



# ICAB NEWS BULLETIN

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



## Webinar on Strengthening Audit Profession and Rebuilding Trust – Role of Auditors and Regulatory Bodies

ICAB organized the webinar titled “Strengthening Audit Profession and Rebuilding Trust – Role of Auditors and Regulatory Bodies” on 22 April 2025, where Malcolm Bacchus, President, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), joined as the Chief Guest. Akhtar Sohail Kasem FCA, Past President, ICAB moderated the session. Dr. Javed Siddiqui, Professor of Accounting, Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester, UK presented the keynote paper.



ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA in her address of welcome said, to build up confidence in business is crucial to attract both local and foreign investment so that the country as a whole can boost up investment in all sectors of the economy.

Weak governance in state-owned and private organisations causes dwindling of investors’ trust in business in the country. Moreover, global economic uncertainty and high inflation have deteriorated the situation and pushed the countries like Bangladesh in adverse position in the balance of international trade, she added.

The President said, there is no denying the fact that strong auditing and accounting ecosystem is vital for compliance and restoring the trust of the public, donors

and development partners, because auditors play a crucial role in corporate governance by verifying financial integrity. A robust audit system supports financial market development and enhances investor confidence. Bangladesh must embark on a comprehensive reform of its financial sector for attaining sustainable economic growth, she added.

Sk. Md. Tarikul Islam FCA (ICAB), ACA (ICAEW), Partner, Hoda Vasi Chowdhury & Co., Chartered Accountants participated in the discussion as the panel speaker, while ICAB Chief Operating Officer (COO) Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA delivered vote of thanks. Hundreds of ICAB Members and stakeholders joined the webinar.

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### Editorial Note from Chairman – Editorial Board



#### Respected Readers,

*Assalamu alaikum and greetings to you all.*

We the Bengali people celebrate the first day of Bangla Calendar year Pohela Boishakh warmly and joyfully all over Bangladesh irrespective of race, colour and religion. The day begins with traditional festivities and parades onto the street, with a fresh start, new hope, aspiration and wishing prosperity of every individual and the nation as a whole. The Institute observed the day in a befitting manner.

On behalf of the editorial Board, I would like to wish a warm greetings 'Shuvo Noboborsho' to you all and hope for an eventful, happy & prosperous year ahead.

In the month of April, ICAB organized a number of workshops and trainings with the participation of ICAB members and different stakeholders from public and private organizations. Such endeavors with the involvement of different stakeholders will certainly elevate the image and credibility of ICAB to a new height.

Dear members, the objective of this publication is to inform you of the main activities of the Institute and keep you in touch with ICAB. Your active participation in every effort could lead the profession to the cliff of honour and dignity.

With warmest regards to you all.

**Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA**

## Students Nominated to Participate in CA Students' Conference Met ICAB President



**T**he students nominated to participate in the 39th International CA Students' Conference, SAFA Quiz and Public Speaking Contest 2025 met Maria Howlader FCA, President of ICAB, on 27 April 2025 at CA Bhaban, Dhaka. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICAB Shubhashish Bose, Chief Operating Officer (COO) Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, Chairman of Dhaka Regional Committee (DRC) Mohammad Refaul Karim Chowdhury FCA, Secretary Mahmudur Rahman FCA, and Members Md. Mijanur Rahman FCA and Ramdas Howlader FCA were also present.

During the meeting, the ICAB president hoped that the students nominated by ICAB would be able to achieve the highest awards and enhance the image of the institute by performing their best. The 39th International CA Students' Conference was scheduled to be held on 29 April 2025 in Sri Jayawardenepura, Sri Lanka, and the SAFA Quiz and Public Speaking Contest 2025 to be held on 30 April 2025 on the premises of CA Sri Lanka in Colombo.

## Reduction of Annual Fees and CA Examination Fees



**T**he leaders of Bangladesh CA Chhatra Parishad on behalf of general students expressed their thanks and gratitude to the ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA and the Council of ICAB on 27 April 2025 at CA Bhaban for granting students' appeal regarding the reduction of annual fees and examination fees, approving the establishment of female CA students' hostel and also providing financial support for the relocation of BCAH (male CA students' hostel) to a suitable location in Dhaka city.

