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# New Council Formed DRC & CRC Constituted



ICAB Chief Election Commissioner AK Gulam Kibria FCA announcing the Election results.

he 20 members for the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) have been elected on 24 November 2018. The Council is the highest authority of ICAB which leads the Institute and the Profession.

The 18 Councilors from Dhaka constituency and 2 Councilors from Chittagong constituency were elected to form the Council for the tenure 2019-2021. From this Council, President and three Vice Presidents will be elected by the Council.

The elected Council Members are Mohammed Humayun Kabir FCA, Adeeb Hossain Khan FCA, Kamrul Abedin FCA, Sabbir Ahmed FCA, Akhtar Sohel Kasem FCA, Mohammed Forkan Uddin FCA, Muhammad Farooq FCA, Md Shahadat Hossain FCA, A F Nesaruddin FCA, Nasir Uddin Ahmed FCA, Maria Howlader FCA, Md. Abdul Kader Joadder ACA, Mahmudul Hasan Khusru FCA, Gopal Chandra Ghosh FCA, Noor-E-Khoda Abdul Mobin FCA, Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Dr. Md. Abu Sayed Khan FCA, Mahamud Hosain FCA from Dhaka constituency and Sidhartha Barua FCA, Md Salim Uddin FCA from Chittagong constituency.

Besides, the nine Members of Dhaka Regional Committee (DRC), ICAB were also elected while five members of the Chittagong Regional Committee (CRC), ICAB were elected uncontested.

Elected Members of DRC: Miltan Bepari FCA, A.H.M. Ariful Islam FCA, Md Abu Khair Hasanul Hasif Sowdagar FCA, Ziaur Rahman Zia FCA, Md Amran Hossan FCA, Mohammad Redwanur Rahman FCA, Anika Sultana FCA, Md Razib Hossain FCA and Md Selim Reza FCA.

Members of CRC: Subash Chandra Chowdhury FCA, Imran Abu Hasan FCA, Kamrul Islam FCA, Mohammed Abul Kashem FCA and Mohammad



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### FROM THE DESK OF CHAIRMAN - EDITORIAL BOARD



Dear Fellow Members and Friends, Assalamu alaikum and greetings to you all.

Standing at the last quarter of this year when I look back I can see a very colourful year behind. The month of November is no exception and I find it even more eventful month with a couple of happenings.

All over the world 10 November is observed as International Accounting Day to illuminate the importance of Chartered Accountancy Profession. ICAB also observed this day with full enthusiasm and vigor with participation of a good number of members and students from different firms and prominent public and private universities. It was a festive event and the individuals participated in the event and celebrated it with lots of zeal.

In November a good number of trainings and workshops took place like IS Audit, Advanced Level Certificate course on IFRS, IAS and FRC workshop on ISA 700 to ISA 720 etc. These types of endeavor will enrich the eminence of our members at home and abroad. As a training wing of ICAB, ICAP continuously arranging training and workshop on concurrent and burning issues for our members and other corporate clients and has already earned remarkable credibility.

On 24 November ICAB has organized the Council election in a festive and peaceful manner. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate new council members and DRC and CRC members. I believe their vivid and rich experience; professional acumen and abilities would immensely benefit the members and the profession at large and escalate the Institute to a new height of excellence.

With warmest regards to you all.



Shaheed FCA. The members of the Institute cast their votes with huge enthusiasm and peaceful manner.

As per bye-law 13(1) of ICAB Bye-Laws 2004, the Council-ICAB had constituted the Election Commission headed by AK Gulam Kibria FCA. Past President-ICAB to conduct the election. Other members of the commission were M. idris Ali FCA, Mohammad Solaiman, Qudrate Khuda FCA and Md. Showkat Hossain FCA. This year full-fledge Online Voting system has been developed and interested members cast their votes through Online system. In 2015 the Online voting system had been applicable only for members residing in abroad. Optical Reading machine has been used for counting the votes.

#### Congratulation to Newly Elected Conucil Members for 2019-2021



Mohammed Humayun Kabir



Adeeb Hossain Khan



Kamrul Abedin





Akhter Sohel Kasem



Mohammed Forkan Uddin



Muhammad Farooq



Md Shahadat Hossain



A F Nesaruddin



Nasir Uddin Ahmed



Maria Howlader



Md. Abdul Kader Joaddar



Mahmudul Hasan Khusru



Gopal Chandra Ghosh



N K A Mobin



Md. Moniruzzaman



Dr. Md Abu Sayed Khan



Md Mahamud Hossain



Md Salim Uddin



Sidhartha Barua

# Six month long Course on 'Information Systems Audit (IS Audit)'

Guest Mohammad hief Shams-Ul-Islam, Managing Director & CEO Agrani Bank Limited, ICAB President Dewan Nurul Islam FCA, Secretary-ICAB General Muhammad Imrul Quayes, ndc, psc (retd) and resource persons were seen, among others at a certificate award ceremony of six-month long training on "Information Systems Audit (IS Audit)" - 3rd Batch organized by ICAB at CA Bhaban on 15 November 2018. Total forty (40) participants attended the training. The objective of the training was to enhance the competence of professionals in IS Audit.



Resources persons were Imran Ahmed FCA, CISA, Md. Tohidur Rahman Bhuiyan, Engr. Md. Mushfigur Rahman, Abu Md. Sabbir Hassan Chowdhury, A. B. M. Ahasan Ullah, S.M. Tofayel Ahmad, Biswajit Saha, Mahmuda Binta Yousuf Hemo, Ayan De and S. M. Al-Mahmud Hashim.

