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Webinar on Evolving Role of Accountants in AML Compliance



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) organized the webinar on 'Evolving Role of Accountants in AML Compliance' on Monday, 24 March 2025 through zoom online. A. F. M. Shahinul Islam, Head of Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), Bangladesh Bank joined the webinar as the chief guest while Nasir Uddin Ahmed FCA, Council Member & Past President, ICAB moderated the program as the session chairman. ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA delivered an address of welcome.

ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA said, with rapid advancements in technology, the rise of digital currencies, and an increasingly complex regulatory environment, financial institutions and the businesses are facing growing challenges: ensuring the integrity of the financial system, and preventing it from being exploited for illicit activities such as money laundering.

The ICAB President also said, our growing responsibility places accountants as the first

line of defense against money laundering. We must ensure that the financial institutions through audit or advice adhere to strict AML policies, she added and said, this responsibility puts us in a pivotal position—not only in detecting and reporting suspicious activities but also in establishing preventive systems.

Though historically, accountants have been seen primarily as financial record-keepers but today, their role in AML compliance has expanded significantly.

The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) and government authorities have assigned significant responsibilities to accountants and auditors under the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012, and the Anti-Terrorism Act, 200, she further said adding, ICAB has been proactive in educating and empowering accountants through workshops on AML compliance and forensic accounting. These initiatives equip the professionals with the necessary tools to

Editorial Note from Chairman – Editorial Board



Respected Readers,

Assalamu alaikum and greetings to you all.

The 'Monthly News Bulletin' of ICAB is the communicate of the events of the Institute happen in every month. During the month of March Muslim Ummah observed Ramadan (fasting). Therefore, the office-timing of ICAB was squeezed, however a wide variety of events took place in this month. Details of all these events are being communicated through this publication. I believe, our endeavors will improve relationships with the different stakeholders and will also enhance the credibility of ICAB to a new height.

The ICAB training department passed hectic days in organizing a couple of training sessions and workshops. Such events will also increase in the coming days to keep pace with the developments in the professional arena.

March 26 is our great Independence Day and National Day. Remembering the very day, we convey our heartfelt felicitation to all my fellow members. The historic independence day is a glorious day for our nation. On this solemn day we paid deep homage to all the martyrs who laid from their lives to the great liberation war of 1971 and deep respect for the valiant freedom fighters. We pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed souls.

As a team, the Editorial Board along with the working group continues to deliver tireless effort for bringing out this publication within reasonable time. We solicit your suggestion for the betterment of the Bulletin. We firmly believe that any combined effort can yield better output.

With warmest regards to you all.

Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA

detect financial crimes, identify red flags, and carry out due diligence, she added. Beyond technical skills, we emphasize professional ethics and responsibility. Our workshops and seminars equip members with compliance knowledge while balancing client confidentiality and legal obligations, Maria Howlader mentioned.

Scott Hanson, Director, Policy & Global Engagement, International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) presented the keynote paper; and the panel discussants were Md Manirul Islam, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), Bangladesh Bank and Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA, Council Member & Past President, ICAB. ICAB CEO Shubhashish Bose made the opening remarks while Md. Johirul Islam FCA, Vice President – ICAB delivered the closing remarks.

The keynote presenter in his paper discussed anti money laundering (AML) & the Accountancy Profession in country context; the Global AML

Framework and current scenario in Bangladesh and Globally.

The keynote presenter also opined that the professional accountancy organizations like ICAB, and the individual professional accountants, are the key stakeholders in the fight against corruption and money laundering. IFAC's Anti-Corruption Action Plan in harnessing the full potential of education and professional development, supporting global standards, contributing to evidence-based policymaking, strengthening impact through engagement & partnership and contributing expertise through thought leadership and advocacy were also discussed. As a founding member of IFAC, ICAB is always maintaining all these standards in rendering its services.

The keynote presenter thinks that; a strong accountancy profession plays an important role in the fight against corruption.

