

35th ECM of ACECC Held

35th Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) of Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council (ACECC) was held recently from 8-10 October, 2018 in Melbourne hosted by Engineers Australia (EA). The program commenced on Monday, 08th October at EA Victoria Office, Level 31, 600 Bourke Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000 and was attended by 35 participants from 12 Member Societies. A team of 4-members from IEB including Md. Didarul Alam, F.ASCE, President, Bangladesh Section and led by Khandker Manjur Morshed, HGS of IEB attended the meeting.



IEB Team attending the meeting

On Monday, 08th October, the first day's program began after registration at 8:30 am with self introduction of the participants. Thereafter, 29th Planning Committee Meeting (PCM) and 24th Technical Coordination Committee Meeting (TCCM) were held in two successive sessions where agenda wise elaborate discussions were held. The Chair of the Award Sub-Committee, Dr. Udai Singh apprised the meeting about the status on different category of Awards. Then the participants attended Welcome Cocktail Reception & Civil College Board Award ceremony at 5:00 pm which was ended at 8:30 pm.

The 2nd day's program on 09 October started at 8:30 am and at the beginning, the minutes of the 29th PCM and 24th TCCM were presented by the Secretary General which were finalised and approved. Then began the 35th ECM as per agenda including the approval of winning projects. Then the delegates

visited 'Yarra Park Water Recycling Facility' and looking around MCG park. Thereafter, the participants attended the Technical Session held on Melbourne's New Metro Tunnel rail project. The day's program ended with a farewell dinner in the evening. Although the program was designed for three days, it was concluded within two days leaving a day (10th October) as free day for the participants. In fine, it may be said that 35th ECM of ACECC hosted by Engineers Australia ended with appreciable success.

Reception Dinner for IEB Officials

A Reception Dinner was hosted by IEB Australia Chapter for the team of IEB delegates from Headquarters, Dhaka visited Australia for attending 35th Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) of ACECC in Melbourne. The IEB team includes Engr., Engr. Md. Nuruzzaman, VP(A&I), Engr. Kazi Khairul Basher, HGS(A&IA), Engr. Didarul Alam, President, ASCE and Mrs. Khandker Farah Zeba, Member Secretary, IEB Mahila Committee. The befitting reception was held on Sunday, the 14th October, 2018 in the evening in a restaurant in Liverpool, Sydney. A large no. of engineers with their spouse attended the congregation which was chaired by Engr. Abdul Matin, Chairman of the Chapter. It was an excellent opportunity to discuss, exchange views and ideas with the office bearers of the IEB Headquarters.



The program began with a short presentation by the past convenor, Engr. Saiful Islam on the brief history of Australian Chapter formed in 2012 followed by the excellent deliberation of Dr. AHM Kamruzaman, Secretary of the Chapter on "Challenges and ways

forward for future engineers – IEB Australia Chapter's initiative." Thereafter, while speaking on the occasion, Khandker Manjur Morshed, HGS of IEB assured all kind of help and cooperation needed by the Chapter for mitigating problems on way to professional development of the engineers and attaining success in the light of the mission, vision and objectives of the Chapter. The amusing congregation ended with a sumptuous dinner followed by a short solo musical program offered by the well known singer Mrs. Amia Matin.

Seminar organized by IEB Civil Divn.

IEB Civil Division organized a seminar on "Implementation of Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 : Challenges and Way Forward" on Saturday, 24th November, 2018 which was held at 4:00 pm in IEB auditorium. Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator (SGD) of the



Prime Minister's Office remained present as the Chief guest while the occasion was chaired by Engr. Md. Habibur Rahman, Chairman, Civil Divn. The seminar began with the address of welcome by Engr. Khandker Manjur Morshed, HGS, IEB. Prof. Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member, DEG, Planning Commission & Sr Secretary of the Govt. presented the key note paper narrating the vision, mission & objectives of the plan.

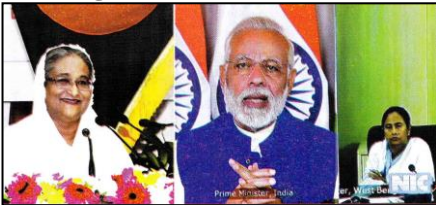
The question-answer session became lively with the meaningful interactions among the participants followed by the valuable remarks by the learned discussants. The seminar was attended by a large number engineers, experts and elites.

ADB President Expresses Satisfaction



President of Asian Development Bank(ADB), Takehiko Nakao visited Bangladesh from 27 to 28 February, 2018 and expressed satisfaction on the implementation status of the ADB aided projects under LGED. During his stay while visiting the municipal office of Narshingdi, the Mayor Md. Kamruzamiting welcomed the ADB President by holding a view exchange session in which he said the target of highest revenue collection has been achieved by the municipality, internal roads have been widened while plantation activities geared up to maintain environmental balance. The mayor thanked ADB for extending cooperation for programs and in return Mr. Nakao expressed satisfaction on the development activities and assured continued Bank's support.