### FRC Workshop on ISA 700 (Revised) to ISA 720



ICAB President Dewan Nurul Islam FCA graced the Workshop on 'Understanding and implementing the newly revised Audit Report formats (ISA 700 (Revised) to ISA 720)' as the Chief Guest. The workshop was organized by the Financial Reporting Council, GoB on 17 November 2018 at FRC office. He delivered a speech on the subject matter. The workshop was segmented into Interactive Sessions with real life case study and question & answer.

From the workshop auditors could learn how to identify document, and communicate KAM, other information, and going concern to TCWG and in the audit report. As a part of management or audit committee, the issues raised by an auditor could be addressed how discussed in the training.

Role of Audit Report and how the new format relates to audit work was the topic in Session-1 and New audit report format and bank audit in session -2.

Resources persons of the workshop were M Anwarul Karim FCA, Executive Director of Standard Setting, FRC, Ex practitioner-audited large listed companies and Mohammad Mohiuddin Ahmed FCA, Executive Director of Financial Report monitoring, FRC, Ex Head of Regulatory Reporting, Standard Chartered Bank. About 40 stakeholders participated in the workshop.

### Advanced Level Certificate Course on IFRS & IAS



ICAB organized an Advanced Level Certificate Course on IFRS & IAS to enhance the competence of professionals serving in key positions of financial sector in Bangladesh on 17 November 2018 at Training Room of ICAB (7th floor), Dhaka. The training will be continuted for 3 months.

The objective of the training were to acquire in depth knowledge about preparation financial statements in Compliances with IFRS & IAS, to consider specific cases of IFRS/IAS application. Resource persons were Mohammad Salahuddin Chowdhury FCA, Snehasish Barua FCA, Sabbir Ahmed FCA, Sk. Md. Tarikul Islam FCA, Wasequl Hug Reagan FCA, Muhammad Aminul Hogue FCA and Muhammad Mehedi Hasan FCA.

Topic of the trainings were IFRS for all financial Institutions, Public expenditure reporting requirement, Explicit issues including Taxes, financial, instrument etc, Most importantly acomprehensive coverage of all IFRS with all latest updates, etc.



#### Dear Fellow Members,

Assalamu Alaikum.

We are grateful to Almighty Allah for being successfully held the Election 2018. My special thanks to the ICAB Election Commission who worked hard for holding the election successfully and peaceful. On behalf of the Institute and on my behalf 'Congratulations' to the successful candidates. I wish the new Council would lead the Institute to a newer height in terms of professional integrity and dignity.

This is my 11<sup>th</sup> Communication as President of this august and illustrious Institute. I will be delighted to receive your feedback on the initiatives that have been taken so far for development of the profession which would help further advancement of the Institute.

I take this privilege to update you on some major activities accomplished and initiatives we have undertaken during November 2018.

ICAB Election 2018: Election of the ICAB Council, the Dhaka Regional Committee (DRC) and the Chittagong Regional Committee (CRC) for the period 2019-2021 was held on 24 November 2018 in Dhaka and Chittagong simultaneously. Members of Dhaka Regional Constituency cast their votes with great enthusiasm and elected 18 Council Members and 9 Dhaka Regional Committee (DRC) Members. Members of Chittagong constituency elected 2 Council Members through voting. Besides, 5 Members for Chittagong Regional Committee (CRC) were elected uncontested for the same tenure. This year the unique feature of the election is

alongside the members residing in abroad, interested members could cast votes Online for the 1st time. Like the last year, Election Commission used digital Optical Counting System (OCS) for counting the votes.

My heartfelt congratulations to successful winners of Council Election of the Institute; Mr. Mohammed Humayun Kabir FCA, Mr. Adeeb Hossain Khan FCA, Mr. Kamrul Abedin FCA, Mr. Sabbir Ahmed FCA, Mr. Akhtar Sohel Kasem FCA, Mr. Mohammed Forkan Uddin FCA, Mr. Muhammad Faroog FCA, Mr. Md Shahadat Hossain FCA, Mr. A F Nesaruddin FCA, Mr. Nasir Uddin Ahmed FCA, Ms. Maria Howlader FCA, Mr. Md. Abdul Kader Joadder ACA, Mr. Mahmudul Hasan Khusru FCA, Mr. Gopal Chandra Ghosh FCA, Mr. Noor-E-Khoda Abdul Mobin FCA, Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, Dr. Md. Abu Sayed Khan FCA, Mr. Mahamud Hosain FCA, Mr. Sidhartha Barua FCA and Mr. Md Salim Uddin FCA.

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Mr. Mohammad Shams-Ul-Islam. Managing Director & CEO Agrani Bank Limited. graced the concluding ceremony of Six month long Course on 'Information Systems Audit (IS Audit) on 15 November 2018. I along with Secretary-ICAB Maior General Muhammad Imrul Quayes, ndc, psc (retd) and resource persons of the training were present in the occasion. Total forty (40) participants attended the training. The objective of the training was to enhance the competence of professionals in IS Audit.

Thanks to the Resources persons Mr. Imran Ahmed FCA, CISA, Mr. Md. Tohidur Rahman Bhuiyan, Engr. Mr. Md. Mushfiqur Rahman, Mr. Abu Md. Sabbir Hassan Chowdhury, Mr. A. B. M. Ahasan Ullah, Mr. S.M. Tofayel Ahmad, Mr. Biswajit Saha, Mr. Mahmuda Binta Yousuf Hemo, Mr. Ayan De and Mr. S. M. Al-Mahmud Hashim for their efforts in successfully holding this training. ICAB is providing such training to the members of the Institute to enhance the adoptability of IT in their respective job.

