



Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre

NEWSLETTER

Keeping you in touch

Dear Reader

Welcome to the fourth edition of the BPATC Newsletter of this year 2018. In this edition, we are pleased to bring readers information about current BPATC activities, including the upcoming events taking place in the year 2019. BPATC has taken initiatives from the year 2017 to publish this quarterly newsletter regularly to keep you in touch with BPATC.

BPATC has recently redefined its theme for 'building capacity of effective, inclusive and accountable Public Administration System' and formulated action plans to achieve the goals according to the strategic plan of BPATC under the dynamic leadership of the present **Rector Dr. M Aslam Alam**, Senior Secretary to the Government.

BPATC conducts various Training Programmes, Seminars, Workshops and International Conferences every year in collaboration with the institutes from home and abroad. Collaborative Programmes give you details of recently held training courses.

Similar to other public institutions of the country, we in BPATC regularly observe various national and international days. In celebration of various events, you will get an idea of how we in BPATC come together to observe different occasions.

From the day you complete a training course at BPATC you become a member of BPATC alumni. Feedback from alumni is quite useful and we are always keen to hear how we can improve our training programmes. If you have any thoughts, information about your initiatives, comments or suggestions, we would love to hear from you. You can also find out training schedule for next couple of months in upcoming courses from the official website of BPATC.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the BPATC Newsletter and encourage your contributions for future publications.

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1st Policy Dialogue for the Senior Secretaries/ Secretaries to the Government

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) organised the 1st Policy Dialogue for the Senior Secretaries/ Secretaries to the Government on 11th and 12th October 2018. Dr. M Aslam Alam, Rector (Senior Secretary to the Government) of BPATC is the continuous source of inspiration and implementation of diversified activities. Under his dynamic leadership, BPATC arranged the programme for senior bureaucrats. Two day-long programme was designed with various events mainly- Dinner Speech and Dialogue. Renowned personalities of our country attended the programme as Resource Person/ Guests to make the Dialogue effective. Participants (Senior Secretaries/ Secretaries) were invited along with their spouses. Total number of participants for the Dialogue was Forty four (44).



Former Governor of Bangladesh Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin Attended the Inauguration of 1st Policy Dialogue and Delivered a Dinner Speech. Principal Coordinator Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad and Principal Secretary Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman were also present on the Occasion.

First day of the programme was dedicated for Dinner Speech. Former Governor of Bangladesh Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin delivered a praiseworthy dinner speech on that occasion. Principal Coordinator (SDG Affairs) of Prime

Minister's Office Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad and Principal Secretary to the Government Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman delivered speech at the event. Rector of BPATC and Senior Secretary to the Government Dr. M Aslam Alam conveyed welcome address to greet distinguished participants and guests.



Chief Guest Mr. HT Imam, Advisor to the Prime Minister, Guest of Honour Mr. Mohammad Shafiul Alam, Cabinet Secretary, Chairperson Dr. M Aslam Alam, Rector (Senior Secretary), BPATC Gathered for a Group Photograph with the Guests and Participants of 2nd Policy Dialogue.

Second day of the event was dedicated for Dialogue while it was divided into morning and afternoon session. Rector of the Centre Dr. M Aslam Alam acted as the Moderator for first session and Principal Coordinator

(SDG Affairs) Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad was the Moderator for second session. Principal Secretary Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman presented first Keynote Paper titled '**Managing Change in Complex Environment**'. Executive Chairman of BIDA Kazi Aminul Islam was the presenter of Keynote Paper titled '**Seeing the big Picture: Global, Regional Mega Trends and National Implication**'. Mr. HT Imam, Political Advisor to the Prime Minister and Mr. Mohammad Shafiul Alam, Cabinet Secretary attended the programme as Chief Guest and Guest of Honor respectively.

Beyond academic segment special arrangements were organized for spouses of the participants. Special cultural events by the trainees of Foundation Training Course and by prominent performers brought extra color to the event.

Overall, it was a fruitful dialogue. Feedback from guests, panelist as well as from the participants was very much satisfactory. After the successful completion of 1st Policy Dialogue BPATC is looking forward to planning for next episode of policy dialogue in near future.



