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## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Author of "Blockchain: Gaming & Collusion - A Reading in Political Economy"** (<https://www.amazon.com/author/syedmuntasir>).
  - Setting up the first **Neural Network (Artificial Intelligence) Lab** in MOFA, Bangladesh
  - **20 Years** of service in Foreign Service and Diplomacy; served in multilateral, bilateral and administrative responsibilities – specializing in **South and East Asian politics and political economy**
  - **4 Years** of experience in banking, foreign exchange dealing, corporate finance, teaching and university management
  - Experienced in promoting **cultural exchange; leadership development** at both operational and tactical levels; and nurturing **high net-worth relationships**
  - Expertise in High Profile Client Development and Management (HPCDM), National Integrated Strategy (NIS) formulation, and **Public-Private-Partnerships (PPP)**
  - Creating **Minimum Viable Innovation Engines (MVIE)** under University of Oxford's vantage **TMO Framework**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

## **International Affairs and Diplomacy**

**Jul-21 till date**    **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Dhaka

## **Chief Innovation Officer**

**Director General (International Trade, Investment & Technology Wing)**

Major epistemological components - conceived, conceptualized and rolled out end-to-end - include:

- i. Setting up the [International Trade, Investment and Technology Wing](#) of the Foreign Office for an AI-led innovation for service and process delivery as its First Director General
  - ii. Creating a national level [Strategic Business Framework](#) for the first time from the Foreign Office
  - iii. Hosting the first [Economic Diplomacy Week](#) in 2022
  - iv. Hosting the first [Bangladesh Business Summit](#) in 2023 with close to 1,000 foreign delegates and showcasing Bangladesh capabilities for global supply chain participation
  - v. [Innovation Adda](#) and MOFA-a2i [iLab](#) (the first ever innovation showcasing in Bangladesh)
  - vi. Hosting the first-ever global service and innovation series of talks on [MOFA Telegram](#) highlighting the innovations and reducing information asymmetry
  - vii. Launching the [e-Quality Centre](#) for Zero Digital Divide across the globe – launched officially from the UNGA in 2023.

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**Jul-21 to Dec-24 Ministry of Foreign Affairs** Dhaka

**Director General (ICT Wing)**

**Milestones**

Complete and Comprehensive Digital Transformation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its 81 Missions abroad in 30 months at less than US\$ 30k.

**Major systems components** - conceived, conceptualized and rolled out end-to-end  
- include:

- i. Artificial Intelligence design (phase I; [Neural Network](#)) Challenge Fund 2023 for creating fully indigenous neural network
- ii. Centralised Appointment and Tracking Systems ([CSAT/CATs](#)) for eradicating lag time and possibilities for systemic corruption
- iii. Mission Activity Tracker (MAT; internal decision support system; for assigning responsibilities and tracking accountability)
- iv. [Unified/Identical Websites](#) (perpendicular web-matrix; real-time, simultaneous, synced webspace for 81 missions and the Headquarters – thereby reducing the cost of roll out and increasing ease of communication and interaction)
- v. Global [MyGov Platform](#) Deployment (for all 64 internal and external services for easing service delivery and automation/digitalization of services provided;
- vi. Global [E-Nothi/D-Nothi](#) Deployment for digitalizing the entire decision making processes of the Ministry.
- vii. MOFA [Digital Archives](#) (Comparable to Bangladesh Computer Council Archives); the first ever in 54 years of independence of Bangladesh
- viii. [Note Verbale/Letter of Introduction](#) Automation/Digitalisation
- ix. MOFA portal on [Muktopaath](#) Platform (open e-learning module for training and skill development; certification, authentication, accreditation and validation)

**Oct-20 to Jun-21 Ministry of Foreign Affairs** Dhaka

**Director (International Trade, Investment & Technology)**

Projects include:

- i. Defining a prioritized Strategic Business Policy Framework for Bangladesh with respect to International Trading and investment and Homegrown competitive/comparative advantages
- ii. Identifying and analyzing markets which could host Products, Services, and Solutions from Bangladesh
- iii. Preparing action agenda which could be followed by the Government, the Trade Bodies (i.e., Federations/Chambers/Associations), Established Business Houses, and Entrepreneurial/Green-Field institutions to take advantage of the situation identified above in terms

- of providing a Value Chain Framework for international trade in commodities, services and aggregate solutions
- iv. Incubating high-net-worth assets for the economic diplomacy domain