It is my pleasure and honor that I was present as the Chief Guest in the Workshop on 'Understanding and implementing the newly revised Audit Report formats (ISA 700 (Revised) to ISA 720)' organized by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), GoB on 17 November 2018 at FRC office. I delivered a speech on the subject matter. The workshop was segmented into Interactive Sessions with real life case study and guestion & answer. From the workshop auditor could learn how to identify document, and communicate KAM, other information, and going concern to TCWG and in the audit report, etc. As a part of management or audit committee, they also knew the means and ways how to address the issues raised by an auditor.

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ICAB delegates visited Sydney, Australia in November 2018 to participate in different professional and networking events namely, IFAC Council, CA Worldwide, CAPA, SAFA-CAPA Joint Meeting, WCOA 2018, MPA Signing ceremony with CPA Australia, Meetings with ICAB ASPAC Chapter, CAANZ, CIPFA and CPA Ireland.

The members of the delegation were Member council and Past Presidents Mr. Akhtar Sohel Kasem FCA, Mr. Anwaruddin Chowdhury FCA, Mr. ASM Nayeem FCA, Mr. M. Farhad Hussain FCA, Mr. Md. Humayun Kabir FCA, Director (Technical) Mr. Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA and myself.

Besides, Fellow Members of ICAB were Mr. Haider Ahmed Khan FCA, Mr. Zahirul Kium FCA, Mr. Mohammad Shoeb FCA, Mr. Md Shamim Ahamed FCA, Mr. Dilip Kumar Mandal FCA, Mr. Kamruzzaman FCA, Mr. ASM Hossain Taylab FCA, Mr. Mohammad Ebadat Hossain Bhuiyan FCA, Mr. Abdul Hamid FCA, Mr. Mohammad Sayed Ahmed FCA, Mr. Jone Kumer Gupta FCA, Mr. Sujit Kumar Saha FCA, Mr. Shakil Ahmed FCA, Mr. Imtiazur Rahman FCA, Mr. Mohammad Eklas Uddin ACA, Mr. Md. Sayed Hassan ACA participated in the WCOA conference. Also ICAB members residing in Australia participated in the conference were Mr. Syed Aram Ullah ACA, Mr. Abu Haider Mohammed Kibria ACA and Mr. Mahiul Murshed ACA.

The World Congress of Accountants 2018, 4-day conference was started on 5 November 2018 in Sydney, Australia and ended on 8 November. WCOA is the premier accounting conference for the global business and finance community and brought together more than 6,000

delegates from over 130 countries to hear world-class speakers and leaders from the finance and business community. It was a momentous event for the global accountancy profession and a chance to engage with visionary leaders and bring expertise to the fore on the world stage. The Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) and CPA Australia co-hosted the twentieth WCOA in 2018.

There was a substantial CA Bangladesh delegation - who have, hopefully been able to empower themselves to respond to the global challenges; ignite new business ideas; connect business and practices with the diversity of 6K plus professionals: explored the most innovative technologies supporting finance teams and accounting professionals. All these Take Aways provided a lifetime opportunity to engage with the global thinkers and change makers, who will shape the future of our profession and society at large. All ICAB delegates participated the keynotes and technical sessions in addition to meet the different delegates and staffs of global accountancy bodies.

IFAC Council meeting held on 1 November in International Convention Center (ICC) Sydney where IFAC President, Mr. Rachel Grimes opened the meeting. Representatives (voting, technical advisers and observers) from each member body were present in the Council. IFAC President, incumbent CEO and other seniors Executives, chairmen of IAASB and IPSASB mainly highlighted the achievements, challenges, future strategy and way forward of IFAC in changing global scenario in terms of authority, capacity, quality and development, standards setting and implementation responsibility, accountability, influence and mutual trust and confidence. In fact, the conference theme was named as "global, influential and trusted".

On 1 November 2018, a dinner reception for all marketing directors was organized by CAW and CAANZ with the CAW branding team "Joy" from Australia. On 2 November 2018, a full day marketing directors meeting was held at "JOY" office in Sydney. All participants shared their marketing and branding initiatives, challenges and achievements. Currently, the main focus was made on "Trust Leadership". Presentations were made by CAW, ISCA and CAANZ. On 3 November 2018, CAW Evening Reception at Sydney, where Australia Square, Presidents. CEOs, and Marketing

Directors of CAW member bodies met and discussed different challenges and prospects of CAs and possible collaboration. ICAB team talked to the President and Executive Director of CAANZ as an initial discussion on the mutual collaboration and way forward for mutual collaboration. They also discussed with ISCA President and others. ICAEW CEO and Chairman of CA Worldwide, Mr. Michael Izza led the reception event.

On 4 November 2018, **CAW Board and all MDs face-to-face full day meeting** was conducted at Amora Hotel Jamison Sydney. Chairman of CA Worldwide chaired the meeting.

On 3 November 2018, three meetings, Members Meeting of CAPA, EGM of CAPA and AFA-CAPA Joint Forum were organized at ICC Sydney. In all those events, ICAB delegate came in focal point by his eloquent speeches delivered on contemporary professional development issues in country and global perspective. The first CAPA-SAFA Joint Strategic structural meeting, the second after the CAPA-SAFA first joint meeting initiative crystallised in Kathmandu in May this year, was held at CA ANZ Office, Sydney, Australia on 4 November 2018. I myself, Past President and Council Member and SAFA immediate Past President ASM Nayeem FCA and Anwaruddin Chowdhury, Council Member & Past President-ICAB and Director, CAPA Board participated in the meeting.

Besides, as CAPA Board Director Mr. Anwaruddin Chowdhury participated in Board Meeting of CAPA on 4 November and Members' Meeting & Extraordinary General Meeting and AFA-CAPA Joint Forum on 3 November 2018.

