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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the World Environment Day, National Tree Plantation Campaign and Tree Fair-2012 in Dhaka on 5 June 2012.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon all to plant at least three saplings and nurture those with care to preserve the environment for ensuring a pleasant future for the next generation. She gave the call while inaugurating the World Environment Day, the National Tree Plantation Campaign and Tree Fair-2012 in Dhaka on 5 June 2012. She termed the theme of this year's National Tree Plantation Campaign- 'Green Cities, Green Country, Bangladesh, a country of red and green' as very appealing and time befitting.

The Prime Minister said, her government has taken initiatives to plant saplings on homesteads, fallow and marginal lands, beside roads and railway tracks, riverbanks, newly emerged chars, khas lands, and on the premises of educational institutions.

The Prime Minister also said, Bangladesh is observing the World Environment Day to create mass awareness about the need of preserving environment. This year's theme of the Environment Day- 'Green Economy : Does it include you ?'-is also quite significant, she said.

The Prime Minister said, the people of Bangladesh, rich with biodiversity, has intense relation with nature. So, to protect the mother nature, we have to check population boom, desertification, hill-cutting, filling of water-bodies, loss of navigability of the rivers, unwise use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in agriculture, she added.

In observance of the World Environment Day and National Tree Plantation Campaign-2012, LGED along with other organizations had setup a stall at the Tree Fair-2012 to display LGED's environmental issues and highlighted its eco-friendly development activities. LGED emphasizes due attention to environment in their all attempts in identification of schemes and project preparation. It may be mentioned here that tree plantation on slope of roads and embankments is an important activity of LGED.



Editor's Note

GCC roads augment vibrant rural economy

The growth centre is a rural market. It is the nerve centre of socio-economic and cultural activities in the rural scenario. The village people flock together in the growth centres to sell a variety of commodities including agro products and buy essential ingredients for agricultural yields and household needs. Besides, the villagers discuss matters related to mechanized cultivation and market management there.

The development of market mechanism is essential to facilitate transportation of agricultural products from one place to another, from the growers to the buyers and the beneficiaries. Moreover, employment opportunities for the rural people and sustainable shops would crop up. Number of traders and agricultural production would go up, the price of essential ingredients for agricultural production would go down, the labourers will enjoy higher wages and the valuation of land would shoot up. It is also essential to develop the growth centres to accelerate the pace of rural economic programmes and to emancipate the rural people from poverty.

In a bid to develop the linkage between the growth centres and the upazila headquarters or the nearby national highway network, LGED has constructed growth centre connecting roads measuring about 30,050 km out of 37,822 km and 3,78,789 m bridge/culverts out of 4,56,675 m since 1987-'88 till date. Moreover, 7,78,110 m of structure (bridge/culverts) on rural roads have been constructed out of 13,35,938 m. In consequence the rural people are now able to travel and carry their products at ease and in no time to upazila headquarters or to any other place. Traffic movement has increased, transport costs have gone down. The rural economy now seems to be agog with positive changes.



LGD Secretary Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan is seen attending a workshop on MSU & UMSU Activities & PPR-08 as Chief Guest on 02 June 2012 in Rangpur. Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED chaired the inaugural session of the workshop. Mr. Md. Nuruliah, Superintending Engineer, LGED was also present on the dais, among others.

Workshop on MSU/UMSU Activities & PPR-2008 for Municipal Mayors held in Rangpur

A day-long workshop on Municipal Support Unit (MSU) and Urban Management Support Unit (UMSU) Activities, and Public Procurement Rules-2008 (PPR-08) was held in Rangpur on 02 June 2012 to raise the awareness of 31 Municipal Mayors coming from Rangpur and Rajshahi regions. Chaired by Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED the workshop was attended by Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, Secretary, Local Government Division (LGD) as the chief guest.

MSU/UMSU Activities are now being conducted in 10 regions of Bangladesh to develop the institutional capacity building of the municipalities.

Speaking at the workshop, LGD Secretary Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan said, the government is very keen to develop the municipalities and city corporations. He urged upon the Mayors to gear up the revenue collection drive. The Secretary advised the beneficiaries to shun the culture of keeping all sorts of bills pending. Urban planning is very important in the development of a city, the chief guest added. He made an appeal to the Mayors to make an effective urban planning for future ten or twenty years.