**Sep-18 to Sept-20** **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** Dhaka  
**Director (International Organisations)**

Milestones:

- International Court of Justice: OIC initiative to assist The Gambia lodge case for justice and accountability for the Rohingya
- 46<sup>th</sup> CFM: OIC: Abu Dhabi: March2019
- 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit: Makkah : June 2019
- Formation of OIC COVID-19 Response & Recovery Fund
- Formation of D8 COVID-19 Response & Recovery Fund
- Provisional Measures achieved in favour of Rohingya Community in the ICJ case and Resource Mobilization for running the case.
- Formation of D8 HSP Working Group in Bangladesh.
- Facilitating the functions of IOFS activities in Bangladesh.
- “ Dhaka-OIC Youth Capital 2020” Declaration and celebration.
- Foreign Students Admission in Bangladesh ; 2019-2020
- Holding 2nd Brainstorming Session on the Comprehensive Reform of OIC.
- “ Dhaka-OIC City of Tourism 2020” Celebration.
- 10th D8 Summit Ongoing Preparation.
- Participation in the 14th OIC Summit.
- Decision on forming Commonwealth Virtual Business Hub, MVIE .
- P4G Partnership awarding for “ Circular Fashion Agenda” and “ Women Livelihood Bond Series”
- 9<sup>th</sup> Round of Bangladesh-India Dialogue: Cox’s Bazar, 2019

**Director (East Asia and Pacific)**

- VVIP visit to China: April 2019
- VVIP visit to Japan: May 2019

**Feb-17 to Aug-18** **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** Dhaka  
**Director (Maritime Affairs Unit)**

- Formulating management framework for the emerging Blue Economy sector of Bangladesh;
- Managing Maritime Cooperation Frameworks with India, China, Russia and (for the Pacific region) the USA;
- Negotiating on Blue Economy and SDG 14 across various UN and other multilateral platforms.
- Milestones include:
  - (i) Speech writing, documentation and briefing for the **1<sup>st</sup> IORA Summit**, Indonesia, March 2017, resulting in the Prime Ministerial declaration for establishment of the first maritime university in Bangladesh – which would be dedicated as a regional center for excellence

- (ii) Organising the **1<sup>st</sup> Maritime Dialogue with China**, Beijing, July 2017; resulting in consolidation of equipment and skills transfer protocols for Bangladesh marine cadets and marine fleets onboard Chinese platforms
- (iii) Organising the **8<sup>th</sup> round of India-Bangladesh Friendship Dialogue**, Guawahati, June 2017 [Track 1.5] in collaboration with India Foundation
- (iv) Organising the **2<sup>nd</sup> NADI Conference** (on South Asian Rivers), October 2017 [Track 1.5] in collaboration with India Foundation, and various other academic and civil society institutions for elevating and consolidating discussion on basin-wide management of rivers in South Asia (instead of bilateral, specific river sharing arrangements)
- (v) Organising the **2<sup>nd</sup> Blue Economy Dialogue**, November 2017, for Bangladesh Government
- (vi) Conceptualising the **first-ever Blue Economy business proposal** for turning Mangroves conservation into business opportunities, under auspices of the **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Conference** (IOC) plenary in Paris, June 2017. Experimental designing with the deployment of the vantage point of the Oxford TMO framework.

**Jun-15 to Feb-2017** **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** Director (East Asia and Pacific) **Dhaka**

- Preparing briefing notes, speeches and talking points for China, Japan, South Korea, North Korea, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Ocean Region
- Drafting policy inputs, intervention documents, and strategy playbooks for both the Foreign Office, relevant ministries and the Prime Minister's Office
- Supervise a dedicated section of 02 professional diplomats and 06 support personnel at the Headquarters
- Milestones include:
  - (i) Conducting the first Foreign Office Consultation with Australia after independence in 1971 – opening 22 plus avenues for cooperation and **increase of ODA by 40%** over the last one year
  - (ii) Conducting the 10th Foreign Office Consultations with China – after a hiatus of four years, resuming the Joint Economic Council and the Joint Rivers Commission, and exchanging several high potential engagements in defense, trade and investment with China
  - (iii) Conducting the bilateral summit meeting of the hugely successful Prime Ministerial visit to Japan and contributing significantly to the G7 Outreach Session at Ise-Shima, Japan; identifying 36 key areas for massive collaboration with Japan which would corroborate the **"three arrows"** of the **Japan Revitalization Strategy** and Bangladesh 7<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan period from 2016; creating the disbursement mechanism for **US\$ 6 billion ODA loan**
  - (iv) Managing and Conducting the Presidential Visit from China on 15-16 October 2016. **Investments worth US\$ 98 billion negotiated and cleared.** The visit came after a hiatus of 30 years and was unforeseen in the history of modern Bangladesh. Strong political content for managing big-power and major-country relationships. **29 major instruments**, including **OBOR** (One-belt-One-road), Production Capacity Sharing Framework, security, counter-terrorism, negotiated and concluded; **US\$ 13 billion private sector investment** proposals concluded
  - (v) Organising the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> round of India-Bangladesh Friendship Dialogue in Kolkata and Dhaka respectively [Track 1.5] in collaboration with **India Foundation**

