

### ASCE Eid-reunion 2018



ASCE Eid-reunion 2018 was observed in a befitting manner recently. The amusing occasion was organized on the evening of July 09, 2018 in WVA Hall, Road # 27(old), Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka. The function was attended by a large number of ASCE Members accompanied by their spouses. The entertaining congregation began with the introductory speech by Engr. Didarul Alam, F. ASCE, President of the Section followed by the self-introduction of the attendees.



*D. Alam delivering speech*

Thereafter, an entertaining musical program was offered with melodious song sung by two female artists. A sumptuous dinner was then served and the atmosphere became lively and joyous with presentation of humors and friendly gossip among the participants. The lively get-together concluded with an exciting raffle draw at the end.

### 2018 JSCE Annual Meeting



*IEB Team Members*

A 4-member Team of Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) attended 2018 Japan Society of Civil Engineers

(JSCE) Annual Meeting “Role of Civil Engineering in Developing Social Innovation” and Int’l Program held on 29-30 August, 2018 at Hokkaido University Sapporo Campus, Sapporo city, Hokkaido, Japan. The Int’l Program includes – 1) Int’l Panel Discussion (IPD), 2) The 20<sup>th</sup> Int’l Summer Symposium & Int’l Workshop for Young Civil Engineers 3) Technical Tour, and reception. The theme of the Int’l Panel Discussion was “Comparison of Infrastructure Maintenance & Resilience among Asian and Western Countries”. The IEB team members took active participation in the program through meaningful interactions. The program ended with a technical tour on the concluding day covering bridges, expressway site, CERI for cold region and Otaru Museum.

### International Women’s Day Observed



International Women’s Day 2018 was observed in LGED in a befitting manner on March 08, 2018 with the spirit of collective action and shared ownership for deriving gender parity. On this auspicious day LGED honoured nine self-reliant women from various strata of life. Theme of this year’s observance was “Its time for women: mainstreaming in development/changing face of rural-urban work culture.”

A function was organized in the auditorium of LGED head office in Agargaon in the capital city of Dhaka. Speaking on the occasion as the Chief Guest, Secretary of the Local Govt. Division, Mr. Abdul Malek said Bangladesh is moving towards progress with unabated speed under the leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Bangladesh has in

the meantime attained the status of a middle income country from the group of less developed countries. He further said that the present Govt. is implementing various projects towards empowerment of women.

### Dr. J.R. Choudhury becomes National Professor



Prof. Dr. Engr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury has been recently honoured by the Government as the National Professor, most prestigious position in the educational career of a professional. Regarded as an eminent engineering professional, he acted as the President of IEB and dedicated himself for the development of engineering profession and education as well. With an extra ordinary bright educational background, he served in various important positions spanning over long four decades including Professor in BUET, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University and presently as the Vice Chancellor of Asia Pacific University. Prof. Choudhury has attained exceptional repute in teaching, research and as an education advocate. He is widely renowned for his valuable contribution in civil engineering field and acted as an Advisor to the Govt. of Bangladesh

### Newly Elected Executive Committee of IEB Australia Chapter

A new executive committee of Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) Australia Overseas Chapter for the term 2018 – 2019 has been recently elected in its 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting held on September 16, 2018 at 10 Kiriwina Place, Glenfield, NSW 2167. The meeting was attended by many a Bangladeshi Engineers graduated from BUET, CUET, RUET, KUET and IUT.

First part of the GM included a short speech by Engr. Saiful Islam, outgoing convener on the activities of Australia Chapter followed by a brief presentation on objectives, vision and mission of IEB by Dr. Engr. AHM Kamruzzaman. Besides, the engineers discussed at length on general business, ways and means for enhancing various activities under the chapter. Thereafter, the new executive committee selection process was conducted by Engr. Saiful Islam in an orchestrated manner. In conclusion, Engr. Abdul Matin and Engr. Dr. AHM Kamruzzaman were unanimously voted to be the incoming president and general secretary respectively.



The remaining four vice presidents, four assistant general secretary, three cultural secretary and sixteen executive member's positions were also selected.