LGED to implement Haor Development Project costing about Taka one thousand crore

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) is set to take up the responsibility of implementing the Haor Area Infrastructure and Lifestyle Development Project, with an outlay of Tk.945 crore. The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved the project on 5 June 2012 at its meeting in Dhaka with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Of the total project cost, it is learnt, Tk.255 crore will come from the government exchequer, while the remaining Tk. 690 crore will be provided by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Spain Trust Fund (STF).

The major components of the project include construction of 100 kms of upazila roads, 150 kms of union roads including submersible roads, 350 kms of community roads including submersible roads, 700 meters of bridges/culverts on upazila roads, 1050 meters of bridges/culverts on union roads, 1600 meters of culverts/bridges on community roads, and construction of a 700 meter bridge in Sunamganj district among other infrastructures.

Secretary LGD and Chief Engineer LGED visit Malaysia and China

A three member delegation headed by Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, Secretary, Local Government Division visited Malaysia and China to attend a study on "Development of Management and Leadership in the Public Sector" during 18-26 May, 2012. The other members of the delegation were Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED and Mr. Md. Mefiar Rahman, Project Director, LGED.



Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, Secretary, Local Government Division and Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED during their official visit to Malaysia were visibly moved to see the marvel of a unique and modern housing structure built in Putrajaya, Administrative Capital City, Malaysia. Ms. Datuk Arpah Binti Abdul Razzak, Secretary General and Mr. Yong Bun Fou, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Housing and Local Government, Government of Malaysia are seen explaining various facets of the structure to the visiting Bangladesh officials on 25 May 2012.

8th AGM of LGED Kalyan Samabaya Samity held

The 8th Annual General Meeting of LGED Kalyan Samabaya Samity (LKSS) was held on Friday, 13 April 2012, at LGED Headquarter in Dhaka. Chaired by Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, President of LKSS and Chief Engineer, LGED, the AGM was largely attended by the representatives of LKSS coming from different regions of the country.

As per the agenda of the Meeting Mr. Md. Mohsin, Managing Director, LKSS presented the minutes of the 7th AGM held on 22 April 2011 and the 8th Annual Report on the activities of LKSS separately. Earlier, an address of welcome was delivered by Mr.



Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED and President of LKSS is delivering his presidential address at the 8th Annual General Meeting 2012 of LGED Kalyan Samabaya Samity (LKSS) at LGED HQ in Dhaka on 13 April 2012. Mr. Md. Zahangir Alam, Vice-President, LKSS, Mr. Md. Mohsin, Managing Director, LKSS and Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam Akand, Director, Finance, LKSS are also seen on the dais.

Mr. Md. Zahangir Alam, Vice-President of LKSS. In his presidential address Mr. Md. Wahidur

Rahman said, the prime objectives behind establishing LKSS was to protect its members under the shade of a banyan tree, to improve their pecuniary condition and to ensure humanitarian services to them when needed. He said, a total amount of Taka 6,94,000/- has been spent from LKSS's fund for the benefit of its member during the current fiscal year. He said, a total amount of Taka 16,47,500/- has been spent so far for welfare of the members during last eight years. He further added, LKSS, reared up in tune with the ideals of co-operative movement, will grow from strength to strength in days to come. He also urged all the members to make LKSS a profiteering institution.



Mr. Monoranjan Sheel Gopal, MP (6-Dinepur-1) inaugurated the 16 km road under RIIP-II of LGED in Birganj upazila, Dinepur. The road has been named after Martyr Freedom Fighter Mollai Barman. Local Deputy Commander of Muktijoddha Sangsad, UNO and elite were present during the occasion.

LGD Secretary visits LGED Bogra

Secretary for Local Government Division (LGD) Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, accompanied by LGD Joint Secretary Mr. Md. Akhter Hossain, visited Bogra on 27 April 2012. During his visit he laid the foundation stone of a drinkable water project of DPHE and inspected the progress of a bridge construction by LGED at Dupchachia Upazila. He also attended a progress review meeting organized by LGED Bogra. The meeting was attended by the Executive Engineer and Upazila Engineers of LGED, Chief Executive Officer of Bogra Zila Parishad. Mr. Sarwar Mahmud, Deputy Commissioner of Bogra was also present in the meeting.