**Jul-10 to Jun-15** **High Commission for Bangladesh to India** **New Delhi India**

**Special Assistant to the High Commissioner, Counsellor (Political) and Head of Chancery (Promoted from First Secretary to Counsellor in Jul-14)**

- Responsibilities under three separate portfolios include:
  - (i) Preparing briefing notes on political affairs between Bangladesh and India and also between India and her strategic partners
  - (ii) Drafting speeches and intervention documents and executing special-purpose initiatives of the High Commissioner - holding the rank and status of a Minister of State of the Government of Bangladesh
  - (iii) Heading administrative responsibilities of the Chancery (valued at US\$ 183.30 million) and the Mission covering (a) Finance (US \$ 2 million/year), (b) Logistics (standing fleet of 12 high-end vehicles), (c) Supplies, (d) Utilities, (e) Engineering, (f) Projects, (g) Legal Affairs, and (h) Human Resources – Recruitment, Development and Discipline (78 member staff).
  - (iv) Drafting assessment and policy documents for Peacekeeping Affairs (Capstone documents; Civilian roster; National Peacekeeping Policy), International Humanitarian Law, and Maritime Security dimensions affecting Bay-of-Bengal, Arabian Sea and South China Sea (Port Intervention; MSP; EUC; Citadel)
  - (v) Assessing and coordinating efforts to combat Trans-National Crimes (narcotics; psychotropic substances; human trafficking; SALW) – with various UN, US and Indian institutions
  - (vi) Coordinating investigations with international and domestic agencies (especially for counter terrorism and counter-insurgency operations in East and Northeast India).
- Diplomatic milestones include:
  - (i) Conceptualizing, conducting and directing the groundwork for the Friends of Bangladesh Liberation War 1971 award – recognising the contribution of individuals and institutions towards the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971
  - (ii) Negotiating and finalizing the unanimous passage and legislative adoption (Constitutional Amendment) by both houses of the Indian national parliament of the historic **Land Boundary Agreement** between Bangladesh and India after more than sixty-five years of stalemate (on May 5, 2015) – giving national identity to more than 55,000 stateless individuals; settlement of **202 enclaves and counter-enclaves**; and peaceful final demarcation of **4,156 kilometer** international border
  - (iii) Attracting and negotiating **US\$ 2 Billion investment** by Reliance Power into Bangladesh for a 1320 MW Super-Critical Power Plant
  - (iv) Negotiating and directing the **first-ever trade in electric power** between Bangladesh and India for 500 MW – expanding into 1200 MW in 2016
  - (v) Formulation and adoption of the framework agreement between Bangladesh and India
  - (vi) Securing **2x US\$ 1 billion Line-of-Credit** from India for infrastructure development of Bangladesh; unilateral withdrawal of tariff barriers by India for most of the products from Bangladesh
  - (vii) Hosting more than **thirty mega cultural-festivals** in New Delhi and other major cities of India
  - (viii) Organising the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Rounds of Bangladesh-India Friendship Dialogue in Delhi, 2014 – 2015 [Track 1.5] – which reflected the adoption of a ‘basin approach’ in transboundary water management in South Asia for the first time from the Indian Government’s perspectives.
- Organisational milestones include:
  - (i) Comprehensive **web-based interfacing** of the Mission activities, including social media networking; Number of Hot Workstations increased from 27 to 45 (close to 1000 percent increase)
  - (ii) Designing a corporate-finance architecture for the Mission under the general directives of the Mid-Term Budgetary Framework of the Government (**innovation in public sector finances**)
  - (iii) Creating a **show-case landscape** with more than 89 different varieties of flora-fauna without additional asset allocation in difficult/harsh terrain over 1.8 acre area in six months - including the Monsoon
  - (iv) Reducing **protocol-operation** related lead-time by 25% on a quarterly average.
  - (v) Optimising Human Resource Deployment pattern to reflect the **accountability-authority-responsibility** equation
  - (vi) Streamlining and optimising financial decisions resulting in reduced pilferage; attributable current expenditure saving (i.e., **system-wide loss reduction**) 30%
  - (vii) Converting 28% of annualized **current expenditure into long-term asset creation** without hampering operational effectiveness

