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Speakers profile

Dr. Mohammad Abu Taher Vice Chancellor, University of Chittagong

Dr. Md. Abu Taher, a renowned scholar is the 19th Vice Chancellor of the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Dr. Taher completed his Bachelor and master's degrees in Management from Chittagong University. He received his further degree from Inha University, South Korea and Texas A&M University, USA. He received highly prestigious senior Fulbright Fellowship awarded by the United States International Agency for Post-Doctoral Program in USA. He began his career by joining the Government Commerce College through the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) examination. In 1995, he joined Chittagong University as a lecturer in the Department of Management and became a professor in 2004. Before becoming Vice Chancellor, he served in various significant roles, including Pro-Vice Chancellor of Southeast University, Treasurer of Bangladesh Open University, and a full-time member of the University Grants Commission (UGC). He visited several countries including USA, Canada, UK, Singapore, Philippines, France, South Korea etc. for academic and research purposes. Recently, Prof. Taher has been awarded with "Mohatma Gandhi International Peace Prize 2023" for his special contribution toward the services in the field of Financial Sector of the country. Dr. Taher contributed over 70 published articles and 10 books on business administration, which are being used as textbooks at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in different universities. His special field of interest is HRM, HRD, Conflict Management and Industrial Relations.

Prof. ASM Lutful VC, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Science University

Professor Dr. ASM Lutful Ahasan received Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree from University of Chittagong, Bangladesh and MSc in Molecular Biology from Interuniversity Programme Molecular Biology (IPMB) organized by Vrije University Brussels, Katholieke University Leuven, Antwerpen University and Ghent University, Belgium. He completed PGT from PTC+, Onenkerk, The Netherlands and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Milan, Italy (2015). Prof. Ahasan joined as a Lecturer in the Department of Anatomy and Histology, Chattogram Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) in 2003 and served as an Assistant Professor from 2008 until 2012 and an Associate Professor from 2012 until 2017. Currently, he holds a position of Professor in the Department of Anatomy and Histology, CVASU. His research interests are in the areas of molecular biology, molecular immunology and serology, genomics, proteomics, molecular diagnostics, and in vivo animal experiment. Prof. Ahasan has a strong record of research in his area as evident by receiving a number of awards and fellowships from different prestigious organizations like VLIR-UOS Scholarship, Belgium, NFP Scholarship, The Netherlands and University of Milan PhD scholarship. He has published many peer reviewed research articles and supervised postgraduate and internship students.

Prof. Dr. Md. Nurul Islam Vice Chancellor (In-Charge), Bandarban University, Bandarban

Professor Dr. Mohammad Nurul Islam, a well-known scholar of Public Administration in Bangladesh, currently serving as Vice-Chancellor (In Charge) and Treasurer at Bandarban University, Bandarban, Bangladesh. He

receives his Master's degree with honors in Public Administration from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Soon after graduating, he started his teaching career in the Department of Public Administration, University of Chittagong in 1980. Later he moved to Canada for higher studies. He received his second Master's from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, and his Ph.D. from Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. He had wide experience in teaching and research in public administration theories and governance, local government, comparative politics, development administration, and public policy. He contributed several research papers in national and international journals. Soon after he retired from the University of Chittagong, he joined Bandarban University and still serves there.



Prof. Dr. Raquib Ahmed

Vice Chancellor of the Fareast International University

After graduation he pursued his Ph.D. from the University of Mysore in India. Successively he proceeded for higher studies at the Institute of Remote Sensing of the Indian Space Research Organization, International Center for Theoretical Physics in Italy, Technical University of Berlin and Humboldt University of Berlin. He was also visiting professor at the Institute of Remote Sensing Application and Institute of Ecology and Geography of the Chinese Academy of Science in Beijing and Urumqi. He worked in various capacities in various centers of excellence in Bangladesh and abroad. His research and academic interest lies in the area of remote sensing and GIS application in land and environment management, regional geography of south Asia, global change issues.