In the meeting, the delegation of the CA students also offered a flower bouquet to the president. while ICAB CEO Shubhashish Bose and Chief Operating Officer Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA were also present.

## ICAB Organized Awareness Program at University of Dhaka

**A**s part of its career awareness initiative, ICAB organized a program titled 'The Chartered Accountancy – A Career Choice' on 30 April 2025 at the Conference Hall, University of Dhaka. The event was attended by the students from the Department of Management of University of Dhaka.

ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA graced the event as the chief discussant. Other distinguished speakers included ICAB CEO Shubhashish Bose, Chairman of the Department of Management Dr. Thoufiqul Islam, and ICAB alumni Nazmul Huda ACA, Md. Sazedul Kabir ACA, and Dipanjan Das ACA. They delivered inspiring speeches highlighting the significance of CA education, its evolving career opportunities, and the available facilities, including exemption policies for eligible candidates.

The participating students showed great enthusiasm and actively engaged in a lively question-and-answer session, where they explored their curiosities and gained valuable insights into the CA profession.



## Newly Renovated ICAB Student Counselling & Registration Center Inaugurated

**T**he inauguration program of the newly renovated ICAB Student Counselling & Registration Center at Ground Floor at CA Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, was held on 24 April 2025.

ICAB President Maria Howlader FCA inaugurated the center while Vice President Md. Johirul Islam FCA, Council Members and Past Presidents Kamrul Abedin FCA, Nasir Uddin Ahmed FCA, Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA, Md. Moniruzzaman FCA and Council Member & Immediate Past President Mohammed Forkan Uddin

FCA, Chief Executive Officer Shubhashish Bose and Chief Operating Officer Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA and ICAB Senior Officials were present in the ceremony.

This center with modern amenities is made for the benefit of articled and pre-articled students of ICAB. It will provide one top services to all the



students regarding CA admission process, registration and also provide counselling to the prospective students.



## President's Communication

### Dear Fellow Members and Colleagues

*Assalamu Alaikum and Sincere Greetings to you all.*

The month of April always brings the occasion of celebration of Pohela Boishakh. Its a part and parcel of our Bengali culture and heritage. It is my honour and it was a great opportunity that on this day, I conveyed 'Shuvo Noboshow' to all of our respected members and their families.

Dear members, at the very beginning of my presidency I chalked out a strategic plan assessing the strength and weakness of the Institute, along with the motto to resolve some reform issues on the administrative side of the ICAB and accordingly we are now giving efforts, and recently it is being augmented.

Let me now share a summary of the main events which took place during the month of April.

**07 April 2025:** ICAB team led by me participated in the 87th Board Meeting of South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA), its Committee Meetings and SAFA Conference held in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Other ICAB delegates were Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Council Member & Past

President, and Mr. Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, Assistant Executive Secretary of SAFA & Chief Operating Officer of ICAB participated in the Events. The 87th SAFA Board Meeting was successfully held on 7th April 2025 at Hotel Yak & Yeti, Kathmandu, Nepal, with the participation of esteemed representatives from SAFA member bodies across Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, and the Maldives, through online and in physical.

The meeting was graced by SAFA President Mr. Ashfaq Tola and SAFA Vice President & Past President and Council Member-ICAB Mr. Mohammed Humayun Kabir FCA who joined virtually.

In addition to the board meeting, several SAFA committee meetings were also held on the same day, reaffirming the region's collective commitment to collaboration, professional excellence, and the advancement of the accountancy profession in South Asia.

**22 April 2025:** ICAB organized the webinar on "Strengthening Audit Profession and Rebuilding Trust – Role of Auditors and Regulatory Bodies", where Mr. Malcolm Bacchus, President, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), joined as the Chief Guest. Mr. Akhtar

Sohel Kasem FCA, Past President, ICAB moderated the session. Dr. Javed Siddiqui, Professor of Accounting, Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester, UK presented the keynote paper.

In my speech I highlighted on restoring investors' confidence for increasing both local and foreign investments, and emphasized on a strong auditing and accounting ecosystem which is vital for compliance and regaining the trust of the people, donors and development partners.