**Jul-09 to Jun-10 Ministry of Foreign Affairs** Dhaka  
**Senior Assistant Secretary** (Policy and Organization, Recruitment and Training, Rules and Discipline, SSP)

- Directed four arterial sections of the Ministry simultaneously
- Policy and Organization (P&O) supported the Director General (Administration) for matters related to the structure, legal and administrative architecture and functioning of the different wings and missions of the Ministry. Milestones achieved included reorganization of the wings of the Ministry (2010), finalization of the draft BCS (Foreign Affairs) Rule, enhancement of the Cadre Strength by almost fifty percent, and addition of nineteen (19) new missions after fifteen years of stalemate.
- Recruitment and Training (R&T) organized the recruitment procedure of all Class-I and Class-II officers (through the Public Service Commission) and direct recruitment of all Class-III and Class-IV officials; and facilitated both domestic and foreign training and higher education for the officers and staff of the BCS (Foreign Affairs) Cadre and other officers. Milestone documents include the drafting of the first-ever training doctrine.
- SSP supported the Foreign Secretary in coordinating policy guidelines for the key strategic partners of Bangladesh and also for sensitive issues

**Jul-05 to Jun-09 Ministry of Foreign Affairs** Dhaka  
**Assistant Secretary** (Desk Officer)

Jan-09 – Jun-09 : **State Minister's Office** (as Diplomatic Staff Officer to the State Minister for Foreign Affairs): interfacing the newly elected political leadership with the Ministry architecture; drafting the foreign policy manual for the State Minister's intervention in the National Parliament and also for interfacing with the Prime Minister's initiatives. Identifying Economy, Ecology and Security as the key cornerstones of the foreign policy paradigm remains a milestone.

Jul-08 – Jan-09 : **South Asia Wing**: milestones include re-drafting the India brief which formed the basis of later negotiations and framework agreements from 2009; revitalization of the Joint Working Group on Trade; signing of the Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Act (BIPPA) and renewal of the Inland Water Transport and Transit Protocol with India

Mar-07 – Jun-08 : **International Organizations Wing**: milestones include re-drafting the briefs and participating as a contributing delegate to the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), Red Cross Movement, OIC, and the Commonwealth. Worked as Maritime Security contact point for Bangladesh in the ARF. Groundwork and follow-up carried out during the period resulted in the signing of the Headquarters Agreement with the ICRC in 2012

Apr-06 – Mar-07 : **Americas, Pacific and Counter-Terrorism Wing**: milestone achieved included setting up the first-ever dedicated Counter Terrorism desk in the Ministry

Sept-05 – Apr-06 : **United Nations Wing**: drafting the United Nations brief; milestone achieved included preparation of a primer on Peacekeeping Operations part of which was later taken up in 2014 as part of the Peacekeeping Manual of Bangladesh

Jul-05 – Sept-05 : **South Asia Wing**: probationer; charged with desk responsibilities of the seven South Asian countries

### **Service in the Academia and in the Financial Institutions**

**Feb-18 till date University of Oxford** Oxford

Visiting Speaker @ China Center, St. Hugh's College – for conducting sessions on BREXIT, East and South Asian Political Economy

Academic Advisor: IDMODEL project (The Inclusive Digital Model: <https://www.oxfordtmcd.org/inclusive-digital-model-idmodel>): The Technology and Management Centre for Development (TMCD) in collaboration the University of Birmingham for research into a new business model that seeks to enable the poorest people in developing

countries to generate income and empower others by sharing their skills and experience using digital technology.

Co-Lead @ Saïd Business School for creating a Minimum Viable Innovation Engine (MVIE) aimed at inchoate markets and connect demand and supply networks in an unbroken application ecosystem.

**Sept-04 to Jun-05 Commercial Bank of Ceylon (formerly Crédit Agricole Indosuez)  
Relationship Manager Corporate Banking** Dhaka

Managed two of the largest full-service portfolios (MNCs and Large-Local Corporate) of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon worth **Bangladesh Taka 2.4 Billion**.

