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CAG'S NOTE

During the first six months, the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (OCAG) of Bangladesh finalized a World Bank administered technical assistance project named SPMP-B (Strengthening Public Expenditure Management Programme-B) focusing on organizational strengthening, enhancing the quality of audit and strengthening institutional capacity of the Financial Management Academy (FIMA). The project intends to further broaden the implementation of the ongoing reform initiatives and sustain the outputs of the existing programmes.

Another significant milestone achieved has been the recruitment of audit staff. The recruitment of qualified audit staff has been a long felt challenge. As a consequence of expanding workload exacerbated by the problem of understaffing, it has been difficult to continue with the increased number of audits in order to fulfill the legislative mandate. After a break of almost two decades, the OCAG recruited around 1000 audit staff against vacant positions. Extensive in-house training is being provided to the newly recruits to build-up their capacities.

From now on, till the end of the year the OCAG intends to continue its efforts and reform initiatives with greater stimulus and commitment. Accordingly, the OCAG Strategic Plan (2012-2017) is being formulated to pave ways for the next five years.

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CAG Calls on Hon'ble Prime Minister



CAG calls on Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Prime Minister's Office on May 10, 2012.

Ahead of observing Audit Day, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of Bangladesh Ahmed Ataul Hakeem called on the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Prime Minister's Office on May 10, 2012.

CAG apprised the Hon'ble Prime Minister about the recent developments in the OCAG. The Hon'ble Prime Minister reiterated that proper utilization of taxpayers' money must be ensured for sound public financial management. Effective audit is, therefore, the best tool for managing the scarce resources of the country as also for achieving good governance. She further emphasized on the need for incorporating best practices in audit to ensure better accountability and transparency. The CAG informed the Hon'ble Prime Minister of the immense contributions of the Public Accounts Committee of the 9th Parliament in discussing the audit reports and reducing the backlog. He also apprised the Prime Minister on the observance of Audit Day on May 11, 2012. The Hon'ble Prime Minister lauded the efforts made by the OCAG.



CAG, Bangladesh Re-elected member of ASOSAI Governing Board

CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem was re-elected member of Governing Board of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for 2012-15.

The election was held during the 12th Assembly of ASOSAI on March 3, 2012 in Jaipur, India where Bangladesh secured second highest number of votes. SAI representatives from 45 Asian countries attended the conference.

Bangladesh was earlier elected Governing Board member during the 8th, 9th and 11th assembly of ASOSAI and played an active role within the organization.

Election Commission Selection Committee submits report to Hon'ble President

Election Commission selection committee recommendations were submitted to the Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on February 7, 2012. Earlier a four-member Search Committee was constituted through a gazette notification dated January 21, 2012 headed by a judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. The committee member included the following:

- (1) Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain
Judge, Appellate Division of the Supreme Court
- (2) Justice Md. Nuruzzaman
Judge, High Court Division of the Supreme Court
- (3) Mr. Ahmed Ataul Hakeem
Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh
- (4) Mr. A.T. Ahmedul Huq Choudhury
Chairman, Public Service Commission

The search committee made recommendations to select the new chief election commissioner and other election commissioners.

Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Meetings, January-June, 2012

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and the sub-committees of the PAC of the National Parliament held the following meetings during January-June, 2012 to discuss audit reports of various ministries and divisions:

Public Accounts Committee

No.	Meeting Date	Discussed audit reports	Audit Directorate
1.	88th meeting January 29, 2012 February 1, 2012	Finance Division, Ministry of Finance (presently Banking and Financial Institutions Division) Audit Report on the accounts of Nationalized Commercial Banks and Financial Institutions, 2006-2007	Commercial Audit
2.	89th Meeting February 8, 2012	Ministry of Commerce (presently Banking and Financial Institutions Division, Ministry of Finance) (1) Special Audit Report on the accounts of Securities and Exchange Commission for the year 1993-1998 (2) Special Audit Report on Sadharan Bima Corporation (1991-95) and Head Office, Jiban Bima Corporation for the year 1997	Local and Revenue Audit Commercial Audit
3.	90th Meeting February 9, 2012	Bangladesh Post Office and Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board under the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (1) Audit report on the on the accounts of Bangladesh Post Office and Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board for the year 2003-2004 and 1997-1998 (2) Audit Report on telephone connection and revenue earnings of Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board for the year 1994-95 to 1999-2000	Post, Telegraph and Telephone Audit

Recruitments at OCAg

A total number of 1062 support staffs were recruited at the OCAg. These newly recruited staff include 783 auditors, 93 junior auditors, 178 MLSS, 2 telephone operators, 2 gestetner operators, 2 guards and 2 drivers. The newly appointed staff joined their respective offices and audit directorates between January 22, 2012-February 29, 2012

Office wise posting of the newly recruited staff are as follows:

Name of Office	Auditor	Junior Auditor	Class IV	Others*
CAG Office	15	10	10	3
FIMA	1	1	3	-
Commercial Audit	227	-	42	1
Civil Audit	83	10	8	2
Works Audit	104	12	27	-
Defence Audit	33	7	9	-
Local and Revenue Audit	149	7	31	1
Post, Telegraph and Telephone Audit	57	21	17	-
Foreign Aided Project Audit	54	13	9	-
Railway Audit	57	9	14	1
Mission Audit	3	3	5	-
Performance Audit	-	-	3	-
Total	783	93	178	8

* Others include gestetner operators, telephone operators, drivers and guards

An orientation course for the newly appointed auditors was held at the Financial Management Academy on April 15, 2012. Respective audit directorates also arranged briefing sessions for the new recruits.

