

BANGLADESH FREIGHT FORWARDERS ASSOCIATION (BAFFA)

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

**My Colleagues, the Board of Directors and
Esteemed Members of Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association (BAFFA)**

Assalamu-Alaikum,

With great pleasure, I welcome you all to the 9th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the present Board of Directors of the Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association (BAFFA). We are assembled here today to make into account the proceedings of the state of operations as is the requirement of Companies Act and the Articles of Association of BAFFA.

The important set of agenda of today's meeting includes the conduct of business, minutes of the last AGM, Annual Report, Audited Accounts, etc., which have been compiled to form the Annual Report. I believe that the Annual Report has already been circulated to the members.

For us, today's meeting is the most important one, through which we will be having an intense and important dialogue with our General Members, who are the driving force of BAFFA, the premier trade organization of Bangladesh.

Before we begin, allow me to put in place our profound grief for the sad demise of some of the distinguished members of the BAFFA family. Dear Members, please let us observe a minute's silence in fond remembrance of those loved ones who are no longer with us and who had made such outstanding contributions to our association. We pray to the Almighty Allah for their salvation and eternal peace of their departed souls.

The Present Board of Directors assumed the responsibility of its office on 19 September 2017, with a vision for transforming BAFFA into a truly world class international organization. The Board of Directors including the Senior Vice President, the Vice President (Dhaka) and the Vice President (Chattogram) have been performing their duties in a befitting manner and I am pleased to say that we have been able to achieve creditable accomplishments with the support of all concerned.

Dear Colleagues,

Over the years, BAFFA as an organization is now well-placed and it is widely recognized in the global network of the freight forwarders and promoting the interest of our sector. I believe that this is a great achievement for all the members of the association, who worked relentlessly. Freight forwarders act as a bridge between the global buyers and sellers and our members play a vital role in the logistics management system in this global trade. It was another notable and successful year since the last AGM. My members of the Board and I are grateful for your generous contributions, guidance and advice, in various capacities, to successfully achieve our goals and objectives. Please allow me to present a brief of all our activities in the preceding year.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors have met eight (8) times in regular meetings during the period from July 2018 to June 2019, for discussing the different matters and issues of the Association and taking decision for guiding the freight industry in the right direction, which is giving a positive impact to the freight forwarding community in the country.

Attendance of the Board of Directors during the period 2018-2019 as follows:

SL. NO.	NAME	POSITION	INDIVIDUAL ATTENDANCE
1.	Mr. Mahbubul Anam	President	08
2.	Mr. Amirrul Islam Chowdhury Mizan	Senior Vice President	08
3.	Mr. ABM Rafiquz Zaman SAGAR	Vice President (Dhaka)	08
4.	Mr. Amiya Shankar Barman	Vice President (Chattogram)	08
5.	Mr. M. A. Sobhan	Director In-charge Administration	06
6.	Mr. Ariful Ahsan	Director In-charge Finance	08
7.	Mr. Muammar Ahmad	Director In-charge Digital Communication & IT	07
8.	Mr. Syed Md. Bakhtiar	Director In-charge Ports & Customs (Dhaka)	05
9.	Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Suzan	Director In-charge Ports & Customs (CTG)	06
10.	Mr. Nasir Ahmed Khan	Director In-charge Human Resources	08
11.	Mr. Adnan Md. Iqbal	Director In-charge Audit	07
12.	Mr. Md. Khorshed Alam	Director In-charge Public Relations	06
13.	Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman Ibne Amin	Director In-charge Publication	05
14.	Mr. Kabir Ahmed	Director In-charge Training	06
15.	Mr. Helaluddin Akbar	Director	03
16.	Mr. Syed Mastafizur Rahman	Director	03
17.	Mr. Badrul Haque Chowdhury	Director	04
18.	Mr. Nurul Amin	Director	03
19.	Mr. Zahid Hossain	Director	04

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

3rd Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held successfully on 24 March 2019, at Copper Chimney Restaurant, Agrabad C/A, Chattogram-4000.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

9th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held successfully on 24 March 2019, at Copper Chimney Restaurant, Agrabad C/A, Chattogram-4000.