Signing Ceremony of Lease Agreement for CA Hostel



Signing Ceremony of Lease Agreement for CA Hostel was held on 19 March 2025 at ICAB Council Hall, CA Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.

ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA, Past President and Council Members Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Mohammed Forkan Uddin FCA, Chief Executive Officer Shubhashish Bose, Chief Operating Officer Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA and other Senior Management Team of ICAB were present in the ceremony.

ICAB President Attended Pre-budget Discussions for FY 2025–26 Organized by NBR

A team of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), led by its President Maria Howlader FCA took part in the pre-budget discussions for FY 2025–26 organized by the National Board of Revenue (NBR).

ICAB, like every year, submitted some specific budget-related proposals to the NBR, including increase of revenue collection while the Institute expects that the NBR will consider these proposals very seriously. ICAB's national budget proposals related to the Income Tax Act are divided into four parts: revenue increase and income tax law (4), legal discrepancies and loopholes (3), ensuring transparency in the implementation of the law (22), and typographical errors and corrections (4). In addition, ICAB also has specific recommendations on the Value Added Tax and Supplementary Duty Act, Customs Act and related regulations, hard and soft copies of which ICAB has already submitted to the NBR.

ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA in speech highlighted the main purpose of the proposals i.e. how to increase the revenue of the government exchequer. In addition, to assist the NBR in tax administration, prevention of tax evasion, increase tax coverage and how to remove inconsistencies in existing laws, she said ICAB always take endeavors like pre-budget and post budget discussion with the participation of country's renowned economists, prominent journalists and the stakeholders, and the underpinning points emanated from the discussion are being



communicated to the policy makers so that they could incorporate those in the revenue policy and guidelines for the betterment of the business and the economy as whole, she added.

ICAB emphasized on ensuring the submission of the taxpayer's return; the ETIN must be linked to BRTA, Land Record Office and the City Corporation. Such automation will ensure an increase of potential tax filers and encourage them to file their returns online without any hassle, she further said.

Md. Abdur Rahman Khan FCMA, Chairman, NBR and Secretary, Internal Resource Division, Ministry of Finance, GoB, presided over the meeting, which was held on 11 March 2025 at Rajsua Bhaban in the capital. At the meeting, fellow member of the institute Snehassish Barua FCA, presented ICAB's recommendations for the National Budget for FY 2025–26. ICAB Council Member and Past President Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA was also present there.



Dear Fellow Members and Colleagues

Assalamu Alaikum and Sincere Greetings to you all.

The month of March reminisces the massacre committed by the then Pakistani rulers that always sadden us profoundly. The aftermath was the declaration of Independence of Bangladesh (the then east Pakistan) on the day of 26 March 1971. People had to go through nine months long nightmare, a bloody war to become independent from Pakistani occupation. To achieve independence, several thousands men and women sacrificed their lives. What remains with us are their memories, words of wisdom and dreams. The day carved a niche deep in the hearts of the

people. Every year we celebrate 26th March as our Independence Day. On this very day ICAB hoisted the National flag at CA Bhaban in the early morning this year to show deep respect to our valiant freedom fighters. Several council members, DRC members and members of the Institute enthusiastically joined us. Having deep rooted the spirit of Independence, we urge all members of this fraternity to hold the flagship of CA profession at the top of dignity and professionalism. We are blessed with Ramadan Mubarak the Happy Ramadan fell in this month and we observed fasting with a view to purifying our souls by the grace of Almighty Allah. May Allah grant our devotion for peace, happiness and prosperity.

As the office hours of ICAB had been squeezed during the month of Ramadan, ICAB carried out a few assigned works not limited to its routine works. Now, let me give a brief on major activities undertaken during the month of March 2025:

04 March 2025: ICAB organised the training on 'Transfer Pricing Regulations & Practice' at ICAB Training Room, CA Bhaban, Dhaka. A total of 34 ICAB members participated in the training session. The resource person of the training was Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman FCA, Co-Founder & Managing Partner of M Rashid Zaman & Co., Chartered Accountants.

