

OUR MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- **AIMS** was formally launched in 1999 having the rare distinction of being the first private investment/asset management company in Bangladesh and remained the only one for the next decade.
- **AIMS** has brought about qualitative changes in the finance sector in general and the capital market in particular through introducing innovative products and new approaches to investment management in Bangladesh, specializing in Mutual Funds.
- **AIMS** conceived the idea, launched and managed the Tk70 million pioneering first mutual fund scheme in Bangladesh under private initiative (2000), the **AIMS First Guaranteed Mutual Fund**, as the Asset Manager. It was sponsored by top ranked financial institutions, which played a pioneering role in developing a matured investment culture in the country. The size of the Scheme was later increased to Tk140 million by the general unitholders (2005). The closed-end Scheme had a unique capital guarantee feature, hitherto unknown in the local market. It was listed at the stock exchanges and redeemed in 2016, being the first such incidence in the local capital market.
- **AIMS** is also the Asset Manager of the first Multi-Scheme and second private mutual fund in Bangladesh, the **Grameen Mutual Fund One**, sponsored by the Grameen Bank, founded by the Nobel Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus and regarded as the innovator of microcredit. It floated a Tk170 million first closed-end Scheme (2005) as an avenue to embark in the capital markets by the poor rural members of Grameen Bank and was designed as a product that can bridge them with the mainstream urban economy and take advantage of the growth potentials. The Scheme was redeemed in 2016. The Fund also launched a Tk1.25 billion second Scheme (2008) with tenure up to 2028 which is listed at the stock exchanges.
- **AIMS** is also the Asset Manager of the **Reliance Insurance Mutual Fund** sponsored by Reliance Insurance Limited which launched a Tk550 million closed-end growth Scheme (2011) with tenure up to 2031. It is listed at the stock exchanges.
- **AIMS** was the first institution to introduce the concept of asset securitization by financing institutions in Bangladesh by acting as the Advisor to **BRAC**, the largest NGO in the world, on feasibility of the securitization of their microcredit receivables in a pioneering attempt (2001).

- **AIMS** has few unique specialized investment products on the drawing board, including Index, Sariah Compliant, Diaspora, Green Field and Sector & Industry Specific funds.
- **AIMS** launched the first open-end mutual fund Scheme under its management (2022), the *Micro-Savers Special Purpose Growth Scheme* of the co-branded **Grameen Bank-AIMS First Unit Fund** in perpetuity with the objective of financial inclusion in the capital market.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & MEETINGS

- Led a 26-member Bangladesh delegation to the South Asia Regional Debt Market Symposium at Bentota, Sri Lanka, under auspices of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), an affiliate of the World Bank, which charted a ‘road map’ for development of a debt securities market in Bangladesh (1999).
- Conducted a high level training program on ‘Securitization of Receivables’ for the nonbank financial institutions (NBFIs), including the housing and leasing companies, under the Financial Institutions Development Program (FIDP) of the World Bank and at the invitation of the Bangladesh Bank (2001).
- Revealed a study on ‘Asset Securitization in Bangladesh’ for high-level officials of the Central Bank and the Securities & Exchange Commission at the World Bank Dhaka Office that was video-linked with the World Bank Head Office, Washington DC (2001).
- Acted as the Rapporteur of the breakout session on ‘The Role of the Private Sector’ at a Seminar on the Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (iPRSP) jointly organized by International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Government of Bangladesh (2002).
- Represented at the 4th to 10th OECD Asian Roundtable on Corporate Governance (Mumbai 2002, Kuala Lumpur 2003, Seoul 2004, Bali 2005, Bangkok 2006, Singapore 2007 and Hong Kong 2008) and the IFC-OECD Corporate Governance Meeting on Vietnam (Hanoi 2004). Also attended the publication ceremony of the OECD Asian White Paper on Corporate Governance at the ADB Institute (Tokyo 2003).
- Represented at the 1st to 10th Asian Pension Fund Roundtable sponsored by the Pacific Pension Institute and the Asia Foundation, to initiate a regional network of pension fund managers and regulators (Bangkok 2003, Tokyo 2004, Beijing 2005, Seoul 2006, Singapore 2007, Kyoto 2008, Bangkok 2009, Kowloon 2010, Kuala Lumpur 2011 and Jakarta 2012).
- Represented Bangladesh and presented Country Paper at the 18-country 9th to 24th Asia Oceania Regional Meeting of the International Investment Fund Associations (Delhi 2004, Manila 2005, Beijing 2006, Lahore 2007, Tokyo 2008, Taipei 2009, Kota Kinabalu 2010, Singapore 2011, Hong Kong 2012, Delhi 2013, Seoul 2014, Bangkok 2015, Hong Kong 2016, Manila 2017, Xi’an 2018, Macau 2019).
- Represented at an Executive Education Program on Corporate Governance for Institutional Investors at the Asian Institute of Corporate Governance (AICG), with special emphasis on pension fund management (Seoul, 2004).

- Represented at a Corporate Governance Leadership Program of the Global Corporate Governance Forum (GCGF) and World Bank (Washington DC, 2005).