I also underscored the importance of comprehensive reform of country's financial sector for attaining sustainable economic growth.

Mr. Sk. Md. Tarikul Islam FCA (ICAB), ACA (ICAEW), Partner, Hoda Vasi Chowdhury & Co., Chartered Accountants participated in the discussion as panel speaker. I delivered an address of welcome in the webinar while ICAB Chief Operating Officer (COO) Mr. Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA delivered a vote of thanks. Hundreds of ICAB Members and Stakeholders joined the webinar.

**21 - 24 April 2025:** ICAB organised the training on 'Advanced Excel and Financial Modeling' at ICAB Training Room, CA Bhaban, Dhaka. A total of 48 ICAB members and officials of other organisations participated in the training session. The resource person of the training was Mr. Md. Anowar Hossain Fakir Lead Consultant, Training Bangla.

**24 April 2025:** The inauguration program of the newly renovated ICAB Student Counselling & Registration Center at Ground Floor of CA Bhaban was held.

I inaugurated the center while Vice President Mr. Md. Johirul Islam FCA, Council Members and Past Presidents Mr. Kamrul Abedin FCA, Mr. Nasir Uddin Ahmed FCA, Mr. Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA, Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman FCA and Council Member & Immediate

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Operating Officer Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA were present.

**27 -28 April 2025:** ICAB organised the workshop on 'An Overview of Audit Documentation for Small and Medium Sized Practices (SMPs)' at ICAB Training Room, CA Bhaban, Dhaka. A total of 39 ICAB members and officials of other organisations participated in the workshop. The resource persons of the workshop were Mr. Sk. Ashik Iqbal FCA, CPA (USA), Partner, Mr. Nurul Faruk Hasan & Co., Chartered Accountants and Mr. Bhola Nath Kundu FCA, Partner, Tasnuva Mahedi Bhola, Chartered Accountants.

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I was the chief discussant while other distinguished speakers were ICAB CEO Mr. Shubhashish Bose, Chairman of the Department of Management Dr. Thoufiqul Islam, and ICAB alumni Mr. Nazmul Huda ACA, Mr. Md. Sazedul Kabir ACA, and Mr. Dipanjan Das ACA. We delivered inspiring speeches highlighting the significance of CA education, its evolving career opportunities, and the available facilities, including exemption policies for eligible candidates.

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Best of luck to you all.



**Maria Howlader FCA**  
President, ICAB

## Admission as Associate

The following member has been admitted as Associate of the Institute with effect from the date mentioned against his name:

| Name                                                                                     | Effective Date       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Ahmed Zabir ACA (2376)</b><br>House 5, Road 11, Priyanka Runway City<br>Uttara, Dhaka | <b>19 March 2025</b> |

## 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       |
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| <b>Mehrooz Saima FCA (1865)</b><br>Commercial Finance Business Partner<br>Coca-Cola Bangladesh Beverages Limited<br>Navana HR Tower, 13th Floor<br>Plot: 410-412 & 205 Bir Uttam Mir Shawkat Sarak<br>Dhaka 1208 | <b>25 March 2025</b> |

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| <b>Mizanur Rahman FCA (2026)</b><br>Partner<br>Arun & Company, Chartered Accountants<br>House # 558 (4th floor), East Kazipara, Kafrul<br>Mirpur, Dhaka-1216 | <b>18 March 2025</b> |
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## Permission to Join as Partner

**Md. Zinnah Shekh FCA (1748)** has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

| Name                                                                                                          | Effective Date       |
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| <b>Ahmed Zaker &amp; Co.,</b><br>Chartered Accountants<br>Green City Edge, Level-10, 89 Kakrail<br>Dhaka-1000 | <b>19 March 2025</b> |

The other partners of the firm: Zaker Ahmed FCA (209), AKM Mohitul Haq FCA (458), Arup Chowdhury FCA (893), AKM Rahmat Ullah FCA (719) and Md. Arfin Ali FCA (1221).