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22-24 March 2025: Mr. Scott Hanson, Director of Policy & Global Engagement at the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) who is responsible for coordinating IFAC's engagement strategy with global organizations visited ICAB. During the visits he had a meeting with me and discussed some professional issues. In the meeting he explained about the transformation and current policies and procedures of IFAC SMOs. He also assured IFAC based support for any development needs of ICAB.

The discussion also focused on Anti Money Laundering (AML) and the Financed Action Taskforce (FATF) where ICAB and its members could be instrumental and supportive with the objective of the esteemed accountancy bodies including ICAB. He also talked about IFAC membership obligations, rules and procedures. I assured that ICAB would continue its best efforts to comply with the IFAC membership obligations and best support to comply with the AML and FATF requirements.

Later Mr. Scott Hanson, Director, Policy & Global Engagement,

International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), met ICAB Vice President Mr. Md. Johirul Islam FCA, Past President and Council Members Mr. Kamrul Abedin FCA, Mr. Nasir Uddin Ahmed FCA, Mr. Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA, Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Mr. Mohammed Forkan Uddin FCA, Council Member Mr. Sidhartha Barua FCA, Chief Executive Officer Mr. Shubhashish Bose, Chief Operating Officer Mr. Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA and other Senior Management Team of ICAB and mainly discussed ICAB development needs as a part of IFAC-ICAB ongoing collaboration.

24 March 2025: ICAB organized the webinar on 'Evolving Role of Accountants in AML Compliance' on through zoom online where Mr. A. F. M. Shahinul Islam, Head of Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), Bangladesh Bank joined as the chief guest, and Mr. Nasir Uddin Ahmed FCA, Council Member & Past President, ICAB moderated the program as the session chairman. I delivered an address of welcome and said, with rapid advancements in technology, the rise of digital currencies, and an increasingly complex regulatory environment, financial institutions and businesses alike are facing growing challenges: ensuring the integrity of the financial system, and

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stakeholders in the fight against corruption and money laundering.

24 March 2025: ICAB organized a Doa Mahfil for the deceased members of the Institute which was followed by an Iftar. Dr. Md. Abdul Kadir, Chairman, Department of Arabic, University of Dhaka was present as the main discussant and he discussed the values and significance of Ramadan.

Besides me, the presences in the event were Past President & Council Member Mr. Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA, Past President Mr. Md. Abdus Salam FCA, ICAB Chief Executive Officer Mr. Shubhashish Bose, Chief Operating Officer Mr. Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, DRC Chairman & Members, Fellow Members of the Institute, and ICAB officials.

Best of luck to you all.

With regards.



Maria Howlader FCA

President, ICAB

DRC-ICAB Observed Independence Day



Dhaka Regional Committee (DRC)-ICAB Secretary Mahmudur Rahman FCA, its Member Ramdas Howlader FCA, Fellow Members of the Institute and ICAB officials were present during the time of hoisting the National Flag at CA Bhavan, Dhaka on the occasion of Independence Day, 26 March 2025.

Activities of Barishal Office

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

Status of Student Registration for CA Qualification

Particular	Number of Students in March '25	Total Number of Students in 2025
Articleship	218	627
Pre-Articlesip (Regular)	159	458
Pre-Articlesip (One-off Offer)	39	88
Pre-Articlesip (ACMA and ACCA)	-	16
Total	416	1,189

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

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

Level of Examinations		No. of Recipients
Certificate Level	30	103
Professional Level	67	
Advance Level	4	
CA Qualified	2	

- Total loan Recipients of the fund is – 103, amongst whom 56 students are currently receiving the monthly instalments, 12 students have received one-time loan, 13 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. 3,61,000/- (each month)
- Total disbursement amount of Tk. 85,83,000/- as on 31th March 2025
- Total recovery of the loan Tk. 10,47,000/- as on 31th March 2025
- Total No. of students repaying the loan 24 (Twenty-three), as per their commitment, 100% loan have been recovered up to March 2025
- After disbursement of installment in March 2025, total commitment amount of Tk. 40,40,000/- to 56 students (running) up to May 2027.
- Balance as on March 2025 Tk. 48,82,777/-.