On sidelines of the World Congress of Accountants, on 7 November 2018 at ICC Sydney, I and President CPA Australia officially handed over the Membership Pathways Agreement with CPA Australia.

Few of the respected Member Council and Past Presidents of ICAB, Technical Director, Secretary and Members from ICAB ASPAC Chapter and other members of ICAB were present in the handover ceremony from ICAB end. From CPA Australia, the President, CEO, Senior Executives from Australia and from Singapore were also present in the ceremony.

On 6 November 2018, after the end of 2nd day of WCOA, at around 7.00pm all ICAB delegates **met with the members of** 

ICAB ASPAC Chapters in a detailed discussion session on chapter matters and professional issues. It was gathering of around 35 members of ICAB.

Besides, the discussion with CAANZ President and Executive Director at **CAW Reception Event** was held on 5 November 2018, ICAB delegates also met with CAANZ relevant staffs relating to mutual collaboration and membership pathway programme during the break session of WCOA 2018 at CAANZ stall there. CAANZ staff assured that they would start the process as soon as possible in this regard.

On 8 November 2018, ICAB delegates attended a discussion meeting with CIPFA, UK delegates at their stall there on strengthening the partnership and exploring the benefit from the collaboration between ICAB and CIPFA. the CEO, the Managing Director, the Education and the Membership and Head of Marketing — New and Emerging Markets of CIPFA were from CIPFA, UK.

On 8 November 2018, ICAB delegates attended a discussion meeting with CPA Ireland at ICC Sydney on renewal of MRA between ICAB and CPA Ireland for further period. I shared some view points from ICAB end on few clauses of the possible MRA and the CPA Ireland delegates assured that they would come back with the revised one. The meeting agreed to explore the opportunity of having MRA further for mutual collaboration and benefits of the members and profession.

A team of ICAB led by me met Mr. Mohammad Muslim Chowdhury, Comptroller and Auditor General, GoB at latter's office on 20 November 2018. The other members of the team were ICAB Vice President Mr. Moddassar Ahmed Siddique FCA, Past President & Council Members Mr. ASM Naveem FCA, Mr. Showkat Hossain FCA and Secretary Major General Muhammad Imrul Quayes, ndc, psc (Retd). We discussed different aspects of development of the profession particularly in transparency and ethical standards.

A team of ICAB led by me also met Engineer Mosharraf Hossain, MP, Minister, Housing and Public Works Ministry, GoB at Bangladesh Secretariat on 20 November 2018. The other members of the team were ICAB Vice President Mr. Moddassar Ahmed Siddique FCA, Past President & Council Members Mr. ASM Nayeem FCA, Mr. Showkat Hossain FCA and Secretary Major General Muhammad Imrul Quayes,

ndc, psc (Retd). We discussed different professional issues including allocation of land for ICAB academic campus, etc.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), one of the first founding members of SAFA observed the International Accounting Day 2018 on 10 November 2018 in Bangladesh. A rally was brought out by leading members of the Institute and attended by multitudes of pupil from different CA firms, public and private universities to commemorate this day.

ICAB Vice President Mr. Mahmudul Hasan Khusru FCA, Council Member Mr. Mostafa Kamal FCA, the Chairman of Dhaka Regional Committee- ICAB, Mr. Md. Ali Akther Rezvi FCA and ICAB Secretary Major General Imrul Quayes, ndc, psc (retd) led the rally from Hatirjheel all the way to CA Bhaban in Karwan Bazar, Dhaka.

# Meetings of Council and Standing & Non-standing Committees and Sub-committees

The following meetings of the Council, Standing and Non-Standing Committees and Sub-committees of ICAB were held during the month of November 2018:

#### **Standing Committees:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Articled Students Committee (ASC) was held on 01 November 2018 at 5:30 pm.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Investigation & Disciplinary Committee (IDC) was held on 13 November 2018 at 6:00 pm.

#### **Non-standing Committees:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Members Services & Welfare Committee (MSWC) was held on 08 November 2018 at 6:00 pm.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Renovation Committee was held on 13 November 2018 at 5:00 pm.

## Standing and Non-Standing Sub-committees:

 Sub-Committee Meeting of the Committee for Amendment of CA Order and Bye Laws was held on 7 November 2018 at 6:00 pm.

No more today. Wish you all the best for everyone.

Dewan Nurul Islam FCA
President

## ICAB Delegation Participated in IFAC Council, CA Worldwide, CAPA, SAFA-CAPA Joint Meeting, WCOA 2018 in Sydney



ICAB delegates at WCOA conference at Sydney, Australia.

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expertise to the fore on the world stage. The Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) and CPA Australia co-hosted the twentieth WCOA in 2018.

6000 delegates from 130 countries- with over 3,000 from Australia (50%), 1200 from Asia (20%), 780 from Africa (13%), 600 from Europe (10%), 300 from North America (5%) and from SouthAmerica (1%).The highest representation was from **SMPs** Practices 25% and 15% from large Practices. There were 15% each from Government, Listed entities and large Corporates; 10 from SME, 3% Academia and 2% from NGOs.



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The 20th Congress was themed on "Global Challenges / Global Leaders".

It featured more than 150 Speakers as "inspirational business leaders,unconventional disruptors and cutting edge innovators". Albeit Aussies dominated, there were 50 entities, showcasing their latest technology products and catalyse inspiration from around the world.

The central Theme- Global Challenges

Leaders- Keynotes embraced the "core themes" of : "Trust - Ethics - Diversity -Sustainability and New Technology"-poised to shape the future of our Profession- (PAIB and Practices).