**Shah Rafsan Kibria ACA (1938)** has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

| Name                                                                                                                      | Effective Date       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>G. Kibria &amp; Co.,</b><br>Chartered Accountants<br>Sadharan Bima Sadan (5th floor)<br>24-25 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 | <b>11 March 2025</b> |

The other partners of the firm: A K Gulam Kibria FCA (0392), Sultan Moheuddin FCA (1530), Mohammad Showket Akber FCA (0970), Md. Abul Quasem FCA (0192) and Md. Riaz Hosen ACA (2156).

**Imran Abu Hasan FCA (971)** has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

| Name                                                                                                                    | Effective Date       |
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| <b>A. Wahab &amp; Co.,</b><br>Chartered Accountants<br>Hotel Purbani, Annex-2 (4th Floor)<br>1 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 | <b>23 March 2025</b> |

The other partners of the firm: Abdul Wahab FCA (48), ANM Nurul Wahab FCA (758), Md Showkat Hossain FCA (196), Md Nurul Islam FCA (215) and Kazi Md. Mahboob Kasem FCA (845).

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

| Name                                                                                                                                               | Effective Date       |
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| <b>AKHTER ABBAS KHAN &amp; CO.,</b><br>Chartered Accountants<br>Nirman Samad Trade Centre<br>63/1, Pioneer Road (5th floor)<br>Kakrail, Dhaka-1000 | <b>09 April 2025</b> |

The other partners of the firm: Abbas Uddin Khan FCA (439), Biplob Saha FCA (1992) and Mubin Shaikh FCA (1858).

**Kamalesh Bhowmik FCA (1108)** has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

| Name                                                                                                                                    | Effective Date       |
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| <b>Amal &amp; Leena</b><br>Chartered Accountants<br>Rhine Razzak Plaza (6th floor)<br>383 Tongi Diversion Road<br>Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217 | <b>24 March 2025</b> |

The other partner of the firm: Amal Krishna Das FCA (802).

**Mohammad Asraful Hassan FCA (1282)** has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

| Name                                                                                                                                                                         | Effective Date       |
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| <b>K. Abhijit &amp; Co.,</b><br>Chartered Accountants<br>Green City Regency, Plot # 26 & 27<br>C/A Bir Uttam, Shamsul Alam Road<br>11th Floor, Type-A, Kakrail<br>Dhaka-1000 | <b>07 April 2025</b> |

The other partner of the firm: Abhijit Kumar Saha FCA (1170).

## Reconstitution of Partnership

**Arun & Company**, Chartered Accountants has been permitted to reconstitute the partnership [owing to resignation of Mohammad Asraful Hassan FCA (1282), Former Partner of the firm effective from 01 April 2025].

## Permission for Formation of a Proprietorship Firm

**Faiz Ahmed FCA (1547)** has been permitted to form a Proprietorship Firm and continue practice under the name and style of:

| Name                                                                                                                                   | Effective Date       |
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| <b>F Ahmed &amp; Co.</b><br>Chartered Accountants<br>Flat # B3, 3rd Floor, House # 200-198, Road # 2<br>Avenue # 3, Mirpur DOHS, Dhaka | <b>23 March 2025</b> |

**Md. Shamim Ahsan FCA (1047)** has been permitted to form a Proprietorship Firm and continue practice under the name and style of:

| <b>Name</b>                                                                                                                          | <b>Effective Date</b> |
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| <b>Ahsan Shamim &amp; Co.</b><br>Chartered Accountants<br>128/3, East Tejturi Bazar (3rd Floor)<br>Kawran Bazar, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 | <b>06 April 2025</b>  |

**Md Sirajul Islam FCA (1212)** has been permitted to form a Proprietorship Firm and continue practice under the name and style of:

| <b>Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Effective Date</b> |
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| <b>Islam Siraj &amp; Co.</b><br>Chartered Accountants<br>Al Mizan Center<br>Holding No. 11-7/J-1, 4th Floor<br>Sonargaon Road, Free School Street<br>PS-Kalabagan, Dhaka-1205 | <b>07 April 2025</b>  |

