

### 37<sup>th</sup> ECM of ACECC Held



37<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ACECC were held recently in Goa, India. Institution of Civil Engineers, India (ICE (I) hosted the occasion from 25-27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2019. In all 34 participants from 10 Member Society attended the conference. A 5-member Team from IEB including Engr. Didarul Alam, F.ASCE, President of ASCE Bangladesh Section took part in the conference. On the **1<sup>st</sup> day, 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.**, after registration two meetings namely - 26<sup>th</sup> TCCM and 31<sup>st</sup> PCM were held in succession where the minutes of the previous meetings (25<sup>th</sup> TCCM and 30<sup>th</sup> PCM) were approved. The day's programs ended with Welcome Reception in the evening. **2<sup>nd</sup> day, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.**, after finalization of the above two meeting minutes, Thereafter, began the 37<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) at 12:15 pm. With the approval of the appointment of the new Secretary General, Dr. Uday P. Singh of ASCE for the next term (2010-2022).



The participants then joined a sight seeing tour arranged by the host. **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ACECC** was observed with grandeur on the **final day, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.** The inaugural ceremony was attended by the Chief Minister of the Govt. of Goa as the Chief Guest. At 12:15 pm two educative seminar were

organized by TC-17 and TC-23 followed by an attractive cultural program in the evening. Engr. Didarul Alam of IEB sang two melodious song, one Tagore song and the other was a Hindi song followed by a few entertaining humors which were praised with huge applause from the audience. In fine, it may be said that the ACECC conference was successful one.

### New Chief Engr. of LGED

Md. Khalilur Rahman took over as the Chief Engr. of LGED on May 9, 2019.



Prior to this position, he was the Addl Chief Engr. (RID&MI). A Civil Engg. Graduate of BUET in 1982, he had his M.Sc. Engg. (Higway Mangt.

& Engg.) from UK in 2000 and joined the then Rural Works Program as an Asstt. Engr. in 1983. During his illustrious service career spanning over three and half decades, Mr. Rahman has earned enviable reputation for his outstanding professional excellence and exceptional managerial capability in discharging his responsibility reposed on him. He is actively involved with various social activities including development of engineering profession in Bangladesh.

### Welcome Reception in Sydney

The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh(IEB) Australia Overseas Chapter organized a warm welcome reception for the IEB President, Engr. Md. Abdus Sabur and his wife Mrs. Yasmin Rahman, Chairperson, Mohila Committee, IEB on June 10, 2019 held in a restaurant in Sydney in presence of a large number of engineers with their spouse Following the introduction of IEB Australia Chapter's executive members, Dr. Kamruzzaman, Secretary of the Overseas Chapter gave an insightful presentation on "Washington Accord Accreditation-IEB Australia Chapter's initiative" including updates

of the activities under the Chapter. In his speech, the IEB President expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude for the relentless efforts initiated by the Chapter



on Washington Accord with Engineers Australia(EA). Engr. Abdul Matin, President of the Chapter made closing remarks highlighting the vision and mission of the Chapter. The congregation was extremely useful for exchange of views and ideas on various important bilateral issues with the IEB President and the executive members of the Chapter.

### Faridul Alam new ASCE Fellow

Engr. Mohd Faridul Alam, Secretary of Bangladesh section has been made an ASCE Fellow recently. A civil engineering graduate of 1982, Mr. Farid has been a Member of ASCE since 2007 and as a sound and committed professional, has exhibited excellent dedication with relentless efforts towards enhancing various activities under this Section. He has been acting as the Secretary of Bangladesh Section since 2016.



### ASCE Eid Reunion 2019

ASCE Eid Reunion 2019 of Bangladesh Section was observed in a befitting manner recently. The amusing occasion



commenced on the evening of July 07, 2019, Saturday in Woman Voluntary Association Hall (Chitra), House # 20,

Road # 16(New)/27(Old), Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka-1209. The function was attended by a large number of members with their spouse. The entertaining congregation began with the introductory speech by Engr. Didarul Alam, F.ASCE, President of the Section which includes brief on the various activities being undertaken by the Section in regular manner. Then after self introduction of the attendees, an entertaining solo musical program with melodious song was offered by a female artist. A sumptuous dinner was then served and the atmosphere became lively and joyous with presentation of humors and friendly gossip among the participants. The lively get-together concluded with an exciting raffle draw at the end.

