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ICAB Global Connect
SAFA International in Dhaka

Conference Theme

17 January 2026

"Next Generation Profession: Converging Ethical AI and Sustainability Reporting" by Mr. Adeeb Hossain Khan FCA, Past President-ICAB and Senior Partner, Rahman Rahman Huq, Chartered Accountants

Technical Session I

Theme: "Professional Landscape: Reshaped by Ethics and Technology" by Mr. Husnain R. Badami FCA, Council Member, ICA Pakistan and Member of the IFAC Education Committee

Technical Session II

Theme: "Beyond Numbers: Professional Accountants Evolving Role" by Ms. Suraiya Zannath FCA, Vice President, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh

Technical Session III

Theme: "Framework to Outcome: Sustainability Assurance" by Mr. Sabbir Ahmed FCA, Council Member, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh

Touhid Hossain

The country's aspirations for sustained economic growth and global integration require professionals who are both technically competent and ethically responsible. Bangladesh's commitment to a rules-based international order, multilateral cooperation, and dialogue to address common economic challenges.

Over the past few decades, a huge amount of money has been siphoned off, causing significant damage to the country's economy. However, with the support of future generations of professional accountants, the economy can be reshaped on a stronger and more ethical foundation. The convergence of ethical AI and sustainable reporting is becoming increasingly relevant as technology continues to transform professions worldwide. The growing importance of transparency, accountability, and

Editorial Note from

Chairman – Editorial Board

Dear Readers,

As we begin the month of January, we have commenced the execution of several new initiatives and events in line with our Strategic Reform Plan. These initiatives are already underway, and we will continue to communicate updates to you regularly and precisely through this platform.

In January, the SAFA International Conference was successfully held, bringing together delegates from professional institutes across the South Asian region. At the invitation of ICAB, and for the first time in Bangladesh, IFAC President Mr. Jean Bouquot visited the country and joined the conference. This remarkable convergence of global professionals emphasized trust, integrity, and the ethical dimensions of artificial intelligence in sustainable assurance. The discussions reaffirmed our collective commitment to strengthening professional standards in an evolving global landscape.

During his visit, the IFAC President held an exclusive strategic meeting with the Council Members of the Institute. We shared our vision for strategic professional advancement and our commitment to educational excellence aligned with global standards.

We are also undertaking initiatives to further strengthen our relationships with the Government, various trade bodies, and key stakeholders. At the same time, we are implementing internal initiatives to make the Institute more dynamic, innovative, and globally competitive in comparison with other leading professional institutes worldwide.

As Chairman of the Editorial Board, I am both honored and grateful to work alongside distinguished and learned Board Members. This exceptional team possesses the knowledge, experience, and insight necessary to produce highly resourceful and meaningful publications for the Institute.

Amidst your busy schedules, I encourage our members and stakeholders to stay connected with our monthly news bulletin for updates, insights, and information on ICAB events and activities.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and engagement despite your demanding commitments. I wish you splendid and successful days ahead. Stay safe and well, and I look forward to connecting with you throughout 2026.

Warm regards,

Ala Uddin FCA

responsible governance, professionals to uphold moral integrity alongside technical competence. The SAFA Conference is a platform for facilitating knowledge exchange, sharing best practices, and promoting regional and international collaboration.

A. H. M. Ahsan

The transformative potential of ethical AI in sustainability reporting can significantly improve data accuracy while reducing reporting costs. Ethical AI is essential to ensuring fair competition and safeguarding consumer welfare. As investors, regulators, consumers, and society increasingly rely on transparent, reliable, and comparable information, AI can enhance efficiency, compliance, and innovation. However, it also carries inherent risks, including algorithmic collusion, market dominance, and lack of transparency. Therefore, greater caution is required in adopting AI to ensure that Bangladesh harnesses its benefits responsibly.

"ICAB is playing a pivotal role in developing the accounting and auditing profession in Bangladesh. Ethical AI can further support standard reporting practices, while regulators ensure the reliability, comparability, and accuracy of both financial and non-financial information. Regulators have a mandate to protect the public interest through high-quality reporting and continuous professional development."

Dr. Md. Sajjad Hossain Bhuiyan

Jean Bouquot

A major highlight of the event was the first-ever visit to Dhaka by Jean Bouquot, President of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), who attended on ICAB's invitation.

"The discussions on ethical AI and sustainability reporting carry global significance and will shape the future of international financial transparency. If governed with integrity, AI can transform uncertainty into opportunity, enabling accountants to build stronger, more resilient, and equitable economies.

Shaping the future of the profession requires a deep commitment to serving the public interest. ICAB, a founding member of IFAC, as a vital part of the global accounting family, it has made remarkable progress over the past 50 years in advancing the public interest. Sustainability-related risks and opportunities will define future corporate reporting and underscored that greater transparency in financial disclosures, combined with AI adoption, can enhance professional efficiency."

"Today's topic is really very important one for the future of the profession. Yesterday I was telling somebody that age doesn't matter. You are even an old guy at the age of 20 if you stop learning. So, you keep on learning and you are young even when you are 80.