SUB-COMMITTEES

BAFFA formed twenty (20) Sub-committees to rightly reflect the apex trade body's role in the affairs of the business community, addressing the sectoral issues after getting the proposals from relevant stakeholders. The sub-committees have been formed in line with the relevant ministries of the Government of Bangladesh and important issues that need the business community's intervention. The designated Chairman & Convener of the Sub-committees are working in consultation with the members to plan their next course of action. The current Board looks forward to working for the Sub-committees and where necessary consult the concern agencies for solution measures. The Committees are:

Sl. No.	Name of the Sub-Committees	Name of Chairman /Convener/Co Convener
1.	Finance Sub-Committee, Dhaka	Mr. N. C. Dutta, Chairman Mr. Ariful Ahsan, Convener
2.	Finance Sub-Committee, Chattogram	Mr. S. A Zaman, Chairman Mr. Muammar Ahmad, Convener
3.	Arbitration Sub-Committee, Dhaka	Mr. A.K.M. Asad, Chairman Mr. Ariful Ahsan, Convener
4.	Arbitration Sub-Committee, Chattogram	Mr. M. Nazmul Hussain Tutul, Chairman Mr. Amirul Islam Chowdhury, Convener
5.	Membership Sub-Committee, Dhaka	Mr. Demien Gonsalves, Chairman Mr. M. A. Sobhan, Convener
6.	Membership Sub-Committee, Chattogram	Mr. Ahedur Rahman Nayan, Chairman Mr. Amiya Shankar Barman, Convener
7.	Ports Sub-Committee (Biman & CAAB), Dhaka	Mr. Md. Mafizul Islam, Chairman Mr. Syed Md. Bakhtiar, Convener Mr. Adnan Md. Iqbal, Co-Convener
8.	Customs Sub-Committee, Dhaka	Mr. S. A. Ashraf Abdullah, Chairman Mr. Nasir Ahmed Khan, Convener Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman Ibne Amin, Co-Convener
Sl. No.	Name of the Sub-Committees	Name of Chairman /Convener/Co Convener
9.	ICD Kamalapur, ICT Pangaon, Mongla & River Ports Sub-Committee	Mr. Micky Diaz, Chairman Mr. Md. Khorshed Alam, Convener

10.	Ports Sub-Committee, Chattogram	Mr. Anwar Hossain Khan, Chairman Mr. Khairul Alam (Suzan), Convener
11.	Customs Sub-Committee, Chattogram	Mr. Md. Alamgir Hossain, Chairman Mr. Khairul Alam (Suzan), Convener
12.	Off-Dock & Airport Sub-Committee Chattogram	Mr. Syed Md. Aziz Nazim Uddin, Chairman Mr. Amiya Shankar Barman, Convener
13.	Publication Sub-Committee	Mr. Sk. Ahsan Habib, Chairman Mr. Nurul Amin, Convener
14.	Media & Public Relation Sub-Committee	Mr. Hasan Ahmed Kamal, Chairman Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman Ibne Amin, Convener
15.	Government Affairs Sub-Committee (Bangladesh Bank, NBR & Ministry of Finance)	Mr. Syed Ershad Ahmed, Chairman Mr. ABM Rafiquz Zaman, Convener
16.	Government Affairs Sub-Committee (Ministry of Shipping, Ministry Commerce, Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism, Ministry of Road Transport & Bridge and Ministry of Railways)	Mr. Asif A. Chowdhury, Chairman Mr. Kabir Ahmed, Convener
17.	Government Affairs Sub-committee {CCCI, BGMEA, BKMEA, (CTG. Chapter), Bangladesh Bank (Ctg.), NBR (VAT, TAX Ctg. Circle}, Chattogram:	Mr. Jasim U Ahmad, Chairman Mr. Amirul Islam Chowdhury (Mizan) Convener
18.	International Affairs Sub-Committee (FAPAA, FIATA, IATA, ADB, World Bank, JICA, IFC & UNESCAP)	Mr. Mizanur Rahman, Chairman Mr. ABM Rafiquz Zaman, Convener
19.	Internal Audit Sub-Committee Chattogram	Mr. Kazi Iqbal Ahmed, Chairman Mr. Adnan Md. Iqbal, Convener
20.	Education & Training Sub-Committee	Mr. Mohd. Nooruddin Chowdhury, Chairman Mr. Syed Mastafizur Rahman, Convener

The Board also time to time formed the following other committees to conduct the function of the association:

Sl. No.	Name of the Sub-Committee	Chairman of the Committee
1.	Procurement Committee-Dhaka	Mr. ABM Rafiquz Zaman SAGAR
2.	Procurement Committee –Chattogram	Mr. Amirul Islam Chowdhury (Mizan)
3.	Standard Trading Condition Committee	Mr. Amirul Islam Chowdhury (Mizan)
4.	BAFFA Office Space Procurement Committee-Dhaka	Mr. ABM Rafiquz Zaman SAGAR
5.	BAFFA Airport Shed Renovation Committee	Mr. Mahbulul Anam
6.	Committee for Verify Gross Mass	Mr. Amirul Islam Chowdhury Mizan
7.	Airport Warehouse Management Committee	Mr. ABM Rafiquz Zaman SAGAR