## Permission to Start Practice

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

| <b>Name</b>                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Effective Date</b> |
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| <b>Md. Zinnah Shekh FCA (1748)</b><br>Partner<br>Ahmed Zaker & Co., Chartered Accountants<br>Flat No. B-2, House No.3, Road No. 4<br>Block F, Banani, Dhaka | <b>19 March 2025</b>  |

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| <b>Shah Rafsan Kibria ACA (1938)</b><br>Partner<br>G. Kibria & Co., Chartered Accountants<br>House # 51, Road # 14, Block # G, Niketon<br>Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 | <b>11 March 2025</b> |
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| <b>Imran Abu Hasan FCA (971)</b><br>Partner<br>A. Wahab & Co., Chartered Accountants<br>The World Trade Center (3rd Floor South East Corner)<br>102-103, Agrabad C/A, Chattogram | <b>23 March 2025</b> |
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| <b>Rezaul Mahmud ACA (2209)</b><br>Partner<br>AKHTER ABBAS KHAN & CO.<br>Chartered Accountants<br>Hotel Ornate (5th Floor), 30 Bijoynagar<br>Dhaka-1000 | <b>09 April 2025</b> |
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| <b>Kamalesh Bhowmik FCA (1108)</b><br>Partner<br>Amal & Leena, Chartered Accountants<br>Rhine Razzak Plaza (6th floor)<br>383 Tongi Diversion Road<br>Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217 | <b>24 March 2025</b> |
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| <b>Mohammad Asraful Hassan FCA (1282)</b><br>Partner<br>K. Abhijit & Co.<br>Chartered Accountants<br>MAS PARAGON, 580 East Kazi Para, 7th Floor<br>Mirpur, Dhaka-1216 | <b>07 April 2025</b> |
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| <b>Name</b>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Effective Date</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Faiz Ahmed FCA (1547)</b><br>Proprietor<br>F Ahmed & Co.<br>Chartered Accountants<br>Flat # B3, 3rd Floor, House # 200-198<br>Road # 2, Avenue # 3, Mirpur DOHS, Dhaka | <b>23 March 2025</b>  |

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| <b>Md. Shamim Ahsan FCA (1047)</b><br>Proprietor<br>Ahsan Shamim & Co.<br>Chartered Accountants<br>128/3, East Tejturi Bazar (3rd Floor)<br>Kawran Bazar, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 | <b>06 April 2025</b> |
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| <b>Md Sirajul Islam FCA (1212)</b><br>Proprietor<br>Islam Siraj & Co., Chartered Accountants<br>Al Mizan Center, Holding No. 11-7/J-1, 4th Floor<br>Sonargaon Road, Free School Street<br>PS- Kalabagan, Dhaka-1205 | <b>07 April 2025</b> |
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## Permission to Open Branch Office

**Ahmed Zaker & Co.**, Chartered Accountants has been permitted to open a Branch Office at Banani with **Md. Arfin Ali FCA (1221)**, as Branch In-Charge to practice as Public Accountant, details are as follows:

| <b>Name and Address</b>                                                                                                   | <b>Effective Date</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Ahmed Zaker &amp; Co.</b> ,<br>Chartered Accountants<br>Flat No. B-2, House No.3, Road No. 4, Block F<br>Banani, Dhaka | <b>19 March 2025</b>  |

**K. Abhijit & Co.**, Chartered Accountants has been permitted to open a Branch Office at Mirpur with **Mohammad Asraful Hassan FCA (1282)**, as Branch In-Charge to practice as Public Accountant, details are as follows:

| <b>Name and Address</b>                                                                                                    | <b>Effective Date</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>K. Abhijit &amp; Co.</b> ,<br>Chartered Accountants<br>MAS PARAGON, 580 East Kazi Para, 7th Floor<br>Mirpur, Dhaka-1216 | <b>07 April 2025</b>  |

## Change of Address of Chattogram Branch Office

| <b>Name &amp; New Address</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>Effective Date</b> |
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| <b>SHAHA &amp; Company</b><br>Chartered Accountants<br>Ambia House<br>210 Probal Chowdhury Sarak<br>Dewanjee Pukur Lane, Rahamatgonj, Chattogram | <b>13 March 2025</b>  |

