



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation of Rangabali Upazila Complex Bhaban in Patuakhali district on 25 February 2012. Picture shows Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED is briefing the Prime Minister and other distinguished guests on Rangabali Upazila Complex Bhaban to be constructed by LGED. Begum Motia Chowdhury, Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Md. Mahbubur Rahman, State Minister for Water Resources, Mr. Md. Shahjahan Miah, State Minister for Religious Affairs and Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, Secretary, LG Division were present on the occasion, among others.



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PM lays foundation of Rangabali Upazila Complex Bhaban in Patuakhali

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation of Rangabali Upazila Complex Bhaban during her day-long whirlwind trip to the coastal district of Patuakhali on 25 February 2012.

It may be recalled here that the Prime Minister last visited Rangabali, an isolated area comprising of 5 unions under Galachipa upazila, back in 2004 as the then Leader of the opposition when she assured the local people to develop Rangabali as a new upazila. In consideration of that commitment, 5 neglected unions of Galachipa upazila were turned into a separate new upazila, named Rangabali Upazila, on 14 March 2011 and the present government decided to construct Rangabali Upazila Complex Bhaban including the provision of a 40,400 square-feet administrative building therein. The construction of Rangabali Upazila Complex Bhaban will be implemented by Local Government Engineering Department (LGED).

Prior to laying the foundation of Rangabali Upazila Complex Bhaban the Prime Minister also laid the foundation of three bridges on Kuakata-Kalapara road named after

Bangabandhu's three sons - Sheikh Kamal, Sheikh Jamal and Sheikh Russel and inaugurated a 50-bed hospital.

At Rangabali, on the occasion of laying the foundation of Rangabali Upazila Complex Bhaban, the Prime Minister told a rally, her government after assuming office in 2009 has taken initiatives to run local governments by elected representatives of people. She also said, all local government buildings in the coastal areas would be constructed in a way so that they can be used as shelters during cyclones, tsunamis, floods and other natural disasters. The Prime Minister arrived at Rangabali to inaugurate and lay foundation stones of various development projects in Patuakhali costing about Taka 200 crore.

The foundation laying ceremony was chaired by the President of Rangabali Upazila Awami league Mr. Ahsan Kabir Chan. Minister for Agriculture Begum Motia Chowdhury, State Minister for Water Resources and an MP from Kalapara-Rangabali constituency Mr. Md. Mahbubur Rahman and State Minister for Religious Affairs Mr. Md. Shahjahan Miah also spoke on the occasion.



Editor's Note

LGED's submersible roads: a breakthrough in communication in 'haor' areas

With an aim at improving the rural communication in low lying haor areas LGED took some special efforts, and building submersible roads was one of them. LGED's RDP-21 took the first initiative on pilot basis to construct submersible roads in the haor areas of Kishoreganj. So far, LGED's different projects have constructed 29 roads of total 142 kms at five haor upazilas in Kishoreganj district.

Following the above initiative, LGED's Community Based Resource Management Project (CBRMP) deserves to be mentioned for its innovative efforts through introducing concrete block roads (CBR) in Sunamganj.

The major feature of CBR is its resilience to flood waves. Blocks may be replaced at some places by flood wave, particularly by flash flood, but soon after receding of flood water those can easily be replaced again, and thereby the road is retained.

So far, 85 kms of submersible roads have been built by CBRMP of which 45 kms are CBR laid at highly intense flood wave sensitive points. Besides CBRMP, a few other projects namely RRMIP, IRIDP, SDRIDP, EBRIDP and SHOUHARDO are engaged in Sunamganj to improve the road communication through constructing submersible roads. With their efforts, a total of around 64 kms road have been built and further 5 kms are under construction.

The innovative submersible road communication has brought an enormous impact on increasing socio-economic opportunities for the rural haor people.



LGRD & Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam speaking as the chief guest at a seminar on 'Establishing Gender Equity in LGED' on 15 March 2012 at LGED Headquarters in observance of the International Women's Day. LGD Secretary Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan and Mrs. Nargis Begum, a feminist, were present on the dais as special guests. The picture also shows Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED who chaired the seminar.