Admission as Associate

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

Name	Effective Date
Md. Nazmul Kabir ACA (2355) DGM- Accounts & Finance Fakir Apparels Limited BSCIC, Fatullah, Narayanganj	11 February 2025
Md. Rasheduzzaman ACA (2356) Manager (Financial Reporting) Beacon Pharmaceuticals PLC Beacon Group, Beacon Business Center 9/B/2 Toyenbee Circular road (Box Culvert Road) Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1223	11 February 2025
Jweel Nath ACA (2357) Rosemary-2, Flat-9A 309 Uttar Badda, Dhaka 1212	11 February 2025
Uttam Kumar Das ACA (2358) The Premier Bank PLC Iqbal Tower (5th Floor) Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani Dhaka-1213	11 February 2025
Md. Sirajul Islam ACA (2359) Associate Manager Rahman Rahman Huq Chartered Accountants 9 & 5 Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212	11 February 2025
Mohammed Shaifur Rahman ACA (2360) 9 no road, Hill garden, 2nd floor Hillview Housing Society Panchlaish, Chattogram	11 February 2025
Debashis Chandra Das ACA (2361) DGM (Accounts & Finance) McDonald Steel Building Products Ltd. Shanta Western Tower, Tejgaon, Dhaka	12 February 2025
Md. Miraz ACA (2362) 17 Circular Road Prantik Government Officers Quarter Flat 17/5, Dhaka	12 February 2025
Abdul Awal ACA (2363) Manager A. Qasem & Co. Chartered Accountants Gulshan Pink City (Level -7) Plot # 15, Road # 103 Gulshan, Avenue, Dhaka-1212	12 February 2025

Name	Effective Date
Md. Mahfuz Nizhum ACA (2364) Manager, Internal Audit A. K. Khan and Company Limited Bay's Galleria (2nd floor) 57 Gulshan Avenue Gulshan-1, Dhaka -1212	12 February 2025
Md. Ruhul Amin ACA (2365) Manager -Assurance and Advisory Services Mahamud Sabuj & Co. Chartered Accountants House: 22 (Level 4) Road: 13/C, Block: E Banani, Dhaka 1213	12 February 2025
Amir Hossain ACA (2366) Manager ACNABIN, Chartered Accountants BDBL Bhaban (Level-13 & 15) 12, Kawran Bazar Commercial Area Dhaka-1215	12 February 2025
Md. Shah Alam ACA (2367) Flat-4A, Dada Priyangan Building, 4th Floor Hazi Fazlur Rahman Road Khilbarirtek, Vatara, Dhaka-1212	12 February 2025
Ashutosh Mondol ACA (2368) Flat- 4/ A, Holding-1/D Bashbari Road Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207	12 February 2025
Abdul Kaium Sharif ACA (2369) R. R. VILLA, Chubra - 999 Moulvibazar Sadar Moulvibazar	12 February 2025
Md. Nahid Hasan Badhan ACA (2370) House # 08, Block C South Banasree Main Road, Khilgaon Dhaka- 1219	13 February 2025
Rahima Akter ACA (2371) Manager, Financial Compliance Finance Department Save the Children International House No. 35, Road No. 43 Gulshan 2, Dhaka	13 February 2025
Md. Muktadir Hossain ACA (2372) House # 374/1/Ka, East Goran Khilgaon – 1219, Dhaka	16 February 2025