No.	Meeting Date	Discussed audit reports	Audit Directorate
4.	91st Meeting April 9, 2012	Bangladesh Post Office and Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board under the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications Audit report on the accounts of Bangladesh Post Office and Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board for the year 2004-2005 and 1998-1999	Post, Telegraph and Telephone Audit
5.	92nd Meeting April 10, 2012	Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation under the Ministry of Jute and Textiles (1) Special audit report on the accounts of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation for the year 1993-94 to 1997-98 (2) Audit report on government and semi-government commercial enterprises and nationalized industries under the Ministry of Jute for the year 1996-1997	Commercial Audit
6.	93rd Meeting April 18, 2012	Bangladesh Railway, Railway Division, Ministry of Communication Civil Surgeon Offices under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (1) Special audit report on the accounts of Bangladesh Railway Main Line Sections Rehabilitation Project (East and West) for the year 2001-02 to 2006-07 (2) Follow-up on the 34th meeting of the PAC regarding Audit Report on Medical and Surgical Requisites of Civil Surgeon Offices for year 1995-96	Railway Audit Local and Revenue Audit
7.	94th Meeting May 9, 2012	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources - Dhaka Electric Supply Authority and Bangladesh Power Development Board Audit Report on the accounts of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority and Power Development Board for the year 2002-2003 and 2000-2001	Works Audit
8.	95th Meeting May 10, 2012	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives - Local Government Institutions (1) Audit Report on the accounts of City Corporation, Municipalities, Zilla Parishad and Upazilla Parishad Offices for the year 2006-2007 (2) Audit report on the accounts of 61 projects under government, semi-government and autonomous bodies under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives for the year 1998-1999	Local and Revenue Audit
9.	96th Meeting May 30, 2012	Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Division - Inter Services Organizations of the Bangladesh Army, Air Force and Navy Audit report on the accounts of Bangladesh Army, Air Force, Navy and Inter Services Organizations for the year 2006-2007 and 2003-2004	Defence Audit
PAC Sub-committee 1			
No.	Meeting Date	Discussed audit reports	Audit Directorate
1.	26th Meeting February 15, 2012	Development Authorities, Public Works Department, Housing and Settlement, Directorate of Government Accommodation under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works Audit report on the accounts of government offices and autonomous bodies under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works for the year 1992-93 and 1993-94	Works Audit
2.	27th Meeting March 5, 2012	Dhaka and Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority, Department of Public Health Engineering, City Corporations, Upazila Parishads, Municipalities and Thana Parishads under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives. (1) Audit report on the accounts of Dhaka and Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority and the Department of Public Health Engineering for the year 1992-93. (2) Audit Report on the accounts of Local and Autonomous Bodies under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives for the year 1992-93	Works Audit Local and Revenue Audit
3.	28th Meeting April 3, 2012	Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and the Internal Resources Division, Ministry of Finance Development Authorities, Public Works Department, Civil Aviation Authority and offices of the Internal Resources Division. (1) Audit report on the accounts of Ministry of Housing and Public Works for the year 1994-95 and 1993-94 (2) Audit Report on the accounts of Civil Aviation Authority for the year 1993-94 (3) Audit report on the accounts of Internal Resource Division, Ministry of Finance for the year 1994-95	Works Audit Local and Revenue Audit
4.	29th Meeting April 25, 2012	Civil Surgeon Offices, Central Drug Store and Dhaka Medical College Hospital under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (1) Special Audit report on the accounts of Medical and Surgical Requisites (MSR) for 14 Civil Surgeon Offices for the year 1995-98 (2) Audit Report on the accounts of Central Medical Store Department for year 1993-98 (3) Special Audit report on the accounts of Dhaka Medical College Hospital for the year 1995-96 to 1998-99	Local and Revenue Audit