Seminar on 'Establishing Gender Equity' held at LGED to mark Women's Day

A seminar on 'Establishing Gender Equity' and a day-long fair was held at the headquarter of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in Dhaka on 15 March 2012 in observance of the International Women's Day-2012. The Minister for Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives Syed Ashrafur Islam was present on the occasion as the chief guest. Local Government Division Secretary, Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan and Mrs. Nargis Begum, a feminist, were the special guests on the occasion. Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED, chaired the inaugural session.

In his inaugural address at the seminar as the chief guest the Minister for LGRD & Cooperatives said, the theme of this year's Women's Day is "Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures" seems to be very timely and significant for Bangladesh. He said, Bangladeshi girls in the context of our national and social perspectives are not just dew-drops. Each of them could be a spark of immense potential, he added.

The Minister further said, whatsoever our women have achieved are not mean. He said, our leaders are women, judges are women, army officers are women. We have women ministers and women legislators. He however hopefully asserted that the National Women Development Policy-2011

formulated by the Government of Bangladesh would be able to establish gender equity in the country.

Speaking on the occasion as a special guest the Local Government Division Secretary said, women are subjected to gender differences at large in family life, social life and politically. He further added, joint efforts by men and women are needed to establish gender equality on matters related to rights of men and women.

The other special guest on the occasion Mrs. Nargis Begum said, gender equity in the employment scenarios has not yet been established properly. She stated that the society cannot march ahead without empowerment of women.

In his address as chairperson Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED said, in a bid to ensure gender equity in all its programmes LGED framed Gender Equity Strategy and Action Plans which have been rendered further for the period from 2008 to 2015. The Chairperson also informed that a separate gender-related software has also been prepared in LGED.

At the inaugural session of the seminar, prizes were awarded by the chief guest to 15 outstanding self-dependent women engaged in different projects of LGED.

LGED enters into e-GP Tendering

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) achieved an important milestone in its effort to establish a Digital Bangladesh as envisioned in the present government's Vision-2021 by adopting Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) system through inking a deal signed by Mr. Gopal Krishna Debnath, Executive Engineer, LGED Gopalganj on behalf of LGED and Mr. Narayan Chandra Dam, lowest bidder participating in the e-Tender process on 31 January 2012 at LGED Headquarters in Dhaka. The signing ceremony of the deal was witnessed by, among others, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Muhammad Azizul Haque, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. P.K. Choudhury, Project Director, RRM/P, LGED and representatives from CPTU. The said on-line tender processing system, it is said, has been introduced for development works of Shoagram UPC - Narayankhana Bazar Road under Kotailpara upazila of Gopalganj district. It may also be mentioned here that e-GP system in LGED is being supported by Public Procurement Reform Project-II, funded by World Bank.

Earlier, a discussion meeting was held at the Conference Room of LGED Headquarters on the significance of adoption of e-GP system in LGED in the light of a presentation delivered



by Mr. P.K. Choudhury Project Director, RRM/P, LGED. Chaired by Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, the discussion was participated by Mr. Nadjib Sespa, Regional Procurement Manager, South Asian Region, World Bank and representative of World Bank, LGED and Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), MED. It had been articulately said by the participants at the forum that e-GP Tendering is an excellent system of bidding on-line tenders which is time-bound and there would be no scope for manipulation or corruption. The e-GP deal

that had been signed would be the first of its kind in Bangladesh.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED said the package agreement signed between LGED and the contracting firm would ensure transparency, accountability and pace of tender processing. He said, this is beginning and in about a year the e-GP system would be introduced in all the districts for which requisite training and orientation programmes would be taken up soon.



LGED Chief Engineer Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman is attending a national workshop on 'Environmental and Social Management Frameworks' as the chief guest held on 7 February 2012 at LGED HQ in Dhaka. Mr. Manzoor-Ur-Rehman of World Bank, Mr. Md. Ashraf Haque, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED and Mr. Abdul Quader, Project Director, RTIP-II are also seen in the picture.

Workshop focuses on environmental and social safeguard measures in LGED project

A day-long National Consultation Workshop on Environmental and Social Management Frameworks was held on 07 February 2012 at LGED Headquarters in Dhaka to spell out LGED's plans, designs, alternatives and implementation schedules of its Second Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP-II) in the light of national approaches in environment, World Bank's policies on environment and public views.

The workshop, jointly organized by LGED and World Bank, was largely attended by the representative from BUET, NGOs, some Upazila Chairmen and concerned engineers of LGED.