## Change of Address of Principal Office

| <b>Name &amp; New Address</b>                                                                                                         | <b>Effective Date</b> |
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| <b>S. Islam &amp; Co.</b><br>Chartered Accountants<br>Level-1, House # 26, Road # 1/A<br>Block # D, Sector # 15, Uttara<br>Dhaka-1230 | <b>13 March 2025</b>  |

## New Executive Committee of ICAB-ASPAC Formed

ICAB Asia Pacific Chapter (ASPAC) has formed its New Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Chapter held in April 2025. New executive Committee of ASPAC are as follows:

Manzur Isa FCA as Chairman, Syed Akram Ullah FCA as Vice Chairman-1, Abu Haider Mohammed Kibria FCA as Vice Chairman-2, Jhuma Laila FCA as Secretary, Mustaq Ahammed FCA as Treasurer and Parvej Ahmed FCA as Joint Secretary will perform their respective roles.

## SAFA Webinar on 'Adoption of AI in Finance, Auditing and Accounting Functions'

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) organized the SAFA Webinar on 'Adoption of AI in Finance, Auditing and Accounting Functions' on 26 April 2025 through zoom online.

SAFA President Ashfaq Yousuf Tola; SAFA Vice President and Council Member & Past President-ICAB Mohammed Humayun Kabir FCA; Chairman of SAFA Committee on Information Technology (CIT) CA Dayanmas Sharma; Eminent Speakers CA Anand Prakash Jangid & CA Amish Thakkar and Member of SAFA CIT CA Umesh R. Sharma participated in the SAFA webinar.

## Obituary

**Mr. Sultan Ahmed FCA** (Enrl. No. 92), Past Vice President, ICAB and Proprietor, Ahmed Sultan & Co., Chartered Accountants passed away on 10 April 2025 at 4:30 am at Evercare Hospital, Dhaka (Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Illahe Rajeun).



On behalf of the Institute, President-ICAB Maria Howlader FCA expressed deep condolence to the bereaved family and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

## Status of Student Registration for CA Qualification

| Particular                      | Number of Students in April '25 | Total Number of Students in 2025 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Articleship                     | 194                             | 821                              |
| Pre-Articleship (Regular)       | 64                              | 522                              |
| Pre-Articleship (One-off Offer) | 34                              | 122                              |
| Pre-Articleship (ACMA and ACCA) | 07                              | 23                               |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>299</b>                      | <b>1,488</b>                     |

## Update of Quard-E-Hasana Fund as of April 2025

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

| Level of Examinations |    | No. of Recipients |
|-----------------------|----|-------------------|
| Certificate Level     | 34 | 111               |
| Professional Level    | 71 |                   |
| Advance Level         | 4  |                   |
| CA Qualified          | 2  |                   |

- Total loan Recipients of the fund is – 111, amongst whom 61 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, 14 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 plus one-time loan is being disbursed- Tk. 5,66,000/- in April 2025
- Total disbursement amount of Tk. 91,49,000/- as on 30th April 2025
- Total recovery of the loan Tk. 11,25,000/- as on 30th April 2025
- Total No. of students repaying the loan 24 (Twenty-four), as per their commitment, 100% loan have been recovered up to April 2025
- After disbursement of installment in April 2025, total commitment amount of Tk. 41,76,000/- to 61 students (running) up to May 2027.
- Balance as on April 2025 Tk. 44,66,096/-.



### ICAB Academic Campus News

The session (Mar-May-2025, 22nd Batch) for Certificate Level students which has been started from 09-Mar-2025, will now be closed by 29-May-2025 (keeping some special arrangements on Fri & Sat/days). There are 1109 students joining with 56 teachers for the session. All students are 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) began from 12-Feb-2025, already closed on 24-April-2025.

On the other hand, the classes of Advanced Level (16th Bath, Students-101, Teachers-10) which was started from 17-Feb-2025, ended on 17-Apr-2025. In the mean time, the examinations of Professional and Advanced Levels started from 27-April-2025 (2nd Quarter).

