

# Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference 2015 Dhaka, November 1-3



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), IME Division, Ministry of Planning



**President**  
People's Republic of Bangladesh  
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### Message

I am delighted to know that the Central Procurement Technical Unit under the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division of the Ministry of Planning is hosting the "Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference" in Dhaka on Nov 1-3, 2015.

Effective and efficient procurement of goods, works and services in the public sector is sine qua non for successful project management. The size of our ADP has expanded in manifold in recent past years. Poverty reduction and improvement in quality of life largely depend on successful implementation of ADP Projects. The Public Procurement Act 2006 and the Public Procurement Rules 2008 are in practice to ensure transparency, accountability, fair competition and equal treatment to all. Appropriate knowledge and skills on the part of the government procuring entities and the private bidding community are important to ensure value for money in spending public money.

I hope that the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference 2015 will be able to find ways for improving public procurement practices in all South Asian countries. I welcome the participants from home and abroad and wish them a very pleasant stay in Dhaka.

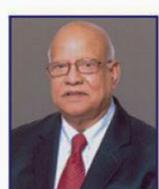
I wish the Conference a grand success.

Khoda Hafez. May Bangladesh Live Forever.

*Md. Abdul Hamid*  
**Md. Abdul Hamid**



**INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT PERFORMANCE**



**Minister**  
Ministry of Finance  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
1 November 2015

### Message

I am glad to know that the Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) of Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation (IME) Division under the Ministry of Planning is hosting the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference on November 1-3, 2015 in Dhaka.

The hosting of such a conference is a clear manifestation of the interest of the government of Bangladesh to ensure tested and fair practices in public procurement. Public procurement in a dynamic and growing economy is very important. We are keen on improving the environment for doing business in our country. For that we need transparent practices, fair & open competition and a just and consistent regulatory regime.

I am very hopeful that the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference through its Technical Sessions over three days will be able to devise new concepts and ideas which will be more conducive to sustainable performances in public procurement.

I wish the Conference an all-out success.

*Abul Maal A. Muhith*  
**Abul Maal A. Muhith, MP**



**Minister**  
Ministry of Planning  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
1 November 2015

### Message

On behalf of the Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, I congratulate all concerned with the arrangement of the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference in Dhaka on November 1-3, 2015. The Conference is hosted by CPTU under the IME Division of this Ministry and co-sponsored by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

"The Ministry of Planning-Where You Have a Dream" is our approach towards planning for growth-oriented development. A well-functioning public procurement system is critical to make plans deliver the desired results. Against this backdrop, the holding of the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference in Dhaka bears special significance as we are in a process to suit our public procurement legislation with ground realities.

I wish all participants and guests who have joined this conference from the region and beyond make their best over the three days. I believe the outcomes of the Conference will come to a great use to improve public procurement system of all countries in South Asia.

*A H-M Mustafa Kamal*  
**A H-M Mustafa Kamal, FCA, MP**



**Secretary**  
Implementation Monitoring & Evaluation Division  
Ministry of Planning

### Message

It is indeed an honour for the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation (IME) Division of the Ministry of Planning to be the host of the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference in Dhaka on November 1-3, 2015. The IMED is also thankful to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank for co-sponsoring the Conference with The Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU).

The CPTU is a permanent wing within the IMED, Ministry of Planning. It works for the betterment of public procurement as mandated by the Public Procurement Act (PPA-2006) and the Public Procurement Rules (PPR-2008). The IMED monitors and evaluates implementation of the government projects under Annual Development Programme (ADP). Among other components of any project, public procurement happens to be a significant factor to decide its outcomes. In this context, the South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference 2015 is a great opportunity for sharing experiences and new ideas to improve performances in the important area of public expenditures.

I extend warm welcome to all and wish the Conference a grand success.

*Md. Shahid Ullah Khandaker*  
**Md. Shahid Ullah Khandaker**



**Prime Minister**  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
17 Kartik 1422  
1 November 2015

### Message

I am happy to know that the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference is hosted by the Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), IME Division, Ministry of Planning, is going to be held in Dhaka on 1-3, November 2015.

Bangladesh has been able to develop its public procurement system by adopting a unified legal framework through bringing reforms in age-old practices. Transparency, accountability, fair competition and equal treatment to all are the guiding principles of our Public Procurement Act-2006 and the Public Procurement Rules-2008.

To improve the practices further, Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) has been introduced. The e-GP system has received very positive response from all stakeholders.

Public procurement is closely linked to all of our development activities and its digitization is part of our vision to build Digital Bangladesh by 2021. Having made outstanding success in MDGs we have joined the journey towards Sustainable Development Goals.