So, in my humble view this topic is very important for all the ages, may be young, may be old. So, today's event is really an opportunity for all of us to learn

Ashfaq Yousuf Tola FCA

more and I know we have got very distinctive speakers and one of them I know Mr. Husnain Badami, he was vice president ICAP and I know his knowledge, capacity, and capability to deliver lecture or a presentation on this topic. All the best to all the participants especially. I am grateful to ICAB president Mr. N. K. A Mobin FCA for inviting us. Thank you very much. ”


NKA Mobin FCA

Now-a-day the nature of accounting profession is changing . As the profession navigates ethical AI and sustainability reporting, its timeless foundations— integrity, objectivity, and public service—must guide professional accountants. CAs must response to the urgent global need for ethical, competent, and forward-thinking professionals.

The conference is a testament to the strength of regional collaboration and the shared pursuit of professional excellence. AI is becoming the architect of the future profession, shaping how accountants operate and contribute to society.


Mohammed Humayun Kabir FCA

The conference reflects the transformative future of the accounting profession. AI will play a central role in audit, assessment, and decision-making, while sustainability reporting will strengthen institutional capacity by linking ESG issues with financial outcomes. AI and sustainability are no longer emerging concepts—they are actively reshaping operations, information production, and trust-building.


Muhammed Farhad Hussain FCA

Theme paper: Key Highlights


Adeeb Hossain Khan FCA

- AI Integration in Sustainability Reporting: AI is transforming measurement, verification, and disclosure of economic and environmental value.
- Expanded Role of Accountants: Modern sustainability reporting now impacts capital allocation, regulatory compliance, market credibility, and extends into risk modeling, valuation, assurance, and policy engagement.
- Ethical Responsibility: While AI improves transparency and predictive insight, moral judgment remains human-led. Ethical oversight is crucial.
- Applications of AI: Includes climate scenario modeling, supply-chain carbon analysis, and real-time ESG monitoring.
- Challenges and Risks: Potential issues include algorithmic bias, data opacity, and inadequate ethical safeguards.
- Call to Action: Accountants, regulators, and standard-setters must ensure AI-enabled reporting is transparent, explainable, and aligned with global standards.
- Conclusion: Ethical AI should enhance decision-making, not merely automate reporting. Advanced technology increases responsibility, with accountants positioned to govern AI developments with integrity and public interest.

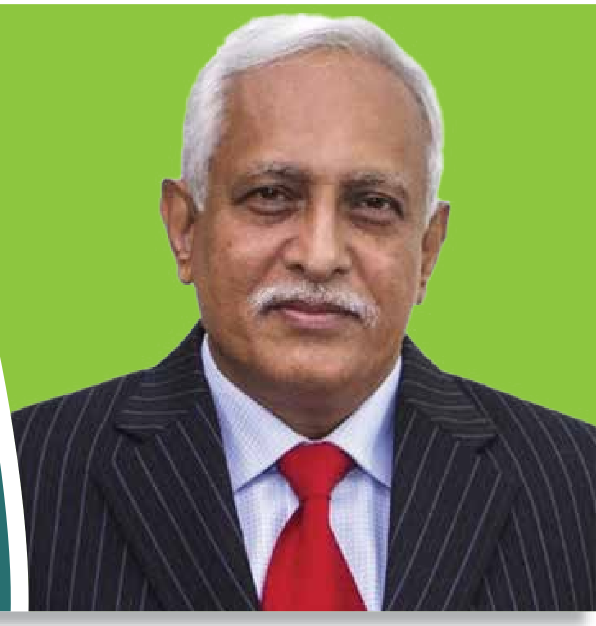
IFAC President Visit (A historic convergence)

Mr. Jean Bouquot, President, IFAC meets South Asian Profession in Dhaka, visited in Bangladesh for the first time upon ICAB's invitation.

Key meetings, conference, events, during his visit

- SAFA Conference
- ICAB, IFAC strategic discussion: Professional Advancement
- 'ICAB Reform Strategy 2025-30' handed over to IFAC President
- ICAB President's Dinner

President's Communication



Dear Fellow Members and Colleagues,

Assalamu Alaikum and Greetings to you all.

The month of January 2026 has been both eventful and transformative for our Institute and for the accounting profession at large. I am pleased to share with you a brief reflection on the key milestones and achievements that marked this significant period.

SAFA International Conference 2026 – A Landmark Gathering in Dhaka

On 17 January 2026, ICAB proudly hosted the SAFA International Conference under the theme "Next Generation Profession: Converging Ethical AI and Sustainability Reporting." The conference brought together distinguished professionals, regulators, academics, and global leaders to deliberate on how ethical artificial intelligence and sustainability reporting are reshaping the future of our profession.

We were deeply honored by the presence of Mr. Jean Bouquot, President of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), whose visit to Dhaka marked a historic milestone. His participation reaffirmed Bangladesh's growing stature within the global accounting community.

