



ICAB NEWS BULLETIN

Monthly News Briefing from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB)



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Finance Adviser Visited ICAB



Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Hon'ble Adviser to the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Science and Technology, GoB & Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank paid a courtesy visit to the ICAB on 22 February 2025.

ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA cordially welcomed him in the evening and exchanged warm greetings with him and his entourage. Dr. Md. Khairuzzaman Mozumder, Secretary, Finance Division; Nazma Mobarek, Secretary, Financial Institutions Division, Ministry of Finance; Chairman BSEC Khondoker Rashed Maqsood, Distinguished Fellow of CPD Professor Mustafizur Rahman and other senior officials of the ministry accompanied the adviser during the visit while ICAB Past President & Council Member Md. Moniruzaman FCA, Council Member Sabbir Ahmed FCA, and Chief Operating Officer Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA were also present the ICAB President.

They discussed the issues of professional development including matters relating



to strengthening audit, and financial services.

ICAB President sought cooperation of the ministry to work jointly in bringing more transparency and accountability in the Financial sector of the country. The adviser assured her that the finance ministry will facilitate the process of such cooperation so that both ICAB and the Ministry of Finance could work jointly in future.

Editorial Note from Chairman – Editorial Board



Respected Readers,

Assalamu alaikum and greetings to you all.

The legendary song “Amer Bhai er rokte rangano Ekushe February ami ki vulite pari” touches the hearts of thousands of Bengali speaking people with emotional move. The immortal song always reminds us of the supreme sacrifice of our Language Heroes. The spirit of the language movement inspires us to struggle against odds and promotes linguistic and cultural diversity among the countries. We paid due homage to the martyrs of the Language Movement on 21 February this time like every year.

The Institute took a great leap as it entered into a collaboration with some government and private universities of the country for working together in the fields of education and research, besides paving the way of achieving CA qualification for the brilliant graduates of the universities. Our collective initiative for hunting talents into CA profession is one of the milestones of the Institute.

We are taking hefty efforts to take our beloved Institute to a new height through bringing necessary reforms in administrative structure and functional process of the Institute. After a referendum of members towards this end, the initiatives are getting momentum. We hope, collectively we can achieve our desired goals.

The News Bulletin, February presents the details of the events along with many other important programs that ICAB undertook during the month.

I hope the coming days will bring more happiness and success for all of us.

With warmest regards to you all.

Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA

ICAB Book Stall at Ekushey Boi Mela



President of the ICAB Maria Howlader FCA inaugurated the ICAB Book Stall by cutting ribbon at Amar Ekushey Boi Mela 2025 at Bangla Academy premises on 11 February 2025. ICAB Council Member & Past President Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Chief Executive Officer Shubhashish Bose, Chief Operating Officer Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, leaders of ICAB-Dhaka Regional Committee, ICAB Senior Officials, among others were present on the occasion. ICAB has set up the Stall bearing No-1034 & 1035 to disseminate information about Chartered Accountancy course and the profession as well as displaying of ICAB publications, study manuals; and literature, novels written by its members. The purpose of the stall is to motivate prospective students and their guardians to encourage them for studying Chartered Accountancy course.

International Mother Language Day Observed



On the occasion of the International Mother Language Day, ICAB paid a rich tribute to the language martyrs. On this occasion ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA, Chief Executive Officer Shubhashish

Bose, ICAB senior officials, DRC Members, other Fellow Members of the Institute participated in morning stream hoisted the National Flag at half mast and laid flower wreath at the Central Shaheed Minar.

Discussion Meeting with WB High-level Delegation

ICAB team headed by its President Maria Howlader FCA held a discussion meeting with the high-level delegation from the World Bank (WB) led by Suraiya Zannath Khan FCA, Lead Governance Specialist-Financial Management, World Bank on 18 February 2025 at ICAB Council Hall, CA Bhaban, Dhaka. During this discussion meeting, the visiting World Bank team provided a brief overview of ROSC on the specific indicators related to the ICAB and shared its relevant questionnaire. ICAB also gave an action update based on the previous Report on the Observance of Standards and Codes (ROSC) report.

ICAB Council Members & Past Presidents Nasir Uddin Ahmed FCA, Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA, Council Member Sabbir Ahmed FCA, Chief Executive Officer Shubhashish Bose, Chief Operating Officer Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, Additional Director Afseen Baten FCA, Additional Director Momena Hossain Rupa FCA, Deputy Director Nazmul Huda ACA among others, spoke in the meeting.