Name	Effective Date
ABM Fuad Hassan ACA (2373) House-376, Road-9B, Block-D, Flat-5A, Bashundhara RA Dhaka-1229	16 February 2025
Md. Nowim Uddin ACA (2374) Senior Manager, Tax Standard Chartered Bank Level-5, 67 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-1 Dhaka-1212	16 February 2025
Mahbub Alam ACA (2375) STC Taherunessa Complex (West side of Khanbag Mosque) Block-B, Flate-6C Holding No- CHA-34/1, North Badda Dhaka-1212	26 February 2025

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 Arif Hossain FCA (1680) Manager – Net Revenue Management and Pricing Unilever Bangladesh Limited Residential Address : 3/1/A, Ulon West Rampura (1st floor, right side) Dhaka-1219	26 February 2025
Md. Rubel Hosain FCA (1975) Proprietor M R HOSAIN & CO. Chartered Accountants Razzak Plaza (10th Floor) Suite No # 10-H 2 No. Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Sharoni Moghbar, Dhaka-1217	11 February 2025
Md. Ramim Rana FCA (2008) General Manager (Accounts and Finance) SWISH.GLOBAL Ishaque Tower, Lift 05, ka-96/B Kuril Pragati Sarani Vatara Dhaka-1229	18 February 2025
Md. Nazrul Islam FCA (2009) A.J Tower (5th Floor) 4, Sonargaon Link Road Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215	04 February 2025

Name	Effective Date
Sabrina Mahzabeen FCA (2010) Senior Manager - Audit and Advisory Services Hoda Vasi Chowdhury & Co. Chartered Accountants BTMC Bhaban (6th & 7th Floor) 7-9 Kawran Bazar Dhaka – 1215	03 February 2025
Tanjila Mahabub FCA (2011) Head - Internal Audit Habib Bank Limited 67-68, Kamal Ataturk Avenue Banani, Dhaka-1213	11 February 2025
A.K.M Kayes Mahmud FCA (2016) Senior Manager - Accounts Abul Khair Ceramic Industries Limited Level # 4, Plot # 6 Road # 93, North Avenue Gulshan-2, Dhaka 1212	06 February 2025
Mohammad Abul Hashem Sohag FCA (2018) Chief Financial Officer Nordic Group 118/1/A, Ibrahimpur Dhaka Cantonment Dhaka – 1206	06 February 2025
Md. Mahbub Sarker FCA (2021) Head of ERP & Project Management Expo Freight Ltd. 206/A, Colloid Enterprise, 5th Floor Dhaka-1208	04 February 2025
Parbir Kumar Das FCA (2023) Proprietor Das Parbir & Co. Chartered Accountants Suit # 205 (2nd Floor) Concord Grand, 169/1, Shantinagar Dhaka – 1217	05 February 2025
Md. Sultan Mahmood FCA (2024) Partner (Branch In Charge) MABS & J Partners Chartered Accountants Jahan Building # 5 (3rd Floor) 74, Agrabad C/A, Chattogram	10 February 2025
Md. Akter Hossain FCA (2025) 923-15 James Finlay Way, North York M3M 0B3, Ontario, Canada	28 February 2025