The conference was inaugurated by Mr. Md. Touhid Hossain, Hon'ble Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh, reflecting the Government's recognition of the profession's role in national transformation. The Valedictory Session was graced by Mr. Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun, Executive Chairman of BIDA, BEZA and MIDA, underscoring the linkage between professional excellence, investment climate, and economic development.

The insightful theme paper presented by Mr. Adeeb Hossain Khan FCA and the three technical sessions highlighted critical areas:

- Ethical governance of AI in accounting and audit
- The expanding strategic role of professional accountants
- Sustainability assurance and ESG-linked reporting

These discussions reinforced a fundamental truth: while AI enhances efficiency and analytical depth, ethical judgment and public interest must remain at the core of our profession.

Strengthening Regional and Global Collaboration

The 91st SAFA Board Meeting and 98th SAFA Assembly Meeting were successfully held in Dhaka under the leadership of Mr. Mohammed Humayun Kabir FCA, President of SAFA. These meetings amplified South Asia's collective voice in the global accounting arena and emphasized regional cooperation, audit quality, SME support, and sustainability reporting.

We also held a productive strategic dialogue between ICAB and IFAC leadership, focusing on technological transformation, professional reforms, and our shared commitment to serving the public interest.

Capacity Building and Professional Development

January also witnessed significant learning initiatives:

- Special Training on International Valuation Standards
- Workshop on IFRS 17 Implementation in Insurance Companies
- Practical Application of IFRS for SMEs session
- CRC–ICAB CPD Seminar on Macroeconomic Outlook 2026
- Workshop on IFRS 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers

These initiatives reflect our unwavering commitment to continuous professional development and maintaining global standards in financial reporting and assurance.

Promoting Inclusion and Mentorship

ICAB launched ICAB Ascend, a mentorship initiative led by the Gender Inclusion & Leadership Committee (GILC). This program aims to nurture future leaders, strengthen professional networks, and promote inclusive leadership within our profession.

We also signed an MoU with Truvalu Enterprises Limited to collaborate on SME development, sustainable finance, and women's entrepreneurship — reinforcing our broader commitment to inclusive economic growth.

Upholding Professional Integrity

The Council has taken disciplinary actions against certain members following due process and recommendations of the Investigation & Disciplinary Committee. These decisions, though difficult, demonstrate ICAB's firm commitment to maintaining professional integrity, audit quality, and public trust.

Integrity is not negotiable. It is the foundation upon which the credibility of our profession rests.

The Road Ahead

The accounting profession is undergoing profound transformation. Artificial Intelligence and sustainability reporting are no longer emerging concepts — they are actively redefining audit methodologies, corporate disclosures, and stakeholder expectations.

As professional accountants, we must:

- Embrace innovation responsibly
- Govern AI ethically
- Strengthen sustainability reporting frameworks
- Continue lifelong learning
- Serve the public interest with integrity

Age does not define relevance — continuous learning does. If we remain committed to growth, ethics, and excellence, our profession will not merely adapt to change; it will lead it.

Let us move forward together — united in purpose, grounded in integrity, and inspired by the responsibility entrusted to us.

With warm regards,

N K A Mobin FCA
President, ICAB

ICAB–IFAC Leadership Strategic Discussion on Professional Advancements

16 January 2026 @ ICAB

Key Highlights of the Discussion

- Strengthening collaboration between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) and the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) to advance the profession at both regional and global levels.
- Exchange of views on evolving professional issues, including the rapid pace of technological change and its impact on the accounting and auditing profession.
- Discussion on ICAB's strategic reforms focused on enhancing professional standards, capacity building, and audit quality in line with international best practices.
- Emphasis on preparing accounting professionals for future challenges arising from digital transformation and sustainability-related reporting requirements.
- Reaffirmation of the profession's commitment to serving the public interest as the foundation of trust, credibility, and global recognition.
- Recognition of sustainability reporting as a critical area for the profession, despite growing global challenges and criticism.
- Focus on the importance of supporting Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Small and Medium Practices (SMPs) as a key responsibility of the global accountancy profession.
- Acknowledgement of the profession's essential role in addressing global challenges while maintaining integrity, quality, and ethical standards.

IFAC President Visit
Key Highlights of ICAB President's Dinner

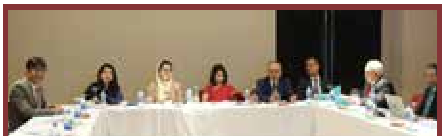
16 January 2026 @ La Meridiana

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) hosted a President's Dinner at Olea, Le Meridien, Dhaka, in honor of IFAC President Mr. Jean Bouquot and delegates from SAFA member bodies. ICAB council members, past presidents, and foreign delegates attended, celebrating international partnership and cooperation.
- The evening began with a reception, followed by a ceremonial welcome from the ICAB President, highlighting shared professional values and strategic engagements.
- Guests enjoyed traditional Bangladeshi music and cuisine, reflecting the country's culture and hospitality.
- The dinner concluded with handing over Booklet on 'ICAB Reform Strategy 2025-30' & souvenir exchanges and toasts to the foreign guests, symbolizing friendship and future collaboration.
- The event provided a platform to strengthen international relationships and underscore Bangladesh's commitment to global professional cooperation.

