

ACECC 36th ECM and CECAR8 held in Tokyo



36th Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) of Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council (ACECC) and 8th Civil Engineering Conference in the Asian Region (CECAR) was held on 15-19 April, 2019 in Tokyo hosted by Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE). A 5-member Team from IEB attended the conferences, Engr. Khandker Manjur Morshed, HGS of IEB acted as the Team Leader while the other members were - Engr. Md. Habibur Rahman, Engr. Md. Didarul Alam, Prof (Engr) Md. Ali Ashraf, PEng and Engr. Md. Abdul Malek Sikder.

36th ACECC ECM : There were three meetings held on 15 April in a wide hall at the JSCE Headquarters Building.



The meetings were - ACECC 30th Planning Committee Meeting (PCM) and ACECC 25th Technical Coordination Committee Meeting (TCCM) followed by ACECC 36th Executive Committee Meeting (ECM). Due to late arrival, the IEB Team could attend PCM and ECM respectively. In the ECM as many as 14 member societies took part, the countries were - ASCE(USA), Japan,

Bangladesh, India(ICE(I), Nepal, Mongolia, Australia, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Taiwan, Pakistan, S.Korea and Burma(as observer). 2019. The meeting approved ICE(I)'s nominees to represent Chairs of different positions in ACECC Committees for new term of ACECC Leadership(2020-2022). At the end the outgoing Chair of ACECC, Prof. Osamu Kusakabe(Leadreship Term 2016-2019) delivered his concluding speech welcoming all the society members to meet in Goa, India at the ACECC 37th ECM to be held in Sept., 2019.

CECAR8 : The 3-day (16-18 April) conference was hosted by JSCE and held in Hotel Metropolitan Ikebukuro, Tokyo. Under the theme "Resilient Infrastructures in Seamless Asia" the conference began at 10:00 am on 16th April with the melodious performance by string orchestra, "Esemble Civil" composed of 14 civil engineers of JSCE. After the ceremony, at 2:00 pm 2 papers were presented by two IEB members - Prof (Engr) M. Ali Ashraf and Engr. M. Abdul Malek Sikder whose papers were highly appreciated.

Then the IEB Team members attended signing ceremony of **ACECC Tokyo Declaration 2019** and Engr. Manjur Morshed, Team Leader signed the accord on behalf of IEB. On the 2nd day(17 April), **ACECC Awards Ceremony** was held at the same venue and Engr. Habibur Rahman received the **ACECC Project Award 2019** on behalf of IEB as the nominated project of BWDB by IEB won the award. The conference ended with a colourful closing ceremony where ACECC Flag of new leadership was handed over ceremonially to the Chairman, ICI(I) who will organize CECAR9 in Goa, India in 2022. The meeting expressed sincere and profound thanks to Prof. Kusakabe and his team members for the valuable services rendered by them during their tenure.

Bilateral Meeting with the Presidents of IEB and EA

Upon an invitation from Engineers Australia (EA) and IEB Australia Overseas Chapter, Engr. Abdus Sabur, President, IEB and Science & Technology Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League attended the prestigious *Australian Academy of Technology & Engineering Innovation and Award Excellence* program on June 13, 2019 held at Sofitel Hotel, Wentworth, Sydney. The august occasion was attended by a large number of elites, dignitaries and engineers including Mr. Bruce Haward, President of EA Sydney Division, Mr. Greg Ewing, GM of EA,



Engr. Abdul Matin, President and Dr. Engr. AHM Kamruzzaman, Secretary of IEB Australia Overseas Chapter. Mr. Karen Andrews MP, Honorable Minister for Industry, Science & Technology of Australian Govt. delivered the inaugural address. The two Presidents discussed important bilateral issues followed by a dialogue on "How Bangladeshi professional engineers can bring strong bilateral relation between the two countries, in particular getting full signatory of Washington Accord Accreditation for IEB accredited engineering universities." The fruitful discussion made another milestone for IEB to the international engineering alliance partner like EA.

ECNEC Approves LGED Projects



Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) gave

approval of 15 projects for implementation by Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) involving a cost of 1618.18 million Taka during last Oct-Dec 2018 at different ECNEC meetings presided over by ECNEC Chairperson, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The projects involved Rural Connectivity Improvement, Rural Infrastructure Development, Disaster Risk Management Enhancement (LGED part), Rural Road Rehabilitation, Bridge Construction including City Infrastructure Development project of various district Municipalities. The main objective of the projects are to provide services to community and thereby overall improvement of lifestyle.