Inaugurating the workshop as the chief guest Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman said, climate change, environment, gender mainstreaming and social impacts are very significant issues in undertaking development programmes in Bangladesh. He said, LGED takes keen interest in ensuring the incorporation of environmental and social safeguard measures in planning, designing and implementing its development projects.

Earlier, the special guest in the workshop Mr. Manzoor-Ur-Rehman, Task Team Leader, World Bank delivered a brief presentation on Overview of RTIP-II and Safeguard Compliances. He said, the prime objective of RTIP-II is to improve rural accessibility and enhanced sustainability of Rural Transport and Market Services through Effective Rural Infrastructure Investment and Asset Management. He said, safeguard policies triggered by the project include environmental assessment, natural habitats, physical cultural resources, indigenous people and involuntary resettlement.

Mr. Md. Abdul Quader, Project Director, RTIP-I also presented an overview of environmental and social safeguard measures in RTIP-II. He said, in compliance with the National Environment Policy 1997 LGED executes its development programmes. He said, by adopting various measures on environment issues LGED has been ensuring social development throughout Bangladesh and making the homeland environment-friendly.



15 award-winning self-dependent women engaged in different projects of LGED are seen standing with their accolades and citations for a photo-session with LGED & Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashraf Usam, LGD Secretary Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, his wife Mrs. Nargis Begum, a feminist and Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED, at a seminar on 'Establishing Gender Equity' at LGED HQ in Dhaka on 15 March 2012 in observance of the 'International Women's Day'.

After the inaugural session, Engineer Momin Mozibul Haque Shamaji, Executive Engineer, RTIP-I delivered a couple of presentations on Environment and Social Management Framework of the project, while Ms. Ferdous Jahan, Consultant, World Bank dwelt on Suggestions and Complaints Mechanism Framework. The presentations were followed by an open discussion by the participants.

Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Muhammad Azizul Haque conducted the presentation session.

LGED's new project to improve climate resilient infrastructure in coastal belt

A day-long Inception Workshop on Climate Resilient Infrastructure, Improvement in Coastal Zone Project, jointly organized by LGED and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), was held on 16 February 2012 at LGED Bhaban in Dhaka.

Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED was present at the inaugural session of the workshop as the chief guest. Mr. Christian Richter, Regional Manager, KfW, South Asia and Mr. Rezaul K. Khan, Economist, ADB HQ were the special guests on the occasion. The workshop was participated by the representatives from ADB, GIZ, JICA, UNDP, World Bank, government officials from different Ministries and senior engineers of LGED. Inaugurating the workshop as the chief guest Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman said, Bangladesh is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change because of its geographical location and low deltaic floodplain. He said, rural infrastructure is directly vulnerable to the impacts of climate vulnerability. Therefore, any rural infrastructure investment in coastal areas must be responsive to climate change events, he said.



Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED is addressing as chief guest at a workshop on Climate Resilient Infrastructure Improvement in Coastal Zone Project in Dhaka on 16 February 2012. Mr. Christian Richter, Regional Manager, KfW, Mr. Rezaul K. Khan, Economist, ADB HQ, Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam, ADB, Dhaka, Mr. Md. Abdus Shaheed, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. M. Azizul Haque, Superintending Engineer, LGED and Mr. Robert J. Aves, Team Leader, CRICZ Project are also seen in the picture.

Mr. Rahman further said, The Climate Resilient Infrastructure Improvement in Coastal Zone Project is a new project exclusively targeting the climate change adaptive interventions in nine coastal districts of Bangladesh. He also expressed gratitude to ADB and KfW authorities for coming forward to support the most vulnerable coastal communities through the project.

Speaking as the special guest in the workshop Mr. Christian Richter said, Government of Bangladesh has committed to manage climate change in a way that the country is protected from its adverse impact and the growth path remains stable. He said, during a recent bi-annual consultation between Bangladesh and German government, 'Adaptation to Climate Change through infrastructure/disaster prevention' has been discussed as a new priority area of German Development Cooperation in the years to come.

The other special guest on the occasion Mr. Rezaul K. Khan, an economist of ADB said the objective of the new project is to improve the climate resilient infrastructure in the coastal areas of Bangladesh including road connectivity and rural markets. He added, technical feasibility study of the project is on its last lap and the draft final report would be prepared soon.