Key Highlights of SAFA Board, Assembly and Committee Meetings

16 January 2026 @ La Meridiana

- The 91st South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) Board Meeting and the 98th SAFA Assembly Meeting were held in Dhaka at a city hotel under the leadership of Mohammed Humayun Kabir FCA, President of SAFA and Past President of ICAB.
- This year, the President of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), Jean Bouquot, visited Bangladesh and honorarily participated in the SAFA Board Meeting. ICAB President NKA Mobin FCA, along with leaders from professional accountancy bodies of Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, attended the event.
- Hosted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), the meeting focused on regional collaboration, country updates, and joint initiatives to strengthen professional standards and enhance the credibility of South Asian accountancy.
- Discussions emphasized amplifying the region's collective voice within the global accounting landscape. Several SAFA Committee meetings were also held in Dhaka on 16 January 2026 to address specific technical and strategic agendas.


SAFA Women in Leadership (WIL) Committee


SAFA Committee on Professional Ethics and Independence


SAFA Committee on Anti Money Laundering

MoU for Creating Women Entrepreneurship

ICAB and Truvalu Enterprises Limited signed an MoU on 26 January 2026 in Dhaka to collaborate on SME development, sustainable finance, and women's entrepreneurship through training, mentorship, and professional support.

Courtesy: Gender Inclusion and Leadership Committee (GILC)

ICAB Ascend: Mentorship for Professional Growth Launched
Strengthen Pathways for Professional Development

On 16 February 2026, ICAB launched ICAB Ascend, a mentorship initiative led by the Gender Inclusion & Leadership Committee (GILC).

The programme aims to foster meaningful mentorship, strengthen professional networks, and support the development of future leaders within the profession.

ICAB Ascend reflects ICAB's continued commitment to inclusive leadership and structured pathways for professional growth.

Courtesy: Gender Inclusion & Leadership Committee (GILC)

Training and Workshop News

Training on 'International Valuation Standards'

ICAB organised the 'Special Training-Crash Program for Practitioners-2026' on 06, 07, 08, 10 & 11 January 2026 at ICAB Training Room, CA Bhaban, Dhaka. A total of 35 Practitioner Members of ICAB participated in the training session. The resource persons of the training were Mohammad Abdul Ohab Miah FCA, Financial Controller - Finance Division, BRAC Bank Ltd. and Council Member-ICAB, Sk. Ashik Iqbal FCA, CPA (USA), Partner, Nurul Faruk Hasan & Co., Chartered Accountants, Md. Kamruzzaman FCA, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, M Rashid Zaman & Co., Chartered Accountants, Shah Md. Mohin Uddin FCA, Senior Partner, Hasan Mohin, Chartered Accountants and Bhola Nath Kundu FCA, Partner, Tasnuva Mahedi Bhola, Chartered Accountants.

Workshop on 'IFRS 17 Implementation in the Insurance Companies of Bangladesh'

ICAB organised the workshop on ''IFRS 17 Implementation in the Insurance Companies of Bangladesh' on 24 January 2026 at ICAB Training Room, CA Bhaban, Dhaka. A total of 77 ICAB members and official of other organisations participated in the training session. The resource persons of the workshop were Raditha Alahakoon, Chartered Accountant, Partner – KPMG Sri Lanka and Anand Prakash, Actuary | Partner – Smiles Global; and Nuwan Withanage, Chartered Accountant, CFO – Softlogic Life Insurance PLC, Sri Lanka.

Activities of ICAB's Divisional Office
Drive to increase Students' Enrollment

Rajshahi Office

- A total of ten students have registered in (26th batch) under PAS program;
- A total of twenty students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (26th Batch);
- A total of 16 students in Professional Level have enrolled for the class (22nd Batch);
- A total of two students claimed exemption of some examination papers at CL.

Rangpur Office

- A total of 06 students have registered in (26th batch) under PAS program;
- A total of 07 students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (26th Batch);
- A total of 18 visitors visited the office to get information about CA.

Barishal Office

- A total of three students have registered (26th Batch) under Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program;
- A total of three new students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (25th Batch);
- A total of twenty-five external visitors visited the regional office and enquired about CA course.

Khulna Office

- A total of five students have registered (26th batch) under Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program;
- A total of four students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (26th batch);
- A total of thirty-three external visitors visited the Regional office and enquired about CA course.

Strategy Alignment Call

Meeting with Foreign Affairs Adviser

An ICAB delegation led by N K A Mobin, President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), called on the Hon'ble Adviser at his office on 13 January 2026 to formally extend the invitation.

As a gesture of goodwill, the ICAB President presented a souvenir to the Hon'ble Adviser. Other members of the delegation included:

- Muhammed Farhad Hussain, FCA, Chairman of the Conference Organizing Committee and Past President of ICAB
- Shubhashish Bose, Chief Executive Officer of the Institute

After an exchange of pleasantries and a brief overview of the Conference, the Hon'ble Adviser graciously accepted the invitation and expressed his appreciation to the ICAB delegation. He also conveyed his best wishes for the successful organization of the Conference.

