

Conference on

# BANGLADESH IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

Dates: June 13 & 14, 2008  
(Friday & Saturday)

Venue: CGIS Building  
Harvard University  
1730 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138, USA



Harvard Kennedy School, Ash Institute  
for Democratic Governance and Innovation



Bangladesh Development  
Initiative, USA (BDI)



Democracy and Development  
in Bangladesh Forum (DDBF)

On behalf of the organizers, we have the pleasure to invite you to a conference on: **Bangladesh in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** being organized jointly by *Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI)*, *Democracy and Development in Bangladesh Forum (DDBF)*, Boston, Massachusetts and *The Ash Institute for Democratic Governance & Innovation, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University* on June 13–14, 2008.

The two-day conference will be held at the *Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS) building, Harvard University* at 1730 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 to examine the economic, social and political challenges facing Bangladesh in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Details of the conference are available at [www.bdiusa.org](http://www.bdiusa.org).

Among the highlights of the conference are the following:

- Inaugural Address: H.E. Mr. Humayun Kabir, Ambassador of Bangladesh to USA.
- Keynote speaker: Dr. Jamilur R. Choudhury, Vice Chancellor, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Dinner Speaker: Dr. Rounaq Jahan, Senior Research Scholar and Adjunct Faculty, Southern Asian Institute, Columbia University.
- Luncheon Speaker: Mr. Masihur Rahman, former Secretary, Ministry of Finance, External Relations Division, and author, "*Democracy in Bangladesh: Crisis and Retrieval.*"
- Luncheon Speaker: Mr. Mamun Rashid, Managing Director and Citi Country Officer, Bangladesh.
- Special plenary on foreign policy with Mr. Farooq Sobhan, former Foreign Secretary, Bangladesh; Mr. Donald Camp, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, US Department of State; and Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Director, Ash Institute, Harvard University.
- Plenary on Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) at 35: Dr. Manzoor Ahmed, Institute of Educational Development, BRAC University; Dr. Richard Cash, Harvard University; and Dr. Mushtaque Chowdhury, Dean of James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University.

Registration must be completed on-line at <http://www.bdiusa.org/activities/Conference2008/Registration.shtml> by May 25, 2008 (deadline).

Please share this information and the attached flyer with other interested persons. We shall look forward to seeing you at the conference on June 13–14 (Friday and Saturday), 2008.

Regards,

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