**Sept-02 to Aug-04 City University  
Lecturer and Joint Director: Research** Dhaka

Instructed courses in Corporate Finance, Accounting, Resource Economics, and Business Research; Concurrently worked as Research Associate to Vice Chancellor Dr. M. Shamsul Haque in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) for Advanced Engineering Management (AEM) courses in Management Accounting and Financial Modeling; coordinated Leadership Program of Colorado University at Denver in Dhaka in 2003 - 2004.

Milestones achieved included:

- (i) Reaching current account surplus **within six months of the establishment of the Business School** by February 2003;
- (ii) Establishing successful academic exchange program with the Korean Agency for Digital Opportunities (**KADO**);
- (iii) Establishing a joint leadership development protocol with the Chancellor's Leadership Excellence Center of **Colorado University at Denver**; and
- (iv) Establishing an integrated debate and sports circuit for the Private Universities in June 2003.

**Jul-02 to Aug-02 Maersk Sealand Bangladesh (Ltd.)  
Officer: Supply Chain Management (SCM)** Dhaka

Attached to the Wal-Mart Team for SCM Operations and Forward Sequencing

**Feb-02 to Jul-02 Crédit Agricole Indosuez (the Bank)  
Management Trainee** Dhaka

Foreign Exchange (FX), Fixed Income (FI), Money Market (MM) and Treasury Operations; supported entire range of FX/FID and MM operations of Crédit Agricole Indosuez, Dhaka.

### **Multilateral Conferences (as a contributing delegate)**

1. 6<sup>th</sup> IOCINDIO Conference, Kuwait, 25-28 April 2017
2. COP-11, Convention of Biodiversity, Hyderabad, India, 8-19 October 2012
3. Peacekeeping Vision 2015: DPKO-NUPI-USI Initiative, New Delhi, April 2011
4. 17<sup>th</sup> SAARC Summit, Male', Maldives, November 2011
5. 16<sup>th</sup> SAARC Summit, Thimphu, Bhutan, April 2010
6. COP 15; Copenhagen, Denmark, December 2009
7. 15<sup>th</sup> NAM Ministerial Meeting, Tehran, Iran, July 2008

8. 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OIC Tourism Ministers, Damascus, Syria, June 2008
9. 11<sup>th</sup> OIC Summit, Dakar, Senegal, March 2008
10. NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity, Tehran, Iran, September 2007
11. 13<sup>th</sup> SAARC Summit, Dhaka, Bangladesh November 2005

## **EDUCATION**

<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>Saïd Business School</b> University of Oxford  (St. Hugh's College)	<b>Post-Graduate (Research + Master's) Studies in Strategy and Innovation</b> Specializing the Oxford Vantage Point frameworks, a.k.a., TMO (Technology-Markets-Organization) formulation and delivery
<b>2012-2016</b>	<b>Institute of Business Administration</b> University of Dhaka Dhaka, Bangladesh (Jointly Supervised with <b>University of Colorado at Denver</b> )	<b>Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)</b> Thesis title, "An Operations-Based Approach for Introducing a Value Chain Framework in Foreign Trade Oriented Marketing of Bangladesh Agricultural Commodities and Services under Conditions of Multilateral and Regional Trade Negotiations
<b>2006-2011</b>	<b>Institute of Business Administration</b> University of Dhaka Dhaka, Bangladesh	<b>Master of Philosophy (MPhil) – Research</b> Awarded MPhil in First Division (72% mark) Thesis title, "World Trade Organization and Agricultural Subsidies Rationalization with Special Emphasis on Bangladesh" Extensive coursework in Research Methodology
<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>NALSAR (National Association of Legal Studies and Research) University</b> Hyderabad, India	<b>Post-Graduate Diploma</b> in International Humanitarian Law
<b>2002-2005</b>	<b>Institute of Business Administration</b> University of Dhaka Dhaka, Bangladesh	<b>Master of Business Administration (MBA)</b> Major: Finance Coursework in Business Economics and Project Management
<b>1998-2002</b>	<b>Institute of Business Administration</b> University of Dhaka Dhaka, Bangladesh	<b>Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)</b> Major: Finance Coursework in Consumer Behavior and Operations Management