Meeting with Executive Chairman of BIDA

Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun, CFA, Executive Chairman (Rank of State Minister) of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) and Chief Executive Officer of the Public Private Partnership Authority, has also kindly consented to attend the Valedictory Session of the SAFA International Conference 2026 as Chief Guest.

An ICAB delegation comprising:

- Muhammed Farhad Hussain, FCA, Chairman of the Conference Organizing Committee and Past President of ICAB
- Shubhashish Bose, Chief Executive Officer

They called on him at his office on 15 January 2026 to formally hand over the invitation letter. As a token of goodwill, Mr. Muhammed Farhad Hussain FCA presented him with a souvenir.

Following a cordial discussion and briefing on the objectives of the Conference, Mr. Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun graciously accepted the invitation and expressed his appreciation to the delegation. He also conveyed his best wishes for the grand success of the Conference.

CPD Webinar
Practical Application of IFRS for SMEs

ICAB President NKA Mobin FCA, in his welcome address, stated that the session aimed to provide practical guidance on the application of IFRS for SMEs, focusing on key recognition, measurement, and disclosure requirements, along with common implementation challenges faced by practitioners.

He emphasized that the discussion would help members understand how to apply the standard effectively in real-life scenarios, ensure consistency in practice, and address transition issues from other reporting frameworks. Such knowledge-sharing, is essential to maintaining uniformity and quality in financial reporting across the SME sector, he added.

Keynote on Implementation of IFRS for SMEs was presented by Md. Shafiqul Alam FCA, Managing Partner & CEO, Shafiqul Alam & Co., Chartered Accountants. Council Member, ICAB.

The key Highlights of the discussion:

- The IFRS for SMEs was issued by the IASB in 2009 to provide a simplified reporting framework. It was revised in 2015 after a comprehensive review, with further amendments issued periodically to ensure relevance and clarity while maintaining simplicity.
- Entities applying IFRS for SMEs must prepare a statement of financial position, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows, and notes to the financial statements. The framework emphasizes simplified recognition, measurement, and disclosure requirements.
- Key principles include accrual basis accounting, going concern assumption, consistency, materiality, prudence, and faithful representation. These ensure reliability and comparability of financial information.
- IFRS for SMEs is less complex than full IFRS. It reduces disclosure requirements, omits topics irrelevant to SMEs, and simplifies measurement rules, while full IFRS is more comprehensive and designed for publicly accountable entities.
- Benefits include reduced compliance costs, improved comparability, enhanced credibility, and better access to finance.
- Challenges include lack of expertise, implementation costs, and regulatory differences. The way forward involves training, awareness programs, and supportive regulatory frameworks.

The session chaired by Md. Rokonuzzaman FCA, Vice President, ICAB while panel speakers were Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Vice President, ICAB and Sheikh Tareq Zahir FCA, Partner, Ahmed Sheikh Roy & Co., Chartered Accountants

The question answer session was moderated by Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of ICAB and the concluding remarks was delivered by Shubhashish Bose, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), ICAB.

The session was chaired by Md. Rokonuzzaman FCA, Vice President, ICAB.

Panel Speakers were Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Vice President, ICAB and Sheikh Tareq Zahir FCA, Partner, Ahmed Sheikh Roy & Co.

The Question & Answer session was moderated by Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of ICAB.

The concluding remarks were delivered by Shubhashish Bose, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICAB.

CPD Seminar on Macroeconomic Outlook of Bangladesh

ICAB-Chattogram Regional Committee (CRC) organized a CPD seminar on “Macroeconomic Outlook of Bangladesh, 2026 and Finance Leadership in Driving Organizational Success” was held on 10 January 2026 at the Conference Hall of the ICAB Chattogram Regional Office. The seminar featured Ahmed Omar Siddique, CFA, Senior Vice President and Head of Wealth Management, CAL Bangladesh, and Raihan Shamsi, FCA, Chairman of CAL Bangladesh, as keynote speakers.

The occasion was graced by Sidharth Barua, FCA, Partner & Branch In-Charge, M M Rahman & Co., Chartered Accountants, as the Chief Guest, while Md. Moniruzzaman, FCA, Vice President, ICAB, moderated the session. A large number of members from the Chattogram Region participated in the event and shared their views and valuable opinions during the question and answer session.

Workshop on ‘IFRS-15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers’

Chattogram Regional Committee (CRC) of ICAB organized the workshop on “IFRS-15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers” was held on 23 January 2026 at the ICAB–Chattogram Regional Office, Chattogram. The workshop was conducted by Kamrul Hasan Siddiqui, FCA, as the keynote speaker. More than 60 students from various professional firms and corporate organizations participated in the workshop, contributing to a highly interactive and academically enriching session.

Press Conference on SAFA Int’l Conference 2026

ICAB organized Press Conference ofn SAFA Int’l Conference 2026 on 14 January 2026 at ICAB Council Hall.