Earlier, Mr. Robert J. Aves, Team Leader, CRIICZ Project delivered a brief presentation on the Draft Inception Report of the proposed project. He said, the geographical scope of the project has been catered to nine districts in the Coastal Zone. The nature of climate Resilience Measures to be considered under the proposed project, he said, are - Local Roads Infrastructure, Market Areas, Water Supplies and some other infrastructure.

Later, in the concluding session of the workshop, Mr. A.K.M. Lutfur Rahman, Deputy Director, UMSU and Focal point of CRIICZP delivered a presentation on Mainstreaming Climate Change issues into LGED Activities. This session was chaired by Mr. Md. Abdus Shaheed, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED.



H.E. Mr. Ichiro Tsukada, a Member of the Parliament of Japan, visited Bangladesh to attend a ceremony on the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Japan on 3 March 2012. During his stay in Bangladesh Mr. Tsukada also paid a visit to LGED HQ on 4 March 2012. Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman warmly received the distinguished visitor. They held discussions on matters relating to mutual interests. Picture shows Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman presenting a crest to H.E. Mr. Ichiro Tsukada.

Observations from a study on Soil Fertility Level on Crop Practice in Munshiganj and Comilla

[Following observations are taken from a study made by Mr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Executive Engineer, LGED HQ, on "Evaluation of Soil Fertility level on Present Crop Practice in Munshiganj and Comilla districts of Bangladesh." Mr. Karim conducted the study during his Master's course in Agricultural Science at the University of Tsukuba, Japan, last year]

Crop productivity and soil management are dependent on and also affect soil fertility. Farmers apply fertilizer to boost production, but over time this can also lead to chemical imbalances in the soil, such as the accumulation of toxic elements or soil acidification, that reduces crop yields and causes farmers to react by increasing fertilizer application rates. Having observed this phenomenon in Bangladesh, I undertook the study reported herein in two districts of Bangladesh, where the main crop grown was potatoes in one district and rice in the other. The objective of the study was to evaluate soil fertility, nutrients, and organic matter. Ten samples were collected, one at each depth of 15 cm and 85 cm from five sites, three in Munshiganj and two in Comilla.

The main soil textures were described and a

suite of chemical properties was analyzed in the laboratory. The soil textures were silt clay loam to clay loam to clay loam. The topsoil samples were strongly acidic to slightly acidic, with pH values ranging from 4.37 to 5.64. The cation exchange capacity (CEC) of the soil samples were high, ranging from 25.4 to 34.8 cmolc kg⁻¹. In general, high-CEC soils do not need to be limed as frequently as low-CEC soils; however, the low pH values at these sites suggest that liming is required to achieve optimal pH values. Exchangeable sodium was high, ranging from 5.85 to 76.72 cmolc kg⁻¹. Exchangeable calcium was low, ranging from 1.21 to 2.42. Exchangeable sodium percentage (ESP) levels were higher than 15%, indicating that the soils would be prone to dispersion, poor water infiltration, potential sodium toxicity to plants, and calcium deficiency. Soil organic carbon and total nitrogen content in topsoil samples ranged from 12.11 to 19.21 g kg⁻¹ and 1.35 to 2.25 g kg⁻¹, respectively.

Overall, these results indicate that the soils have received excessive application of chemical fertilizer and that soil fertility had declined as a result through sodium toxicity and calcium deficiency. Regular soil sampling and communication of recommended application rates to farmers, as well as general awareness-raising activities on the subject of soil fertility, might help reduce the excessive application of fertilizer and lead to better soil fertility.

"Strengthening of LGs ensures realization of a 'Digital Bangladesh'"

- Secretary, LGD at LGED's orientation programme for the Municipality Mayors

Secretary for Local Government Division (LGD) Mr. Abu A'lam Md. Shahid Khan called upon the Mayors of the Municipalities to gear up revenue collection, evict the unlawful land grabbers and render increased municipal services to win the hearts of the municipal dwellers. Speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of a day-long orientation programme for the Mayors of fifty Municipalities on the on-going Municipal Support Unit (MSU) and Urban Management Support Unit (UMSU) project under Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), he'd on 28 February 2012 at LGED Headquarters in Dhaka, LGD Secretary said, the Mayors will have to have dreams for the future and accordingly they will have to formulate plans to make those dreams come true. He further added, with proper strengthening of the local governments, the nation is hopefully destined to realize Bangabandhu's 'Sonar Bangla' and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's 'Digital Bangladesh' in course of time.