The WCOA 2018 Programme explored Issues, including: Protecting the public interest and building prosperity; addressing the leadership challenge; embracing disruptive technology and innovations; Enhancing ethics and Integrity; and Exploring sustainable solutions to business, social entrepreneurs and economies.

The 4 Day WCOA Programme was designed to showcase the Best- provide unprecedented access to thought leaders from around the world under the ambit of the Congress 2018.

- Day 1 embraced Business (and Accounting) Showcase - delivering hands-on showcase sessions and expo tanks that explore core themes, launch thought leadership and reveal new innovations.
- Day 2 embraced The Purpose

   addressing the tough questions
   around the future of compliance, the erosion of trust, n sustaining a sense of purpose.

- Day 3 embraced Best Practice -looking at the best practice, digital disruption and global mega trends that impact accountants of today and tomorrow.
- Day 4 embraced The Future -looking at the future of the profession, sustainability nd risk, to ensure that we provide adequate future proofing of the organisations in whice

adequate future Management proofing of the organisations in which we are engaged.

Concurrent sessions catered for relevant disciplines of Business, Finance n Accounting.

There were plenty of opportunities to share experiences and discover new developments in different areas of our involvement.

The WCOA 2018 delivered a diverse experience, using the latest technology and learning methods, enabling the participants to Learn, Adapt, and Accelerate their career.

All ICAB delegates participated the keynotes and technical sessions in addition to meet the different delegates and staffs of global accountancy bodies.

### IFAC Council held on 1 November in International Convention Center (ICC) Sydney

IFAC President, Rachel Grimes opened the IFAC Council meeting welcoming the delegates and observers. Representatives technical (voting, advisers and observers) from each member body were present in the Council. IFAC President, incumbent CEO and other seniors Executives, chairmen of IAASB and IPSASB mainly highlighted the achievements. challenges, future strategy and way forward of IFAC in changing global scenario in terms of authority, capacity, quality and development, standards and implementation responsibility, accountability, influence and mutual trust and confidence. In fact, the conference theme was named as "alobal, influential and trusted".

Dr. In-Ki Joo and Alan Johnson have been elected as incoming President and



At IFAC Council with IAASB Chair and Chief Financial Management Officer of the World Bank.

Deputy President of IFAC. IFAC CEO Fayez Choudhury is going to retire this year while Kevin Dancey was recruited as incoming CEO of IFAC. It is noted that Mr. Choudhury was highly applauded for his brilliant and dedicated services by the IFAC President, staff and even by standing ovations by all the delegates.

Mr. Chowdhury expected that achievement of IFAC over the years would be important pillars to build and shape the future of this global profession. He urged the accountants to:

- Accept the wave of the chain;
- Being adaptable and willing to modify to embrace new possibilities for how the profession can add value in society;
- To understand and practice the ethics as core values and believes of the profession:
- Attracting the young talents to the profession and empowering them to be influential and trusted.

IFAC CFO presented budget for 2019 and seek approval thereon. IFAC provides administrative support and facilities to following four independent standard setting boards;

- IAASB claims 44% of total budget for standard setter boards;
- IESBA (Ethical standard Board) claims 27% of total budget for standard setter boards;
- IAESB (Education) claims 2% total budget for standard setter boards; and
- IPSASB claims 17% (including CAG expenses) of total budget for standard setter boards.

PIOB, which oversees the activities of

IAASB, claims 9% of total budget for standard setter boards. Budgetary allocation for PIOB (which oversees the activities of IAASB) is 9% of total budget for standard setters.

For these four standard setting boards, total budgetary allocation is USD 13.467 million, which is 3% higher than 2018 forecast and 41% of total IFAC budgeted expenses for 2019.

ICAB voting delegate casted votes for each applicable approval process online system in due through consultation and all the delegates fully participated throughout the thought provoking deliberation in IFAC Council.

#### **CA Worldwide Events from 1** to 4 November 2018

On 1 November 2018, a dinner reception for all marketing directors was organized by CAW and CAANZ with the CAW branding team "Joy" from Australia.

On 2 November 2018, a full day marketing directors meeting was held at "JOY" office in Sydney. All participants shared their marketing and branding initiatives. challenges and achievements. Currently, the main focus was made on "Trust Leadership". Presentations were made by CAW, ISCA and CAANZ.

Notes from ICAB delegate - "High demand for CAs. The institute has changed their logo to CA Bangladesh. There are some marketing challenges as there is no formal structure for marketing. There is an opportunity to promote the profession amongst the prospective brilliant students and convey the message that CAs are highly paid and respectful and offers good career prospects."

Few action plans were also suggested in the area of review of marketing plan and activities. promoting trust leadership and edelman Research -Re trust in the profession in four of our markets, and the next steps are to agree how and when we communicate the results of the Edelman survey, the review of a draft press release and the plans for 2019.

On 3 November 2018, CAW Evening Reception at Australia Square, Sydney, where Presidents, CEOs, and Marketing Directors of CAW member bodies met and discussed different challenges and prospects of CAs and possible collaboration. ICAB team talked to the President and Executive Director of CAANZ as an initial discussion on the mutual collaboration and way forward for mutual collaboration. They also discussed with ISCA President and others. ICAEW CEO and Chairman of CA Worldwide. Mr. Michael Izza led the reception event.

On 4 November 2018, CAW Board and all MDs face-to-face full day meeting was conducted at Amora Hotel Jamison Sydney. Chairman of CA Worldwide chaired the meeting. The key issues were: Review of Institutional key achievements 2018, Institute and market developments, Business Plan 2019, Working together in the USA to promote the CA brand and support our members. sharing Institutional experience (which includes building our position as trust leaders, key findings from Edelman survey, perspective from South Africa, perspective from Australia and New Zealand, regulatory concerns, expectations of professional bodies and our opportunities), Update on CAW initiatives (which includes Digital report, Promoting the value of CAW and



At CAW Reception with President, CEOs and MDs.

