Hossain Zillur Rahman and Rasheda K. Chowdhury				

OCTOBER 10, SATURDAY				
8:00 AM–6:00 PM	Registration: Taubman 5 th Floor Lobby			
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	Session 4-4 Human Infrastructure Taubman 401 Chair: M.Z. Mamun			
9:45–10:00	Tea Break: Taubman 5 th Floor Lobby Open Corridor			
10:00–11:30	Governance Plenary Taubman Allison Moderator: Farida C. Khan	Media Plenary Taubman Nye A+B+C Moderator: Adnan Z. Morshed		
	Investments Plenary Taubman Allison Moderator: Munir Quddus	Education Plenary Taubman Nye A+B+C Moderator: Syed Saad Andaleeb		
1:00-2:00	Lunch Break, Luncheon Speaker: Shelley Feldman			
2:00–3:15	Breakaway Session 1 Governance Track Taubman Allison Leader: Farida C. Khan	Breakaway Session 2 Investment Track Taubman 301 Leader: Munir Quddus	Breakaway Session 3 Energy & Environment Taubman 275 Leader: Kazi F. Jalal	Breakaway Session 4 Human Infrastructure Taubman Nye A+B+C Lead: Syed Saad Andaleeb
	Breakaway Session 5 Media and Culture Taubman 401 Leader: Adnan Z. Morshed			
3:15–3:30	Tea Break: Taubman 5 th Floor Lobby Open Corridor			
3:30–4:45	Policy Recommendation Session, Taubman Nye A+B+C and Allison			
4:15–5:45	Taubman Nye A+B+C and Allison			
	Closing Session			
	Statements by dignitaries			
	Concluding Remarks			

CONFERENCE SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

MESSAGE FROM THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY, DHAKA, BANGLADESH



The United States Embassy in Dhaka is pleased to support the upcoming conference *Ideas and Innovations for the Development of Bangladesh: The Next Decade* being co-sponsored by the Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI), the Democracy and Development in Bangladesh Forum (DDBF), and The Ash Institute for Democratic Governance & Innovation. We congratulate the conference organizers for their role in providing a unique forum for scholars, policy makers, and friends of Bangladesh to meet and share ideas regarding ways to accelerate the countrys development and improve the lives of its people. We particularly value the important contribution of the vibrant Bangladeshi diaspora community in the United States and look forward to working with all conference participants to further strengthen the relationship between our two countries.

MESSAGE FROM THE BEXIMCO GROUP, BANGLADESH



Beximco Group is proud to be a sponsor of the conference on *Ideas and Innovations for the Development of Bangladesh: The Next Decade* held at Harvard University. We appreciate the effort of its organizers.

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Since independence Bangladesh has come a long way, and the Beximco Group of Companies is honored to have had a role in the development of its parent nation. The Group has worked with a simple philosophy; identify an important need and then do everything possible to successfully satiate that need, in a manner which best facilitates the well being of the nation. As a result Beximco has focussed on those industries which give Bangladesh a competitive advantage in the global market place in many cases creating the industries for the first time in the region. Throughout its four and a half decade journey the Group has been one of the leading innovators in the country.

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It is the creation and expansion of businesses critical to Bangladesh's development, businesses, which are developed and run by Bangladeshis, businesses that develop technologies and practices specific to the needs of the country, which is the defining characteristic of the Beximco story.

MESSAGE FROM THE CITIBANK, N.A. BANGLADESH



It is an honor for Citibank, N.A. Bangladesh to be a part of such scholarly conference on *Ideas and Innovations for the Development of Bangladesh: The Next Decade* to be held at Harvard University. It is indeed the right time to address one of the most core issues for our country and we are hopeful that this two-day international conference will give us a road-map to examine the challenges and explore the possibilities and strategies facing Bangladesh in reaching “Middle Income Country (MIC)” status by 2020.

We strongly believe that this conference will bring all important stakeholders to one platform to explore the glorious opportunity that looms in the horizon to change the economic fate of millions of people and take Bangladesh to the next growth trajectory.

With Citis global network and world-class financial services expertise, we want to be fully engaged in supporting this countrys economic development. We thank Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI); Democracy and Development in Bangladesh Forum (DDBF) and the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance & Innovation, Harvard University for continuing this program like last year and wish the program a grand success.