Dr. Mohammed Nasim Hasan is He is the Dean of the faculty of science from February'2020, University of Chittagong. He has been working for 22 years in teaching Physics at the department of Physics in the University of Chittagong, and encourages the development of innovative approaches to course design and ensures that teaching designs implemented comply with the quality educational standards and regulations of the department. As a senate member, he plays role to consider and pass resolutions on the annual report, the annual accounts and the financial estimates presented by the syndicate. He is also the director of the Science workshop at the University of Chittagong. He served as Instructor (as Adjunct Faculty) in Physics, at Asian University for Women (AUW) from Fall semester. His research fields include Condensed Matter Physics, Materials Science, Superconductivity, thin films, Nanotechnology.



Dr Md. Rezaur Rahman is a recently retired professor from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). He served as faculty of the Institute of Water and Flood Management at BUET for more than forty years. As a nominee of BUET, he has represented Bangladesh as the Steering Committee Member of HUC since 2020. By profession, he is a Civil Engineer specialising in Environmental Engineering. He devoted his career to research and teaching, mainly in the field of ecosystem-based development and management in the water sector. He has contributed to the formulation of several national policies and strategy documents, including the National Water Management Plan, Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, and the National Adaptation Plan. Currently, he is teaching part-time at the North South University (Department of Environmental Science and Management) and the University of Dhaka (Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies).



Dr. Amir Mohammad Nasrullah
Professor, Public Administration, University of Chittagong

Dr. Amir Mohammad Nasrullah is a distinguished Professor of the Department of Public Administration at the University of Chittagong in Bangladesh. He holds a Ph.D. in Management Studies from Brunel University London and has made significant contributions to the fields of public administration, governance, and rural development through his research and teaching. Dr. Nasrullah has published numerous scholarly articles in both national and international journals. Professor Amir Nasrullah has published 5 books, including Rethinking

Development in South Asia: Issues, Perspective and Practices, (Co-edited), published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing, London, The UK. His expertise extends to areas such as human resource management, organizational behavior, and organizational development. He has also presented research at various international conferences in countries including the USA, England, and India. In addition to his academic work, Dr. Nasrullah has been actively involved in climate risk assessments and sustainable development projects. He recently moderated discussions on the Climate and Ocean Research Vulnerability Index (CORVI) Chattogram risk assessment, which addresses the climate vulnerabilities of Chattogram and provides recommendations for resilience planning.

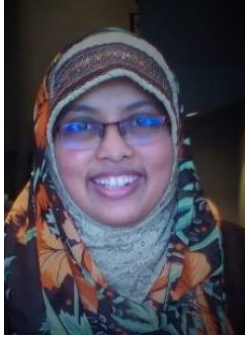


Professor Dr Md. Aktar Hossain
Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences
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Dr. Md. Aktar Hossain is a Bangladeshi citizen born in 1973. He completed his B. Sc. (Honours) and M. Sc. in Forestry Degree from the Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences, University of Chittagong in 1997 and 2000 respectively and joined as a Lecturer in the same year. He did his Doctoral research in Molecular Biology from Korea University and obtained Ph.D. Degree in 2010. Dr. Hossain became Professor in the Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences in 2015. Before that he did his Postdoctoral research in Biotechnology

in the Faculty of Forestry, Universiti Putra Malaysia. Professor Aktar published more than 50 research articles in various high impact factor peer reviewed international journals including Journal of Plant Physiology, Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry, Journal of Forestry Research etc. Dr. Aktar Supervised more than 50 research students of graduate and postgraduate levels in various fields including Plant Biotechnology, Tree Improvement, Biodiversity Conservation, Ecosystem Restoration, Babmoo Resources Management and Utilization, Species Displacement due to Climate Change etc. He also participated and presented in many national and international conferences, seminar and symposiums including World Bamboo Congress 2009, IUFRO Congress 2010 and 2014 etc. Professor Aktar's current research areas including Bamboo Resource Management, Biodiversity Conservation and Hill Forest Restoration. He has been actively involved in many renowned social, academic and research groups and associations working in the field of conservation Biology.