I believe that the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference in Dhaka will provide an opportunity to exchange knowledge and experience on good procurement practices. Experts and professionals in public procurement from all SAARC countries and beyond can utilize the regional platform to share and identify gaps and explore ways for sustainable practices.

I wish the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference a success.

**Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu**  
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

*Sheikh Hasina*  
**Sheikh Hasina**



I am very pleased to learn that the Government of Bangladesh is hosting the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference, to take place from November 1 to 3, 2015, with a view to making knowledge exchange within the South Asia Region Public Procurement Network a reality. I also congratulate the Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), IME Division, Ministry of Planning, for its pioneering role in arranging the event.

The conference theme, "Innovation for Sustainable Procurement Performance", is appropriate to Bangladesh, which has been working to enhance the transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness of its procurement systems and has achieved some impressive results on the ground. Recent success has involved reforming key procurement legislation, developing procurement capacity, and introducing electronic government procurement (e-GP) in 2011. The adoption of e-GP by both the public procurement entity and the bidding community has enhanced transparency and accountability in public procurement and is likely to result in improved service delivery to Bangladeshi citizens over time.

The engagement of public, private and international procurement organizations in this conference offers an opportunity for participants to exchange experiences, obtain exposure to different practices, and learn from the successes and failures of their counterparts working in different settings. I hope that the experiences that Bangladesh has had in procurement in the last years will serve as useful examples to conference participants from other South Asian countries, and also that other countries' experiences will provide learning opportunities to Bangladesh.

I wish the conference a great success!

**Johannes Zutt**  
Country Director, The World Bank



It is a privilege for the Asian Development Bank to join the World Bank and support the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference in Dhaka on 1-3 November 2015. I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Bangladesh and the Central Procurement Technical Unit of Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division under the Ministry of Planning for extending the opportunity.

Strong economic growth has given rise to greater demand for public investments, as seen in Bangladesh, and consequently, the drive for efficient and effective use of public funds through better procurement processes. In Bangladesh, public procurement has seen progressive improvements through adoption of e-procurement and other efficiency measures. On its part, ADB has taken steps for faster procurement processes, such as adoption of service level standards, while ensuring delivery of goods and services at best value for money under sound oversight.

This conference is very timely in this backdrop, enabling cross learning among participants through knowledge and experience sharing, and furthering cooperation among members of the region in the process. It will also benefit ADB's ongoing procurement policy review.

I wish the conference a great success.

**Kazuhiko Higuchi**  
Country Director  
Asian Development Bank  
Bangladesh Resident Mission



**Minister of State**  
Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Planning  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

### Message

I am glad to learn that the Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference is taking place in Dhaka this year. Since 2002 Bangladesh has undertaken reforms in various areas of Public administration including in public procurement. The public procurement system has now been put on a solid foundation with a unified set of laws and rules. These reforms have drawn appreciation from the global community. In South Asia, Bangladesh is leading in implementing a centralized electronic government procurement (e-GP) system.

The implementation of e-GP is an outcome of the vision set out by Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for building a Digital Bangladesh by 2021. Timely planning and availability of financing are now the major propositions for executing the plan. In this context, public procurement is an important part of the total development chain that needs to deliver quality in right time and right quantity.

The Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference is, therefore, a potent gathering of the professionals and experts in the region, which will enable them to ponder over the areas of improvement in procurement procedures.

I trust participants of the Technical Sessions will utilize full potentials of such a regional gathering and deal with emerging challenges in the domain of public procurement.

I hope the Conference will come out successful with fresh ideas and innovations.

*M. A. Mannan*  
**M. A. Mannan, MP**

## Towards sustainable performance in public procurement



The Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference is being held under the auspices of The Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) of Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) under the Ministry of Planning in joint collaboration and sponsorship of the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

The heads of the agencies of public procurement of eight SAARC countries, senior officials of WB, ADB and other development partners, professionals and experts have gathered here to share knowledge and experiences of good procurement practices with a view to continuously enhancing performance in the public procurement system.

The Conference is held in Dhaka at a time when public procurement in Bangladesh is transforming into digital technology that has earned the country appreciation from SAARC and other countries.

It is an annual gathering for learning and networking for the heads of public procurement of the eight South Asian countries and is a follow up to the one held in Islamabad in 2014 hosted by the government of Pakistan.

The main objective of the Conference, under the theme, "Innovation for Sustainable Procurement Performance," is to provide a platform for the public procurement practitioners and stakeholders to share knowledge and experiences of good procurement practices. The participants will have an opportunity to learn from several world experts about the latest developments in public procurement, in general, and measures for sustainable procurement performance and professionalization, in particular.

**Md. Faruque Hossain, Director General**  
CPTU, IMED, Ministry of Planning