Name	Effective Date
Md. Kamrul Hassan FCA (2027) Director Mahfel Huq & Co. Chartered Accountants BGIC Tower (4th Floor) 34 Topkhana Road Dhaka-1000	05 February 2025
Md. Shafiqul Islam FCA (2031) Head of Financial Reporting & Control (AGM) RMG DIVISION DBL GROUP Capital South Avenue Tower (7th Floor) House 50, Road 03 Gulshan Avenue Dhaka-1212	05 February 2025
Md. Abul Ala FCA (2032) Partner MARHK & Co. Chartered Accountants House # 04 (2nd Floor) Road # 23/A, Block – B Banani, Dhaka-1213	05 February 2025
Md. Ariful Islam Chowdhury FCA (2035) Head of Internal Control and Compliance (ICC) CVC Finance Limited Rahman's Regnum Center (Level-13) 191/1, Gulshan- Tejgaon link Road Tejgaon C/A, Dhaka -1208	16 February 2025
Jayed Ahmed FCA (2036) First Assistant Vice President - Finance Division United Commercial Bank PLC Level - 05, Plot: CWS(A)-1, Road – 34 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka – 1212	10 February 2025
Md. Fokhro Uddin FCA (2037) Partner Alam M. Zaman & Co. Chartered Accountants Joy Bangla Tower (Lift-15) 36 Agrabad C/A, Chattogram	19 February 2025
Nazmun Nahar Nirjhar FCA (2038) Finance Manager Portonics Limited House - 18 (4th floor) Road-06, Gulshan-01 Dhaka-1212	10 February 2025
Rashidul Islam FCA (2040) Audit Lead SQUARE Food & Beverage Ltd. SQUARE Tower (SFBL) House 11/C, Road 27, Banani, Dhaka	11 February 2025

Name	Effective Date
Sami Mymoon Akash FCA (2041) Assistant Manager KPMG Australia Melbourne, Australia	10 February 2025
Raju Nandi FCA (2042) Finance Controller Viyellatex Group Le Méridien Dhaka, Level 6 79/A Commercial Area Airport Road, Dhaka 1229	10 February 2025
Ankur Saha FCA (2043) Deputy Head of Finance Mediastar Limited (A Concern of Transcom Group) 19 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215	09 February 2025
Farhana Nasrin FCA (2046) Proprietor Farhana Nasrin & Co. Chartered Accountants Silver Rain (level 3) 48 Bijoy Nagar Dhaka-1000	24 February 2025
Md. Syful Islam FCA (2047) Senior Manager - Audit Rahman Rahman Huq Chartered Accountants 9 & 5 Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka 1212	25 February 2025

Permission to Join as Partner

Shankar Chandra Karmaker FCA (905) has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

Name	Effective Date
A. T. Talukder & Co. Chartered Accountants 23/1, Hasan Court (4th Floor), Motijheel C/A Dhaka 1000	19 February 2025

The other partner of the firm: Md. Abu Taleb Talukder FCA (61).

Mohammad Ruhul Quddus FCA (1399) has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

Name	Effective Date
Ahmed Yusuf & Co. Chartered Accountants Level-2 (Lift-1), House 27, Road 12, Block-F Niketan Housing Society Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212	16 January 2025

The other partner of the firm: Ahmed Yusuf Mozadded FCA (1166).

Reconstitution of Partnership

Islam Quazi Shafique & Co., Chartered Accountants has been permitted to reconstitute the partnership [owing to resignation of Khan Tariqul Islam FCA (501), Former Partner of the firm effective from **02 March 2025**.

Mak & Co., Chartered Accountants has been permitted to reconstitute the partnership [owing to resignation of Md. Abdur Rouf FCA (918), Former Partner of the firm effective from **01 February 2025**.

Rahman Rahman Huq, Chartered Accountants has been permitted to reconstitute the partnership [owing to retirement of Ali Ashfaq FCA (509), Former Partner of the firm effective from **13 October 2024**.

Permission for Formation of a Proprietorship Firm

The following member has been permitted for Formation of a Proprietorship Firm with effect from the date mentioned against his name:

Name	Effective Date
Naima Sultana FCA (1688) Proprietor Naima Sultana & Co. Chartered Accountants 701 (A1), 6th Floor, Century Center, Kha-225 Bir Uttam Rafiqul Islam Avenue, Merul Badda Gulshan-1212	06 March 2025

Permission to Start Practice

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

Name	Effective Date
Shankar Chandra Karmaker FCA (905) Partner A. T. Talukder & Co. Chartered Accountants 23/1, Hasan Court (4th Floor), Motijheel C/A Dhaka 1000	19 February 2025
Naima Sultana FCA (1688) Proprietor Naima Sultana & Co. Chartered Accountants 701 (A1), 6th Floor, Century Center, Kha-225 Bir Uttam Rafiqul Islam Avenue, Merul Badda Gulshan-1212	06 March 2025