8.	Insurance Committee	Mr. ABM Rafiquz Zaman SAGAR
9.	46 th FAPPA ECM & AGM Organizing Committee	Mr. Mahbubul Anam

MEMBERSHIP

In 2018-2019 Membership Sub-Committees had thirteen (13) meetings in Dhaka and in Chattogram where recommendations were made for forty-four (44) new companies for BAFFA's membership and Board approved the following organizations as a new Members of BAFFA:

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Company Owner & Designation
1.	Sea Blue Logistics (BD) Ltd.	Mr. Polash Halder, Managing Director
2.	Fire Power Logistics Ltd.	Mr. Enamul Huq Sabuj, Managing Director
3.	Access Enterprise Ltd.	Mr. Md. Kamrul Mahbub, Managing Director
4.	Trade Brigade Ltd.	Mrs. Sangeeta Samad, Chairman
5.	Freight Gibraltar Ltd.	Mr. Kazi Jahangir Hossain, Managing Director
6.	Bobi Shipping Ltd.	Mr. Prohallad Chandraw Paul, Managing Director
7.	Newport Express Corporation	Mr. Saddique Ali, Proprietor
8.	Shan Sabil Logistics	Mr. Md. Gias Uddin Bhuiyan, Proprietor
9.	Fast Freight International	Mr. Md. Nuruddin Khan, Managing Partner
10.	S.S Freight Bangladesh	Mr. Dulal Chandra Karmakar, Managing Partner
11.	Rif Line Worldwide Logistics Ltd	Mr. ABM Jahurul Islam, Managing Director
12.	Ocean Bridge Lines Ltd.	Mr. Isaac Baroi, Managing Director
13.	Easy Freight & Logistics Ltd.	Mr. Mohammad Shapait Ullah, Managing Director
14.	R M A Logistics	Mr. Monsur ul Amin, Managing Partner
15.	Reliance Shipping & Logistics Ltd.	Mr. Md. Shah Alam, Managing Director
16.	Cargo HQ Limited	Mr. Tanvir Ahmed, Managing Director
17.	JD Logistics	Mr. Md. Jahangir Latif , Proprietor
18.	QNS Global Logistic Ltd.	Mr. Esfarul Qayyum Khan, Managing Director
19.	Cube Transportation	Mr. Emrul Akter Khan, Proprietor
20.	Rescue Freight Limited	Mr. Md. Mofizul Islam Azad, Managing Director
21.	Precision Logistics Ltd.	Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman Ibne Amin, Managing Director
22.	Kontinental Crosslink	Mr. Ali Haider Mohammad Sazzad, Proprietor
23.	Freight Solution BD.	Mr. Md. Anwar Hossain, Managing Partner
24.	Safwana International Logistics	Mr. Irfanur Rob Jinnah, Managing Director
25.	Swedish Bangla Int'L Freight Forward Company	Md. Obayed Ullah, Proprietor
26.	Formosa Logistics Limited	Mr. Ziaur Rahman, Managing Director

27.	Jann Global Logistics Ltd.	Mr. Iqbal Khan, Managing Director
28.	Velocity Freight Services	Mr. Kabir Uddin Ahmed, Managing Partner
29.	Bangladesh Sparx Limited	Mr. Md. Badrul Haider, Managing Director
30.	Armach Logistics Ltd.	Mr. Zakaria Taher, Managing Director
31.	Tamishna Logistics Ltd.	Mr. Gulzar Alam, Managing Director
32.	Green Cargo Management Co. Ltd.	Mr. Md. Mosharaf Hossain, Managing Director
33.	Nisshin Trans Consolidator BD Ltd.	Mr. Kabir Ahmed, Managing Director
34.	Trans Team Ltd.	Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman Ibne Amin (Sohail), Managing Director
35.	ABC Freight Forwarding & Shipping Limited	Mr. Syed Mohammad Arif, Chairman
36.	Classic Freight Ltd.	Mr. Mohammad Abdur Rahim, Managing Director
37.	Freight Works Ltd.	Mr. Khondokar Golam Mohiuddin, Managing Director
38.	Blue Star Logistics	Mr. S.M Faruque Ahmed, Proprietor
39.	Sicho Freight Solutions Ltd.	Mr. A.S.M Moinul Islam Chowdhury Managing Director
40.	Quick Freight Logistics Ltd.	Mr. Faruque Ahmed, Managing Director
41.	Accufine Logistics	Mr. Md. Faruk Iqbal Chowdhury, Managing Partner
42.	Origin Shipping Ltd.	Sinthu Islam Tandra, Managing Director
43.	Schenker Logistics (Bangladesh) Ltd.	Mr. Mahbubul Anam, Director
44.	Ocean Angel Freight Ltd.	Mr. S.A M Mohiuddin, Director