5.	30th Meeting May 15, 2012	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives - Foreign Aided Projects, Local Government Institutions and Bazar Fund (1) Audit reports on the accounts of Foreign Aided Projects under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives for the year 1997-98 (2) Audit report on the accounts of Thana Parishad, Zila Parishad, Municipalities, City Corporations and Bazar Fund for the year 1995-96	Foreign Aided Project Audit Local and Revenue Audit
6.	31st Meeting May 29, 2012	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Science and Technology- Foreign Aided Projects and the National Scientific and Technical Documentation Centre (1) Audit report on the accounts of Foreign Aided Projects under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the year 1996-97 and 1997-98 (2) Special audit report on the accounts of National Scientific and Technical Documentation Centre for the year 1992-97	Foreign Aided Projects Audit Local and Revenue Audit
PAC Sub-committee 4			
No.	Meeting Date	Discussed audit reports	Audit Directorate
1.	42nd Meeting January 3, 2012	Follow-up on the 17th Meeting of the PAC held on April 22, 2010 relating to Audit Report on the accounts of Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation under the Ministry of Communication for the year 2005-2006	Commercial Audit
2.	43rd Meeting January 9, 2012	Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Food and Disaster Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Water Transport - Nationalized Commercial Banks and Financial Institutions, Jibon Bima Corporation, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh, Directorate of Food, Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation Follow up on the 26th meeting of PAC held on October 14, 2010 relating to audit report on the accounts of Nationalized Commercial Banks and Financial Institutions for the year 2005-06	Commercial Audit
3.	44th Meeting January 16, 2012	Finance Division, Ministry of Finance - Nationalized Commercial Banks and Financial Institutions Follow up on the 29th meeting held on November 11, 2010 relating to audit report on the accounts of Nationalized Commercial Banks and Financial Institutions for the year 2005-06 and 32nd meeting held on January 6, 2011	Commercial Audit
4.	45th Meeting January 17, 2012	Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism - Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation Follow up on the 32nd Meeting held on January 6, 2011 relating to Audit Report on the accounts of Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation for the year 2005-06	Commercial Audit
5.	46th Meeting March 13, 2012	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources and Ministry of Water Resources (1) Audit Report on the accounts of 7 foreign aided projects under the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources for the year 2003-04 (2) Audit report on the accounts of 7 foreign aided projects under the Ministry of Water Resources for the year 2003-04	Foreign Aided Projects Audit
6.	47th Meeting March 28, 2012	Ministry of Education - Patuakhali University of Science and Technology Special audit report on the accounts of Patuakhali University of Science and Technology for the year 2002-2004	Local and Revenue Audit
7.	48th Meeting April 16, 2012	Internal Resources Division, Ministry of Finance Audit report on the accounts of 7 Deputy Commissioner of Taxes Company Circle Offices, 17 Customs and VAT Circles and Customs Bond Regional Office, Chittagong for the year 2004-2005	Local and Revenue Audit
8.	49th Meeting April 30, 2012	Ministry of Education - Patuakhali University of Science and Technology Follow-up on the 47th Meeting of the PAC relating to Special Audit Report on the accounts of Patuakhali University of Science and Technology for the year 2002-2004	Local and Revenue Audit
9.	50th Meeting May 8, 2012	Ministry of Commerce - Bangladesh Tea Board Special audit Report on the accounts of lease of 10 tea gardens of Bangladesh Tea Board for the year July, 1977 to December, 2004	Commercial Audit
10.	51st Meeting May 16, 2012	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare - Essential Drugs Company Limited Follow-up on the 41st meeting held on September 28, 2011	Commercial Audit

Signing of MISC contract for SPEMP-B



Signing of Management and Implementation Support Consultant (MISC) contract for SPEMP-B at OCG Conference room on May 28, 2012

A signing ceremony of Management and Implementation Support Consultant (MISC) contract was held on May 28, 2012 for SPEMP Project B: Strengthening the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General) with PKF (UK) LLP. The ceremony was held in the presence of the Comptroller and Auditor General and World Bank representatives at the OCG conference room.

30th BCS (Audit and Accounts) Cadre Probationers Join OCG



38 officers of BCS : Audit and Accounts Cadre (30th batch) joined the OCG as Assistant Accountants General on June 10, 2012. Subsequently, these officers joined the Financial Management Academy (FIMA) on June 11, 2012 for their departmental training.



Director General, FIMA with the 30th BCS (Audit and Accounts) Cadre Probationers at the Financial Management Academy (FIMA)

During the probationary training, the probationers will receive departmental training at FIMA and a foundation training at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), Savar.

A short profile of the BCS : Audit and Accounts Cadre (30th batch) officers is as follows:



IDI Diploma awarded to OCG Bangladesh Officials

As part of the Trans-Regional programme on Public Debt Management Audit, three officials of OCG Bangladesh were awarded the IDI (INTOSAI Development Initiatives) Diploma. The officers are

1. A.K.M. Jashim Uddin
Director General, Commercial Audit Directorate
2. Md. Abdus Samad
Director, Civil Audit Directorate
3. Farmeen Mowla
Director, Performance Audit Directorate

The programme was conducted by the IDI in cooperation with the INTOSAI Public Debt Working Group, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTD) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). The objective is to enhance professional and institutional capacity of target SAls in public debt management audit. The programme is a blended solution with a mix of e-learning and face to face meetings. 30 SAls in seven INTOSAI regions participated in the programme.

Certificates were awarded to respective officers by the Hon'ble CAG on February 22, 2012 at the OCG conference room.