Participants of 1st Policy Dialogue along with the Faculty Members of BPATC and Participants of 67th FTC Enjoyed the Cultural Evening Organised on 12 October 2018

Core Courses

88th Senior Staff Course (SSC)

The 88th Senior Staff Course (SSC) was inaugurated at BPATC on 18 September 2018 with the theme of "**Enhancing Competency for Better Public Service Delivery**". Twenty-six officers including two female officers attended the 55 day-long course. Among them, twenty four were Joint Secretaries to the governments or their equivalents and two from Bangladesh Defense Service. The 88th Senior Staff Course (SSC) ended on 1st November 2018.



Participants of 88th SSC Presented a Self Introduction during the Inaugural Ceremony of the Course on 18 September 2018



Participants of 122nd ACAD Performed Cultural Events in the Guest Night of the Course

122nd Advanced Course on Administration and Development (ACAD)

The 122nd Advanced Course on Administration and Development (ACAD) commenced on 19th September 2018 in the Centre. A total of thirty-one officers attended the course. The 70 day-long courses also set the theme focusing on the SDG Goal-16. Participants of the course along with course management attended a ten-long regional exposure visit (REV) Programme in Hyderabad, India.

67th Foundation Training Course (FTC)

The 67th Foundation Training Course (FTC) ended up on 25th October 2018 with the certificate awarding ceremony. Respected former Rector of BPATC Mr. A L M Abdur Rahman *ndc* was the Chief Guest of the occasion and handed over the certificates as well as awards that include Rector's Medal and Merit Medal. Mr. Towhidur Rahman, a member of BCS (Taxation) Cadre obtained the Rector's Medal securing the top merit position; top 09 merit position holding participants were awarded Merit Medal.

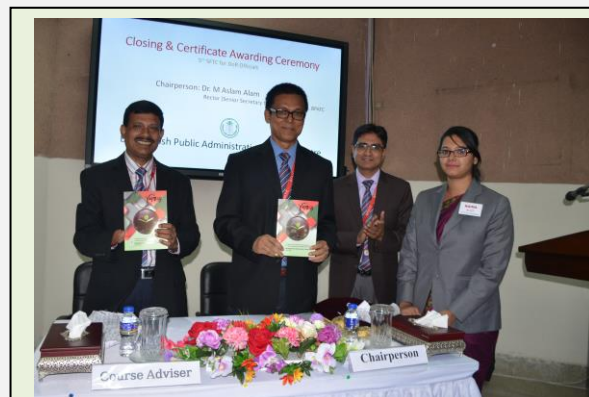


Former Rector of BPATC Mr. A L M Abdur Rahman *ndc* Awarded Certificates amongst the Participants of 67th FTC as Chief Guest.

Short Courses

5th Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for DoR Officials

The 5th Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for Directorate of Registration (DoR) Officials was conducted during 10th July - 8th September 2018. BPATC conducts this two-month-long tailor-made foundation training course with special attention to the specific needs



Rector of the Centre (Senior Secretary) Dr. M Aslam Alam Unfolded The Souvenir Prepared by the Participants of 5th SFTC for DoR Officers

of Directorate of Registration (DoR) Officials. A number of officers attended the course was twenty-nine including three females. Rector of BPATC distributed the awards and certificates to the participants on 8 September 2018, the concluding day of the Course.

2nd Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for Officers of the LGED

The 2nd Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for the officials of Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) was launched on 7 October 2018. This two-month-

tailor-made foundation training course was organised by BPATC. Twenty-five participants from the department attended the course. Rector of BPATC distributed the awards and certificates among the participants on 5th December 2018 at the closing day.



Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for the Officials of BCSIR and ACC



Dr. Md. Shamsul Arefin (Secretary to the Government) Secretary, ACC was present along with Course Management Team at the inaugural occasion as Chief Guest

BPATC organised a Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for the officials of Bangladesh Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) and Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). The course started its journey with 47 participants (BCSIR- 38; ACC- 9 persons) on 18 November 2018. Dr. Md. Shamsul Arefin (Secretary to the Government), Secretary, ACC was present as the Chief Guest at the inaugural occasion of the course. Rector (Senior Secretary), BPATC distributed the awards and certificates among the participants on 1st January 2019 at the closing day.