Chartered Accountants, CAW Dubai and One Young World) and CAW meetings and events 2019 and CAW Budget update.

### **CAPA Events in Sydney**

On 3 November 2018, three meetings, Members Meeting of CAPA, EGM of CAPA and AFA-CAPA Joint Forum were organized at ICC Sydney. In all those events, ICAB delegate came in focal point by his eloquent speeches delivered on contemporary professional development issues in country and global perspective.

The first CAPA-SAFA Joint Strategic structural meeting, the second after the CAPA-SAFA first joint meeting initiative crystallised in Kathmandu in May this year, was held at CA ANZ Office, Sydney, Australia on 4 November 2018.

ICAB President Dewan Nurul Islam FCA. Past President and Council Member and SAFA immediate Past President ASM Naveem FCA and Anwaruddin Chowdhury, Council Member & Past President-ICAB and Director, CAPA Board participated in the meeting.

All the ICAB delegates including Mr. Chowdhury participated in Australian Forum of the National Auditing Standard Setters (NSS Forum) held International Convention Centre (ICC),



At CAW Marketting Directors Meeting



Among others, ICAB delegats at CAPA SAFA joint strategic Meeting at CAANZ office, Sydney.



Anwaruddin Chowdhury, Member Council and Past President ICAB and Director CAPA Board, seen at the CAPA Members Meeting held at the ICC Sydney on 3 November 2018

Sydney on 5 November 2018. It was sponsored by Australian & New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standard Boards.

The CAPA-SAFA Joint Strategic meeting was convened aiming at synergising the activities between the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA)-recognised as a Regional Organisation by the global Accountancy organisation, the IFAC, and the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA)recognised as an Acknowledged Organisation by the IFAC too, for ensuring optimum benefits to the member bodies and the regional Accountancy Profession. The strategic meeting has decided to formalise the aspirations and contemplations through Memorandum Understanding (MoU) at an early date.

The MoU will elucidate on the frequency, venue and modality of meetings and highlight potential areas of collaboration between the CAPA and SAFA. The Sydney meeting identified certain commonalities between the Organisations and discussed certain professional issues for collaborationincluding interalia "Ethics", PSFM, Technology impact, Integrated Reporting, etc. The Meeting also decided to leverage CAPA Project Reports and Publications on Maturity Model (Governance) PFM Success, Talent Management and others for the mutual benefits of the memberships.

SAFA Project findings and recommendations on SMEs and SMPs and Professional Ethics would be inspirational for future collaborative efforts between CAPA and SAFA. It was indeed a happy, significant leap for the regional profession.

Besides. as CAPA Board Director Anwaruddin Chowdhury participated in Board Meeting of CAPA on 4 November and Members' Meeting & Extraordinary General Meeting and AFA-CAPA Joint Forum on 3 November 2018. In all those events Mr. Chowdhury came in focal point by his

eloquent speeches delivered on contemporary professional development issues in country and global perspective. Audience applauded Mr. Chowdhury for his epoch making deliberations.

# Handover ceremony re MPA with CPA Australia

During the World Congress of Accountants, on 7 November 2018 at ICC Sydney, President ICAB and President CPA Australia officially handed over the Membership Pathways Agreement with CPA Australia.

Few of the respected Member Council and Past Presidents of ICAB, Technical Director, Secretary and Members from ICAB ASPAC Chapter and other members of ICAB were present in the handover ceremony from ICAB end. From CPA Australia, the President, CEO, Senior Executives from Australia and from Singapore were also present in the ceremony. A professional photo session of the ceremony was also organized

Both the Presidents delivered short speech on the mutual collaboration and the way forward.

ICAB President said, "We look forward to working with CPA Australia to further increase the value and reputation of the accountancy profession in Bangladesh and globally. He added that "ICAB members are highly positioned in different esteemed organisations in home and abroad and are also contributing in public practice in Bangladesh maintaining high quality and dignity." He added that "the MPA with CPA Australia, a global accountancy institute will certainly add value to ICAB membership and believe that ICAB members would explore this opportunity in coming days". He further added that "ICAB membership has already been recognised by ICAEW and hope that CPA Australia after further evaluation would recognize ICAB qualification in full in near future". He thanked the President, CEO and other executives of CPA Australia and ICAB Council, Staff and ASPAC Chapters for making the whole arrangement between the two esteemed institutes.

# Meetings with ICAB ASPAC Chapter

On 6 November 2018, after the end of 2nd day of WCOA, at around 7.00pm all ICAB delegates met with the members of ICAB ASPAC Chapters in a detailed discussion session on chapter matters and professional issues. It was gathering of around 35 members of ICAB. Every participant in the meeting introduced himself/herself followed by the welcome speech of ICAB President. ICAB Presidents and delegates thanked the members of the ASPAC chapter and other participants specially mentioning the name of Abu Kibria ACA, Secretary -ICAB Asia Pacific Chapter for organizing such a wonderful meeting.

The key issues discussed in the meeting are as follows:

 Recognition of CPD Hours accomplished by chapter members either through CAANZ, CPA Australia, or the Chapter itself subject to



Preisdents at CPA Australia MPA Handover Ceremony



During CPA Australia MPA Handover Ceremony President CPA Au

declaration, evidenced and verified by Chapter Chairman;

- Devising effective strategy for Bangladeshi CAANZ members to encourage them to be member of ICAB;
- Maintain a separate desk in ICAB to support members residing in Australia and other overseas chapters;
- ICAB's branding in Australia;
- Members' profiling in ICAB News Letter/Website:
- Consideration of membership fee and grant (doubling) of the chapter members;
- Recognition of Chartered Accountancy from ICAB by Australian Grant Education Scheme;
- Online fee payment; and
- Newsletter and Annual Report Coverage.