Total 1002 members were enlisted with our association up to 30th June 2019.

FINANCE

The accounts of the Association have been computerized. The income and expenditure statements is regularly placed in every Board Meeting. BAFFA financially has become healthier than previous year. BAFFA's financial position ending 30 June 2019 is shown as under:

Cash at Bank Tk.2,26,39,835.00, Cash in Hand Tk.72,965.00, FDR Tk.8,90,01,861.00 whereas in 2018 the FDR amount was Tk.5,54,52,369.00.

ARBITRATION

Arbitration Committee is a well established and very active in assisting members in resolving issues relating to various disputes. The committee also received number of complaints from overseas Freight Associations and Agents on nonpayment of dues by BAFFA member's and vice versa. Eight (8) meetings of Arbitration Sub-Committees, Dhaka and Chattogram were held during the period of 2018-2019, where a good number of cases were resolved.

PORT & CUSTOMS

The Port & Customs Sub-committees at Dhaka and Chattogram have operated tirelessly to facilitate all members and resolve all day to day issues. They have been very active and have held four (4) meetings of the Ports & Customs Sub-committees in Dhaka and Chattogram to resolve different problems with the Ports, Customs & Cargo Village.

GOVT. AFFAIRS

The Government Affairs Sub-committees have had several meeting with different Ministries, Bangladesh Bank, National Board of Revenue, Civil Aviation Authorities of Bangladesh (CAAB) and Port Authorities on different regularity issues relating to Freight Forwarding industry.

BAFFA also represented in the following Government Committees:

- Chattogram Port Advisory Committee
- National Board of Revenue Advisory Committee
- National Single Window Working Group, National Board of Revenue
- Trade Facilitation Advisory Committee, Ministry of Commerce
- Dhaka Customs House Advisory Committee
- ASYCUDA World Operational Committee, National Board of Revenue
- Mongla Port Advisory Committee
- Dhaka Customs Arbitration Committee

BAFFA played active part in formulation of different Government policies related to port and aviation sector. With the embargo enforced by UK the Govt. took initiative to improve cargo handling facilities at airport and held regular monthly meeting with principle secretary in chair. BAFFA have played a crucial role in improving service at cargo village and import warehouse assisted the authorities with suggestion to improve facilities at airport.

ICD KAMALAPUR, ICT PANGAON, MONGLA & RIVER PORTS

ICD Kamalapur, ICT Pangaon, Mongla & River Ports Sub-Committees had number of meetings with concerned Port Authorities.

OFF-DOCK SUB-COMMITTEE

Six (6) meetings of the Customs Sub-Committee were held at BAFFA Secretariat in Chattogram to resolve the different problems with the Ports, Customs & Off-Dock and to looking after day to day matters maintained and took up issues related to Freight industry at Chattogram.

PROCUREMENT

The purpose of the Procurement Committee is to prioritize, investigate, and implement of the procurement of services and goods that are financially or otherwise advantageous to the benefiting organization. The committee also supervised all major purchase of BAFFA. The Committee had regular meetings to conduct the different purchase of the association.

INTERNAL AUDIT

The committee assists the Board of Directors fulfill its corporate governance and overseeing responsibilities in relation to an entity's financial reporting, internal control system, risk management

system and internal and external audit functions. Three (3) meetings of the Internal Audit Sub-committees Dhaka and Chattogram were held during the year 2018-2019.

MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATION

The role of Media and Public Relation Committee is to foster the relations of association with external stakeholders through several media relation activities. The Media and PR Committee manages internal and external communication by reporting events, happenings and achievements to the association and the community.