3rd Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for the Officers of LGED

The 3rd Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for the entry level officials of Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) commenced at BPATC on 9 December at 2018. Mr. A.K.M. Luthfor Rahman, Superintendent Engineer, LGED was present at the inaugural programme as Chief Guest



The Chairperson Dr. M Aslam Alam inaugurated the course on 9 December 2018. The course was a special foundation training course designed for grade-9 officials of LGED.



Participants of 6th SFTC for DoR Officials Along with the Members of Course Management Payed Tribute at the National

2nd Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for Roads and Highway Officials

A Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for the officers of Roads and Highway Department started at Regional Public Administration Training Centre (RPATC), Dhaka on 18 November 2018. Total 25 participants from Roads and Highway Department attended the course. Rector of BPATC, Dr. M Aslam Alam was the Principal Advisor and Dr. Abdul Aleem Khan, Deputy Director, RPATC was the Course Director of the course. Mr. Masud Alam Mr. Mohammad Mazqaherul Islam and Mr. Shamim Adnan, Assistant Director, BPATC were the members of the Course Management.



The Rector of BPATC Dr. M Aslam Alam (Senior Secretary to the Government) Were Present at the Innagural Ceremony of the SFTC for R&H Officers at RPATC, Dhaka

6th Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for DoR Officials

BPATC organised the 6th Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for Directorate of Registration (DoR) Officials from 11 November 2018 to 09 January 2019. Total 30 participants (Male: 26, Female: 4) attended the course. Among the participants twenty-six were male and four were female officers.

Syed Mizanur Rahman *ndc*, MDS (Project), BPATC acted as Chairperson and Mr. A F M Amir Hossain, Director, BPATC acted as Course Director of 6th SFTC for DoR officials. In addition, Mr. Hasan Murtaza Masum, Deputy Director (Service) and Mr. Md. Moin Uddin, Deputy Director, BPATC were Course Coordinators. Mr. Ashraful Alam, Personal Secretary to Rector played the role of liaison officer.

Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for Dhaka Mass Transit Co. Limited

BPATC designed and carried out a special Foundation Training Course for the Sub-Assistant Engineer of Dhaka Metro Rail Transit Company Ltd, Bangladesh of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited. The sixty-day long course was organised at Regional Public Administration Training Centre (RPATC) from 16th November 2018 to 14 November 2018. In total, twenty-two participants joined the course. The main objective of the course was to equip the participants with the basic knowledge and skill to develop their professionalism, improve effectiveness in the delivery of public services.

2nd Policy Dialogue for the Senior Secretaries/ Secretaries to the Government

BPATC organised the 2nd Policy Dialogue for the Senior Secretaries/ Secretaries to the Government on 08th and 09th November 2018. Participants (Senior Secretaries/Secretaries) were invited along with their spouses. Nineteen participants joined in the 2nd Policy Dialogue. Two days long programme was designed with a number

of events specially – Dinner Speech and Dialogue. Renowned personalities of our country attended the programme as Resource Person or Guest of honour to make the Dialogue effective. Dr. Mohammad Farashuddin delivered a praiseworthy Dinner Speech at the opening day of 2nd Policy Dialogue. Principal Coordinator Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad also delivered a speech at the event. Rector of BPATC Dr. M Aslam Alam conveyed ‘Welcome Address’ to welcome distinguished participants and guests.

Second day of the event was dedicated for Dialogue comprised of two sessions- Morning and Afternoon session. Rector of the Centre and Senior Secretary Dr. M Aslam Alam acted as the moderator for first session while Principal Coordinator (SDG) Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad was the moderator for second session of the day. Principal Secretary Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman presented Keynote Paper titled ‘**Managing Change in Complex Environment**’.



Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator (SDG Affairs) of PMO, Principal Secretary Mr. Nojibur Rahman gathered for a group photo with the participants of 2nd Policy Dialogue on 9th October 2018



Executive Chairman of BIDA Kazi Aminul Islam Presented the Keynote Paper during the 2nd Policy Dialogue on 9th November 2018



Participants of the 2nd Policy Dialogue Shared Experiences during the Working Session on 9th November 2018

Executive Chairman of BIDA Kazi Aminul Islam was the presenter of Keynote Paper titled ‘**Seeing the big Picture: Global, Regional Mega Trends and National Implication**’. Participants of the dialogue contributed by sharing their experiences on the issue and raised question during the discussion.

