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Personal Information

Marital status : Single
Nationality : Bangladeshi
Language Skills : Bengali (mother tongue), English (fluent), Arabic (working knowledge),
Hindi/Urdu (working knowledge).

Education

MSc. in Development Economics (2000), University of Oxford, UK.

MA in Economics (1998), Dhaka University, Bangladesh.

BA in Economics (1996) Aligarh University, India.

Scholastic Achievements

- **Awarded the Rhodes Scholarship 1999.**
- Awarded University Medal by the Aligarh University, India, 1996.
- Awarded Muzammil Towle Medal by the Aligarh University, India, 1996.
- National Junior (Secondary School) Scholarship, Bangladesh, 1988.

Present Occupation

D.Phil. Candidate, Department of Economics, University of Oxford.

Doctoral Thesis title: Essays on the Economics of Education in Bangladesh

Research interests: Economics of Education, Labour Economics, Household Economics.

Work experience

- *Intern* (July – September 2001), Center for International Development (CID), JFK School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA.
- *Intern* (July – September 2000), Human Development Report Office (HDRO), UNDP, New York, USA.
- *Intern* (March – June 1998), JOBS Project (in Bangladesh) of IRIS (Institutional Reform & Informal Sector) Center of University of Maryland, USA.

Teaching experience

- *Lecturer* (March, 2002-), Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (currently on study leave).
- *Lecturer* (part time)(December 1998 - August 1999), Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka. Course taught: principles of economics.
- *Lecturer* (1998), Department of Economics, East West University (private) Dhaka. Courses taught: development economics and 1st year microeconomics.

Publications (Research Paper, Reports, Book Review & Articles)

Research Papers & Conference Presentations

1. "Public and Private University Education in Bangladesh: A Study on Comparative Costs" (co-authored with M A Tipu), *Perspectives In Social Science*, Vol. 9, 1999.
2. "Gender Discrimination in Intra-Household Allocation of Education and Medical Expenditure: Evidence from India". M.Sc Thesis, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford, 2000.
3. "The Effect of Class-size on Student Achievement in Developing Countries: Evidence from Bangladesh". Paper presented in the METU VI International Conference in Economics, Turkey, September, 2002. Also accepted for presentation in the *Econometrics Society Regional Meeting*, Pakistan, December 28-30, 2002.
4. "Pay Differences Between Teachers and Other Occupations: Some Evidence from Bangladesh". Paper presented in the METU VI International Conference in Economics, Turkey, September, 2002.
5. "Educational Disparity in Pakistan, 1947-71". Paper presented in the 17th Conference of International Association of Historians of Asia, Dhaka, December 18-22, 2002.
6. "Returns to Education in Bangladesh". Paper prepared for presentation in BIDS (Dhaka) seminar, January 2003.

Book Reviews

1. Deepak Lal, *Poverty of Development Economics* (2nd edition). Book reviewed for *The Journal of Latin American Politics and Society*, 2002.
2. Paul Rivlin, *Economic Policy and Performance in the Arab World*. Book reviewed for *Development and Change*, volume 33, number 4, September 2002.

Reports

1. "Assessment of Talent Assistance Scheme (TAS)" - report prepared for the Human Development Foundation, Dhaka, 1999 (mimeo).
2. "Governing Industrial Technology Development in the LDCs"- background report prepared for the Human Development Report 2001 (titled "Making New Technologies Work for Human Development"), UNDP, New York.

Newspaper Articles

- 1 "Wills International: A Cup of the Rent Seekers" article published in The Star, weekly magazine of the Daily Star (Bangladesh), February 5, 1999.
- 2 " Crime and Emotion" article published in the (Bangladesh) Observer Magazine, August 29, 1998.

Current Other Research Involvement:

Nil.

Other Activities

- Attended the *International Achievement Summit*, organized by the International Academy of Achievement (USA) in Dublin, Ireland, June 6-9, 2002.
- Participated in the Royal Econometric Society (RES) Easter School in Econometrics at the Nuffield College, Oxford, April 2002.
- Participated in the STATA internet course 'Introduction to Survival Analysis with STATA' organized by the STATA Corporation, USA (April-May, 2001).
- Participated in a training program on (Development) Project Design, organized by CARE Bangladesh (August 24 - 28, 1998).
- Secretary, Graduate Joint Consultative Committee (GJCC) 2000-1, Department of Economics, Oxford University.
- Head, Finance Committee, Rhodes Ball 2000, Oxford.
- **Worked at the Human Development Foundation (HDF), a Bangladeshi NGO, to assess the Talent Assistance Scheme (TAS), a student loan program, run by the foundation (September –December, 1998).**
- Assisted Bangladesh Scouts in designing their project entitled "Five Plus One"; i.e. project to help the flood affected people in Bangladesh in 1998.
- Assisted Bangladesh Scouts in designing their post flood rehabilitation program in 1998.