PUBLICATION

Publication Committee had a number of meetings regarding publication of the Annual Report-2018-19. The committee making recommendations to the Board of Directors related to the needs and adequacy of the publications of the association, including the need for curtailment of ongoing efforts and the initiation of new efforts, and recommending to the Board change(s), if required, in the publication.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

The Education and Training Committee (ETC) provides advice to the Board on the strategic directions and development of training and educational activities of the association. The Board in principal agreed to the establishment of a permanent Training Institute for enhancement of knowledge and capacity of the freight forwarding community. BAFFA is in communication with IATA to set up an IATA Affiliated Training Center (ATC) in Bangladesh.

BAFFA is committed to the development of human resources of its member companies by extending Training and Educational programs in a regular manner by using the establishment and facilities of Bangladesh Airlines Training Centre (BATC), managed by the Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd., which is associated with IATA Training Centre.

TRAINING PROGRAMS ORGANIZED BY BAFFA

July 2018-June 2019

SL. NO.	TOPICS	DATE	LOCATION	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
1.	Dangerous Goods Regulation (DGR)	23 - 31 October 2018	Bangladesh Airlines Training Center, Dhaka	21
2.	Cargo Security Awareness Training	13 September 2018	Bangladesh Airlines Training Center, Dhaka	88

STANDARD TRADING CONDITIONS

After a long experiment and discussion BAFFA Standard Trading Conditions committee finally published the business friendly Standard Trading Conditions of BAFFA. BAFFA Standard Trading Conditions committee believe that it will help all BAFFA members to operate their businesses smoothly.

CODE OF CONDUCTS

BAFFA Board unanimously approved on its 10th BOD Meeting two Codes of Conduct, one for the Members of the Board of Directors of BAFFA and the other for the Members of BAFFA. The approved Codes of Conduct, shall provide guidelines for the BAFFA members and the elected BAFFA Directors for carrying out their daily businesses.

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF BAFFA

BAFFA have attended a number of meetings on different issues related to trade, economy and development of our sector. BAFFA has also submitted various recommendations and proposals to Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism, National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh Bank, Ministry of Shipping, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB), for addressing and mitigating the different problems and impediments that are faced by our community in order to facilitate trade and service.

- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting with Mr. Kazi M. Aminul Islam, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) and Mr. Paban Chowdhury, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA), held on 12 July 2018. The meeting was arranged by Chattogram Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegation attend a meeting regarding More Dynamic the Activities of Sea, Air and Land Ports held on 08 August 2018, at the Conference Room, Customs House, Pangoan.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended meeting chaired by the Director (Traffic), Chattogram Port Authority, to discuss to speeding up the operation of the Chattogram Port, held on 09 August 2018.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegation attend a meeting to exchange views on issues regarding imposition of revenue collection strategy for the fiscal year 2018-19, held on 28 August 2018 at the Conference Room, Customs House, Pangoan.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a ground breaking program of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), for the construction of Bay Terminal held on 11 September 2018.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting regarding improve passenger's service & cargo delivery and others relevant problems on 16 September 2018 at the Conference Room, Customs House, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegation attended a meeting to exchange views on 10 October 2018 at the Conference Room, Customs House, Pangoan.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting at the Conference Room, Customs House, Dhaka, on 31 October 2018, regarding manifest submission, modification and addition by the airlines in ASYCUDA System.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegation attended a discussion meeting with the Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, Dhaka, on 11 November 2018, at the Conference Room, regarding Examination, Taxation and other relevant issues.

- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting regarding modernization of different components of Customs Departments under NBR, on 27 December 2018, at the Conference Room, Customs House, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegates attended Customs Department Modernization related committee meeting on 10 January 2019, at the Conference Room, Customs House, Pangoan.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended meeting chaired by the Director (Traffic), Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), to discuss on the issues of Ease of Doing Business held on 05 February 2019.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting at the Conference Room, Customs House, Dhaka on 06 February 2019, regarding Post Clearance Audit.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended meeting chaired by the Director (Traffic), Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), to discuss on the issues of Ease of Doing Business, held on 07 February 2019.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended meeting chaired by the Director (Traffic), Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), to discuss on the issues of Ease of Doing Business, held on 11 February 2019.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attend a meeting on 18 April 2019, at the Conference Room, Customs House, Dhaka, regarding Export Import activities in Customs House, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended CPA Tariff Committee meeting chaired by the Member (Harbor & Marine), CPA, held on 05 May 2019, to discuss enhanced tariff proposal of Off-Dock/ICD.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended meeting chaired by the Director (Traffic), CPA, to discuss Operational activities of the Chattogram Port after 'Tropical Cyclone FONI', held on 06 May 2019.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting on 13 May 2019, at the Conference Room, Customs House, Dhaka, regarding Export Import activities in Customs House, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended CPA Tariff Committee meeting chaired by the Member (Harbor & Marine), CPA, held on 15 May 2019, to discuss the revised tariff proposal of Off-Dock/ICD.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting regarding Ease of Doing Business on 22 May 2019, at the Conference Room, Customs House, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended CPA Tariff Committee meeting chaired by the Member (Harbor & Marine), CPA, held on 30 May 2019, to discuss the revised tariff proposal of Off-Dock/ICD.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended CPA Tariff Committee meeting chaired by the Member (Harbor & Marine) CPA held on 14 July 2019, to discuss the revised tariff proposal of Off-Dock/ICD.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting chaired by the Director (Security), CPA, to discuss problems and way out to reduce traffic congestion and overall functioning inside and outside the port, held on 24 July 2019.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting chaired by the Director (Traffic), CPA, to discuss Chattogram Port's day to day operational activities, held on 06 August 2019.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a Meeting chaired by the Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Chattogram, to discuss on ASYCUDA World Server Problems and Notifications, enlistment, license renewal and online IGM amendment, etc., held on 17 August 2018.

- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended an Orientation Program on Valuation Rules-2000, through ASYCUDA World, at the Custom House Auditorium, Chattogram, held on 09 September 2018.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting regarding facilitation of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) on 20 September 2018, at the Conference Room-1, HSIA, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA President Mr. Mahbubul Anam inaugurated the BAFFA Shuttle Service at the Cargo Village on 01 November 2018. Other BAFFA Directors and members were present in this program.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting regarding forthcoming audit of ICAO, USAP-CMA on 05 November 2018, at the Conference Room-1, HSIA, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA President Mr. Mahbubul Anam inaugurated BAFFA Cargo Shed Construction works at the Cargo Village on 15 November 2018. Other BAFFA Directors and members were present in this program.
- ❖ BAFFA organized a View Exchange Meeting with BAFFA Uttara Zone members on 08 December 2018, at the Uttara Club, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegates attended a meeting, titled Reduced Cargo in the export flights due to shortage of Biman personnel, held on 09 December 2018, at the office of the General Manager-Cargo.
- ❖ BAFFA delegates attended a meeting regarding facilitation of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) on 15 January 2019, at the Conference Room-1, HSIA, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting, titled Reduced Cargo in the export flights due to shortage of Biman personnel, held on 17 January 2019, at the office of the General Manager-Cargo.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting chaired by the Commissioner of Customs, to discuss Private ICD problems 'Various component awareness workshops implemented by the customs department's Modernization Branch' held on January 20, 2019.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting regarding facilitation of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) on 23 January 2019, at the Conference Room-1, HSIA, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting of the Customs Arbitration Committee at the Custom House Auditorium, Chattogram, to discuss various complaints against freight forwarders, which was held on 07 January 2019.
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- ❖ BAFFA organized a Traditional Mezban held on 22 January 2019, at Dhrubotara Community Center, Chattogram.
- ❖ Inauguration Ceremony of BAFFA's own office in Chattogram, on 22 January 2019. The new BAFFA Office was inaugurated by Mr. Mahbubul Anam, the President of BAFFA.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting of the Customs Arbitration Committee at the Custom House Auditorium, Chattogram, to discuss various complaints against freight forwarders, which was held on 22 January 2019.

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- ❖ BAFFA Annual Picnic-2019 held on 09 February 2019, at Angana Resort, Kapasia, Gazipur.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting, titled Reduced Cargo in the export flights due to shortage of Biman personnel, held on 19 February 2019, at the office of the General Manager-Cargo.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a workshop organized by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)-Bangladesh titled "National Workshop on ATA Carnet System" held on 19 March 2019, at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a Conference titled "BIMSTEC at its 20: Towards a Bay of Bengal Community" held on 20 March 2019, at Hotel Westin-Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting of the Customs Arbitration Committee at the Custom House Auditorium, Chattogram, to discuss various complaints against freight forwarders, which was held on 20 March 2019.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting on 21 March 2019, at the office of the General Manager, Cargo, to discuss on the departure of flight with reduced/underload cargo due to insufficient Biman Personnel.
- ❖ BAFFA representative attended a meeting, held on 27 March 2019, presided by the Commissioner of Customs regarding 37 import items released from private ICD from the CPA yard.
- ❖ BAFFA organized Doa Mahfil at RAOWA Convention Hall and at Cargo Village, HSIA on 31 March 2019 and 07 April 2019 respectively, for the victims of FR Tower fire incident.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting regarding facilitation of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) on 25 April 2019, at the Conference Room-1, HSIA, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation cast their votes at the FBCCI Election for the term of 2019-2021 on 27 April 2019.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegation attended a consultation meeting organized by Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute (BFTI) regarding feasibility of Third Party EXIM Cargo Transportation through Costal and Protocol Route between Bangladesh and India at BFTI Conference Room on 16 April 2019.
- ❖ BAFFA Iftar-cum-Dinner was held on 13 May 2019 at RAOWA Convention Hall, DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting on 22 May 2019, at the office of the General Manager-Cargo, to discuss on the departure of flight with reduced cargo due to insufficient Biman Personnel.
- ❖ BAFFA organized Iftar-Cum Dinner held on 22 May 2019, at Copper Chimney Restaurant, Chattogram.