The World Bank is organizing a series of consultations and dialogues with different key stakeholders to gather



insights and data for the Report on Financial Reporting & Regulatory framework: Public and Private Sector, applying the methodology of the Report on the Observance of Standards and Codes- Accounting and Auditing (ROSC A&A) -2025.

As part of this initiative the mutual dialogue and discussion on the ROSC report between WB and ICAB was held

to reach a fruitful stage on the ROSC report for 2025.

The purpose of this dialogue is to engage in a thorough discussion regarding specific matters and purpose, e.g., key developments, quality assurance & governance enhancements, education system, and any specific challenges faced by the profession and the way forward.

Meeting between ICAB and CIPFA, UK

ICAB team led by its President Maria Howlader FCA held a meeting with the visiting delegation from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), UK at ICAB Council Hall on Wednesday, 26 February 2025. The CIPFA delegation comprising Khalid Hamid, Director, International and Cal Hager, International Policy Manager while Shubhashish Bose, Chief Executive Officer, and Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, Chief Operating Officer among others were included in the ICAB team.

The meeting encompassed the issues relating to capacity building of ICAB and the development of public sector financial management wing in Bangladesh. The ICAB and the counterpart delegates expressed their interest to work

together on the issue in progressive manner while CIPFA UK would come up with a specific proposition in this regard.





President's Communication

Dear Fellow Members and Colleagues

Assalamu Alaikum and Sincere Greetings to you all.

Dear Fellow Members,

The month of February has the significance of 'Ekushey' which is synonymous with 'Ekushey February', the day we observe and honor those who sacrificed their lives on the 21st February 1952 for Bengali establishing as Mother Language, simultaneously sowing the seeds of the independence movement which was to free East-Bengal from the then Pakistani rulers. In the world's history, no other nation has had to struggle so much, shed so much blood to hang onto their right to speak their Mother Tongue. The lesson from our glorious language movement is our most precious national pride, which always inspires us. We observed the day with due solemnity.

Dear fellow members, our Institute is an organization to be proud of and I want to see ICAB playing more constructive role in nation building.

Although the Institute is currently facing some challenges, we are more than capable of addressing these issues prudently and transforming these challenges into opportunities. I look forward to contributing further to the endeavors taken by my predecessors and I hope that during my time in office as president I will be able to foster our strong name-ICAB.

Now, let me give a brief on major activities undertaken during the month of February 2025. First of all, my heartiest congratulations to Newly Qualified CAs who have made a fantastic set of results in the November-December 2024 session. I wish for their successful career and true contribution to the national economy and the CA profession in particular.

01 February 2025: I met with Malcolm Bacchus, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW) at Yashobhoomi convention center in New Delhi, India on the sideline of SAFA meeting.

We had a very fruitful discussion that

covered some professional and technical issues like using technology, specially AI, audit software, implementation of sustainability reporting, quality assurance, education and examinations.

ICAB Council Members & Past Presidents Mr. Nasir Uddin Ahmed FCA, Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Chief Operating Officer of ICAB Mr. Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, and Mr. Daniel Westley, Senior International Business Development Manager, ICAEW were present during the meeting.

11 February 2025: I, as the President of ICAB, inaugurated the ICAB Stall at Omar Ekushey Boi Mela 2025 at Bangla Academy premises while ICAB Council Member & Past President Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Chief Executive Officer Mr. Shubhashish Bose, Chief Operating Officer Mr. Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, leaders of ICAB-Dhaka Regional Committee, ICAB Senior Officials, among others were accompanying me. ICAB has set up the Stall to disseminate information about Chartered Accountancy courses and the profession as well as displaying ICAB publications, study manuals; and literature, novels written by its members.

12 February 2025: ICAB organised the 'Foundation Training on IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts' at ICAB Training Room, CA Bhaban, Dhaka. A total of 55 ICAB members participated in the training session. The resource person of the training was Mr. Sk. Ashik Iqbal FCA, CPA (USA), Partner, Nurul Faruk Hasan & Co., Chartered Accountants.

12 February 2025: ICAB team led by me held a discussion meeting with Mr. Khandakar Iqbal Hossain FCA, Chairman of Management Committee of the North American Chapter (NAC) of ICAB along with Ms. Akhtar Sohel Kasem FCA, Senior Partner, A Qasem & Co. Chartered Accountants & Past President of ICAB; Ms. Akhtar Sanjida Kasem FCA, Managing Partner; Mr. Sarwar Azam Khan FCA, Partner of A

Qasem & Co. Chartered Accountants at ICAB Council Hall, CA Bhaban, Dhaka.