The Pre-articleship Training Course (PATC) for CA students (17th batch) on "Audit & Assurance" (AA) & "English Language" (EL) which was started from 27-Mar-2025 (with 289 students; and 05 teachers of EL & 14 teachers of AA), will be closed on 06-May-2025. Thereafter, its next 18th batch (for the prospective students' physical training course) is going to start from 08-May-2025 at ICAB- Academic Premises.

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 articled students 217 and 158 PAS (pre-articleship students) within the month of April-2025. The "Knowledge Sharing Session" for Newly Registered Students (42nd Batch) already held in the month of April on 28, 29 & 30, 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 2nd week of May-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 3rd week of May-2025, and next also with the Department of International Business (IB), University of Dhaka within 3rd week of June 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-23rd batch, Session: Jun-Aug, 2025) has already 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.

Besides, the students' enrolment for Professional Level classes (flexible & regular new-19th batch, Session: May-Jul, 2025) is ongoing and the application of classes will be received till, 30-Apr-2025. The session will be started from 04 May 2025.

Source: ICAB Campus

## CRC Organized Eid & Boishaki Milon Mela



ICAB Chattogram Regional Committee (CRC) organised the "Eid & Boishaki Milon Mela" on 19 April 2025 at Ichamati Hall, Hotel Agrabad, Chattogram. Members and their family members enjoyed the entire program from evening till night.

## ICAB Delegates Participated in SAFA Events in Nepal

ICAB delegation led by its President Maria Howlader FCA participated in the 87th Board Meeting of South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA), its Committee Meetings and SAFA Conference held in Kathmandu, Nepal held on 7 April 2025.

Other ICAB delegates were Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Council Member & Past President, and Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, Assistant Executive Secretary of SAFA & Chief Operating Officer of ICAB participated in the Events of SAFA. The 87th SAFA Board Meeting was successfully held on 7th April 2025 at Hotel Yak & Yeti, Kathmandu, Nepal, with the participation of esteemed representatives from SAFA member bodies across Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, and the Maldives, both physically and virtually.



The meeting was graced by SAFA President Ashfaq Tola and SAFA Vice President & Past President and Council Member-ICAB Mohammed Humayun

Kabir FCA who joined virtually. In addition to the board meeting, several SAFA committee meetings were also held on the same day reaffirming the

region's collective commitment to collaboration, professional excellence, and the advancement of the accountancy profession in South Asia.

### Activities of Rajshahi Office

- A total of 14 new students (23<sup>th</sup> Batch) have registered under Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program;
- A total of 16 new students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (23<sup>th</sup> batch);
- A total of eight new students in Professional Level have enrolled for the class (19<sup>th</sup> batch).

### Activities of Barishal Office

- A total of two students have registered (23<sup>rd</sup> Batch) under Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program;
- Two new students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (22<sup>nd</sup> batch);
- A total of 24 external visitors visited the regional office and enquired about CA course.

### Activities of Rangpur Office

- A total of six new students (23<sup>th</sup> Batch) have registered under Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program;
- A total of five new students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (23<sup>th</sup> batch);
- A total of 15 external visitors visited the regional office and enquired about CA course.

### Training & Workshop News

#### Training on Advanced Excel and Financial Modeling

ICAB organised the training on 'Advanced Excel and Financial Modeling' on 21, 22, 23 & 24 April 2025 at ICAB Training Room, CA Bhaban, Dhaka. A total of 48 ICAB members and officials of other organisations participated in the training session. The resource person of the training was Md. Anowar Hossain Fakir, Lead Consultant, Training Bangla.

#### Workshop on 'An Overview of Audit Documentation for SMPs'

ICAB organised the workshop on 'An Overview of Audit Documentation for Small and Medium Sized Practices (SMPs)' 27 & 28 April 2025 at ICAB Training Room, CA Bhaban, Dhaka. A total of 39 ICAB members and officials of other organisations participated in the workshop. The resource persons of the workshop were Sk. Ashik Iqbal FCA, CPA (USA), Partner, Nurul Faruk Hasan & Co., Chartered Accountants and Bhola Nath Kundu FCA, Partner, Tasnuva Mahedi Bhola, Chartered Accountants.