Inauguration of Bandhan Train



A new train namely 'Bandhan' has been inaugurated to operate in Khulna-Kolkata route. This was the second train inaugurated through video conference on 09 November, 2017 by the Honb'le Prime Minister of Bangladesh and India, Sheikh Hasina and Narendra Modi. Besides, the two Prime Minister also inaugurated 2nd Bhairab and Titas rail bridge on Dhaka-Chattagram route and 'nonstop' service of Maitree Express Train between Dhaka-Kolkata. During the the inauguration, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee joined them in video conference during the inauguration from Kolkata. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her speech told that this kind of cooperation will create instance for reaching a greater height in the context of bilateral relation between the two country.

Election Resource Centre Built

Public Works Department (PWD) completed construction of Election Resources Centre that includes two complexes – 1) Construction of 12-

storied Election Training Institute(EIT) costing Tk 359.59 million and 2) Construction of 11-storied Bangladesh Election Commission (BEC) Bhaban cost being Tk 837.11. Both the complexes have been designed with the blend of modern architectural and construction technique and built on the plot no. E14Z at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar located in the heart of the capital city, Dhakja. Kushali Nirman Ltd acted as the construction firm while Prkalpa Upadeshta Ltd & Professional Associates Ltd as the consultants.



RHD Stall at Development Fair

Honb'le Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recently inaugurated 4th country wide Development Fair, aiming to showcase the development activities of the present government. She opened the fair via video-conference from her official residence Ganabhaban in Dhaka on 4th October, 2018. The fair began in Dhaka and in all the district and upazil headquarters across the country with the theme "Indomitable Bangladesh on March towards Development." The fair was held in Dhaka at the field of International Trade Fair in Agargaon area. As the RHD is the forefront institution in Bangladesh in introducing E-governance and E-government procurement, all the division of RHD actively participated in the said Development Fair from 4-6 October, 2018 including RHD headquarter.



Chief Engr. inspecting RHD stall

ESCB's Training Programs
916. Electrical Service for Buildings and Industries(38th Batch) : Duration : Nov 08 to Dec 07, 2018; Day & Time : Every Day 10:00am to 5:00pm; 12 hours, 02 classes; Registration Fee : Tk 3000/- per Participants; Last Date of receiving Nomination : 03 Dec, 2018; Venue : ESCB City Campus, IEB Headquarters. **916. Tinraing Course on Construction Site Management Field Level Engineers (16th Batch) :** Duration : Dec 13 to Dec 15, 2018; Day & Time : Thursday 06:00pm to 09:00pm; 09 hrs, 03 classes Registration Fee : Tk 5000/- per Participants, Tk 4500/- for IEB Members; Last Date of

receiving Nomination : 13 Dec, 2018; Venue : Training Lab, ESCB City Campus, IEB Headquarters.

Jt. Seminar by EA and IEB Australia

A historic Chartered Professional Engineer (CPEng) seminar for Bangladeshi Engineers was organized jointly by the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) Australia chapter and Engineers Australia (EA) on 04 December, 2018 at EA Auditorium, 8 Thomas St, Chatswood, NSW 2067 which was formally inaugurated by H.E. Bangladesh High Commissioner Mr. Mohammad Sufiur Rahman and CEO of Engineers Australia, Mr Peter McIntyre. with networking among more than 120 graduates from different engineering universities of Bangladesh.



Mr. Sufiur Rahman delivered insight on Bangladesh engineering education system, its growth and future prospect of engineers as how EA and IEB Australia chapter can bring strong bilateral relation between these two countries. The CEO of EA in his speech expressed strong commitment of maintaining good relation between EA and IEB. The seminar began with the presentation by four speakers namely Dr. AHM Kamruzzaman, Mr. Greg Ewing, Mr. Paul Sloam, Mr. Deon Rowley and Mr. Noriman Mak followed by a lively question and answer session among the participants. Dr. Kamruzzaman's presentation on various challenges including need of CPEng for better job prospects in Australia. The seminar ended with the concluding remarks by Engr. Abdul Matin, Chairman of the IEB Chapter expressing thanks and gratitude to EA's wholehearted cooperation for organising this historic seminar.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue contains the news on commencement of 35th ECM of ACECC in Melbourne, Australia. including a befitting reception dinner hosted by IEB Australia Chapter in Sydney welcoming the IEB Team from Dhaka attended the ACECC conference. and a Jt. CPEng seminar by EA and IEB Australia Chapter. It also speaks as usual about the status on the development activities of the depts/organizations namely – PWD, RHD, BR, LGED etc including workshop/seminar being organized by IEB and the ESCB's Training programs.

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