Name	Effective Date
Mohammad Ruhul Quddus FCA (1399) Partner Ahmed Yusuf & Co. Chartered Accountants Level-2 (Lift-1), House 27, Road 12, Block-F Niketan Housing Society Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212	16 January 2025

Permission to Open Branch Office

Hossain Chowdhury & Co., Chartered Accountants has been permitted to open a Branch Office at Bijoy Nagar with Mohammad Tofazzel Hossain FCA (0982), as Branch In-Charge to practice as Public Accountant, details are as follows:

Name	Effective Date
Hossain Chowdhury & Co. Chartered Accountants 30 Bijoy Nagar, 4th Floor, Paltan Dhaka-1000	10 February 2025

Member's Achievement

Mr. N I Chowdhury FCA (Enrl. 766), Ex-Secretary-ICAB and Senior Partner, Atik Khaled Chowdhury, Chartered Accountants has been appointed as the Independent Board Director of DUTCH-BANGLA BANK PLC. Currently Mr. Chowdhury has been serving as the Independent Board Director of Olympic Accessories Limited. Mr. Chowdhury also served as Independent Director of NCC Bank PLC. and Padma Islami Life Insurance Ltd.



Training News

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ICAB organised the training on 'Transfer Pricing Regulations & Practice' on 04 March 2025 at ICAB Training Room, CA Bhaban, Dhaka. A total of 34 ICAB members participated in the training session. The resource person of the training was Md. Kamruzzaman FCA, Co-Founder & Managing Partner of M Rashid Zaman & Co., Chartered Accountants.



ICAB Academic Campus News

The session (Mar-May-2025, 22nd Batch) for Certificate Level students has been commenced on 09-Mar-2025. The session will be concluded by 29-May-2025 (keeping some special arrangements on Fri & Sat/days). There 1109 students joining with 56 teachers for the session. All students were the fresh candidates for the Certificate Level exam, Session: June-2025 (2nd Quarter), to be started from 16-Jun-2025.

The classes of Professional Level (18th Batch, Students-511, Teachers-28) which was begun from 12-Feb-2025, will now be closed by 24-April-2025.

On the other hand, the classes of Advanced Level (16th Bath, Students-101, Teachers-10) have already been started from 17-Feb-2025. The session will be concluded by 17-Apr-2025. The examinations of Professional and Advanced Levels will be held from 27-April-2025 (2nd Quarter).

The Pre-articleship Training Course (PATC) for CA students (16th batch) on "Audit & Assurance" (AA) & "English Language" (EL) which was started from 20-Feb-2025 (with 271 students; and 05 teachers of EL & 14 teachers of AA), has been ended on 24-Mar-2025. Thereafter, its next 17th batch (for the prospective students' physical training course) has been begun from 27-Mar-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 218 and 198 PAS (pre-articleship students) within the month of March-2025. The "Knowledge Sharing Session" for Newly Registered Students (41th Batch) was held in the month of March on 23, 24 & 25, 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 Begum Rokeya University and Carmichael College, Rangpur, to be arranged by the 3rd week of April-2025. Furthermore, 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 2nd week of April-2025, and next also with the Department of International Business (IB), University of Dhaka within 2nd week of May 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 and Vice President-ICAB, Md Johirul Islam FCA, with the guidance and consent of the Chairman of the Board of Studies (BoS)-ICAB, Chitta Ranjan Mazumder FCA and the President of ICAB, Maria Howlader FCA.



Announcement

(Classes of Next Session)

The students' enrolment for Certificate Level classes (regular new-3rd batch, Session: Jun-Aug, 2025) will be started from 10-April-2025. The last date for application of classes is 25-May-2025. The session will commence on and from 01 June 2025.

