



UiO : University of Oslo



**HSP**  
Bangladesh

# dhis2 ACADEMY

The Management of Information system (MIS) Of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family welfare (MoHFW), The University of Oslo and HSP Bangladesh welcome you **DHIS2 Academy, Level 1: Design and Customization** from 4 to 9 August 2018 at the Six Seasons Hotel, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The following information will provide you some guidance prior to and during the Academies:

## 1. Travel

**Arrival:** The usual international flight arrives in Hazrat shahjalal international airport of Dhaka Bangladesh. You have to follow the sign to come to immigration section. If you want to get on arrival visa. The on-arrival visa section is available right-hand side. Who have visa already, you can directly go to the foreign passport section. After the visa formality and baggage collection, you have to come out in terminal 1. The hotel shuttle will be there. Our suggestion is to you that take the hotel shuttle.

**The distance from** Hazrat shahjalal international airport to Six season hotel is around 8.0 KM. It will take around 35 minutes where the DHIS2 academy will be organized

The official currency in Bangladesh is Taka, current exchange trades at approximately 83.75 to 1 USD (29 Jul 2018). It may vary from 83-84 Taka. It is the only legal currency in Bangladesh. There is some currency exchange booth in airport. There are plenty of shops at Gulshan, Baridhara area (near the DHIS2 academy venue).

Our suggestion is to you that please take the hotel shuttle for airport to hotel travel.

Uber is available in Dhaka city. You can download the uber apps from google play-store and install in your mobile. It is easy ride to move here to there. Yellow cab is available which is expensive but more reliable. Toma yellow cab Hotline 09612 66 7070, Support 09612 66 7171 or Email us [info@tomataxi.com.bd](mailto:info@tomataxi.com.bd) . In addition, you can get more information from Trip Advisor <https://www.tripadvisor.com>

## Visa on Arrival

To attract the tourists and ensure them a hassle-free arrival in this land of stories, the government of Bangladesh has decided to provide **Visa on Arrival** to the foreign nationals including those of Bangladeshi origin. Once you arrived in Bangladesh, after examining your necessary travel documents the immigration authority at the Airports and Land ports will issue **Visa on Arrival** for a period of maximum 30 days to the citizens of the countries mentioned below under the following conditions:



- (a) The nationals of those countries where there is no diplomatic mission of Bangladesh may be granted visa on arrival after examining the genuineness of their visit;
- (b) On the basis of invitation letters of interested/required body being attested by the Board of Investment/BEPZA, the foreign investors/businessmen may be allowed to issue visa on arrival. In this case, interested/inviting organization must inform in advance the arrival of the foreign visitor(s) to the immigration and passport authority.
- (c) Only for the purpose of official duty, business, investment and tourism citizens arriving from USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Russian Federation, China, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, UAE, Saudi Arabia (KSA), Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain and the countries of Europe may issue visa on arrival after examining and being satisfied by the immigration authority at the Airports and Land Ports;
- (d) If any foreign national arrives in Bangladesh from a country other than his/her own country, where there is no mission of Bangladesh may be issued visa on arrival;
- (e) Bangladeshi origin foreign citizens, their spouses and their offspring may be issued visa on arrival, on the proof of their being Bangladeshi origin;
- (f) The staffs/officials of the foreign missions, UN or its affiliated organizations located in Bangladesh may be issued visa on arrival after examining their appointment letters or other related documents. Only UN passport holders will get such facilities gratis (free of charge).

## Visa Requirements

In respect of visa on arrival the following procedures to be followed:

- a) Visa fees are to be paid in foreign currencies (US dollar, GB Pound/Euro etc.);
- b) Visitor must possess minimum USD 500 or its equivalent amount of foreign currency in cash or credit card;
- c) Visitors must have return ticket;
- d) Must have necessary documents to justify his/her visit;
- e) No visa fee will be applicable for the visitors from these countries which are exempted from visa fee.
- f) On arrival visa fee will be applicable on the basis of reciprocity only.



g) The concerned intelligence agency must collect complete information of visitors to take necessary action. The immigration authority at Airports and Land Ports will send a monthly report on this issue to the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Department of Immigration and Passports.

h) Visa on arrival shall be issued only after being satisfied about the purpose of visit. In case of foreign military or defense forces, prior approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs must be taken.

## 2. Accommodation

Different type of hotel is available near the DHIS2 academy venue. To get good hotel near the academy venue, you have to search hotel in Gulshan and Baridhara area in Dhaka. In addition, you already have got accommodation details with acceptance letter.

## 3. Venue of DHIS2 Academy

The DHIS2 Academy will be held at the Six season hotel, Gulshan, Dhaka Bangladesh. Please find the Agenda on this link for the timetable of the DHIS2 Academy <http://dhis2academybd.com/#about> . In addition, you already get the tentative agenda in your previous email.