## **Professional Training**

Year	Certificate/Institution	Honours/Remarks
2017	<b>Sustainable Development Goals – From Conception to Execution</b> Access-2-Information Division, Prime Minister's Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh	Valedictorian; Strategic leadership course for orientation and execution of SDG 2030s in the case of Bangladesh
2017	<b>Governance Innovation Technology</b> Access-2-Information Division, Prime Minister's Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh	Management of Decision Support Systems and documentation of files by utilizing web-based technologies

<b>Year</b>	<b>Certificate/Institution</b>	<b>Honours/Remarks</b>
2015	<b>Mid-Career Professional Diplomats' Course</b> Foreign Service Academy Dhaka, Bangladesh	15-Days' intensive course on contemporary global issues and challenges facing diplomacy, governance and nation-building
2015	<b>Central Challenges of American National Security, Strategy and the Press</b> Harvard Kennedy School of Government	HKS211.2x_1 @ EdX Platform Secured <u>89.2 % mark</u>
2015	<b>The Pacific Resilience Disaster Response Exercise and Exchange (PR DREE)</b>	Jointly organized by Bangladesh Armed Forces Division and US Army Pacific Command <u>Valedictorian</u>
2012- 2013	<b>Post-Graduate Certificate on Maritime Law Enforcement</b> National Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (NMLEA), Washington DC (affiliated with the State University System of Florida), USA	Comprehensive Post-Graduate Coursework on Maritime Security and Law Enforcement (Specialization: Counter-Piracy Measures; ICOC's MSP Standardization)
2012- 2013	<b>Graduate Certificate course on Public Policy (GCPP II)</b> Takshashila Institution, India	<u>12-Week</u> Graduate Coursework on public policy making and economic development with special reference to India
2007	<b>11<sup>th</sup> SATS on IHL</b> Bangalore University, India	Intensive two-weeks long "South Asian Teaching Session on International Humanitarian Law, jointly organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross and Bangalore University, India
2007	<b>38<sup>th</sup> SEDILU</b> (Mid-Career Diplomats Training Program) Center for Education and Training, Pusdiklat, Departemen Luar Negeri (Department of Foreign Affairs); Republik Indonesia, Jakarta	Valedictorian. Awarded <b>Foreign Service Commendation</b> for best all round performance in the intensive 45-days long, 6-module program on International and Economic Affairs, Diplomacy, Administration (for Diplomats from Asian and African countries)
2007	<b>38<sup>th</sup> Foundation Training Course</b> Bangladesh Public Administration Training Center (BPATC), Savar, Dhaka	Valedictorian. Awarded <b>Rector's Medal</b> (equivalent to <u>Presidential citation</u> ) for best all-round performance in the 4-months long intensive diploma for 219 Civil Service Officers on law, administration, human resources management, economics, political sciences, and statistics
2006	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Foreign Service Specialized Course</b> Foreign Service Academy, Dhaka	Valedictorian. <b>Position: First.</b> in the intensive 6-months long, 18 -modules master's level program on international and economic affairs, diplomacy, general administration, and international law

### **Information & Communication Technology Training**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Honours/Remarks</b>
2003	<b>Perspectives on E-Commerce</b> City University, Dhaka	Work-shop based program, with focus on digitized data analysis and financial modeling

Year	Certificate	Honours/Remarks
2002	<b>EDP: MODS Logistics Coordination Protocol</b> Maersk Sealand Bangladesh Ltd., Dhaka	Proficiency attained in Maersk-net based and other sea-bound and in-land logistics coordination
2002	<b>WINGS® Fixed Income Management and Investment Banking</b> Crédit Agricole Indosuez, the Bank, Paris-Dhaka	Proficiency attained in real-time investment banking and Fx-transaction coordination
2001	<b>Introduction to C-Language</b> Dhaka University Computer Center (Dhaka University Institute for Information Technology)	<u>Secured 98-percent mark</u> in the 4-months intensive program

## **ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS AND LITERARY ACTIVITIES**

### **Publications**

#### *Books*

**“Blockchains: Gaming & Collusion – A Study in Political Economy” (Book: ePub/Paperback).** August 2021. Amazon  
[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09D8QQQ1G/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_JZCXDKY052AG97M7W5VW](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09D8QQQ1G/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_JZCXDKY052AG97M7W5VW)