Against this backdrop, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) is hosting the SAFA International Conference titled “Next Generation Profession: Converging Ethical AI and Sustainability Reporting” on 17 January 2026 at Hotel Le Méridien, Dhaka.

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
Sarker Towfiq Pritom ACA (2433) Ka-13/B, South Badda, Gulshan Dhaka-1212	**20 January 2026**

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
Tahrina Tanjeem FCA (1904) Finance Lead Kirtonkhola Tower Bangladesh Limited (a subsidiary of American Tower) CWN(C) 8/B Gulshan Avenue Gulshan, Dhaka, 1212	**28 October 2025**
Imtiaz Mohammed Arafeen FCA (2034) Internal Auditor Linde Bangladesh Limited and Linde APAC Region 285 Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka – 1208	**26 January 2026**
Md. Fazlul Ullah FCA (2048) Co-Founder & Director SECOPS Limited H # 35, Road # 117, Gulshan 1, Dhaka-1212	**22 October 2025**
Mohammad Abdul Hannan FCA (2052) Deputy Managing Director & CFO Sonali Life Insurance Company Ltd. 68/B, DIT Road, Malibagh Chowdhury Para Dhaka-1219	**18 January 2026**
Kamrul Ahsan FCA (2054) Assistant General Manager - Finance & Accounts Ha-Meem Group, TML Building 387, Tejgaon Industrial Area Dhaka-1208	**18 January 2026**
Mohammad Abdus Sattar FCA (2055) Deputy General Manager Incepta Pharmaceuticals Ltd. 40 Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Tejgaon I/A Dhaka-1208	**18 January 2026**
Md. Nazrul Islam FCA (2060) Director & Head of Quality Assurance Department Hussain Farhad & Co., Chartered Accountants Yunusco City Center (9th Floor) 807, CDA Avenue Nasirabad Chattogram-4000	**18 January 2026**
Md Rezaul Haq Robel FCA (2063) Director (Audit & Assurance) Islam Aftab Kamrul & Co., Chartered Accountants BSCIC Electronics Complex (Level-5) Plot No. 1/1, Road-3 Avenue-4, Section-7, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216	**17 January 2026**
Pinkon Saha FCA (2068) Senior General Manager Head of Treasury & Financial Operations STS Holdings Limited (Evercare Hospital Dhaka) Plot 81, Block E, Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka 1229	**17 January 2026**
Md. Kamruzzaman FCA (2073) Partner Khan Wahab Shafique Rahman & Co. Chartered Accountants Rupali Bima Bhaban (5th & 6th floor) 7 Rajuk Avenue, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000	**18 January 2026**

Change of Address of Branch Office

Name & New Address	Effective Date
Chowdhury Hossain Rashid & Co. Chartered Accountants 23 Kakrail, Halimunnessa's Court (2nd Floor), Dhaka-1000	**15 January 2026**

Change of Address of Principal Office

Name & New Address	Effective Date
S M Zakaria & Co. Chartered Accountants 381, D.I.T Road West Rampura, (2nd Floor), Dhaka	**05 January 2026**

Permission for Formation of a Proprietorship Firm

Mohammed Yousuf FCA (923) has been permitted for Formation of a Proprietorship Firm and continue practice under the name and style of:

Name	Effective Date
Mohammed Yousuf & Co. Chartered Accountants 30 Bijoynagar, 4th Floor Paltan, Dhaka-1000	**01 January 2026**

Permission to Join as Partner

Yesmin Hosna FCA (1306) has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

Name	Effective Date
Shafiqul Alam & Co., Chartered Accountants Rokeya Villa, Flat No.: Ground Floor & 1st Floor 6/C/1, Segunbagicha, Ramna, Dhaka-1000	**30 November 2025**

The other partners of the firm: Md. Shafiqul Alam FCA (1085), Abu Sayed Mojumder FCA (1359), Abdullah Al Mahbub FCA (1086) and Md Humayan Kabir FCA (1074).

Dr. Mohammad Aslam FCA (859) has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

Name	Effective Date
Mostafa Kamal & Co. Chartered Accountants Paltan tower (2nd floor) Suit no.706 87 Purana Paltan Line, Dhaka-1000	**17 December 2025**

The other partner of the firm: A H Mostafa Kamal FCA (1500).

Md. Sayduzzaman Tuhin FCA (1594) has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

Name — **Effective Date**
Alam M. Zaman & Co. — **18 January 2026**
Chartered Accountants
Joy Bangla Tower (Lift-15), 36 Agrabad C/A
Chattogram

The other partners of the firm: Md. Moniruzzaman FCA (1508), Imtiaz Alam FCA (1299) and Md. Fokhro Uddin FCA (2037).

Feroza Azim FCA (1445) has been permitted to form a partnership and start practice under the name and style of:

Name — **Effective Date**
F Ahmed & Co. — **15 January 2026**
Chartered Accountants
Flat # B3, 3rd Floor, House # 200-198
Road # 2, Avenue # 3, Mirpur DOHS, Dhaka

The other partner of the firm: Faiz Ahmed FCA (1547).