Chaired by Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED the inaugural session was attended by, among others, Mr. Zahid H. Khan, Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank, Dhaka, Mr. Md. Rafique'sam, Senior Project Implementation Officer, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Dhaka, Mr. Md. Abdus Shaheed, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Md. Nurul'ah, Superintending Engineer, LGED and the Mayors coming from 50 enlisted Municipalities of the country under the project.

Speaking on the occasion as the chairperson Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman said, the software side of the project, specifically speaking, the capacity building component of the project is very important in view of the fact that we are committed to build up a Digital Bangladesh in tune with 'Vision 2021' committed by Sheikh Hasina's present government. LGED Chief Engineer further said, we shall have to strengthen the local governments in order to review their efforts in rendering better services to the people.



Local Government Division Secretary Mr. Abu A'lam Md. Shahid Khan is addressing the Mayors of 50 Municipalities at an orientation programme under MSU & UMSU of LGED on 28 February 2012 at LGED HQ in Dhaka. Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Zahid H. Khan, Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank, Mr. Md. Rafique'sam, Senior Project Implementation Officer, ADB; Mr. Md. Abdus Shaheed, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED and Mr. Md. Nurul'ah, Superintending Engineer, LGED are seen seated on the dais.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Md. Rafique'sam, Senior Project Implementation Officer, ADB Dhaka said, the present Bangladesh Government is very keen on urbanization programmes. He said, a number of major initiatives on urbanization have been taken up recently.

Senior Urban Specialist of World Bank Dhaka Mr. Zahid H. Khan said, the Municipality Mayors are the real focal points to the development partners on matters related to implementation of development programmes. He also said, both ADB and World Bank are successful in harmonization of their efforts in development programmes through Urban Management Unit of LGED.

Earlier, Mr. Md. Abdus Shaheed, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED also spoke at the inaugural session and Mr. Md. Nurul'ah, Superintending Engineer (Urban Management), LGED delivered an address of welcome.

The second session of the orientation programme was chaired by Mr. Md. Abdus Shaheed, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, while Mr. P. K. Choudhury, Project Director, SRIP, LGED, Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Project Director, TA-MSP-2, LGED and Mr. M. Azizul Haque, Superintending Engineer, LGED discussed on Public Procurement Rules- 2008.

The third session was chaired by Mr. Abdus Ma'ek, Additional Secretary, Local Government Division. In this session an illustrative presentation was delivered by Mr. Md. Azmatul'ah, Mayor of Tongi Pourashava on "The Application Strategy of Local Government". Mr. Md. Khalid Hossain, Mayor of Madaripur Municipality spoke on the financial management of the municipality and various means to increase its own revenue. The chairperson of the session apprised the participating Mayors regarding various strategies relating to the application of local government laws (municipality). Dr. Md. Harun-Ur-Rashid Biswas, Deputy Secretary, Local Government Division, also spoke on the occasion.

Chief Engineer inaugurates workshop on Draft ICT-MIS Strategy & Action Plan

Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED inaugurated a workshop on 'Draft ICT-MIS Strategy & Action Plan', organized by LGED and World Bank, on 25 January, 2012 at LGED Headquarters in Dhaka. The workshop was largely attended by skilled professionals and representatives from

different national and international universities, World Bank, Bangladesh Computer Council and ICT Core Team of LGED.

Inaugurating the workshop as the chief guest, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED said, the activities of this organization has always been widely acclaimed at home and abroad by the development partners. The key to success of this organization, he said, is the deployment of modern technologies in its activities.

The Chief Engineer further said, LGED has a dynamic web-portal system. He mentioned that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina launched the uploading of MAP images of the districts and upazilas of the country into LGED website on 12 June 2011. He said, LGED has been developing its ICT Programmes keeping in mind the key features of National ICT Policy-2009.

Earlier, Mr. Md. Abdul Quader, Project Director, RTIP, LGED delivered an address of welcome and Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Project Director, MSP, LGED spoke on the objective of the workshop in the inaugural session.