Name of Probationer	Academic Background
Tanjina Islam	B.Sc. Ag (Hons) and M.Sc in Plant Pathology, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh
Johora Tara Begum	BBA Finance and Banking, MBA (Banking), Dhaka University
Md. Jamal Uddin	BA (Hons) and MA in English, National University
Md. Bakhtiar Uddin	BSS (Hons) and MSS Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University
Rabeeya Sultana	BA (Hons) and MA History, Dhaka University, MBA, Dhaka University
Md. Rasheedul Islam	B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc Psychology, Dhaka University
Zahirul Islam	BSS (Hons) and MSS Economics, Dhaka University
Pranab Sarker	B.Sc. Ag. Econ (Hons), Agriculture University, Mymensingh, MBA, Dhaka University
Shamim Ahamed Uzzal	BA (Hons) and MA English, National University.
Taslema Sultana	BSS (Hons) and MSS Public Administration, Dhaka University
Rezwan Bin Sayed	BBA (Marketing), MBA (International Business), Dhaka University
Khairul Beshar Md. Ashfakur Rahman	DVM, M.S. Microbiology, Agriculture University, Mymensingh
Md. Mazharul Islam	DVM, MS Pharmacology, Agriculture University, Mymensingh
Kazi Rashidul Azam	B.Pharm (Hons) and M.Pharm Pharmacy, Dhaka University
Kamruzzaman	BSS (Hons) and MSS International Relation, Dhaka University
A.T.M. Mahfuzar Rahman	BA (Hons) and MSS Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University
Md. Sharif Kamal Chowdhury	BA (Hons) and MA English, Dhaka University
Md. Hasinur Rahaman	BSS (Hons) and MSS Public Administration, Rajshahi University
Mohammed Kabir Hossain	BA (Hons) and MA English, Dhaka University
Tanima Tanim	B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc Chemistry, National University
Abdur Rahaman	BA (Hons) and MA Communication and Journalism, Chittagong University
Sumon Kumar Shorma	B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc Agronomy, Bangladesh Agricultural University
Mahsuma Safta	B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc Psychology, Dhaka University
Shaymoli Rani Roy	B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc Zoology, Rajshahi University
Md. Sohal Rana	B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc Physics, Jahangirnagar University
Farida Yeasmin	B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc Zoology, National University
Janesar Azad	B.Sc (Hons) Computer Science & Engineering, Shaheed University of Science and Technology
Lily Myat	BA (Hons) and MA Philosophy, Dhaka University.
Ayasha Siddika	BSS (Hons) and MSS Sociology, Dhaka University.
Kazi Mahejabin Fatima	LLB (Hons) and LLM, Rajshahi University
Faihanaz Lira	BA (Hons) English, North South University
Kazi Kailum Hossen	B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc Chemistry, Dhaka University
A.K.M. Monirul Hoque	B.Sc (Hons) Mechanical Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
Palash Bakchi	B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc Zoology, National University
Aman Ullah	B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc DVM, Bangladesh Agricultural University
Md. Nurul Islam	B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc Zoology, National University
S.M. Niamul Parvej	BA (Hons) and MA Bangla, Jahangirnagar University
Nazrin Nahar Khan	BA (Hons) and M.Sc Information Science and Library Management, Dhaka University