## 4. Meals

### For all participants:

- Morning and afternoon breaks with tea, coffee, snacks, fruits and buffet lunch will be included in the training package fee from 4 – 9 August. Daily buffet lunch will be served at Six season hotel dining place. It will announce every day.
- A Welcome Gala Buffet Dinner will be organized at the Hotel Six season on 4 August

## 5. Practicalities:

**Laptop: The participants are expected to bring his/her own laptops.**

**Internet: Academy venue have wireless connections, which are free.**

- Electricity: Electricity in Bangladesh is 220 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you travel to Bangladesh with a device that does not accept 220 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adaptor.

**Weather:** The average maximum daytime temperature in Bangladesh in August is a hot 32°C (90°F) with very high heat & humidity. The average night-time temperature is usually a warm 26°C (79°F). There are usually 2 hours of bright sunshine each day, which represents 17% of the 13 hours of daylight.



Expect 315mm (12.4 inches) of rainfall across the whole of August with 15 days with some rain falling. Maximum UV levels will be extreme (11+ UV index) at midday when the skies are clear. Suggested to keep umbrella with you though I usually not use umbrella

## 6. Contact Person

Should you have additional questions about the DHIS2 Academy in Dhaka, please contact the DHIS2 Academy team at [dhaka2018@dhis2.org](mailto:dhaka2018@dhis2.org)

### Contact in Dhaka

1. Fatema Uddin (Ms.)  
Email: [fatemacse@gmail.com](mailto:fatemacse@gmail.com)  
Mobile/Viber/Whatapps  
(+88) 01772999745
2. Nayeem AL Miftah (Mr.)  
Email: [n.mifthah@gmail.com](mailto:n.mifthah@gmail.com)  
Mobile/Viber/Whatapps  
(+88) 01914030574

### *Essential tips for travel to and in Dhaka Bangladesh*

1. **ATMs** -- Cash is king and cash dispensers are everywhere. ATMs is only for withdrawing Bangladeshi Taka. Most ATMs have an English language version. You can use your VISA, MASTER card with few specific ATMs. The banking fee for cash withdrawal with VISA or Master card is available and it depends on different banks. In Gulshan area near the DHIS2 academy venue, you will get plenty of ATM Booth.
2. **Credit cards:** VISA and MASTER CARD are the most widely accepted. AMERICAN EXPRESS are also accepted in some outlets. Many hotels, commercial centers, shops and restaurants accept credit cards. Check with the cashier before making any purchases. Bear in mind that some places apply a surcharge for credit card purchases. NOTE: Check the percentage charged before you pay.
3. **Clothing:** Comfortable lightweight clothing in natural fabrics such as cotton is most suitable for travelling in Dhaka in August. The dress code is fairly casual but it is advisable to cover arms and legs in the evenings against biting mosquitos/insects. Suggested the visitors should not wear shorts, short skirts or other revealing clothing during Dhaka visit. People might get the cultural shocks.
4. **Communication:** Most people's in academy area can understand and speak English due to diplomatic zone. Hotels and restaurant most staffs can speak English.
5. **Hours of business-** Offices are usually open from Sunday to Thursday from 8:30 or 09:00 until 16:30 or 17:00 and often close for lunch between 13:00 and 14:00. Shops open early and close any time between 18:00 and 22:00. Most shops are open 7 days a week.



6. **Traffic/Transportation:** Traffic jam is very common problem in Dhaka city. Please aware about it. You might think that you will take 10 minutes for travelling one place to another. But, it may take 30 minutes. Please keep plenty of time before going anywhere and keep in mind about bad traffic jam of Dhaka city. Sometimes good to walk a nearer places.
7. **Water:** It is not advisable to drink tap water but bottled mineral water is safe and available everywhere. All hotels provide a complimentary bottle of local mineral water per person in the room. In case of primary health care is required please bring a supply of your usual medicine and anti-diarrhea medicine.
8. **Eating:** Bangladesh is famous for it's delicious food and desserts. Specialty of Bangladeshi food is they are spicy. Rice is the main Bangladeshi food. Rice, fish curry, and lentil is the most common traditional Bangladeshi food for general people. Do not miss the brainy (Rice and meat mixed) at Dhaka. You will get more information from this link.  
[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g293936-Dhaka\\_City\\_Dhaka\\_Division.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g293936-Dhaka_City_Dhaka_Division.html)

Online food order links:

<http://www.hungrynaki.com/>

<https://www.foodpanda.com.bd/>

<http://www.foodiez.com.bd/Dhaka>

9. **Shopping-** There are lot of shopping mall near the DHIS2 academy venue Gulshan area of Dhaka. You may find souvenirs to look out for in Bangladesh include, fabrics and handicrafts, embroidery, Pearl jewelry etc. Please see the TripAdvisor link.

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g293936-Activities-c26-Dhaka\\_City\\_Dhaka\\_Division.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g293936-Activities-c26-Dhaka_City_Dhaka_Division.html)

Night life: Please try to be in hotel within 10 PM. Enjoy your time in Hotel and restaurant within diplomatic area.