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:

Name — **Effective Date**
Yesmin Hosna FCA (1306) — **30 November 2025**
Partner
Shafiqul Alam & Co., Chartered Accountants
Rokeya Villa, Flat No.: Ground Floor & 1st Floor
6/C/1, Segunbagicha, Ramna, Dhaka-1000

Dr. Mohammad Aslam FCA (859) — **17 December 2025**
Partner
Mostafa kamal & Co., Chartered Accountants
Paltan tower (2nd floor) Suit no.706, 87 Purana Paltan Line
Dhaka-1000

Feroza Azim FCA (1445) — **15 January 2026**
Partner
F Ahmed & Co., Chartered Accountants
Flat #B3, 3rd Floor
House # 200-198, Road # 2, Avenue # 3
Mirpur, DOHS, Dhaka

Mohammed Yousuf FCA (923) — **01 January 2026**
Proprietor
Mohammed Yousuf & Co, Chartered Accountants
30 Bijoynagar (4th floor), Paltan, Dhaka-1000

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**
Mohammad Golam Sarwar FCA (1300) — **12 October 2025**
Partner
Howlader Maria & Co., Chartered Accountants
House # 27 (4th Floor), Road No.: 12, Block: H, Banani
Dhaka-1213

Name — **Effective Date**
Hasan Imam Siddiki FCA (1712) — **25 November 2025**
Managing Partner
Hasan Mohin, Chartered Accountants
Sheltech Rubynur (12th Floor)
115 Senpara, Mirpur-10
Dhaka-1216

Shah Rafsan Kibria ACA (1938) — **04 December 2025**
Partner
G. Kibria & Co., Chartered Accountants
House # 51, Road # 14, Block # G
Niketon, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212

Md. Abdullah Al Masud FCA (1382) — **30 December 2025**
Proprietor
M.Abdullah & Co., Chartered Accountants
85/1-A, (2nd Floor), Purana Paltan
Dhaka-1000

Kalyan Krishna Chakraborty FCA (655) — **30 December 2025**
Proprietor
K K Chakraborty & Co., Chartered Accountants
Suite: 7/03, Level-7, Plot No. 3-D
Kabyakash Super Market
Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

Salim Ullah Bahadur FCA (1274) — **05 January 2026**
Partner
M I Chowdhury & Co., Chartered Accountants
Hamid Center (2nd Floro)
42 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

Reconstitution of Partnership

MABS & J Partners, Chartered Accountants has been permitted to reconstitute the partnership [**owing to resignation of Jagadish Chandra Biswas FCA (199)**], Former Partner of the firm effective from **31 December 2025**.

Member's Achievement

Mr. Md. Jafar Sadeq FCA (Enrollment No. 1215) recently has been promoted to the position of Deputy Managing Director of Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC. Prior to this elevation, he served as Senior Executive Vice President and CFO of the bank, with additional leadership responsibilities for the Payment & Settlement Division (PSD), Common Services Division (CSD) and Branding & Product Development Department, alongside core financial functions.

He commenced his banking career with One Bank PLC. and later joined Shahjalal Islami Bank PI.C. in 2006 in the Financial Administration Division.

CAMPUS NEWS

ICAB Academic Campus News

The session (Dec'25-Feb'26, 25th Batch) for Certificate Level students which was started from 28-Dec-2025, will now be closed by 08-Mar-2026 (keeping some special arrangements on Fri & Sat/days). There are 1,153 students joining with 56 teachers for the session. All students are the fresh candidates for the Certificate Level exam, Session: March 2026 (1st Quarter), to be held from 02-May-2026.

On the other hand, the classes of Professional Level (21th Batch, Students-569, Terachers-28) has been continuing from 25-Nov-2025, and the session will be completed by 28-Feb-2026. All students will be appeared at the exams, Session: May 2026 (1st Quarter), to be commenced on 11-May-2026.

The Class Management Department is ready with its preparation for organizing its all the courses (regular, flexible & special classes of Professional & Advanced Levels physically at academic venues, CA Bhaban, 1st floor & 4th floor; and Certificate Level sessions through online system) all over the year, 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 189 and 203 of PAS (pre-articleship students) within the month of January 2026. The "Knowledge Sharing Session (KSS)" for Newly Registered Students (51th Batch) already organized in the month of January 27, 28 & 29, 2026.

Furthermore, the Study Materials 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. Study manuals & books are now available at Books' Sale Centre. Students are coming pleasantly there, and users receiving dedicated services from the Library, too.

The Students' Counseling and Placement Department (SCPD) has already planned to hold a-Student Awareness and Motivational Programs titled "Start Chartered Accountancy, When You Study in College/University with the 4-Departments' of Govt. B M College, Barishal, after 1st week of March, 2026. 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. By the way, Exemption/ Waiver related addendum on earlier Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony is going to be opened with the different universities and ICAB, after the 3rd week of March 2026. This department also intends to meet and share academic views with the International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT), Uttara Model Town, Dhaka within the 3rd week of February 2026.