As panelist of the policy dialogue, Mr. Masud Ahmed, Former Comptroller and Auditor General; Ms. Suraiyya Begum, Former Sr. Secretary, PMO; Dr. Mohammad Sadique, Chairman, PSC; Dr. Ahsan H. Mansur, ED, PRI; Mr. Anir Chowdhury, Policy Advisor, a2i; Ms. Nihad Kabir, President, MCCI; Ms. Sonia Bashir Kabir, Managing Director, Microsoft, Bangladesh were present.



Principal Secretary (SDG Affairs), PMO, Mr. Abul Kalam Azad Shacked Hands with the pParticipants of 2nd Policy Dialogue. Dr. M Aslam Alam, Rector, BPATC Accompanied Him in this Occasion



The Students of BPATC School & Colleges Staged a Cultural Performance that Colored the Event of 2nd Policy Dialogue

Beyond academic segment special arrangements (games, boat riding etc.) were organized for spouses of the participants. Special cultural event by the students of BPATC School & Colleges added extra color to the event. Feedback from the Guests and Participants was highly satisfactory that encourages BPATC to organize such kind of programme in coming days.

Celebrations

BPATC payed deep tribute to the martyrs of the nation on the 16th December 2018 by observing the Victory Day of Bangladesh. In observance of the day BPATC hoisted the National Flag at half-mast.



The Victory Day Programme Began with the Hoisting of the National Flag by the Rector (Senior Secretary) BPATC. MDSs of BPATC were also with the Rector.



Rector of the Centre Dr. M Aslam Alam along with the Faculty Members and Staffs of BPATC Delivered the Wreathed at the National Mausoleum, Savar on the Victory Day 2018.

The Victory Day programme began with hoisting of the flag. After that the wreath was placed at the National Mausoleum to pay tribute to the martyrs of the country. All faculty members and staff accompanied the Rector of the Center at the National Mausoleum.

BPATC organised various programmes that included discussion meeting with all the participants of different courses and faculty members, drawing and essay writing competition for school students, friendly volleyball match and prize giving ceremony. Special Prayers were also offered at BPATC mosque.



Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, Former Principal Secretary to the Government along with the Rector and Senior Faculties of BPATC Visited 'Muktijuddho Corner', BPATC Library on 16 December 2018

Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, Former Principal Secretary to the Government attended the discussion meeting as Chief Guest on the Victory Day 2018. The Chief Guest shared his experience during the Liberation War and stated the significance of the Victory day of the Country.

Annual Sports Competition and Picnic 2018

BPATC organized 'Annual Sports Competition and Picnic 2018' on 7 December 2018 at Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP), Savar. Employees of BPATC and their family members joined the programme.

There was an arrangement of different sports and cultural events where faculty members, their spouses and children participated in those events.

A colourful cultural programme was also arranged by the organizing committee. At the end of the day Rector of BPATC Dr. M Aslam Alam (Senior Secretary) distributed the prizes to the winners of the sports. Faculty members and guests enjoyed a lot this whole-day programme.



Young Faculty Members of BPATC Performed at the Cultural Events of 'Annual Sports Competition and Picnic 2018' on 7 December 2018.



Mr. Shamsul Alam, Former Security Guard, BPATC Received the Prize from the Rector BPATC Dr. M Aslam Alam on the Annual Sports Competition and Picnic 2018

Upcoming Events

- ✓ 17th Policy, Planning & Management Course (PPMC), Date: 20/01/2019 – 31/01/2019
- ✓ 123rd ACAD, Date: 20/01/2019- 30/03/2019
- ✓ 124th ACAD, Date: 03/02/2019- 13/04/2019
- ✓ 68th Foundation Training Course, Date: 10/02/2019-08/08/2019
- ✓ 2nd Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Date: 12/01/2019- 18/01/2019



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