ICAB Past Presidents and Council Members Mr. Muhammad Farooq FCA & Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman FCA; Council Member Mr. MBM Lutful Hadee FCA; Chief Executive Officer Mr. Shubhashish Bose, and Chief Operating Officer Mr. Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA among others, were also present in the meeting.

The professional issues including enhancement of more engagement of NAC members with ICAB, to continue interaction with CPA Canada in relation to possibility of signing a MoU between ICAB and the Canadian institute, the process of restoration of membership of ICAB senior members residing in Canada and the waiver of related fees as per ICAB rules were discussed.

We also discussed the activities of NAC like organizing seminars, workshops and the annual picnic of the chapter. The visiting NAC Chairman also expected that ICAB would contribute a lump-sum amount of money for holding such events. Discussion was also taking place on the possibility of CA examinations for the part qualified students residing in Canada.

15 February 2024: General Members' Meeting and Online Poll (Referendum) was held at the ICAB Auditorium, CA Bhaban, Kawran bazar, Dhaka. I delivered a short brief about the Online Poll (Referendum). ICAB Chief Executive Officer Mr. Shubhashish Bose delivered Opening Remarks.

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the chair of the meeting as Mr. Nath left the meeting owing to physical illness. During the meeting, as ICAB President I gave a short briefing on the activities of ICAB and the professional matters focusing on ways and means of how to enhance unity, dignity and image of the CA profession and the members of ICAB. I also sought guidance and advice from the Past Presidents regarding further advancement of the Institute. ICAB Council Members, Past Presidents and representatives of the ICAB management team were also present in the meeting.

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I sought cooperation from the ministry to work jointly in bringing more transparency and accountability in the Financial sector of the country. The adviser assured us that the finance ministry will facilitate the process of such cooperation so that both ICAB and the Ministry of Finance could work jointly in future.

25 February 2025: ICAB organized the webinar on "Forensic Audit and Corporate Governance: Restoring Trust and Transparency" where Dr. Mohammad Abu Yusuf, Chairman (Acting), Financial Reporting Council (FRC), Bangladesh, joined as the Chief Guest. Mr. A F Nesaruddin FCA, Past President-ICAB moderated the session. Ms. Akhtar Sanjida Kasem FCA, FCMA, CFE, Managing Partner, A Qasem & Co., Chartered Accountants presented the keynote paper.

Mr. Md Manirul Islam, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU); Mr. Mohammad Al Maruf Khan FCA, Partner, Howladar Yunus & Co., Chartered Accountants; Mr. Md. Sadrul Huda FCA, Partner, Shiraz Khan Basak & Co., Chartered Accountants participated in the webinar as panel speakers. I delivered an address of welcome in the webinar while ICAB Vice President Mr. Md. Johirul Islam FCA delivered a vote of thanks and ICAB Chief Executive Officer Mr. Shubhashish Bose joined the webinar and delivered Opening Remarks. Hundreds of ICAB Members and Stakeholders joined the webinar.

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Congratulations to Newly Qualified CAs!! I on behalf of the Council congratulate the Newly Qualified CAs and wish them success in their future careers.

The Advanced Level Examinations of November- December 2024 session-ICAB has witnessed a number of students qualifying in their final examinations. A total of 23 students passed the Final Examinations and became eligible for the membership of ICAB as ACA. Again congratulation to all of them.

Best of luck to you all.

With regards.



Maria Howlader FCA
President, ICAB

ICAB President Met President, ICA England & Wales

President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) Maria Howlader FCA met with Malcolm Bacchus, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW) at Yashobhoomi convention center on 1 February 2025 in New Delhi, India at the sideline events of SAFA.

ICAB and ICAEW have been working together in the field of education and professional development for many years and having a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) since 2009 for mutual collaboration and pathways membership arrangement. Both the leadership agreed to work on further renewal of this MoU on expiry of the same this year.

Besides, the discussion covered some professional and technical issues like using technology specially AI, audit software, implementation of sustainability reporting, quality



assurance, education and examinations. ICAEW President expressed his willingness to work together on those issues on a continual basis.

ICAEW President also requested ICAB President to come up with a detailed proposition as soon as possible so that both the Institutes could discuss those with a view to reaching at more

effective outcome.

ICAB Council Members & Past Presidents Nasir Uddin Ahmed FCA, Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Chief Operating Officer of ICAB Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, and Daniel Westley, Senior International Business Development Manager, ICAEW were present during the meeting.