#### **Meetings with CAANZ**

Besides the discussion with CAANZ President and Executive Director at CAW Reception Event was held on 5 November 2018, ICAB delegates also met with CAANZ relevant staffs relating

to mutual collaboration and membership pathway programme during the break session of WCOA 2018 at CAANZ stall there. CAANZ staff assured that they would start the process as soon as possible in this regard.

### Meetings with CIPFA, UK

On 8 November 2018, ICAB delegates attended a discussion meeting with CIPFA, UK delegates at their stall there on strengthening the partnership and exploring the benefit from the collaboration between ICAB and CIPFA. the CEO, the Managing Director, the Education and the Membership and Head of Marketing – New and Emerging Markets of CIPFA were from CIPFA, UK.

### **Meetings with CPA Ireland**

On 8 November 2018, ICAB delegates attended a discussion meeting with CPA Ireland at ICC Sydney on renewal of MRA between ICAB and CPA Ireland for further period. ICAB President shared some view points from ICAB end on few clauses of the possible MRA and the CPA Ireland delegates assured that they would come back with the revised one. The meeting agreed to explore the opportunity of having MRA further for mutual collaboration and benefits of the members and profession. President. CEO and Director Member Service of CPA Ireland were present in the meeting.



Meeting with Cormac Mohan CPA, President, CPA Ireland

### Member's Achievement

# Parveen Mahmud joins Board of Apex Footwear

Parveen Mahmud has recently joined the Board of Directors of Apex Footwear as an independent director.

Ms Mahmud is a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh and also its first female president.



Parveen Mahmud FCA

She is also the founding managing director of Grameen Telecom Trust, a member of think tank of the Centre for Policy Dialogue, the International Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh and chairperson of MIDAS.

She is also a director of Transparency International Bangladesh, Brac International, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation, RDRS, Campaign for Popular Education, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Grameenphone and Linde Bangladesh.

Members International Achievement in United States of America

Md. Mahsudur Rahman FCA, FCMA participated in the World Natural B o d y b u i l d i n g Championship held on 17 November 2018 in Los Angeles, USA. He



Md. Mahsudur Rahman FCA

achieved place in the top five position in Masters Category of this competition.

Earlier, Mr. Mahsud participated International competitions held in Sri Lanka, Japan, China & Singapore and achieved Silver & Bronze medal in Japan & Singapore respectively . He was awarded "Mr. Bangladesh" in the National Games & Gold Medal in the Bangladesh games.

At present, Mr. Mahsud is serving Rahimafrooz Group as Chief Compliance & Audit Officer. He is active in sports and other social activities.



### **ICAB Academic Campus News**

The regular pre-examination evening classes for Certificate Level (1st Batch), Professional Level (1st Batch) and Advanced Level (1st Batch), which started from last 9 September 2018, will now be concluded on 29 November 2018 at ICAB-Academic Campus. There are 587 students joining with 98 teachers in nine-section of the classes. All the students of these courses are the fresh examinees for Exam Session: November-December 2018.

As a result, the cumulative number of participated students in classes of ICAB under new curriculum has come to 15213, till November 27, 2018.

Moreover, the day time classes for Certificate Level (1st Batch) for Examination Session: November-December 2018 commenced on 9 September, have already closed on 05 November 2018. The schedule of 2nd batch will be announced very soon.

The another new session for the students of Certificate Level (2nd Batch) will begin from Sunday, 9 December 2018 at ICAB- Academic Campus, 51-53, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar Commercial Area, Dhaka-1215. A Notice has already been issued in this regard and all the concerned students are advised to enroll for the classes by 5 December 2018, and adhere the session accordingly.

On the other hand, an 'English Language Communication Skill' short course (3rd Batch) scheduled on 8-Saturdays' would be started from 8 December 2018 at 3:00pm to 6:00pm

for the CA students at ICAB-Academic Campus under the guidance of Bangladesh Chartered Accountancy Chatra Parishad (BCACP) which is financed by the Dhaka Regional Committee (DRC)-ICAB. Its objective is to enhance the skills & capacities of English Language for the CA students enable them perfect to professional correspondences. This English Language Communication course would be concluded on 26 January 2019.

Meanwhile, The Mock Exams on "Assurance, Principle of Taxation & Accounting" for Certificate Level (CL) and "Audit & Assurance and Financial Accounting" of Professional Level (PL) students were held on 16, 17 & 20 November 2018 at 3:00pm to 5:00pm for CL & 3:00pm to 6:00pm for PL at ICAB-Academic Campus, under the guidance of Dhaka Regional Committee (DRC)-ICAB.

The feedback session would be ensued for these Mock Exams on Friday, 30 November 2018 at 6:00pm at Campus. In fact, the omissions and errors found in answers script, further means and ways for doing well in the final exams etc., matters and techniques were forecasted there by a group of resource persons. The concerned examinees, teachers, office bearers and members' council of the Institute were invited in the session to make the programme gala and effective.

In the month of November 2018, the Vice President (Education & Training) - ICAB, Mahmudul Hasan Khusru FCA, visited the Academic Campus on 3, 9, 13, 17, & 20 November 2018, during the class-hour in the evening shift and

day time session. He met with the students and faculty members, to know about the areas needed to improve with a view to make the campus environment, services and activities more congenial for study. He advised all the concerned for proper implementation of the outcomes of his visits as well.