Recipients of Overseas Training

Participant	Course	Country and Duration
Md. Amir Khasru Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (Senior) Manindra Chandra Datta Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (A&R) A.K.M. Jasim Uddin Director General, Commercial Audit Directorate Md. Abdus Samad Director, Local and Revenue Audit Directorate Shariful Islam Additional Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General Samia Alam Additional Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General K.M. Serajul Munir Director, Works Audit Directorate A.S.M. Sohrab Hossain Deputy Director, Performance Audit Directorate Mirza Md. Tareq Ali Deputy Director, Commercial Audit Directorate Mosammat Shamim Ara Smriti Deputy Director, Civil Audit Directorate Md. Khademul Karim Iqbal Deputy Director, OCAg Md. Alauddin Audit and Accounts Officer, SCOPE Project Md. Nuruzzaman Sarkar Audit and Accounts Officer, Commercial Audit Directorate Sudipta Ahsan Audit and Accounts Officer, Commercial Audit Directorate Md. Mojibur Rahman Audit and Accounts Officer, OCAg	Training at National Audit Academy of Malaysia	Malaysia, 16-27 April, 2012
 <p>PUBLIC SECTOR AUDITING <small>16 - 27 APRIL 2012 NATIONAL AUDIT ACADEMY, MALAYSIA</small></p>		
	<i>Participants of the 'Training on Public Sector Auditing' at the National Audit Academy of Malaysia held during April, 16-27 2012</i>	
Tanveer Akter Hossain Khan, Deputy Director, Local and Revenue Audit Directorate	Environment Audit	India 9 Jan to 3 Feb 2012
Abul Foyez Md. Abid Director General, Foreign Aided Project Audit Directorate	7th Annual Summer Residency Programme for PACs	Australia 5-11 February 2012
Akkas Ali PK, Deputy Director, Works Audit Directorate Mohd. Nurul Absar, Deputy Director, Local and Revenue Audit Directorate	Financial and Regularity Audit	India 13 Feb to 9 March 2012
Mohammad Zakir Hossain, Director General, Post, Telegraph and Telephone Audit Directorate Md. Shofiu Alam, Deputy Director, Foreign Aided Project Audit Directorate	Project and Procurement Management Course	Philippines 5-16 March 2012
Md. Motaher Hussain Controller General Defence Finance Mohammad Moslem Uddin Director General, Works Audit Directorate A S M Lukman Assistant Comptroller and Auditor General Rownak Taslima Deputy Director, Works Audit Directorate	SAI Needs Assessment Workshop under the ASOSAI IDI Cooperation Program "Development and Implementation of Strategic Plan"	Vietnam 19-26 April 2012
Md. Delwar Hussain Additional Director General (Finance), Bangladesh Railway Md. Abul Kashem Director General, Financial Management Academy	Symposium on " Old Challenge, New Approach: Fighting Corruption in a Changing World"	Hong Kong 9-11 May, 2012
Md. Aminul Islam, Deputy Director, Foreign Aided Project Audit Directorate	Training for PAC Secretariat Staff	Thailand 17-18 May, 2012
Mohammed Iqbal Hossain Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General Zeenat Khan, Director General, Performance Audit Directorate Md. Kamrul Alam, Deputy Director, Posts, Telegraph and Telephone Audit	Seminar on "Performance Auditing: Challenges and Opportunities"	Bhutan 5-6 June, 2012
Md. Mahbulul Huq Finance Controller, Bangladesh Ordnance Factory	INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee - Sub-committee 1 meeting	Japan 14-15 June, 2012
Md. Khademul Bashar, Assistant Comptroller and Auditor General	Performance Audit Course	Malaysia 18-29 June 2012

BCS (Audit and Accounts) Officer appointed Programme Manager, IDI, Oslo, Norway



Md. Shofiqul Islam, a member of the BCS : Audit and Accounts cadre was appointed as Programme Manager, INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI), Oslo, Norway. He will be working for the upcoming IDI initiated new global programme on implementation of ISSAIs. Prior to his appointment, Md. Shofiqul Islam served as Director (MIS) at the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh.

Md. Shofiqul Islam joined the Bangladesh Civil Service: Audit and Accounts in 1999. He is a certified member of the IDI/ASOSAI pool of training specialists.

Reception to Retired Officers and Meritorious Students under Defence Finance Department

Audit and Accounts Officers Association, Defence Finance Department organized a reception to retired officers and meritorious students at the Senior Finance Controller (Army) Auditorium on May 24, 2012.

41 students securing GPA 5 in SSC/HSC and equivalent exams whose parents have been serving the Defence Finance Department (DFD) were given reception. Reception was also given to 14 retired officers of the DFD.



CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem with the Defence Finance Department meritorious students at a reception held on May 24, 2012

Presided over by the President of the Association, CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem was present as chief guest while Md. Motahar Hussain, Controller General Defence Finance was special guest. CGDF expressed his deep gratitude to the retired officials of the department for attending the ceremony which made this programme success. He also thanked the organizers for arranging the programme.

CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem congratulated the students for their brilliant performance and urged them to continue their hard work to ensure higher achievements in their future endeavors. He also advised them to develop good moral character with honesty and integrity.

Secretaries and senior officials of the Audit and Accounts Department were present on the occasion.

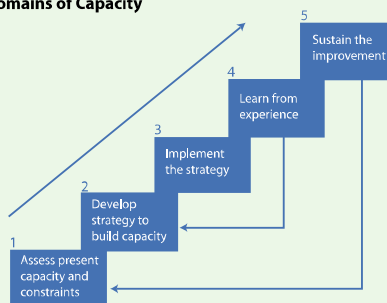
PRESENTATIONS

SAI Needs Assessment Workshop

Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) Needs Assessment Workshop was held in Hanoi, Vietnam during April, 2012. Organized by the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) and the ASOSAI, the SAI Bangladesh Needs Assessment team was headed by Md. Motahar Hussain, Controller General Defence Finance. Other members of the team were Mohammad Moslem Uddin, Director General, Works Audit Directorate, ASM Lukman, Assistant CAG and Rownak Taslima, Deputy Director, Works Audit Directorate. The participating countries were Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Philippines and Vietnam. Earlier, Bangladesh signed a co-operation agreement with IDI in Istanbul, Turkey in September, 2011 for developing a Strategic Plan.