Update of Quard-E-Hasana Fund as of February 2025

Loan Recipients of the Quard-E-Hasana Fund and their study levels of CA Examinations

Level of Examinations		No. of Recipients
Certificate Level	32	103
Professional Level	67	
Advance Level	2	
CA Qualified	2	

- Total loan Recipients of the fund is – 103, amongst whom 57 students are currently receiving the monthly instalments, 12 students have received one-time loan, 12 students are repaying the loan in instalments regularly to the Fund, 11 students are still

enjoying the 6 months' grace period (as per Quard-E-Hasana Management Policy) to start the repayment of the loan, and 11 students fully paid back the loan amount.

- Monthly loan installment is being disbursed- Tk. 4,23,000/- (each month)
- Total disbursement amount of Tk. 82,22,000/- as on 28th February 2025
- Total recovery of the loan Tk. 9,81,000/- as on 28th February 2025
- Total No. of students repaying the loan 23 (Twenty-three), as per their commitment, 100% loan have been recovered up to February 2025
- After disbursement of installment in February 2025, total commitment amount of Tk. 42,61,000/- to 57 students up to May 2027.

Activities of Barishal Office

- A total of twelve students have registered (22nd Batch) under Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program;
- A total of twenty new students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (21st batch);
- A total of twenty-six external visitors visited the regional office and enquired about CA course.

Activities of Mymensingh Office

- A total of seven new students have registered under PAS program;
- A total of eleven students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (22nd Batch).

Activities of Rajshahi Office

- A total of twenty-nine new students have registered under Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program;
- A total of fifty-three new students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (22nd batch);
- A total of six new students in Professional Level have enrolled for the class (18th batch).



Meeting, with Masudur Rahman Rinku, President of Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI) was held on 11 February 2025, also informed him about Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program of ICAB.

ICAB- CRC Observed International Mother Language Day



ICAB-Chattogram Regional Committee (CRC) organized a rally International Mother Language Day program on Friday, February 21, 2025, at the Central Shaheed Minar, Chattogram.

Trishit Chowdhury FCA, Chairman and Naznin Sultana FCA Secretary and other Members, officials of CRC and the CA students attended the rally.

Activities of Rangpur Office

- A total of fourteen students have registered (22nd batch) under PAS program;
- A total of twenty-seven students have got class enrolment;
- A total of forty-one external visitors visited the regional office and enquired about CA course.

Activities of Sylhet Office

- A total of four new students have registered under PAS program;
- A total of seven new students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (22nd Batch) and one new student in Professional Level have enrolled for the class (18th Batch).

Congratulations to Newly Qualified CAs !!

The Advanced Level Examinations of November-December 2024 session-ICAB has witnessed a number of students qualifying in their final examinations. A total of 23 students passed in the Final

Examinations and has become eligible for the membership of ICAB as ACA. The Editorial Board of the Council congratulates the Newly Qualified CAs and wishes them success in their future careers.



Md Nazmul Kabir



Md Nahid Hasan Badhan



Md Sirajul Islam



Md. Mahfuz Nizhum



Ashutosh Mondol



Md Rasheduzzaman



Abdul Kaium Sharif



Md. Muktedir Hossain



Uttam Kumar Das



ABM Fuad Hassan



Abdul Awal



Rahima Akter



KM Shahriar Ferdous



Mahbub Alam



Amir Hossain



Md. Shah Alam



Debashis Chandra Das



Md. Miraz



Md. Ruhul Amin



Md. Nowim Uddin



Jweel Nath



Md Abdur Rahman Jim



Mohammed Shaifur Rahman



ICAB Academic Campus News

The session (Dec 2024 - Feb 2025, 21th Batch) for Certificate Level students which was started from 15-Dec-2024, has been concluded on 17-Feb-2025 (keeping some special arrangements on Fri & Sat/days). There 1106 students joining with 56 teachers for the session. All students were the fresh candidates for the Certificate Level exam, Session: February-2025 (1st Quarter), held on 20-Feb-2025.

Besides, the classes of Professional Level (17th Batch, Students-507, Teachers-28) which was commenced on 23-Dec-2024, will now be closed by 23-Mar-2025. The examinations of Professional Level students will start from 27-April-2025 (1st Quarter).