Besides, the refurbishments of ICAB-Academic Campus at 51-53, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar Commercial Area, Dhaka-1215, have mostly done, and the rest of works will be completed by December 2018.

The above Programme and Session have been organised by the Incharge of ICAB Academic Campus and a team, under the supervision of the Vice President (Education & Training)-ICAB with the guidance and consent of the Chairman, Board of Studies-ICAB, ABM Azizuddin FCA & President of ICAB, Dewan Nurul Islam FCA

# Announcement

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(Classes of Next Session)

The New Session Pre-examination Classes (December 2018- February 2019) for the Students of Certificate Level (2nd Batch) will start from Sunday, 09 December 2018 at ICAB- Academic Campus, 51-53, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Commercial Area. Dhaka-1215. A Notice has already been issued in this matter and all concerned students advised to enroll for the classes by 05 December 2018, and to attend the session as per schedule.

Source: ICAB Campus

## ICAB Team Met CAG, GoB



team of ICAB led by President Dewan Nurul Islam FCA met Mohammad Muslim Chowdhury, Comptroller and Auditor General, GoB at latter's office on 20 November 2018. The other members of the team were ICAB Vice President Moddassar Ahmed Siddique FCA, Past President & Council Members ASM Nayeem FCA, Showkat Hossain FCA and Secretary-ICAB. They discussed different aspects of development of the profession particularly in transparency and ethical standards.

# ICAB Officials Visited **BMTF Gazipur**

ICAB officials led by Secretary Major General Muhammad Imrul Quayes, ndc, psc (retd) visited Bangladesh Machine Tollls Factory Ltd. (BMTF), Joydebpur, Gazipur on 8 November 2018 as part of motivational initiatives taken by the Institute. The BMTF personel warmly received the ICAB officials while a number of high-rank officials of BMTF were present at the moment. After watching a documentary about BMTF, the ICAB team visited some productions and operational activities.



## **ICAB** Team Met Minister, Ministry of Housing and **Public Works, GoB**



team of ICAB led by President Dewan Nurul Islam FCA met Engineer Mosharraf Hossain, MP, Minister, Housing and Public Works Ministry, GoB at Bangladesh Secretariat on 20 November 2018. The other members of the team were ICAB Vice President Moddassar Ahmed Siddique FCA, Past President & Council Members ASM Nayeem FCA, Showkat Hossain FCA and Secretary Major General Muhammad Imrul Quayes, ndc, psc (Retd). They discussed different professional issues including allocation of land for ICAB academic campus, etc.

### Admission as Associate

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

Name Shah Rafsan Kibria ACA (1938)

**Effective Date 8 October 2018** 

Director

G. Kibria & Co.

**Chartered Accountants** 

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### **Opportunity for ICAB Members/ Practicing CA Firms**

This is for information to all the ICAB Members / Practicing CA Firms who are looking for prospective Partners/ Qualified Assistants/ Qualified Director and also who are interested to join with any Practicing CA Firm may kindly contact in writing with Secretary-ICAB, Major General Muhammad Imrul Quayes, ndc, psc (Retd).

ICAB will act as a Mediator to facilitate the process. Particulars of concerned Members/CA Firms will be kept confidential as far as possible.

## ICAB Observed International Accounting Day 2018



Institute Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), one of the first founding members of SAFA observed International Accounting Day 2018 on 10 November 2018 in Bangladesh. A rally was brought out by leading members of the Institute and attended by multitudes of pupil from different CA firms, public and private universities to commemorate this day.

The International Accounting Day on the 10th of November has been observed by countries across the globe. In light of this, the South Asian Federation of Accountants a Forum of professional (SAFA), accounting bodies of SAARC countries, decided to join the world in illuminating the importance of accounting and the people in the profession and celebrate the International Accounting Day on November 10th every year.

The date, November 10th, happens to bear great significance for the accountancy community. Italian Mathematician Franciscan friar and Luca Bartolomeo de Pacioli authored a book titled "Summa de Arithmetica Geometria Proportioni et Propotionalita" (Everything Arithmetic, Geometry and Proportion) which was published in Venice on November 10, 1494. First of its kind, the book aimed to summarize mathematical knowledge of that time. It is considered to be the first printed essay on double entry bookkeeping called "Method of Venice" and was a direct base of some widespread works on mercantile accounting.

ICAB Vice President Mahmudul Hasan Khusru FCA, Council Member Mostafa



Kamal FCA, the Chairman of Dhaka Regional Committee- ICAB, Md. Ali Akther Rezvi FCA and ICAB Secretary Major General Imrul Quayes, ndc, psc (retd) led the rally from Hatiriheel all the way to CA Bhaban in Karwan Bazar, Dhaka.

### **Bengal Group of Industries Celebration** of International Accounting Day 2018

Accounts and Finance Department of Bengal Group of Industries (Bengal Group), one of the largest business conglomerate in Bangladesh, celebrated the "International Accounting Day 2018" on 10 November 2018 with great interest and enthusiasm. To pay tribute to the work of Luca Pacioli, "The Father of Accounting

and Book Keeping" and also to honour all those who have chosen the profession of accounting, a programme including a discussion seminar, quiz contest and rally was organized by Bengal Group. Jashim Uddin, Vice Chairman of Bengal Group and Bengal Media Corporation (RTV), graced the programme as the Chief Guest. Zihad Uddin Ahmed, General Manager & Head of Human Resource Department, and Shanzoy Sarker, Head of Corporate Finance were present as the Special Guests.

Bengal Group has four Qualified Chartered Accountants and a good number of part qualified CA professionals.

