

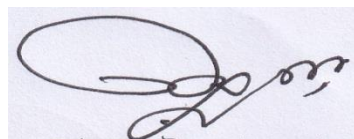
Introduction

The ‘Bangladesh Economic Review’ is a regular annual publication of the government. The Review is published during the budget session along with other budget documents. The Review contains the overall macroeconomic scenario of the country and the up to date progress in socio-economic sectors.

2. The review consists of 15 chapters in 3 sections. The first section includes 6 chapters describe in details on the current and near future macroeconomic situations within the context of global as well as Bangladesh economy; GDP, savings and investment; prices, wages and employment; fiscal policy and fiscal management; monetary management and financial market development and external sector. A detailed discussion of various sector-based issues is made in the next 5 chapters of second section. These include productive sectors of the economy for instance agriculture, industry, power and energy, transport and communications and state owned enterprises. The 4 chapters of the last section describe in details various initiatives and activities of the government on human resource development, poverty alleviation, private sector development and environment development and climate change as priority sectors. In addition, the review has 62 statistical appendices which make the review more informative.

3. Amidst various difficulties, the Review may contain some errors. All are requested to provide thoughtful feedback/advice on the quality of the publication, including the correction of these unintentional and unwanted errors. I hope that the review will be considered as an important and informative document for countless readers, researchers, policy makers and students.

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