Meanwhile, the classes of Advanced Level (16th Bath, Students-101, Teachers-10) have been started from 17-Feb-2025. The session will be concluded by 17-Apr-2025

The Pre-articleship Training Course (PATC) for CA students (15th batch) on "Audit & Assurance" (AA) & "English Language" (EL) which was started from 15-Jan-2025 (with 302 students; and 05 teachers of EL & 14 teachers of AA), has been ended on 18-Feb-2025. Thereafter, its next 16th batch (for the prospective students' physical training course) has been begun from 20-Feb-2025 at ICAB- Academic Premises. The course is holding smoothly.

However, Class Management Department is ready with its preparation for organizing its all the courses (regular, flexible & special

classes physically at academic venues, CA Bhaban, 1st floor & 4th floor; and some sessions through online systems) as instructed by the Board of Studies (BoS) of the Institute for the benefit of the students. The concerned students are joining there merrily and completing all the classes effectively.

In the meantime, the Articleship Management Department has been registered articulated students 195 and 252 PAS (pre-articleship students) within the month of February-2025. The "Knowledge Sharing Session" for Newly Registered Students (40th Batch) was held in the month of February on 25, 26 & 27, 2025.

Furthermore, the Study Manual Department and ICAB-Central Library are utilizing services keeping with upgradation as maintained by the directives of government and also decisions of ICAB management time to time through on line and offline systems. Manuals & books are now available at Books' Sale Centre. Students are coming pleasantly there, and users taking fervent services from the Library, too.

The Counseling and Placement Department has already been planned to hold a-Student Awareness and Motivational Programs titled "Start Chartered Accountancy, When You Study in College/University with the Department of International Business (IB) of University Dhaka, to be arranged by the 2nd week of April-2025. Futhermore, Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program communication with the different universities, colleges and English

medium schools are running, and registration is open for all the concerned students. Moreover, Exemption/ Waiver related addendum on earlier Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony to be held between ICAB and Accounting Information System (AIS) Department of Rajshahi University by the 3rd week of April-2025.

The above programs and activities have been organized by the Head of Education & Students' Affairs Division (ESAD) and a team of 5 departments concern, under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer(CEO)-ICAB, Shubhasish Bose, with the guidance and consent of the President of ICAB, Ms. Maria Howlader FCA.



Announcement

(Classes of Next Session)

The students' enrolment for Certificate Level classes (regular new-2nd batch, Session: March-May, 2025) already started from 21-Dec-2024. The last date for application of classes is 04-Mar-2025. The session will commence on 09 March 2025.

On the other hand, the enrolment for special classes of Professional and Advanced Level students (who are left with one or two subjects or obtained C grade in the exams) is ongoing and the last date for application of classes is 02-Mar-2025. The session will begin from 04 March 2025.

Source: ICAB Campus

Training & Workshop

Foundation Training on IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

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Training on International Valuation Standards

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Workshop on Audit Risk Assessment

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Status of Student Registration for CA Qualification

Particular	Number of Students in February '25	Total Number of Students in 2025
Articleship	196	409
Pre-Articleship (Regular)	208	299
Pre-Articleship (One-off Offer)	41	49
Pre-Articleship (ACMA and ACCA)	03	16
Total	448	773

First Meeting of Advisory Committee of the Council-ICAB

The 1st Meeting for the year 2025 of Advisory Committee of the Council-ICAB was held on 20 February 2025 at Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Dhaka. Anil Chandra Nath FCA, Past President-ICAB initially chaired the meeting. Later on, Abbas Uddin Khan FCA took over as the chair of the meeting as Anil Chandra Nath FCA left the meeting owing to physical illness. During the meeting, ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA gave a short briefing on the activities of ICAB and professional matters focusing on ways and means of how to enhance unity, dignity and image of CA profession and the members of ICAB. She also sought guidance and advice



from the Past Presidents regarding further advancement of the Institute. ICAB Council Members, Past

Presidents and representatives of ICAB management team were also present in the meeting.

Admission as Fellow

The following members have been admitted as Fellow of the Institute with effect from the date mentioned against their names:

Name	Effective Date
Md. Atikur Rahman FCA (1281) Assistant Director, Audit & Advisory Wahab & Co. Chartered Accountants House No. 19, Road No. 13C, Block- E Banani, Dhaka-1213	15 January 2025
Ferdous Elahi FCA (1936) Flat 5C, Sagorika Tower Pathan Para, Sagorika Road P.O.: Custom Academy P.S.: Pahartali Chattogram	08 January 2025
Rahmat Ullah FCA (1989) Manager, Audit WWC, Professional Corporation 3707 Garnet St. APT 112 Torrance, CA 90503	22 December 2024
Md. Ariful Islam Bhuiyan FCA (2007) R2R Regional Lead Accountant Apple Ireland Hollyhill Ln, Hollyhill Industrial Estate Cork, T23 YK84, Ireland	31 December 2024
Md. Maruf Hasan FCA (2012) Senior Manager - Accounts & Finance Square Textiles Division Head Office, Anita Center Plot-77, Road-7 Sector-7, Uttara, Dhaka	03 February 2025
Faysal Islam FCA (2013) AGM - Finance Transcom Limited Gulshan Tower (5th Floor), Plot 31, Road 53 Gulshan North C/A, Dhaka – 1212	03 February 2025
Md. Shahjahan FCA (2014) Partner Ali Zahir Ashraf & Co. Chartered Accountants Ali Bhaban, (8th Floor) 9 Rajuk Avenue Motijheel C/A, Dhaka -1000	03 February 2025
Rakibul Hassan FCA (2015) Head of Finance Comfit Composite Knit Limited 822/2, Youth Tower Rokeya Sarani Shewrapara, Dhaka	03 February 2025

Name	Effective Date
Ramendra Nath Kar FCA (2017) Managing Partner Rahman Anis & Co. Chartered Accountants EDB Trade Center (14th Floor) 93 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215	04 February 2025
Rezwana Arifin Khan FCA (2020) Manager, Accounting & Taxation Philip Morris Bangladesh Limited Impetus Center Level 8 242/B Tejgaon-Gulshan Link Road Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208	03 February 2025
Forhad Hossain FCA (2022) Assistant General Manager Smart Technologies (BD) Limited 10th Floor, Johir Smart Tower 205/1, 205/1A, Begum Rokeya Sarani West Kafrul, Dhaka	04 February 2025
Shahariar Alam FCA (2030) Accounting and Tax Manager DHL Worldwide Express (Bangladesh) Pvt. Limited Ka-96/8, Joar Shahara, Kuril, Dhaka-1229	03 February 2025
Md. Abdul Quddus FCA (2033) Chief Audit Officer Energypac Power Generation PLC Energy Center 25, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208	04 February 2025

Permission to Start Practice

The following members have been permitted to Start Practice as Public Accountants with effect from the date mentioned against their name:

Name	Effective Date
Kamruzzaman FCA (1586) Partner Ashraf Uddin & Co. Chartered Accountants 142/B, Green Road (3rd & 4th floor) Dhaka-1215	27 November 2024
Anwaruddin Chowdhury FCA (343) Partner CHOWDHURY SHAZZAD MONOWAR Chartered Accountants (Earlier SHAZZAD & CO. Chartered Accountants) Navana Zohura Square Suite No - B13, Level-13 28 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Banglamotor, Dhaka-1000	21 January 2025

Name	Effective Date
Mohammad Monowar Hossain FCA (1482) 21 January 2025 Partner CHOWDHURY SHAZZAD MONOWAR Chartered Accountants (Earlier SHAZZAD & CO. Chartered Accountants) Navana Zohura Square Suite No - B13, Level-13 28 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Banglamotor, Dhaka-1000	
Jashim Uddin ACA (2214) 24 December 2024 Partner A. K. Azad & Co. Chartered Accountants Al Razi Complex (16th floor) 166-167, Shahid Syed Nazrul Islam Sarani Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000	
Mohammed Shah Alam ACA (2078) 29 December 2025 Proprietor M. Shah Alam & Co. Chartered Accountants Commercial Court, 95 Agrabad Chattogram	
Ishrat Zebeen ACA (2200) 01 January 2025 Partner M Hannan & Co. Chartered Accountants Saj Bhaban (1st Floor) 27 Bijoy Nagar Dhaka-1000	
Rezaul Mahmud ACA (2209) 12 January 2025 Partner Dewan Nazrul Islam & Co. Chartered Accountants Hasan Cout (4th floor) 23/1 Motijheel C/A Dhaka-1000	
Mohammad Ariful Islam FCA (1629) 01 January 2025 Proprietor ARIF & Co. Chartered Accountants Suite No. 405, Level-4, Plot No. 72 Advanced Melinda Nalimagh, Dhaka-1217	
Md. Abdur Rouf FCA (918) 01 February 2025 Proprietor M A Rouf & Co. Chartered Accountants Meherba Plaza (5th floor), Suit # 5L 33, Topkhana Road, Platan Dhaka-1000	

Permission to Join as Partner

Kamruzzaman FCA (1586) has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

Name	Effective Date
Ashraf Uddin & Co. 27 November 2024 Chartered Accountants 142/B, Green Road (3rd & 4th floor) Dhaka-1215	

The other partners of the firm: Md. Mohiuddin Ahmed FCA (1046), Enamul Kabir FCA (280) and Mohammad Shibbir Hossain FCA (1048).