Speaking at the meeting the LGD Secretary urged the concerned engineers to complete all the on-going works ensuring the quality. He also directed the engineers to visit the sites frequently and urged them to maintain transparency and accountability.

Before the meeting the LGD Secretary and Joint Secretary planted saplings of Amroli mango, while Mrs. Nargis Begum wife of LGD Secretary, planted a sapling of Amliki at the premises of LGED Office Bogra.



Secretary for Local Government Division (LGD) Mr. Md. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan is speaking as the Chief Guest at a meeting held in Bogra on 27 April 2012 to review the progress of development projects under LGED, DPHE and Zila Parishad Bogra. Mr. Md. Akhter Hossain, Joint Secretary, LGD and Mr. Sarwar Mahmud, Deputy Commissioner, Bogra are also seen in the picture.

LGED, UPs sign accord to ensure women's role

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) and 20 selected Union Parishads (UPs) of Rajshahi and Naogaon districts signed an agreement on 13 and 14 May 2012 to ensure participation of women UP members in decision making and development activities of rural infrastructure initiatives.

Under the agreement, the selected UPs will create opportunities and congenial work atmosphere for the women in general from their programmes and infrastructure activities. The UPs achieving the

"Performance Criteria" as outlined in the agreement will be eligible to avail a grant of US\$ 21,700 for two years.

The selection of 20 pilot UPs followed the criteria set in the TA paper and the UPs were selected on cluster basis to maximize using available resources for improved capacity building support. UPs that received similar support from other programmes were not considered. In addition, the following factors were also considered in selecting the UPs: Performance of the respective chairperson in managing the affairs of the Parishad; responsiveness of the chairperson towards gender related issues; and relationship with local administrative officials.

The agreement was signed under a technical assistance project financed by the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) and administered by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Using a performance-based approach, LGED will implement the activities under the project to institutionalize mechanisms to provide benefits to women from rural infrastructure projects. The initiative is a sub-project of the ADB-supported Sustainable Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project (SRIIP), which is being implemented by LGED.

Mr. Md. Ali Akhter Hossain, Project Director, SRIIP; Mr. M. Nazmul Alam, Project Analyst, ADB; Mr. M. Saiful Islam, Deputy Project Director, SRIIP, Rajshahi Zone; and Mr. A.N.M. Badrul Amin, Consultant of the Project were present at the agreement signing ceremony.



Mrs. Latifa Akhtar, female UP Member, Rishikul, Godagari is seen signing agreement in presence of Mr. Nabiul Islam, Executive Engineer, LGED, Rajshahi and Mr. Jahangir Ahmed Sarkar, UP Chairman, Rishikul, Godagari, Rajshahi.

LGED Chief Engineer addresses a seminar on hi-tech land survey & GIS mapping

[Reproduced below the extract of the speech of the chief guest Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED delivered at a seminar in Dhaka on 14 May 2012. The title of the seminar was 'State of the Art, Sokkia Land Surveying Instrument and Bentley Software Solutions From Field to Design on Survey, Mapping and GIS.' The seminar was jointly organized by Sokkia and Bentley.]

It is indeed a great privilege for me to have this excellent opportunity to be present in the Seminar on "State of the Art Sokkia Land Surveying Instrument & Bentley Software Solutions 'From Field to Design' on survey, Mapping and GIS". SOKKIA-Japan, Bentley-USA and Overseas Marketing Corporation (Pvt.) Ltd. deserve appreciation for jointly arranging the Seminar on such an important topic on application of modern land survey instruments and GIS mapping software.

Distinguished audience, in early times chains, compass, solar compass, transit, theodolite etc, were used as surveying equipments.

Ladies and Gentleman, with the advancement of technology, the instruments used for surveying also improved. The development in technology has provided some finest surveying equipments. Moreover, with the introduction of global positioning system, the methods of surveying have also totally changed.