Workshop on Rural Road Maintenance Policy held at LGED Headquarter

A day-long workshop on Rural Road Maintenance Policy (Draft) was held on 06 February 2012 at LGED Headquarter in



Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman inaugurated the Draft ICT-MIS Strategy & Action Plan workshop on 25 January 2012. Seen in the picture also are Additional Chief Engineers, LGED Mr. Muhammad Azizul Haque, Mr. Md. Abdus Shaheed, Syed Mahbubur Rahman and Project Director RTIP Mr. Md. Abdul Quader and Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Project Director, MSP, LGED, Mr. Mohiuzzaman Quazi and Ms. Reefat Sultana from World Bank, Dhaka.

Dhaka. Chaired by Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED the workshop was largely attended by the representatives from the Ministry of LGRD & Cooperatives and Ministry of Communication, World Bank, KfW, Asian Development Bank, External Resources Division, Planning Commission and the concerned engineers of LGED. The chief guest at the inaugural session of the workshop was Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman,

while Mr. Manzoor Ur Rehman, Team Leader, RTIP-II, World Bank was the special guest. Mr. Md. Ashraful Haque, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Muhammad Azizul Haque, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. M. Rafiqul Islam, Senior Project Officer, ADB, Mr. Habibur Rahman, Local Expert, KfW and Mr. Md. Abdul Quader, PD, RTIP-I were also present among others.

Speaking at the inaugural session as chairperson and chief guest Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman said, maintenance is a very important function that needs to be carried out throughout the life of any structure. Mr. Manzoor Ur Rehman, Team Leader, RTIP-II, World Bank also spoke on the occasion as the special guest.

Earlier, Mr. Md. Roushan Kabir, Superintending Engineer, LGED delivered a power-point presentation on Rural Road Maintenance Policy (Draft). His presentation revealed the fact that financial resources are not available in equitable proportion corresponding to the growing road maintenance needs.

At the initial outset of the workshop Mr. Md. Abdul Quader, Project Director, RTIP-I, LGED delivered an address of welcome.

The concluding session of the workshop was chaired by Mr. Md. Ashraful Haque, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED.



A day-long workshop on Rural Road Maintenance Policy (Draft) was held on 6 February 2012 at LGED HQ. Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED was present as chief guest. Mr. Md. Ashraful Haque, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Md. Abdul Quader, Project Director, RTIP-I, LGED and Mr. Manzoor Ur Rehman, Team Leader, RTIP-II were present, among others, on the occasion.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is seen offering 'Munajaf' after inaugurating the 10-storey LGED Bhaban at Shohashahar in Chittagong City on 28 March 2012.

PM inaugurates LGED Bhaban at Port City and Rubber Dam on Halda river in Fatikchhari upazila

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the 10-storey LGED Bhaban at Shohashahar in Chittagong City and the 55-metre Halda Rubber Dam in Fatikchhari upazila of Chittagong district on 28 March 2012. She also inaugurated a flyover connecting Chittagong Port with the port access road, the state-owned 100 MW peaking power plants at Sangu and Hathazari and private Juddha 100 MW rental power plant.

The 10-storey Chittagong LGED Bhaban is constructed at a cost of Taka 14 crore on 0.84 acre of land funded by JICA. LGED

Bhaban has accommodations for Regional Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineers, a Quality Control Laboratory, Sub-station, an auditorium, a library, a prayer hall, Regional Urban Management Support Unit office, a classroom with audio-visual facilities, a dormitory for 40 trainees and other amenities.

The 55-metre Halda Rubber Dam has been constructed by LGED in Fatikchhari Upazila of Chittagong district at a cost of about Taka 9.74 crore. Halda Rubber Dam will provide irrigation facilities to Bhujpur, Narayanhat

and Paindanga Unions of Fatikchhari upazila over 1000 hectares of land. 3975 families and 10,050 farmers will be benefitted and employment for 20 thousand mandays will be created.

Later in the afternoon Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressed a large rally at the Polo Ground in the Port City. She said, her government wants to establish a Bangladesh which is free from hunger and poverty and is rich in knowledge of modern science and technology.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the 55-metre Rubber Dam on the river Halda in Fatikchhari Upazila of Chittagong district on 28 March 2012. Senior political leaders and local elites were also present on the occasion.