Jashim Uddin ACA (2214) has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

Name	Effective Date
A. K. Azad & Co. 24 December 2024 Chartered Accountants Al Razi Complex (16th floor) 166-167, Shahid Syed Nazrul Islam Sarani Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000	

The other partners of the firm: Hafeez Muhammad Abul Kalam Azad FCA (371) and Md. Shafequl Amin FCA (1429).

Ishrat Zebeen ACA (2200) has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

Name	Effective Date
M Hannan & Co. 01 January 2025 Chartered Accountants Saj Bhaban (1st Floor) 27 Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka-1000	

The other partners of the firm: Hannan Molla FCA (1918) and Abdul Haque FCA (630).

Rezaul Mahmud ACA (2209) has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

Name	Effective Date
Dewan Nazrul Islam & Co. 12 January 2025 Chartered Accountants Hasan Cout (4th floor), 23/1 Motijheel C/A Dhaka-1000	

The other partners of the firm: Mohammad Rostam Hossain FCA (1340) and Uttam Kumar Saha FCA (1444).

Permission to train Articled Students

The following members have been permitted to train Articled Students with effect from the date mentioned against their names:

Name	Effective Date
Asif Mohammed Abdulah FCA (1842) 27 November 2024 Proprietor A. M. Abdullah & Co. Chartered Accountants Kabbakash Super Market, (8th floor) Suit-16, Plot-3D Kawran Bazar, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215	

Name	Effective Date
Sushmita Noor FCA (1917) Partner Nurul Faruk Hasan & Co. Chartered Accountants Vertex Prominent (1st floor) GA-16/1 Mohakhali Dhaka-1212	22 December 2024
Md. Ashraful Haque FCA (976) Partner Shafiq Basak & Co. Chartered Accountants Shatabdi Centre (6th & 8th Floor) 292 Inner Circular Road Fakirapool, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000	23 December 2024
Satyajit Roy ACA (2087) Partner MARHK & Co. Chartered Accountants House # 05 (8th Floor) Main Road, Block-C Aftabnagar, Dhaka	05 January 2025
Md. Sayeedur Rahman FCA (1774) Proprietor S. Rahman & Co. Chartered Accountants Zeenat Bhaban (5th Floor) 41/1 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Dhaka-1215	07 January 2025
Mohammad Shirajul Islam FCA (1295) Partner Shiraj Wadud & Co. Chartered Accountants 21/A (1st Floor) Purana Paltan, Dhaka	23 January 2025

Permission for Formation of a Proprietorship Firm

The following members have been permitted for Formation of a Proprietorship Firm with effect from the date mentioned against their names:

Name	Effective Date
M. Shah Alam & Co. Chartered Accountants Commercial Court 95 Agrabad, Chattogram	29 December 2024
ARIF & CO. Chartered Accountants Suite No. 405, Level-4, Plot No. 72 Advanced Melinda, Malibagh Dhaka-1217	01 January 2025

Name	Effective Date
M A Rouf & Co. Chartered Accountants Meherba Plaza (5th floor), Suit # 5L 33, Topkhana Road Paltan, Dhaka-1000	01 February 2025

Change of Firm's Name

The name and style of “**SHAZZAD & CO.**, Chartered Accountants” has been changed with its new style as under:

Name and Address	Effective Date
CHOWDHURY SHAZZAD MONOWAR (Earlier, SHAZZAD & CO.) Chartered Accountants Navana Zohura Square Suite No - B13, Level-13 28 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Banglamotor, Dhaka-1000	21 January 2025

The partner of the firm: Mohammad Mostafa Shazzad Hasan FCA (1433) and Anwaruddin Chowdhury FCA (343).

Change of Address of Principal Office

Name & New Address	Effective Date
Hasan Mohin Chartered Accountants Sheltech Rubynur, 12th Floor 115 Senpara, Mirpur-10, Dhaka-1216	14 January 2025

Change of Address of Branch Office

Name & New Address	Effective Date
SHAHA & Company Chartered Accountants Venus Complex (Level 4) Kha 199/3 & 4, Bir Uttam Rafiqul Islam Avenue Pragati Sarani, Badda Dhaka-1212	26 January 2025

Name	Effective Date
Ahmed Zaker & Co. Chartered Accountants 74 Sk Mujib Road Agrabad C/A, Chattogram	15 January 2025

Reconstitution of Partnership

Hussain Farhad & Co., Chartered Accountants has been permitted to reconstitute the partnership [owing to an amendment to the Clause # 7 of the Deed of Partnership] to practice as Public Accountant with effect from 01 January 2025.

