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Welcome Message from General Chair, ICEAB10

"Calcutta (Present Kolkata) has Mukherjee, Banerjee and Chaterjee, but no energy."

25 years ago, I had been staying at Calcutta alone, facing much trouble which included just stated load-shedding problem. Above three names such as Mukherjee are famous names of Bengal Brahmins. Whenever I told this sentence to Calcutta citizens, they used to suddenly start to laugh. While I looked at the real situation of Calcutta with many urban problems, I started to get interest in urban environment and decide to change my research topic to waste management of Calcutta from a perspective of social geography. At present, my focus of research turned to Bangladesh, especially, urban areas. Along with research work, I try to contribute to solve waste management problem as a member of JICA's supporting committee. Apart from it, I take students to Bangladesh as study tour in order to make them look at real situation and get more inspired. In this way, my target has been shifted to Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, I have met and chatted with many Bangladeshi friends. Now, needless to say, Bangladesh faces big environmental problems including arsenic one which has not appeared in other developing countries. Due to rapid globalization, Bangladeshi people get chances to go abroad for higher study and for job. Typical example is shown as this *International Conference on Environmental Aspects of Bangladesh* 2010 (ICEAB10) held in Kitakyushu, Japan. More than 130 papers have been submitted initially by Bangladeshi and other researchers who stay in other countries as well as Japan. All of Bangladeshi researchers understand well how important it is to solve above-mentioned environmental problems with collective and cooperative power.

On the other hand, although most of Japanese are much interested in environmental issues and try to take many measures to battle against them, Japanese researchers are getting less interest in environmental issues of South Asia. It is very regrettable. I hope a fruitful result or success of this ICEAB10 will bring Japanese interest into Environmental Issues of South Asia.

In the last, I appreciate Md. Atiqur Rahman Ahad and Mr. Kenji Kurokawa to organize this conference with much success even under shortage of money. I never forget their eagerness and the participation of many Bangladeshi and other researchers in this conference and submitting their valuable articles.

Sincerely yours,

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Message from Conference Secretary, ICEAB10

It is a great pleasure and honor to welcome you to the ICEAB10, held on September 4, 2010 at the University of Kitakyushu, Japan. Bangladesh Environment Network Japan chapter (BENJapan) is organizing the International Conference on Environmental Aspects of Bangladesh 2010 (ICEAB10). In this line, earlier BENJapan organized the International Symposium on Environmental Aspects of Bangladesh & Japan (ISEABJ09) in September 2, 2009 in Kitakyushu International Association, Fukuoka, Japan. The ICEAB10 provides vibrant opportunities for researchers, industry practitioners, volunteers, students and fellow citizens to share their research experiences, research results, ideas, review of various aspects and practical development experiences on environmental aspects of Bangladesh (specifically), Japan and other regions.

This time, in the organizational process, total 132 papers were submitted from Bangladesh, Germany, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Thailand, UK, USA, etc. These were reviewed by our expert committee members. Finally 64 papers are included in this proceeding. Some authors may not be able to attend the conference due to financial constraints. We hope that in future all can participate. A keynote speech will be presented by Prof. H. Miyake during the conference.

Members of the organizing committee have given their efforts for this conference. We are really grateful to them. However, we would like to thank especially to Prof. Hiroyuki Miyake and Mr. Kenji Kurokawa for their excellent supports and contributions to make this happen. We would like to mention few names too who have given plenty of hours and showed extra commitments for this conference: Mr. Mohin Mahtab, Mr. Parimal Talukder, Dr. Enamul Kabir, Mrs. Shahera Hossain, Dr. MAS Kamal, Dr. Riazul Islam, Mr. Zahid Parvez Sukhan, Dr. Abdullah al-Mahin and Mr. Shin Moriyama. Special thanks to Mr. Muhammad Nurul Amin for his cover design (free of cost). We are thankful to Mr. Sazzad S. Imran and Mr. Qutub Uddin for their efforts for accessories. Thanks to Microsoft Research for allowing us to use their Conference Management system for ICEAB10. We are thankful to the University of Kitakyushu for hosting the conference.

We hope that all BENJapan & BEN members and conference participants will be delighted to make this conference a successful one and will exchange ideas, make collaboration, so that everyone may benefit from this conference, and make this a regular process for future too. Looking forward to see you in future!

Lets work for a better world, a better environment-friendly world – so that all human beings and the living entities can survive here in peace and mutual respect.

With the best regards,

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Message from Global Coordinator, BEN

Dear participants of ICEAB, 2010!

I am very happy that efforts by BENJapan for many months now to organize a scientific conference on Bangladesh environment is coming to fruition, and a large number of Bangladeshi, Japanese, and other scholars are gathering at Kitakyushu University for ICEAB, 2010.

I am very impressed by the large response to the call for papers and the very rich selection of more than sixty papers (from about 130 papers submitted for consideration) that will be presented at this conference. I am further impressed by the fact that a pre-conference printed volume containing the papers has been brought out. This speaks of the superb organizational capacity and hard work of BENJapan leaders. I hope that this volume will be an important addition to the stock of knowledge on Bangladesh environment that BEN and BAPA have been building up over the years, and that it will serve as an importance reference for all those interested in Bangladesh environment.

I am further pleased to know about plans by BENJapan to hold such conferences on an annual basis, rotating the venue among different cities of Japan. Such a process will provide a sustained forum for Bangladeshi scholars in Japan and their Japanese and international colleagues to discuss and contribute to the understanding and solving Bangladesh's environmental problems. I hope that this process will help BENJapan reach to all Bangladeshis in Japan.

Bangladesh has much to learn from Japan. Kitakyushu itself is well-known for its success in rapidly reducing industrial pollution. Bangladesh can also learn a lot from the Japanese experience of compact urbanization based on public transportation and biking. As you are aware, urbanization in Bangladesh has now reached a crisis, manifested most starkly in the horrendous traffic situation of the capital, Dhaka city. BEN and BAPA, together with universities and other pro-environment organizations of Bangladesh, are therefore organizing a special conference on "Urbanization, Traffic Jam, and Environment," on January 8, 2011 in Dhaka. It will be excellent if Bangladeshi scholars from Japan and their Japanese and other international colleagues join this conference and help Bangladeshi policy makers and people know more about and learn from the successful Japanese model of urbanization.

I wish BENJapan's ICEAB, 2010 all-round success!

Dr. Nazrul Islam

Global Coordinator, BEN

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