MESSAGE FROM THE BRAC BANK, BANGLADESH



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BRAC Bank believes in double-bottomline. It has been consistently increasing its contribution as a socially responsible citizen. We intend to facilitate bringing success-stories from the deepest corners of Bangladesh to the world. This is the key reason for us to support Harvard Conference on Bangladesh. We trust that through this conference, Bangladeshis and policymakers in general in home and abroad would see the surge of positive successes in Bangladesh. We believe in the unshakable trust that we, Bangladeshis have in our dreams – we invite you to simply recognize these dreams and successes.

BRAC Bank wishes every success of the Harvard Conference.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME BANK LIMITED, BANGLADESH



Prime Bank Limited is happy to be associated with the organizers of the *Ideas and Innovations for the Development of Bangladesh: The Next Decade* scheduled to be held on October 9 & 10, 2009, in the John F. Kennedy School of Governance at Harvard University.

The endeavor of the Bangladeshi Diaspora of bringing together thoughts and ideas, researchers' work with policy makers under one platform and roof for discussions and debate on the various issues facing the country is laudable. The intent to provide guidance, support and policy direction is well meaning. Like any other developing country in the world, Bangladesh has a legacy of economic, political and social challenges. Such challenges need to be continuously recognized, addressed and steps taken to overcome them.

We hope that, such sincere, sustained efforts will create an atmosphere of warmth and acceptability by all stakeholders particularly policy makers and implementation authorities. The understanding being that it has been organized with the sole objective of attaining greater economic growth and prosperity for Bangladesh.

We wish the conference all success.

MESSAGE FROM THE MGH GROUP, BANGLADESH



MGH Group, Bangladesh, is proud to be associated with the conference on *Ideas and Innovations for the Development of Bangladesh: The Next Decade* held at Harvard University. The resilience of Bangladeshis, as they persistently embrace the challenges posed by new global economic, social, and climate changes, has positioned Bangladesh as a model nation able to turn its disadvantages into outright strengths. The timing of this conference is perfectly in line with major achievements and growth in readymade garments, manpower exports, port efficiency, and a common belief held today that Bangladesh is on its way to becoming a Middle Income Nation within less than a decade.

MGH Group, a Dhaka headquartered conglomerate, has owned operations in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Mauritius, Madagascar as well as investments into Supply Chain Management of Global Retailers, Container Terminals, Aviation Services, Tea & Rubber Plantations, Media & Entertainment, Commercial and Retail Banking, Branded Food & Beverages, and Information Technology respectively.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI); Democracy and Development in Bangladesh Forum (DDBF) and the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance & Innovation, Harvard University, for this outstanding initiative where the world will have a glimpse of a future economic tiger — Bangladesh.

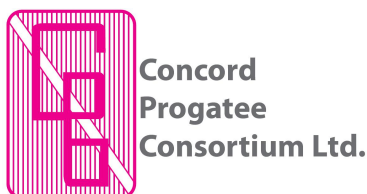
MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF BANGLADESH STUDIES (AIBS)



The American Institute of Bangladesh Studies is pleased to support the upcoming BDI-DDBF-Ash Institute conference this October. We are especially delighted that research and policy work on Bangladesh will be featured in ways that help to share the wonders of Bangladesh with a broad academic community. Best wishes for an excellent conference. AIBS looks forward to hearing about your accomplishments when the conference is concluded.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONCORD PRAGATEE CONSORTIUM LIMITED, BANGLADESH



Concord Pragatee Consortium Limited (CPCL) is proud to sponsor the conference on *Ideas and Innovations for the Development of Bangladesh: The Next Decade* at Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. CPCL with its growing involvement in infrastructure, power and financial institutions, acknowledges that the conference will bring many scholars and policy makers together to discuss and debate the various sector development and issues facing the country under one platform. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI); Democracy and Development in Bangladesh Forum (DDBF) and the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance & Innovation, Harvard University, for this outstanding initiative to promote Bangladesh and her potential.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BANGLADESH BRAND FORUM



As part of our pursuit of helping build brands allied with Bangladesh, it is our great pleasure to be associated with the conference *Ideas and Innovations for the Development of Bangladesh: The Next Decade*, co-organized by Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI), the Democracy and Development in Bangladesh Forum (DDBF), and The Ash Institute for Democratic Governance & Innovation. Bangladesh Brand Forum believes that quality initiatives like this will play a crucial role in providing the intellectual impetus that can create a strong “Brand Bangladesh” which is one of the major routes to transforming the nation. As promoters of this event, we hope and believe that the organizers will continue to build on the experience gained and focus on the purpose of creating a better Bangladesh. We congratulate the organizers for their passion for the country and dedication in taking such an inspiring initiative. We wish all the success to the conference.

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