General Members Meeting and Online Poll



General Members Meeting and Online Poll (Referendum) was held on 15 February 2024 at the ICAB Auditorium, CA Bhaban, Kawran bazar, Dhaka. ICAB

President Maria Howlader FCA delivered a short brief about the Online Poll (Referendum). ICAB Chief Executive Officer Shubhashish Bose delivered

Opening Remarks. While ICAB Additional Director (IT) Mohammad Deloar Hossain guided the members about technical process of the polling.

CA Bangladesh Cup Golf Tournament 2025 Makes a Dynamic Debut

The 1st CA Bangladesh Cup Golf Tournament 2025 was successfully held at the Golf & Country Club of Cox's Bazar, Ramu Cantonment organized by the CA Golfers Community, an initiative of the members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB). The tournament brought together golf enthusiasts from across the country who participated in a spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

The tournament concluded with a grand prize distribution and a cultural ceremony, where the winners were honored for their outstanding performances. Major General Mohammad Asadullah Minhajul Alam, NDU, PSC, PhD, President of the Golf &



Country Club of Cox's Bazar, attended as the Chief Guest and handed over prizes to the winners.

The event was also attended by the ICAB current President Maria Howlader FCA and Past President A. F. Nesaruddin FCA, senior officials from

the sponsoring organizations, and all participating golfers.

The title sponsor and platinum sponsor of the tournament were CA Bangladesh and City Bank, respectively.



Webinar on Forensic Audit and Corporate Governance: Restoring Trust and Transparency

ICAB organized the webinar on “Forensic Audit and Corporate Governance: Restoring Trust and Transparency” on 25 February 2025, where Dr. Mohammad Abu Yusuf, Chairman (Acting), Financial Reporting Council (FRC), Bangladesh, joined as the Chief Guest. A F Nesaruddin FCA, Past President-ICAB moderated the session. Akhtar Sanjida Kasem FCA, FCMA, CFE, Managing Partner, A Qasem & Co., Chartered Accountants presented the keynote paper.

Md Manirul Islam, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), Bangladesh Bank; Mohammad Al Maruf Khan FCA, Partner, Howladar Yunus & Co., Chartered Accountants; Md. Sadrul Huda FCA, Partner, Shiraz Khan Basak & Co., Chartered Accountants participated in the discussion as panel speakers. ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA delivered an address of welcome in



the webinar, ICAB Vice President Md. Johirul Islam FCA delivered vote of thanks and ICAB Chief Executive Officer Shubhashish Bose joined the

webinar and delivered Opening Remarks. Hundreds of ICAB Members and Stakeholders joined the webinar.

Discussion meeting with Chairman-NAC

ICAB team led by its President Maria Howlader FCA held a discussion meeting with Khandakar Iqbal Hossain FCA, Chairman of Management Committee of the North American Chapter (NAC) of ICAB along with Akhtar Sohel Kasem FCA, Senior Partner, A Qasem & Co. Chartered Accountants & Past President of ICAB; Akhtar Sanjida Kasem FCA, Managing Partner; and Sarwar Azam Khan FCA, Partner of A Qasem & Co. Chartered Accountants on 12 February 2025 at ICAB Council Hall, CA Bhaban, Dhaka.

ICAB Past Presidents and Council Members Muhammad Farooq FCA & Md. Moniruzzaman FCA; Council Member MBM Lutful Hadee FCA; Chief Executive Officer Shubhashish Bose; and Chief Operating Officer Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA among others,



were also present in the meeting.

The professional issues including as enhancement of more engagement of NAC members with ICAB, to continue interaction with CPA Canada in relation to possibility of signing a MoU between ICAB and the Canadian institute, the process of restoration of membership of ICAB senior members residing in Canada and the waiver of related fees as per ICAB rules.

They also discussed about the activities of NAC like organizing seminars, workshops and annual picnic of the chapter. The visiting NAC Chairman also expected that ICAB would continue a lump-sum amount money for holding such events. Discussion was also taking place on the possibility of CA examinations for the part qualified students residing in Canada.