#### *Professional Publication*

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3. “Institutional Voids in Bottom-of-the-Pyramid Economies: Socioeconomic Challenges, Finance, and the Mitigation Strategy”. (2025). Oxford Academia. AICN. Available at: <https://academic.oup.com/ojs/article/17/1/1/1030333> (Accessed: 10 October 2025).
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4. “Enhancing Global Access to Technology and Finance for SMEs in Africa: A Dual-Track Model”. LinkedIn Chapeaux Note, 2025. Available at: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/enhancing-global-access-to-technology-and-finance-for-smes-in-africa-a-dual-track-model-chapeaux-note-7373686226983366656-j55P> (Accessed: 3 October 2025).
5. “Rethinking Nature’s Valuation: An Ecosystem Services Approach”. LinkedIn Chapeaux Note, 13 September. Available at: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/rethinking-nature-s-valuation-an-ecosystem-services-approach-chapeaux-note-7372515559336423425-aixK> (Accessed: 3 October 2025).
6. “Mobile Financial Services and Cashless Transactions: Benchmarks for Fluid Developing Societies and BoP”. LinkedIn Chapeaux Note, 2025. Available at: <https://blog.aifat.org/mobile-financial-services-and-cashless-transactions-benchmarks-for-fluid-developing-societies-and-bo-p-7369633252975833089-gxhi> (Accessed: 3 October 2025).
7. “AI Investments: A Baseline Report”. LinkedIn Chapeaux Note, 5 September. Available at: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/ai-investments-a-baseline-report-chapeau-note-7369633252975833089-gxhi> (Accessed: 3 October 2025).
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## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. Founding Co-Moderator, Debating Club and Cricket Club, City University, Dhaka, 2003
2. Seven different awards in English Poetry (composition and recitation) and Public-Speaking, University of Dhaka, 1993, 1994, 1995
3. Founding-member and Assistant General Secretary, IBA Debating Club, Dhaka 1998
4. Editor-in-Chief, CHIT-CHAT, English Monthly Bulletin, Notre Dame College, Dhaka, 1996
5. School Cultural Prefect, Cantonment Public School and College (CPSCB), Bogra, 1993, 1994, 1995
6. Founding-member and President, CPSCB Debating Club (Best-Speaker in the National Debates), 1994
7. Six separate awards in the national and divisional levels from the National Children’s Academy in Debate, Music and Sports, 1994

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

1. Board Member and Director, [AI For Africa](#) (since March 2024)
2. Guest Speaker, China Center, University of Oxford (since March 2018)
3. Member: American Society for Public Administration (ASPA DC Chapter; since April 2018)
4. Member: Editorial Board, Journal of Management and Training for Industries (Industrial Applications Engineers)
5. The Oxford Union: Life Member (since September 2017)
6. Commonwealth Society of India (CSOI); Life Member; adviser to the Chairperson: CSOI and Asia Representative
7. 24<sup>th</sup> BCS Forum (The largest association of Civil Service Officers of Bangladesh; all Central Cadres); Life Member (Committees)
8. Rotary Club of Motijheel (RCM), Dhaka: Life Member, PHF
9. Member: International Advisory Committee. @Political. United Kingdom

## **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ENGAGEMENT**

1. World Vision India (Sponsor)
2. POSH Foundation, Member, Registered Animal Welfare Center, New Delhi, India
3. Supervised graduate students from Delhi School of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and Bangalore University, India
4. Rendered lectures on politics and political economy actors to Hawaii University at Manoa (December 2013) and various universities in the US; particular focus on combating transnational crimes

## **AREA OF ACADEMIC INTEREST**

- System building; Regional Economic Integration (South Asia); United Nations Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding; International Law; Leadership; Comparative theology and Indian philosophies; Strings Theory

## **LANGUAGES**

1. Proficient in Bangla, English and French (completed the 3-years’ Diplôme de la Langue from l’Alliance Française)
2. Working proficiency in Arabic, Hindi and Urdu
3. Entry level proficiency in Russian

## **AWARDS**

1. Awarded Foreign Service Commendation for best all-round performance in the 38<sup>th</sup> SESDILU (Mid-Career Diplomats Training Program), Center for Education and Training (CET), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta, Indonesia, 2007

2. Awarded Rector's Medal for best all-round performance in the 38<sup>th</sup> Foundation Training Course at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Center (BPATC), Savar, Dhaka, 2007
3. Valedictorian for both 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Foreign Service Specialized Course, Dhaka, 2007
4. Secured First Position in the 10<sup>th</sup> Foreign Service Specialized Course, Bangladesh Foreign Service Academy, Dhaka, 2006