Please download local offline map on your smartphone

Tourism:

Tourism in Bangladesh

<http://visitbangladesh.gov.bd/>



## Place to visit in Dhaka

### The Ahsan Manjil



#### Summer (April to September)

Saturday to Wednesday : 10:30 to 5:30

Friday: 3:00 to 7:30 PM

#### Winter (October to march)

Saturday to Wednesday : 9:30 to 4:30

Friday: 2:30 to 7:30 PM

#### Thursday Weekly Holiday

Museum will remain closed on Govt. Holiday

No body should stay in the premises after working hours

#### Entry Fee:

- 1) Visitors Bangladeshi (Adult) - Tk 20/= (Twenty)
- 2) Children Under 12 Years - Tk 2/= (Two)
- 3) Visitors within SAARC Countries - Tk. 20/= (Twenty)
- 4) Visitors of others foreign countries tk 100/= (One Hundred)
- 5) Ticket is not Required for disabled
- 6) Guide book on Ahsan manzil Museum is available - Price Tk. 20 (twenty)

(Note: Tickets will be stopped before half and hour of the closing time of the Galleries)

#### Ahsan Manjil

Information Officers (According to the Information Right Act. 2009)

2) Ahsan Manzil Museum , Dhaka

Dr. Mohd. Alamgir

Deputy Keeper

Phone : +880-2-7391122



### Lalbag Fort

**Close Days:** Sunday and all other listed government holidays.

**Visiting Hours:** Monday from 1.30pm-5pm; Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-5pm during October-March; 10am-6pm during April-September; During Friday the place remain closed from 12.30pm-2.00pm due to prayer.

**Entry Fee:** tk.10/ Bangladeshi Entrants and tk.50/ Foreign Entrants.

**Tel:** 9673018



### Bangabandhu Memorial "Father of the Nation of Bangladesh"



**Bangabandhu Memorial Museum** was The residence of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Now it is Museum, and called Bangabandhu Memorial Museum . He is the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh.

Bangabandhu Memorial Museum is at Dhanmondi. Here you will see the collection of personal effects and photographs of his lifetime

#### **Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, Dhanmondi, Dhaka**

weekly holyday: Wednesday

Thursday to tuesday: 10.00 am to 5pm and

All activities of Museum close on Government Holiday.

Phone: 8110046





### Central Shahid Minar



The Shaheed Minar established in 1952. It is a national monument in Dhaka.

### Suhrawardy Uddyan



Bangubandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the 7th March 1970 and curiously enough I is , again , here that the commander of the occupation forces surrendered on the 16th December 1971. Eternal Flame to enliven the memory of the martyrs of our Liberation war has been blown here recently

### Curzon Hall



Curzon Hall, the best examples of Dhaka's architecture. It is part of the school of science of the University of Dhaka. It's 100 years old. Curzon Hall has an extremely fascinating history which is situated besides the High Court Street, Dhaka. Now it has became the base of the university's science faculty.





UiO : University of Oslo



**HSP**  
Bangladesh

## National Zoo



### CONTACT ADDRESS

Location: Mirpur, Dhaka,

Close Days: Sunday but if there is any government Holiday on Sunday then it remains opened that day.

Visiting Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm from September-October and March-April; 8am-6.30pm from May-August and 8am-5pm from November-February

Entry Fee: tk.10/entrants [50-100% discount for study team of educational institute, orphanage and mental & physical disable peoples group]

Tel: 8035035, 9002020, 9002738, 9003252

## Botanical Garden



Located at Mirpur, near the Dhaka Zoo, a serene place away the main city, dazzling with nature's opulence.

### Botanical Garden

Location: Mirpur, Dhaka,

Close Days: None

Visiting Hours: During March-November from 9am-5pm and during December-February 9am-4.30pm.

Entry Fee: tk.5/Entrants (Adult) and tk.2/Entrants (Child); tk.3/Entrants (Members of any study tour with prior permission from authority)

Tel: 8033292



## National Museum

[Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#)



### Bangladesh National Museum

Ministry of Cultural Affairs

Govt. of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh

Established on August 7, 1913

#### Contact Address :

Bangladesh National Museum

GPO Box No-355

Shahbag, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh

Phone : 88-02-8619396-9, 8619400

Fax : 88-02-8615585

E-mail: [dgmuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:dgmuseum@yahoo.com)

[museum@bangladeshmuseum.gov.bd](mailto:museum@bangladeshmuseum.gov.bd)

WEB: [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#)

## Parliament House (Miracle Building of Bangladesh)



**Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban (Parliament House of Bangladesh)** is one of the twentieth century's utmost architectural structures. Famous architect Louis Kahn designed this stunning building. It was made of mostly concrete and marble showing a rich blend of ancient and modern architecture. Use of different geometrical shape and floating outlook are some unique attractions of this glorious creation. But sad to say, this superb piece of architectural work often found unseen and overlooked. It looks Like the Taj Mahal & amazing seen from afarnoon.



UiO : **University of Oslo**



WELCOME TO Bangladesh!

**H<sup>i</sup>SP**  
**Bangladesh**