RHD Wins Award



Kazi Sayeda Momtaz, Senior System Analyst of Roads and Highways Department (RHD) has recently won the South Asia Procurement Innovation & Good Practice Awards 2018 for the case study "Achievement of Value for Money and Enhancement of Efficiency, Economy and Transparency in Procurement – Document Archive System." She received the Crest and Citation during the Sixth Asia Region Public Procurement Conference held in Thimphu, Bhutan. Document Archive System (DAS) is a new dimension in Roads & Highways Dept (RHD). The DAS stores and retrieves information system systematically and RHD continuously enhances the operational efficiency of head office, zonal and division offices through digitization of official documents, legal papers, reports, plans, manuals, specifications, drawing, maps etc. South Asia Pacific Procurement Network (SAPPN), the World Bank Procurement iNT had launched the South Asia Procurement Innovation & Good Practice Awards 2018.

Engineers' Day Observed



Institution of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB) observed its 71st founding day on May 07, 2019 under the auspicious of IEB Headquarters and Dhaka Centre in a befitting manner. The Institution of Engineers, Pakistan (IEP) was established 71 years ago on this historic day of May 07, 1948 at Dhaka. To mark the day, day long program of 7th May, Tuesday, began with oath taking ceremony, hoisting of flags, release of pigeons and a bunch of coloured gas balloons in presence of IEB office bearers and a large number of engineers within the beautiful campus of IEB Headquarters at Ramna, Dhaka at 7:30 am. Thereafter, a colourful rally was brought out. On the street with banner and festoon.

Rail Coach Manufactured by BR

Bangladesh Railway (BR) has recently manufactured modern rail coach in its largest railway workshop at Sayedpur. Successful trial-run of 3 such manufactured coaches was done in February, 2018. The experimental train is moving from Panchagarh to from Parbatipur covering a distance of 152 km with 85 km speed per hour. During the trial-run high officials, employees and labours of Sayedpur Railway workshop were present in the train. The efficient management of the working force of the workshop were highly appreciated for completion of the coaches within shortest possible time. Manufacturing coaches in BR's workshops in similar fashion will save huge expenses against importing coaches from abroad.

PWD Constructs 500-bed Hospital



Public Works Department (PWD) has constructed a massive 500-bed General Hospital at Mugda in the capital city of Dhaka with an aim to provide facility for modern and comparatively cheaper treatment among the poor section of the city dwellers of eastern part of Dhaka in particular. By implementing the project, basic need for health care facility will be extended to cater to the need of the poorer section of the people of the city. The hospital stands on a plot of 9.52 acres in Mugda area comprises of a

picturesque massive 13-storied main hospital building provided with all kind of modern treatment facilities. The hospital building has a total floor area of 50,8471 sft occupying almost 40,000 sft per floor, provided with 360 bed, 140 cabin, 8 nos. OT, 2 nos. minor OT and 22 nos. post-operative bed. The cost of the GoB funded project is Taka 105.26 crores only. Poorer section of the city dwellers will be immensely benefited out of the health care facility provided from the hospital.

ESCB Training Courses

949. HVAC (Refrigeration and Air Conditioning) (25th Batch) : Duration : Jun 22, 2019 to Jul 04, 2019, Day and Time : On every Week 4 Class, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, 24 hours, 8 classes, Registration Fee : Tk 4500/- per participants, Tk 4000/- for IEM members, Last date of receiving Nomination : Jun 18, 2019, Venue : ESCB City Campus, IEB Headquarters.

950. Microcontroller (27th Batch) : Duration : Jun 22, 2019 to Jul 17, 2019, Day and Time : On Every Monday, Wednesday & Saturday 6: pm to 9:00 pm, 36 hours, 12 classes, Registration Fee : Tk 5500/- per participants, , Tk 5000/- for IEM members, Last date of receiving Nomination : Jun 18, 2019, Venue : PLC Lab, ESCB City Campus, IEB Headquarters.

951. Fire Safety in Buildings (17th Batch) : Duration : Jun 25, 2019 to Jun 27, 2019, Day and Time : Every Day 6: pm to 9:00 pm, 09 hours, 03 classes, Registration Fee : Tk 2500/- per participants, Last date of receiving Nomination : Jun 21, 2019, Venue : ESCB City Campus, IEB Headquarters.

EDITORS' NOTE

The issue contains brief news on commencement of ACECC 36th ECM and CECAR8 hosted by JSCE in Tokyo in mid-April, 2019 which was attended by a 5-member Team from IEB and presentation of two papers by its 2 members in the Technical session of CECAR8. It speaks about winning of ACECC Project ward 2019 by IEB nominated BWDB Project. It also speaks about the recent visit of the IEB President and his dialogue with EA in Sydney, the brief news on the development activities of PWD, BR, LGED and RHD, the news on observance of Engineers' Day, seminar/workshop being organized by IEB and ESCB's Training courses as well.

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