GPS has not only made surveying faster it also increased the accuracy to amazing heights. In Bangladesh, different Government, Semi-Government, autonomous organizations and other sectors are using these types of survey equipments for their purpose.

Distinguished audience, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has been entrusted to develop cost effective and



Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED is delivering his address at a seminar on 'State of the Art, Sokkia Land Surveying Instrument & Bentley Software Solutions' in Dhaka on 14 May 2012.

sustainable infrastructures in the area of rural, urban and small scale water sectors throughout the country. To enhance the capacity of planning and monitoring of such type development program in an efficient way, LGED adopted the technological advantages GIS in early 90s. By this time, LGED has developed very strong geo-spatial database covering various layers including administrative boundaries, physical infrastructure, educational institutions, settlement pattern and other agriculture and socio-economic infrastructure. To develop this database, different maps such as; topographic maps, old thana maps, aerial photographs, satellite images etc. were used in LGED. A lot of GPS machines, digitizer boards, Total Stations and GIS software were used to prepare the geo-database which help to prepare all Upazila and District Map of Bangladesh. Recently, our Honorable Prime Minister has released all those maps on LGED website. These GIS maps and geo-spatial database become essential basic information for project planning and monitoring in LGED. Besides this GIS development work, various land survey equipment are used for different high quality scheme preparation of road, bridge/culvert construction work in LGED.

I conceive, the participants of today's seminar shall put their valuable comments and suggestions on the issue to facilitate a better option on the issue. With my regards and thanks to all, I like to conclude here.

Academic Feat



Miss Sumaiya Binte Shahid Tanha, daughter of Mr. Md. Shahidur Rahman, an LGED engineer and Mrs. Shahin Akhtar, got GPA-5 (Golden A+) in Science group in SSC Examination 2012. She appeared in the examination from Lady Fatima Girls School in Comilla city under Comilla Board. Miss Tanha wants to get higher degrees in Pharmacy. She happens to be a niece of Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Senior Vice President of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad Kendrio Command Council and also the Chief Engineer of LGED.

LGED to develop Climate Resilient Infrastructure

A Final Workshop on "Climate Resilient Infrastructure Improvement in Coastal Zone Project (CRICZP) jointly organized by LGED, IFAD, KfW and ADB was held on 14 June 2012 at LGED HQ in Dhaka.

Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session of the workshop. Mr. Golam Hasibul Alam,

Country Programme Officer, IFAD, Mr. Michael Wenzel, Division Chief, Transport and Communication Asia, KfW, and Mr. Rezaul K. Khan, Economist, ADB HQ & Mission Head were present on the occasion as Special Guests. Besides, Mr. S.K. Sarkar, Director General, LGD, Mr. Robert Aves, Team Leader, CRIICZP, Dr. Jasper Cook, Climate Change Specialist, CRIICZP and Mr. A.K.M. Luthfur Rahman, Focal Point of LGED, CRIICZP were also present among others.

Speaking on the occasion as the Chief Guest Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED said, CRIICZP is a very important project. He said, in rural, urban and water sector development works LGED always cares for the sustainability of the infrastructures developed through different projects.

Mr. Golam Hasibul Alam of IFAD and Mr. Michael Wenzel, Division Chief, KfW also address the workshop as special guests.

Mr. Alam said, a strong collaboration among all concerned is needed to implement CRIICZP successfully.

Mr. Michael Wenzel in his address said, the German Government committed to provide 11 million Euro as grant for Bangladesh. German funds, he said, will be implemented in 2012-2013, which is Cyclone Recovery Programme and for 2015-2017 with ADB in CRIICZP.

Mr. Rezaul K. Khan, Economist ADB HQ said the main focus of the project will be on rural connectivity.

In his address Mr. S.K. Sarkar, Director General, LGD said, the people's ownership has to be considered a vital aspect of the project activity to ensure a sustainable development.

Earlier, Mr. Robert Aves, Team Leader, CRIICZP delivered a brief presentation on Final Draft Plan of the Project and Mr. A.K.M. Luthfur Rahman, Focal Point of LGED for CRIICZP in his address formally welcomed the guests and participants.