### Bangladesh Govt-Tenderers Forum (BGTF) Formed



A convening committee for launching full-fledged BGTF, to build a professional relationship between government procuring agencies and private sector tenderers has been constituted in a meeting held recently at the auditorium of Roads & Highways Dept(RHD) at Tejgaon, Md. Alinoor, DG(Addl Secretary), IMED in the chair. AbdusSattar, XEN(Procurement), Local Govt Engg. Dept. and Kazi Sayeda Momtaz, Sr. System Analyst, RHD have been elected as the convenor and co-convenor of the 15-member committee respectively. As stated in the meeting, the government will soon float international tenders through e-GP including completion of preparation of necessary documents for this.

### DDC's Consultancy Project



Development Design Consultants Ltd (DDC), a reputed multi-disciplinary Consulting Organization, which ranks atop amongst the private firms in Bangladesh. DDC is currently involved in a number of major consultancy

projects of which one of the running project is - **Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project (MRT line-6)**. The Salient Project Features are - **i) Length of Metro Rail : 20.10 km, ii) Infrastructure Type : Elevated, iii) Route Alignment : Uttara 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase - Pallabi to west side of Rokeya Sarani through Khamarbari – Farmgate- Hotel Sonargaon-TSC-Doel Chatter-Tophkana Road to Motijheel, iv) Number of Stations : 16 nos, v) Passenger carrying Capacity : Both ways 60,000 per hour, vi) Travel Time : 37 minutes(Uttara to Motijheel).** DDC is working in this prestigious project as Joint Venture Partner with other foreign firms. The project is expected to be commissioned by June, 2023.

### Padma Bridge Rail Connecting Project

With a view to implement Padma Bridge Rail Connecting Project Bangladesh signed the loan agreement of USD 2670 million with Exim Bank of China on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at the head office of the bank in Beijing, the capital city of China. The agreement was signed by Md. Jahidul Huq, Addl Secretary, ERD, Bangladesh and Vice President of Exim Bank respectively. Worth mentioning that during the visit of Chinese President, Shi Gin Peong in Bangladesh,



View of Padma Bridge under construction

the memorandum of understanding was signed for funding construction of 172 km rail connecting project through Padma Bridge from Dhaka to Jessore via Narail. The estimated cost of the project being Tk 39,258 crore and 13 lac only of which China will contribute Tk 21,360 crore and 69 lac and rest amount will be shared by Bangladesh respectively.

### BWDB Holds Workshop

On January 09, 2019 a workshop on Long Term Monitoring Research & Analysis(LTMR&A) of Bangladesh coastal zone was organized jointly by Bangladesh Water Development Board(BWDB), Institute of Water Modelling(BWM) and DHI & Deltares. The purpose of the study of the 400 million dollar World Bank assisted Project is to provide design parameters

considering Climate Changes for rehabilitation of the existing polders on



sustainable concept. Mr. Kabir Bin Anwar, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, remained present as the Chief Guest at the inaugural session while Prof. Emiratus & eminent Water Expert, Dr. Ainun Nishat, DG, BWDB and Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, attended as the Special Guests. The address of welcome was delivered by Engr. Habibur Rahman, PD, CEIP and Chief Engineer, BWDB. The key note paper was presented by Jan Adriaan Roelvink, Dr. Irina Overeem, Dr. Steve Goodbred and the Technical Session became lively with valuable open discussion among the participants.

### ESCB Training Courses

**971. Captive Power Generation(7<sup>th</sup> Batch) :** Duration : Oct 31, 2019 to 02 Nov, 2019; Day & Time : Thursday , 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm, Friday & Saturday, 10 am to 5.00 pm; Registration Fee : Tk 4500/- per Participants, Tk 4000/- for IEB Members; Last date of receiving Nomination : Oct 27, 2019; Venue : ESCB City Campus, IEB Headquarters.

**973. Microcontroller :(27<sup>th</sup> Batch) :** Duration : Nov 4, 2019 to 30 Nov, 2019; Day & Time : On every Monday, Wednesday & Saturday, , 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm, 36 hours, 12 classes; Registration Fee : Tk5500/- per Participants, Tk5000/- for IEB Members, Tk 4500/- for fresh graduate engineers; Last date of receiving Nomination : 01 Nov, 2019; Venue : PLC Lab, ESCB City Campus, IEB Headquarters.

### EDITORS' NOTE

The issue contains the news on holding of 37<sup>th</sup> ECM and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ACECC hosted by ICE (I) in Goa, India recently which was attended by a 5-member Team from IEB. It also speaks about the recent visit of the IEB President and interactions with Australia overseas Chapter along with holding of ASCE Eid Reunion 2019 including brief news on the development activities of BR, BWDB, LGED, RHD and ESCB's Training courses as well. It also includes about the appointment of the new Chief Engr. of LGED and Faridul Alam becoming a new ASCE Fellow.

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