Source: ICAB Campus

CRC-ICAB Celebrated Int'l Women's Day

ICAB Chattogram Regional Committee organised program marking the International Women's Day 2025 which was held on 22 March 2025 at Conference Hall, ICAB- Chattogram Region office, Chattogram.

The program was attended by Naznin Sultana FCA, Secretary of CRC; Director, Finance & HR, Asian University for Women, Chattogram & Independent Director, Chattogram Stock Exchange. Rubiya Akter FCA, Manager, Listing Department, Chattogram Stock Exchange, Chattogram and Rubaiyath Ara FCA, AGM, Corporate Accounts, PHP family.

Female members of CRC and the existing female students; course completed, partly qualified, and articulated students participated in this event.



CRC-ICAB Organized Workshop on 'E-Return Submission'

Chattogram Regional Committee (CRC) of ICAB organized the workshop on 'E-Return Submission' on 22 March 2025 at Crystal Ball Room, Hotel Agrabad Limited, Chattogram.

Md. Johirul Islam FCA, Vice-President-ICAB & Partner, A Qasem & Co, Chartered Accountants, Sidhartha Barua FCA, Council Member-ICAB & Partner, M M Rahman & Co, Chartered Accountants, Shekhar Ranjan Kar FCA, Group CFO & Company Secretary, BSRM Group of Companies and Trishit Chowdhury FCA, Chairman of Chattogram Regional Committee were the Discussants of the workshop.

Mohammad Shafiul Azam ACA, Assistant General Manager (Audit), Padma Oil Company Ltd was the resource person of the workshop. A total of 69 Members of ICAB participated in the Workshop.

The workshop, was followed by an Iftar party.



ICAB Organized Doa Mahfil and Iftar

ICAB organized a Doa Mahfil for deceased members of the Institute which was followed by an Iftar on 24 March 2025. Dr. Md. Abdul Kadir, Chairman, Department of Arabic, University of Dhaka was present as the main discussant. He discussed about the values and significance of Ramadan at the event.

Among others present the program were ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA, Past President & Council Member Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA, Past President Md. Abdus Salam FCA, ICAB Chief Executive Officer Shubhashish Bose, Chief Operating Officer Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, DRC Chairman & Members, Fellow Members of the Institute, and ICAB officials.



IFAC Policy & Global Engagement Director Met ICAB President

Scott Hanson, Director of Policy & Global Engagement at the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) who is responsible for coordinating IFAC's engagement strategy with global organizations visited ICAB from 22 March to 24 March 2025. During the visits he had a meeting with ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA and discussed some professional issues. In the meeting he explained about the transformation and current policies and procedures of IFAC SMOs. He also assured IFAC based support for any development needs of ICAB.

The discussion also focused on Anti Money Laundering (AML) and the Financed Action Taskforce (FATF) where ICAB and its members could be instrumental and supportive with the objective of the esteemed accountancy bodies including ICAB. He also talked about IFAC membership obligations, rules and procedures. ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA assured that ICAB would continue its



best efforts to comply with the IFAC membership obligations and best support to comply with the AML and FATF requirements. She thanked Mr. Hanson for his consent to deliver the keynote paper on Webinar on Evolving Role of Accountants in AML Compliance at ICAB webinar. The ICAB President also focused on enhanced mutual collaboration between IFAC and ICAB in the days to come.

Later Mr. Scott Hanson, Director, Policy & Global Engagement, International Federation of

Accountants (IFAC), met ICAB Vice President Md. Johirul Islam FCA, Past President and Council Members Kamrul Abedin FCA, Nasir Uddin Ahmed FCA, Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA, Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Mohammed Forkan Uddin FCA, Council Member Sidhartha Barua FCA, Chief Executive Officer Shubhashish Bose, Chief Operating Officer Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA and other Senior Management Team of ICAB and mainly discussed on ICAB development needs as a part of IFAC-ICAB ongoing collaboration.