LGED Chief Engineer Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman is speaking as the Chief Guest at the Final Workshop on 'Climate Resilient Infrastructure Improvement in Coastal Zone Project (CRIICZP)' in Dhaka on 14 June 2012. Mr. Golam Hasibul Alam, Country Programme Officer, IFAD, Mr. Rezaul K. Khan, Economist, ADB, Manila, Mr. Michael Wenzel, Division Chief, Transport & Communication Asia, KfW, Mr. S.K. Sarkar, Director General, LGD Mr. Robert Aves, Team Leader, CRIICZP and Mr. A. K. M. Luthfur Rahman, Focal Point of LGED, CRIICZP are also seen seated on the dais.

Foreign Training / Overseas Visit

- ❖ Mr. K.M. Mozammel Hossain, Additional Secretary, Local Government Division, Syed Mahbubur Rahman, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Superintending Engineer, LGED, Mr. Md. Jasimuddin, Project Director, RIIP-II, LGED, Mr. Md. Harun-ur-Rashid, Executive Engineer, LGED, Comilla and Mr. Md. Zahurul Alam Mondal, Assistant Engineer, LGED participated in the Training Course on "Road Safety Management Training" held in Australia and New Zealand from 31 March 2012 to 11 April 2012.
- ❖ Mr. Md. Ansar Ali Khan, Joint Secretary, Local Government Division, Mr. Md. Matiar Rahman, Project Director, RRMAIDP, LGED, Mr. Sayeed Ahmed Baset, Mr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Mr. Md. Mostafa Kamal, Executive Engineers, LGED participated in Training-cum-Study Tour on "Labour Based Road Works and Contract Management" held in Uganda and Kenya from 24 March 2012 to 03 April 2012.
- ❖ Mr. Md. Ansar Ali Khan, Joint Secretary, Local Government Division, Mr. Md. Mostafa Kamal, Project Manager, LGED, Messrs. Md. Firoyz Alam Talukder, Md. Sayfuddin and Md. Shariful Islam, Senior

Assistant Engineers, LGED participated in the "Performance Based Maintenance Contract and Road Safety training" held in Australia and New Zealand from 20 June to 29 June 2012.

- ❖ Mr. Md. Zahid Hossain, Deputy Secretary, Local Government Division, Mr. Md. Anwar Hossain, Superintending Engineer (current charge), LGED, Dhaka, Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Project Director, LGED, Mr. Mohammad Humayun Kabir Khan, Mr. Md. Shah Alam Chowdhury, Mr. Md. Saydeer Rahman Mian, Mr. Sushanta Ranjan Roy, Upazila Engineers, LGED and Mr. Ahmed Ali, Assistant Engineer, LGED participated in the Training Course on "Monitoring and Evaluation of Infrastructure Development Project" held in Vietnam and China from 09 April to 18 April 2012.
- ❖ Mr. M. Azizul Haque, Superintending Engineer, LGED, Mr. Momin Mozibul Haque Shamaji, Executive Engineer, LGED, Mr. Mohd. Rafiqul Islam, Upazila Assistant Engineer, LGED, Mr. Md. Abdul Aziz, Assistant Engineer, LGED, Mr. Mohammad Masudur Rahman Mallik, Assistant Engineer, LGED and Mr. Md. Ali Akbar, Senior Assistant Secretary, Local Government Division, participated in the "Advanced Contract Management and e-procurement training" held in Italy from 11 June to 22 June 2012.

Foreign Mission

Indian delegates visit LGED HQ : A high-level delegation led by the Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India Mr. S. Vijay Kumar called on the Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman at LGED Headquarters in Dhaka on 6 June 2012. The members of the delegation included Mr. T. Vijay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, Dr. I.K. Pateria, Director, NRRDA, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, and Dr. Madhava Rao, Associate Professor & Head, NIRD, Hyderabad.

Earlier, the delegates from India were cordially received by the Chief Engineer, LGED and taken to the Conference Room where a presentation on the activities of LGED was delivered for the guests by Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Project Director, MSP-II, LGED.