- ❖ BAFFA delegates attended the monthly meeting held on 25 June 2019, at the office of the General Manager (Cargo).
- ❖ BAFFA arranged a program on 27 June 2019, to distribute funds among the families of the fire victims of FR Tower, Banani. The fund was donated by BAFFA.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegates attended a meeting regarding facilitation of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) on 27 June 2019, at the Conference Room-1, HSIA, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting of the Custom Arbitration Committee to discuss various complaints against freight forwarders at the Custom House Auditorium, Chattogram, which was held on 30 July 2019.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a Pre-Budget meeting 2019-2020 with Mr. Md. Mosharaf Hossain Bhuyian, NDC, Chairman National Board of Revenue, held on 04 April 2019, at the Bangabandhu Conference Hall, World Trade Center, Chattogram. The Pre-budget meeting was arranged by Chattogram Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a view exchange meeting with H.E. Ms. Riva Ganguly Das, Honorable High Commissioner of India, held on 17 June 2019. The meeting was arranged by Chattogram Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
- ❖ A View Exchange meeting was held on 23 June 2019 at BAFFA Secretariat Chattogram with Mr. Ishantor Sobhapandit, Regional Director of Indian Chamber of Commerce-North East India & Joint Director of ICC and Mr. Nakib Ahmed, Advisor of ICC-North East India, to discuss BBIN motor vehicle agreement and the ways for doing smooth business with Bangladesh.

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM

- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting on 03 September 2018, at the Meeting Room-1, HSIA, Dhaka, on the issues regarding improvement of the quality of passenger facilities.
- ❖ BAFFA delegations attended a meeting regarding Cargo Handling Management of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, which was held on 19 November 2018 at Meeting Room-1, HSIA, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting chaired by the Principal Secretary of the Honorable Prime Minister regarding 24 hours service and to starting a one-stop service at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, which was held on 12 February 2019, at the Meeting Room-1, HSIA, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting on 23 March 2019, at the Meeting Room-1, HSIA, Dhaka, on the issues regarding improvement of the quality of passenger facilities.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting on 25 April 2019 at the Conference Room, Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism, to discuss on the issues regarding improvement of the quality of passenger facilities.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting on 11 June 2019, at the Conference Room, Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism, to discuss on the issues regarding improvement of the quality of passenger facilities.

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting, which was held on 03 July 2018, at the Meeting Room of the Ministry of Shipping regarding Verified Gross Mass (VGM).
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting, which was held on 02 August 2018, at the Meeting Room of the Ministry of Shipping and chaired by the Minister regarding finalization of the draft of Bangladesh Flagship (Protection) Act, 2018.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, which was held on 30 August 2018, at the Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka to discuss on the Second South Asia Maritime & Logistics Forum-2018.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended 2nd Second South Asia Maritime & Logistics Forum-2018, which was held on 09-10 October 2018, at Hotel Le Maridan. The Honorable Prime Minister inaugurated the event.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting at the Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, which was held on 18 November 2018 and chaired by the Honorable Minister, to discuss on the issues of inland water transit and trade between Bangladesh and India.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting, which was held on 24 December 2018, at the Ministry of Shipping to discuss on the examination of the opportunities of business market between Chattogram Port, Durban port of South Africa and Morocco Tanger Med port.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting chaired by the Honorable Minister Ministry of Shipping held on 22 January 2019 at the Ministry of Shipping regarding Bangladesh-Sri Lanka agreement on Coastal Shipping.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting to discuss on the issues of Verified Gross Mass (VGM) charges, which was held on 05 February 2019, at the Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting on 06 February 2019, at the Meeting Room of the Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, which was chaired by the Honorable Minister of State, to discuss on the activities and other unsolved matters of Chattogram Port, Mogla Port and Bangladesh Land Ports activities and others unsolved matters.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting, which was held on 05 February 2019, at the Meeting Room of the Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, to discuss on the issues regarding Verified Gross Mass (VGM) charge.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegation attended a meeting, which was held on 12 February 2019, at the Meeting Room of the Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, on the issues regarding Ease of Doing Business.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegation attended a meeting regarding Bangladesh-Bhutan and Bangladesh-India Standard Trading Procedures (SOP), which was held on 10 March 2019, at the Meeting Room, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA Delegation attended a seminar regarding Blue Economy and Sustainable Development Goal-14: Bangladesh Perspective, which was held on 14 March 2019, at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka.

- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting regarding increase facilitation to using Pangaon ICT, which was held on 19 March 2019, at the Meeting Room, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting regarding proposed cooperation in the field of Maritime Transport between Bangladesh and Russia, which was held on 24 April 2019, at the Meeting Room, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting to discuss on the issues of Private Inland Container Depots/CFS Rules-2016, which was held on 04 April 2019, at the Meeting Room, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting regarding proposed agreement on Maritime Transport between Bangladesh and Qatar, which was held on 08 May 2019, at the Meeting Room, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting regarding the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the agreement on Coastal Shipping among the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) member countries, which was held on 30 July 2019, at the Meeting Room, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a Public Hearing organized by the Ministry of Commerce regarding National Integrity Strategy (NIS), which was held on 08 May 2018, at TCB Conference Room, Dhaka.

BANGLADESH INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BIDA)

- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting with Mr. Kazi M. Aminul Islam, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) and Mr. Paban Chowdhury, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA), which was held on 12 July 2018. The meeting was arranged by Chattogram Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting, which was held on 01 October 2018, at the Board Room of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), to discuss on the issues of Investment Sector and Linkage Development.

NATIONAL BOARD OF REVENUE (NBR)

- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting on National Single Window Working Group (NSW-WG), which was held on 25 November 2018, at the Conference Room, National Board of Revenue, Dhaka.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a pre-budget meeting, which was held on 08 April 2019 at Conference Room, National Board of Revenue, Dhaka. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman, National Board of Revenue.
- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a meeting on “40th Meeting of the Advisory Committee”, jointly organized by the National Board of Revenue and the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), which was held on 30 April 2019, at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka.

- ❖ BAFFA Delegation attended a meeting on “Accreditation Ceremony on Authorized Economic Operator (AEO)”, organized by the National Board of Revenue (NBR), which was held on 05 May 2019, at the Hotel Inter-Continental, Dhaka.

CHAMBERS

- ❖ BAFFA delegation attended a pre-budget meeting 2019-2020, with Mr. Md. Mosharaf Hossain Bhuyian, NDC, Chairman National Board of Revenue, which was held on 04 April 2019, at the Bangabandhu Conference Hall, World Trade Center, Chattogram. The Pre-budget meeting was arranged by Chattogram Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
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MEETING WITH FOREIGN DELEGATIONS

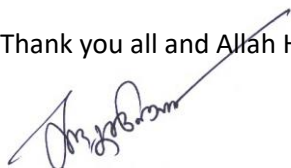
- ❖ The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) organized a Regional Conference for Logistics Service Providers on 11 June 2019, in Bangkok, Thailand. A BAFFA delegation attended the conference.
- ❖ A View Exchange meeting was held on 23 June 2019, at BAFFA Secretariat, Chattogram, with Mr. Ishantor Sobhapandit, Regional Director of Indian Chamber of Commerce-North East India & Joint Director of ICC and Mr. Nakib Ahmed, Advisor of ICC-North East India, to discuss BBIN Motor Vehicle Agreement and the ways for doing smooth business with Bangladesh.

Dear Colleagues,

In conclusion, I once again express my gratitude for the generous support and cooperation our Board has received from the General Members in discharging our responsibilities and in running the activities of BAFFA, during the last year. Last but not the least, I thank the BAFFA Secretariat for their praiseworthy efforts and services.

The members of the print and electronic media deserve a special vote of thanks for promoting the private sector development and projecting the interests and image of our esteemed organization. Thank you. May I also take the opportunity to thank the Government of Bangladesh and all concerned agencies for their fullest cooperation.

Thank you all and Allah Hafez.



Mahbubul Anam

President

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