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, with the guidance and consent of the and Vice President (E&T), Chairman of the Board of Studies (BoS) and the President of ICAB.

Announcement

(Classes of Next Session)

The students' enrolment for Certificate Level classes (regular new-26th batch, Session: March-May, 2026) already started from 15-Dec-2025. The last date for application of classes is 26-Feb-2026.The session will begin from 10 March 2026.

On the other hand, the students' enrolment for Professional Level classes (flexible & regular new-22th batch, Session: February-April, 2026) has been started from 15-Jan-2026. The last date for application of classes is 08-Feb-2026.The session will commence on and from 10 February 2026.

The students' enrolment for Advanced Level (flexible and regular new-18th batch, Session: February-April, 2026) classes is ongoing from 18-Jan-2026, and will be continued up to 10-Feb-2026. The class will also start from 12-Feb-2026.

Source: ICAB Campus

Status of Student Registration for CA Qualification

Particular	Number of Students in January '26	Total Number of Students in 2026
Articleship	227	227
Pre-Articleship (Ongoing)	121	121
Pre-Articleship (Special Offer)	-	-
Pre-Articleship (ACMA and ACCA)	04	04
Total	**352**	**352**

Report on Disciplinary Actions

The Council-ICAB has taken disciplinary actions against some of its Members on 20 January 2026 based on the recommendations of the Investigation & Disciplinary Committee (IDC). The summary of those disciplinary actions are as follows:

Name of the Member: Mr. Quazi Shafiqul Islam FCA (165), Managing Partner at Islam Quazi Shafique & Co., Chartered Accountants

Disciplinary Actions: The Council-ICAB decided to suspend Mr. Quazi Shafiqul Islam FCA (165), Partner of Islam Quazi Shafique & Co., Chartered Accountants from practice as a public accountant for providing ONLY statutory audit service for a period of 01 (one) year together with an imposition of monetary penalty of Tk. 600,000 (Taka six lakh) with effect from the date of communication of the Council decision. If the monetary penalty is not paid within three (03) months from the date of communication of the Council decision, his suspension from practice as a public accountant for providing statutory audit service shall remain suspended for an additional one-year period starting from the expiration of the first mentioned suspension period.

The Council-ICAB further decided that, after completion of the said suspension period, the access to the DVS of Mr. Quazi Shafiqul Islam FCA (165), Partner of Islam Quazi Shafique & Co., Chartered Accountants shall be reinstated in accordance with ICAB's DVS Reinstatement policy (approved by the Council-ICAB in its 738th meeting held on 02 September 2023)

Name of the Member: Mr. Md. Nurul Hossain Khan FCA (240), Managing Partner at Kazi Zahir Khan & Co. Chartered Accountants

Disciplinary Actions: The Council-ICAB decided to suspend Mr. Md Nurul Hossain Khan FCA (240), Partner of Kazi Zahir Khan & Co., Chartered Accountants from practice as a public accountant for providing ONLY statutory audit service for a period of 01 (one) year together with an imposition of monetary penalty of Tk. 900,000 (Taka nine lakh) with effect from the date of communication of the Council decision. If the monetary penalty is not paid within three (03) months from the date of communication of the Council decision, his suspension from practice as a public accountant for providing statutory audit service shall remain suspended for an additional one-year period starting from the expiration of the first mentioned suspension period.

The Council-ICAB further decided that, after completion of the said suspension period, the access to the DVS of Mr. Md Nurul Hossain Khan FCA (240), Partner of Kazi Zahir Khan & Co., Chartered Accountants shall be reinstated in accordance with ICAB's DVS Reinstatement policy (approved by the Council-ICAB in its 738th meeting held on 02 September 2023)

N.B.:

1. *As per decision of the Council-ICAB, the above disciplinary actions have been published in ICAB News Bulletin and ICAB Website under bye-law 131 of ICAB Bye-laws 1973 (as amended up to 31 August 2023).*

Update of Quard-E-Hasana Fund as of January 2026

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

Level of Examinations		No. of Recipients
Certificate Level	32	147
Professional Level	108	
Advance Level	4	
CA Qualified	3	

- Total loan Recipients of the fund is – 147, amongst whom 59 students are currently receiving the monthly instalments, 20 students have received one-time loan, 26 students are repaying the loan in instalments regularly to the Fund, 25 students are still enjoying the 6 months' grace period (as per Quard-E-Hasana Management Policy) to start the repayment of the loan, and 17 students fully paid back the loan amount.
- Monthly loan installment is being disbursed- Tk. 3,30,000/- in January 2026
- Total disbursement amount of Tk. 1,26,71,500/- as on 31st January 2026
- Total recovery of the loan Tk. 22,20,000/- as on 31st January 2026
- Total No. of students repaying the loan 43 (Forty-three), as per their commitment, 100% loan have been recovered up to January 2026
- After disbursement of installment in January 2026, total commitment amount of Tk. 30,12,500/- to 59 students (running) up to March 2028.
- Account's Balance as on January 2026 Tk. 18,35,919/-.

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