The delegation had a fruitful interaction with LGED Chief Engineer on various issues of mutual interests, particularly what engineering practices are being used by LGED. Later, the delegation visited the GIS unit of LGED. The delegation expressed their satisfaction observing how LGED is performing an unique task of reducing poverty specially in rural Bangladesh.

ADB Director visits LGED : Mr. Fei Yue, Director, South Asia Urban & Water Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)



Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman is seen handing over a crest to the visiting head of the Indian delegation Mr. S. Vijay Kumar, Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India at the LGED HQ, Dhaka on 6 June 2012. Mr. Md. Ashraful Haque, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED and Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Project Director, MSP-II were present on the occasion, among others.



Mr. Fei Yue, Director, South Asia Urban & Water Department, ADB is addressing the senior officials of LGED Headquarter in Dhaka on 18 April 2012 during his visit. Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED was present on the occasion, among others.

visited Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) Headquarter in Dhaka

on 18 April 2012. On his arrival at LGED premises Mr. Fei Yue was cordially welcomed by Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED. Mr. Fei Yue was later briefed on the various activities of LGED through a couple of presentations delivered by Mr. Md. Roushan Kabir, Superintending Engineer, LGED and Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam Akand, Project Director, UGIIP-II, LGED at a formal meeting held at the Conference Room. A number of senior officials of LGED were present on the occasion. Mr. Fei Yue was visibly moved to be apprised of the progress of works in LGED. Finally, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED thanked the visiting guest for ADB's support in the implementation of projects in LGED.



H.E. Mr. Svend Oling, Danish Ambassador in Bangladesh called on Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED on 26 April 2012 to reiterate the continuation of Danish assistance to rural infrastructure development in Bangladesh and strengthening of Bangladesh - Denmark friendship.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presented Bangabandhu National Agricultural Award-1417 (Bengali Era) to Mr. Nizamuddin Faruquee, Chairman of LGED's Water Management Cooperative Association (WMCA) under Sadar upazila of Laxmipur district at a formal ceremony in Dhaka on 29 April 2012. Begum Matia Chowdhury, Minister for Agriculture chaired the award giving ceremony.

PM Sheikh Hasina presents Bangabandhu Agriculture Award to LGED's WMCA Chair

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Mr. Faruquee, Chairman, Agrani Gondhyabpur WMCA, formed under a CAD subproject implemented under Second Small Scale Water Resources Development Sector Project of LGED was given the award in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of agricultural development including tree plantation in the subproject area. By adopting modern agricultural technology Mr. Faruquee achieved a notable yield in BRRI-29 at 5 metric ton/hectare in recent years.

For his efficient and stimulating organizing competence, and constructive contribution to the agricultural sector Mr. Faruquee had also been selected as 'Farmer of the Year' by the Laxmipur Department of Agriculture Extension for three consecutive years. He showed remarkable achievement in producing seeds of BR-50 and BINA-8 rice that the local Department of Agriculture procured from him and later sold those out to the farmers. He also organized an exhibition on Agriculture and Irrigation Plan,

demonstrating preparation of organic insecticide, quick compost and seed production in the subproject area in collaboration with DoA, BADC and LGED.

ECNEC approves LGED's Enhancing Resilience to Climate Change Project

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved the

WFP Assisted Enhancing Resilience to Climate Change Project of LGED in its meeting held on 8 May 2012 under the chairmanship of the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The cost of the project will be Taka 1038 crores. GoB will also bear the operational expenses of the project.

The project will employ 240,000 ultra-poor in 3 phases of 80,000 workers in each phase of which at least 70% would be destitute women.



Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Syed Ashrafur Islam, MP, is seen addressing as the chief guest at an inception workshop for Upazila Governance Project organized by Local Government Division at LGED auditorium in Dhaka on 3 June 2012. The special guests on the occasion were State Minister for LGED & Cooperatives Mr. Jahangir Kabir Nanak, MP, Swiss Ambassador Dr. Urs Herren, UNDP Country Director Mr. Stefan Priesner and Ms. Lenka Birkova of the Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh. The inaugural session of the workshop was chaired by Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, Secretary, Local Government Division.

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