Dr M. Atiqur Rahman is a Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. His research areas focus on climate change impacts assessment at local level, agroclimatology, climate-smart agriculture, climate change mitigation and adaptations using different qualitative and quantitative approaches. His fields of study are closely aligned to the issues faced by the HKH region and the hilly areas of Bangladesh. He seeks to incorporate the burning issues of HKH regions into the curriculum to help shape future leaders. He has been engaged with the HUC Academy 2019 in the area of climate change research and is currently attending 'Climate Data Field Lab 2024', co-organised by HUC, to learn different methods and tools of data collection, management, and utilisation.



Sara Nowreen is a water engineer currently serving as an Assistant Professor at BUET, Bangladesh. She has been leading many international and national collaborative research projects funded internationally by IFS, ICIMOD, & UKRI's Rapid Response of GCRF & nationally by KGF & ICT of GoB. She has published many international peer-reviewed journals on groundwater security and IWRM; the impact rating of her recent works places her top in BUET in the early career category in 2021. Sara now serves the international editorial Board of MRD journal & acts as an associate editor in 'Water and Climate' of Frontiers.



G. N. Tanjina Hasnat is an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences, University of Chittagong (IFESCU), Bangladesh. Before joining as lecturer, she worked with two national organisations, Shushilan and Community Development Centre (CODEC) from 2014–16. She has twenty-nine published research articles and book chapters from different international and national peer-reviewed journals and publishers. She edited a book published by IGI Global, USA and serves as an editorial member and reviewer of different international journals. She is an IUCN Red List Assessor of Bangladesh and received an Honorary Rosalind membership from the London Journals Press.



Tasnima Dilshad is Assistant Professor at the Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences, University of Chittagong (IFESCU), Bangladesh. Her research areas focuses on sustainable environment and development in Bangladesh including sustainability assessment, industrial ecology, and circular economy. She has worked with multiple national and international organisations. She has participated in the HUC Academy and the SERVIR Himalaya Youth Forum organised by Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) and ICIMOD.



Dr Chubbamenla Jamir is a botanist by disciplinary training with an MPhil in Environmental Sciences. She co-leads the Mountain Agriculture Thematic Working Group at HUC. She has experience in academia and implementation at the national level in the HKH region and with international organisations and think tanks. She has organised training workshops on different areas of sustainable development for researchers, students, policymakers, and other stakeholders from local to international levels.



Dr Phanchung is the Executive Director and Consultant of the Bhutan Himalayan Research Initiatives in Bhutan. He retired from the public service after more than three decades of dedicated service. He continues to serve as an Adjunct Faculty at the Royal University of Bhutan, Lobesa. Previously, he served as the Director General of the Department of Research and External Relations of the Royal University of Bhutan, where he played a key role in the promoting research and international relations. He has extensive experience in managing university academic affairs, teaching, and research, having served as the Assistant Professor, Dean, Principal, and Head of Department of Agriculture College in Bhutan. He served as the first ICIMOD Mountain Chair from 2017 to 2019.



Dr Chi H Truong (a.k.a. Shachi) is a HUC Secretariat lead and an anthropologist by training. She conducted ethnographic research on social memory, gender, education for indigenous/ethnic minority children, child poverty, and post-disaster livelihoods recovery and resilience in Cambodia, the Philippines, and Nepal. She taught in Vietnam National University and Vietnam's Academy of Social Sciences and served as Lead Qualitative Researcher Young Lives, an International Study of Childhood Poverty by Oxford University. Before becoming the Secretariat Lead of the Himalayan University Consortium in 2016, Shachi was active in building a regional network of Southeast Asian scholars and contributed in inter-disciplinary curriculum building, training and international collaborative research projects funded by The Toyota Foundation, The Ford Foundation and the Rockefellers Foundation.