A presentation on the SAI Bangladesh Assessment team was held on June 27, 2012 at the OCAg Conference Room. Important aspects of the presentation were as follows:

- **Linkage Between Strategic Planning and IDI Capacity Building Framework**
 - o Needs assessment - a pre-condition for strategic planning
 - o SAI needs assessment and SAI Strategic Plan to be developed following IDI Capacity Building Framework
- **IDI Capacity Building Framework**
 - o Refers to strengthening:
 - o Institutional framework within which the organisation operates
 - o Systems within the organisation
 - o Professional capacity of the management and staff.
- **Domains of Capacity**



- **How to do Needs Assessment for SAI Bangladesh?**
 - o Determination of desired state
 - o Identification of actual situation
 - o Gap analysis
 - o Identification of the causes of gap
 - o Recommendation of appropriate capacity building interventions
- **SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis**
 - o Internal
 - o External
- **SAI Questionnaire on Seven Domains**
- **Post-workshop commitments and way forward**
 - o Developing a Strategic Plan - September to November 2012
 - o Review Meeting and Operational Planning Workshop - a two- day workshop in December 2012
 - o Implementation of the Strategic Plan - January 2013
 - o Meeting for review of Implementation of Strategic Planning- to be held in February 2014 to review the implementation status

PRESENTATIONS

DEDO Auditing Guidelines

A presentation on Auditing Guidelines of DEDO (Duty Exemption and Drawback Office) was held on June 12, 2012 at the OCAG Conference Room. Kamrul Hasan, Consultant, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) and Shahbuddin Ahmed, former Member, National Board of Revenue (NBR) gave the presentation.

The draft Guidelines for Auditing DEDO Activities was prepared under the initiative of USAID funded PROGATI Project. Salient features of the presentation were:

- **DEDO**
 - o Aims, objectives and activities
 - o Scope and jurisdiction of DEDO
 - o Procedures followed by DEDO
 - o Documents required to get drawback from DEDO
 - o Importance of auditing of DEDO
- **Objectives of Framing an Audit Guideline**
- **Scope and Objectives of Auditing Drawback**
- **General Procedure of Auditing DEDO Activities**
 - o Audit planning
 - o Materiality and risk assessment
 - o Steps of audit procedures
 - o Checklist of the audit team
 - o Audit queries
 - o Day to day audit reconciliation
 - o Audit working papers
 - o Management and supervision of audit
 - o Collection of vouchers / documents
- **Preparation of Audit Inspection Report (AIR)**
 - o Preparing draft report
 - o Replies and comments of the auditee organisation (DEDO)
 - o Management letters
- **General Areas of Probable Errors and Irregularities**

CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem stressed on the need for finalizing the audit guideline. He also put emphasis on the participative audit to replace one sided traditional audit.

CAG Delivers Lecture at the National Defence College

CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem delivered a lecture on 'Financial Management and the Role of Supreme Audit Institution of Bangladesh' at the National Defence College, Mirpur Cantonment on May 29, 2012. A total number of 45 officers including 20 international participants attended the National Defence Course (NDC), 2012.

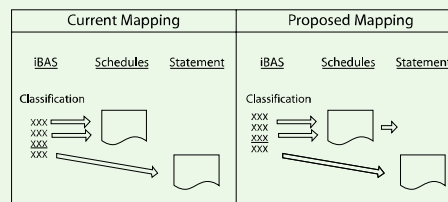
CAG highlighted the following points in his presentation:

- **Sources of financial power of the government**
- **Key agencies of financial management**
 - o macro-economic planning
 - o budget preparation
 - o budget execution
 - o cash management
 - o debt management
 - o revenue administration
- **The Supreme Audit Institution of Bangladesh**
- **Sources of CAG's authority**
 - o Article 127-132 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 - o CAG (Additional Functions) Act, 1974
 - o CAG (Additional Functions) (Amendment) Act, 1975
 - o CAG (Additional Functions) Ordinance, 1983
- **CAG's two fold reporting responsibilities to the government**
 - o audit reports
 - o certification and submission of the Finance and Appropriation Accounts
- **Characteristics of CAG's Reports**
- **Good Governance and corruption**
- **Governance, financial management and oversight function**

Presentation on Simplifying Financial Statements

A presentation on Simplifying Financial Statements by Al-Mamun Md. Sanaul Haque, Consultant, Strengthening Public Expenditure Management Programme-A (SPEMP-A) was held on May 15, 2012 at the OCAG Conference Room. Highlights of the presentation were as follows:

- **Background**
 - o Current structure introduced in 1998/99 and not yet updated
 - o Simplification of the financial statement - a major output of the SPEMP/Deepening Medium Term Budget Framework (DMTBF) Project
- **Why Change ?**
 - o Financial statements are not clear and lack logical links
 - o Transactions comprising the financial statements cannot be traced back to iBAS
- **Current Status**
 - o Inconsistent from year to year balances
 - o Lacking logical sequencing between schedules and statements
 - o No control over mapping for compilation
 - o Arrangement of schedules and statements is confusing due to redundancies and duplication
 - o Schedules do not flow consistently to the statements
- **iBAS Mapping**



