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About

I, Dr. Abdullah-Al-Mamun, am the Associate Professor at the Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka. I am also the Executive Director of the Japan-based think tank Pan-Asia Research Institute (PARI) and Secretary General of the Japanese Studies Association in South Asia (JSASA). My area of specialization is Japanese Studies, development project management, international development cooperation, aid and development effectiveness, and research methodology. I have the professional experience to work with different national and international organizations such as USAID, UNDP, UNCDF, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries (JBCCI), BRAC, ASA, Asiatic Society, Economic Relations Division (ERD) and Cabinet Division, National Academy for Planning and Development (NAPD) of the Government of Bangladesh for training, research project, report preparation, policy evaluation and programme implementation. I was involved in a number of researches, policy evaluation and report preparation of the Economic Relations Divisions (ERD) of the Ministry of Finance which includes National Policy on Development cooperation and Aid Management in Bangladesh - A Review of Policies and Procedures. I have also worked as an assistant consultant for the report and research of the Capacity Assessment of 5 Key Ministries, formulation of Aid (Institutional) Effectiveness Strategy and Assessment of the impact of UP expenditure from UNCDF disbursement. I have contributed to the Evaluation of the impact of UN Systems intervention in CHT regions through Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs (MoCHTA) and Monitoring and evaluation of expenditure management in NGO Implementing Partner. I have conducted an in-depth study to evaluate the financial and social impact of the Bangladesh-Korea ICT Centre for Education which is implemented by the Ministry of Education. I actively participated in the South-South Cooperation initiatives of the Development Effectiveness Wing of the ERD. I am the co-author of 3 books, editor of two books and have published a number of research articles in national and international journals.

Academic Qualifications

PhD, International Development Cooperation, University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom

Postgrad Certificate, Research Methodology, University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom

Certificate in Law, University of Northumbria, United Kingdom

Diploma in Leadership, Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Dhaka, Bangladesh

MBA, Marketing, Stamford University Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Postgraduate Diploma, Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

MSS, Sociology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

BSS, Sociology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Employment and Professional Engagements

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Executive Director, Pan-Asia Research Institute (PARI), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Secretary General, Japanese Studies Association in South Asia (JSASA)

Research Director, Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Advisor, Shapla Neer (A Japan-based NGO), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Advisor, BAC International Study Centre (A Partner Institution of Leeds Trinity University, UK)

Fellow, Centre for Communication Network (CCN), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Consultant, Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO),

Advisor, Leaders Forum BD (LFB), Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Professional Memberships

President, Dhaka University Japanese Studies Alumni Association

Life Member, Bangladesh Economic Association

Joint Secretary, South Asian Network of Japanologists

Member, Executive Committee, Dhaka University Sociology Alumni Association

Previous Employment and Professional Engagements

Chairman, Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Lecturer, Japanese Studies, Japan Study Center, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Executive Director, Institute of Development Sociology (IDS), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Research Fellow, Nazmul Karim Study Center, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Consultant, Media and Promotion, Metro Makers and Developers Ltd., Dhaka, Bangladesh

Coordinator (Training & Monitoring), Association for Underprivileged People (An Organization of Microfinance, Health and Education)

Pre-Election Poll Survey Supervisor, National Parliament Election 2001, Democracy Watch (A leading media organization), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Program Reporter, Roving Eye, Channel I, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Program Reporter, Chutir Shakal, Channel I, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Staff Reporter, Daily Manabzamin, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Senior Staff Reporter, Center for Communication Network (A house of news services, consultancy in creativity & conversion, improvisation, research, documentation and gender development), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Enlisted Trainer

- National Academy for Planning and Development (NAPD), Government of Bangladesh
- Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB), Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Kobe University, Japan
- University of Derby, United Kingdom
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- Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Dhaka, Bangladesh
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Renewable Energy Management in Bangladesh, Mitsubishi Corporation, 2022, **Team Leader**

Value for Money Assessment of BRAC Education Programme, BRAC Bangladesh, April 2021 to October 2021, **Co-Investigator**

Expectations of Bangladeshi Students to Japanese Companies, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), December 2020 to January 2021, **Team Leader**

Education and Socialization in Japan, Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), January 2016 to June 2016, **Team Leader**

Change in Reading Habit Over Time: A Sociological Study, Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), July 2016 to December 2016, **Team Leader**

National Policy on Development Cooperation and Aid Management in Bangladesh – A Review of Policies and Procedures, Economic Relations Divisions (ERD), Ministry of Finance, 2015, **Assistant Consultant**

Cross Border Higher Education Opportunity in Bangladesh, BAC International Study Centre, August 2014 to September 2015, **Team Leader**

Bangladesh-Korea ICT Training Center for Education (BKITCE) – A Successful Footprint of South-South Cooperation Impact Assessment, May 2013, **Team Leader**

Study on Good Governance – Public Interest Litigation, USAID, 2012, **Consultant**

Bangladesh-Korea ICT Centre for Education's Success, Aid Effectiveness Unit, Economic Relations Division (ERD), June 2009 to November 2009, **Team Leader**

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