#### A Seminar on Land Slides

A seminar has been organized recently by Civil Engineering Division of IEB on **Land Slides : Issues, Challenges and the way Forward**. The seminar was held on Thursday July 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm in Seminar Room of IEB (Old Bhaban). Mr. Mofazzal Hossain Maya MP, Hon'ble Minister for Disaster Management & Relief Ministry graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while the session was chaired by Engr. Md. Habibur Rahman, Chairman, Civil Engg. Divn. The key note paper was presented by Dr. Engr. Abdul Jabbar Khan, Professor, BUET & Member, Bangladesh Public Service Commission. In his educative paper Dr. Khan provided typical example of Hill Slope Erosion/Landslide, their causes for occurrences, various damages and measures for their mitigation. The Chief Guest in his speech drew attention towards such problems and urged the engineers help mitigating the same.



Those who spoke on the occasion were Md. Abdus Sabur, President, IEB, Md.

Habibur Rahman followed by vote of thanks by Dr. Engr. Mizanur Rahman, Vice Chairman, Civil Divn.

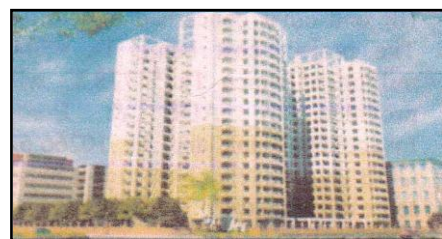
#### Public Service Innovative Workshop



A 5-day workshop on Public Service Innovation was organized recently by Road Transport & Highways Division from 20-24 July, 2018 at which was held at Roads & Highways Training Centre, Dhaka. A number of senior officials of Roads & Highways Dept. (RHD), Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation, Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority and Road Transport & Highways Division participated in the workshop. The educative workshop was coordinated by the Prime minister office A to I. Mr. Shafikul Islam, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges inaugurated the workshop. As outcome of the workshop, seven innovative idea came up which would be implemented according to the requirement of the authority.

#### PWD Constructs 20 Storied Residential Building

Public Works Department (PWD) has executed construction of a massive 20 storied building to create accommodation facilities for Hon'ble Justices of the Supreme Court of



Bangladesh under the sponsoring ministry – Ministry of Housing & Public Works. The building has been designed with the blend of modern construction technique and unique architectural design located on a plot of land at 67, Circuit House, Kakrail in the heart of the capital city of Dhaka. There will be in total 76 units each covering 3500 sqft provided with all kind of modern facilities to suit the residential purposes. Cost of the GoB funded project being Tk. 1409.70 million. The buildings have been handed over to the concerned clients after their completion soon.

#### BR Introduces New Coaches

Bangladesh Railway (BR) has planned to introduce new coaches in meter gage passengers train. With a view to implement the plan, ECNEC has approved the Project for procuring 200 nos new coaches to meet the increasing demand of the passengers. The approval was given in a meeting of the ECNEC Meeting held at the Conference Room chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister & Chairperson of ECNEC Sheikh Hasina on October 04, 2016. The said procurement will be made under Chinese Funding at a cost of Tk. 927 crore 52 lac Tk only out of which GoB contribution is Tk. 214 crores. The project will make use of new coaches by June 2020. Due to implementation of the project, it will be possible for inclusion of safe, modern and quality coaches resulting in enhancing railway revenue through meeting the demand of coaches.

#### ESCB's Training Programs

**896. Occupational Safety, Health & Environment Management (39<sup>th</sup> Batch):** Duration: May 12, 2018 to May 14, 2018; Day and Time: Everyday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; 3 days, 18 hours; Registration Fee : Tk 5000/- per participants, Tk 4500/- for IEB members; Last date of receiving Nomination : May 08, 2018; Venue : ESCB City Campus, IEB Headquarters.

**897. Project Management Using PRIMAVERA (17<sup>th</sup> Batch):** Duration : March 12, 2018 to March 29, 2018; Day and Time : Everyday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; 30 hours, 10 classes Registration Fee : Tk 6500/- per participants, Tk 5500/- for IEB members, Tk 5000/- for fresh graduate engineers; Last date of receiving Nomination : March 14, 2018; Venue : Training Lab, ESCB City Campus, IEB Headquarters.

#### EDITORS' NOTE

The issue contains news on ASCE Eid-Reunion 2018, attending 2018 JSCE Annual Meeting in Japan by a 4-member Team of IEB and election of the office bearers of IEB Australia Chapter for the term 2018-19 including progress of development activities under various departments namely - LGED, PWD, RHD, BR etc and holding of workshops/ seminars by IEB and regular training courses of ESCB. The issue also speaks about conferring upon Prof. Dr. J R Choudhury with 'National Professor' by the Govt., a rare feat among the top intellectuals in the engineering field in Bangladesh.

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