- **Current Status-Reporting Format**
 - o Begins with summary statement of balances
 - o Followed by annual transactions of receipts and payments for Consolidated Fund and a separate statement for Public Accounts of the Republic
 - o Begins with a Consolidated Summary of Receipts and Payments supported by detailed Statements
 - o Followed by Summary Statement of Balances
- **Methodology**
 - o Review all statements, schedules and annexes
 - o Review current mapping structure in iBAS
 - o Identify redundancies, duplications in linkages between schedules and statements
 - o Retain schedules only that directly feed Financial Statements
 - o Move Schedules with additional relevant information to the Annex section of the Financial Statements
 - o Remove Statements and Schedules containing redundancies
 - o Recommend changes in each Financial Statement and supporting Schedule
- **Recommended Statements**
 - o Statement 1 - Consolidated Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
 - o Statement 2 - Consolidated Fund Summary of Receipts and Disbursements
 - o Statement 3 - Public Accounts Summary of Receipts and Disbursements
 - o Statement 4 - Summary Comparison of Budget with Actual
 - o Statement 5 - Ministry wise Development and Non-Development Expenditure
 - o Statement 6 - Summary Statement of Accounts

INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee - Sub-Committee 3 Meeting



Md. Mahbulul Haq, Finance Controller, Bangladesh Ordnance Factory made a presentation on INTOSAI Capacity Building Sub-Committee-3 Meeting at the OCAG conference room on June 28, 2012. The presentation was made after attending the sub-committee meeting held during 14 - 15 June, 2012 in Tokyo. The presentation covered the following:

- **INTOSAI - Goals**
 - o Professional standards
 - o Capacity building
 - o Knowledge sharing
 - o Model international organization
- **Capacity Building Committee (CBC)** mandate is to build up the professional capabilities of SAIs through training, technical assistance and other development activities.
- **GOAL 2: Capacity Building Committee (CBC)**
 - o Sub-Committee 1: Promote increased capacity building activities among INTOSAI members
 - o Sub-Committee 2: Develop advisory and consultant services
 - o Sub-Committee 3: Promote best practices and quality assurance through voluntary peer reviews
 - o INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI)
 - o INTOSAI Platform for cooperation with the UN
- **Main agenda of the meeting**
 - o Presentation on Regional Group of INTOSAI
 - o Progress report of IDI
- **Future Course of Action**
 - o Careful study of INTOSAI and ASOSAI developments (guidelines and standards)
 - o Need analysis
 - o Level measurement (INTOSAI and ASOSAI standard)
 - o Emphasis on capacity building
 - o Take advantages of INTOSAI/ASOSAI guidelines and standards

Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) Quarterly Newsletter and PPR, 2008

A presentation on Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) Quarterly Newsletter and PPR, 2008 was held on May 28, 2012 at the OCAG Conference room. Md. Safiul Alam, Deputy Director, Foreign Aided Projects Audit Directorate (FAPAD) and Md. Shafiqur Rahman, Audit and Accounts Officer, FAPAD delivered the presentation. Key points of the presentation were as follows:

Public Procurement Quarterly Newsletter: Volume 3, Issue 6, January 2012

- **Lead news covered**
 - o Building capacity in public procurement: 3 weeks course
 - o Procurement dialogue takes shape
 - o e-GP training for registered bidder starts
 - o Good response to Bangladesh e-GP in Indonesia Conference
 - o PPRP-II is satisfactory: World Bank
 - o Awareness training on procurement
 - o Review panel settles appeals on public procurement
 - o Bangladesh leads South Asia in centralized e-tender system
 - o PPSC discusses third-party monitoring of procurement

PPR-2008

- **Guiding principle in designing PPA and PPR**
 - o Primary legislation
 - o Secondary legislation
- **Objectives of the PPR 2008**
 - o Improving economy and efficiency

- o Improving transparency, fairness and accountability
- o Improving capacity development
- o Providing equitable treatment to all tenderers
- o Ensuring value for money

- **e-Government Procurement [Section 65]**
- **Procurement Planning Act [Section -11] [Rule-15-17]**
 - o Benefits of procurement planning
 - o Annual procurement plan for development
- **Public Procurement Committees Act [Section- 6-7] [Rule-7-10 & 52]**
 - o Constitution of TOC / POC / TEC / PEC
 - o Constitution of Enlistment Committee
 - o Technical Sub Committee (TSC)
- **Approval Process Act [Section-8] [Rule-2,11-12,36]**
 - o Ministry/Division/Department/Directorate
 - o Corporation/Autonomous body/Semi-Autonomous body
 - o Companies registered under the Companies Act, 1994
- **Procurement Method Act [Section- 31 to 34] [Rule- 52,61-88]**
 - o Goods and related services, works and physical services
 - o Intellectual and professional services
- **Procurement Methods**
 - o Open Tendering Method (OTM)
 - o Limited Tendering Method (LTM) (No Threshold)
 - o Limited Tendering (With Threshold) - only for Rule-63(2)
 - o Two-Stage Tendering - Rule- 65
 - o Request for Quotation (RFQ) - Rule- 69
 - o Direct Contracting Rule- 76
 - o Additional delivery or Repeat Order - Rule- 77
 - o Variation Order (VO) or Extra Work Orders - Rule-78
 - o Direct Cash Purchase (DCP) - Rule- 81
- **Advertisement - Act [Section- 40] [Rule-90]**
 - o Choosing News Paper, Rule- 90(2)
 - o Posting in Website, Rule- 90(2)
- **Standard Tender/Proposal Documents**
- **Pre- Qualification Act [Section-26,40-43] [Rule- 51,90-93]**
 - o Purpose
 - o Categoriwise thresholds
- **Complaints and Appeals Act [Section-29-30] [Rule-56-60]**
 - o Right to complain
 - o Level of complaints
 - o Administrative authority
 - o Administrative to review panel
- **Contract Administration and Management Act [Section- 22] [Rule 38-42]**
 - o Price calculation, changes and adjustments, Rule- 38 (8 -10)
 - o Works: Advance Payment, Rule-39 (9-12)
 - o Works: Liquidated Damages, Rule 39(27)
 - o Works: Final Payment, Rule 39 (29)
 - o Goods - Rule 40
 - o Consultancy Services - Rule 41
 - o Termination and Disputes - Rule 42
- **Procurement Post-Review - Act [Section- 24] Rules [Rule 45-46]**

Old Challenge, New Approach: Fighting Corruption in a Changing World

A presentation on 'Old Challenge, New Approach: Fighting Corruption in a Changing World' was held on May 28, 2012 at the OCAG Conference Room. Md. Delwar Husain, Additional Director General (Finance), Bangladesh Railway and Md. Abul Kashem, Director, Financial Management Academy made the presentation. The presentation was based on the participation at the 5th ICAC Symposium held in Hong Kong on May 9-11, 2012 organized by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)

EVENTS

ICAB-CAPA International Conference on 'Strengthening Bangladesh Public Sector Accounting and Auditing - Global Reforms and the Way Forward'

ICAB-CAPA International Conference on 'Strengthening Bangladesh Public Sector Accounting and Auditing - Global Reforms and the Way Forward' was held on February 23, 2012 at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) and the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA) jointly organised the day long conference to draw the government's attention to the needs of ensuring transparency and accountability in financial management.

Hon'ble Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, MP inaugurated the conference as the Chief Guest. Hon'ble Commerce Minister G.M. Quader, MP was present as special guest. The Finance Minister underscored the need to adopt modern accrual accounting replacing the cash based system despite various challenges on the standard and performance of public accounting. He urged the ICAB, Institute of Cost and Management Accounts of Bangladesh (ICMAB) and the OCGA to work together to improve the quality of accounting and auditing standards in the country. Commerce Minister GM Quader mentioned that the government is always concerned about bringing financial discipline in the public sector.

CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem presented a technical paper on 'Public Sector Accounting and Auditing in Bangladesh - Status, Issues and Reforms' during the conference.

XII ASOSAI Assembly, 2012 and 44th Governing Board Meeting



The XII ASOSAI Assembly, 2012 and 44th meeting of the Governing Board of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) was held in Jaipur, India during February 25-March 4, 2012. Presided over by the Chairman of the Governing Board and Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Auditors General and representatives from 45 SAI's attended the assembly.



CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem addressing the 44th Governing Board Meeting held in Jaipur, India during February 25-March 4, 2012.

CAG Bangladesh while participating in the deliberations of the meeting apprised the Governing Board of the various activities undertaken by SAI Bangladesh to promote INTOSAI and ASOSAI policies and decisions particularly in the field of enhancing the quality of audit.

CAG attends INTOSAI Working Group on IT Audit (WGITA) Meeting

CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem attended the 21st INTOSAI Working Group on IT Audit (WGITA) Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during January 25-27, 2012

The meeting was inaugurated with the welcome address by Tan Sri Ambrin Buang, Auditor General of Malaysia. The opening remarks was made by Vinod Rai, WGITA Chairman and Comptroller and Auditor General of India.



Auditors General during discussion at the INTOSAI Working Group on IT Audit (WGITA) meeting held in Kuala Lumpur during May 25-27, 2012 [L-R: Vinod Rai, CAG of India, Tan Sri Ambrin Buang, Auditor General of Malaysia, CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem and Benjamin Zymler, President Brazilian Court of Audit]

Following issues were discussed in the meeting:

- **updates on - Into IT (WGITA journal) and working group website**
- **Reports on Projects (work plan 2011-2013)**
 - o **Project 1:** Development of IT performance indicators/index system about IT performance audit/performance measurement of IT solutions implemented in Government organizations - SAI China
 - o **Project 2:** IT audit planning and detailed audit procedures to review IT controls - SAI South Africa
 - o **Project 3:** Optimizing IT value in government organizations - SAI Canada
 - o **Project 4:** Green IT - SAI Norway
 - o **Project 5:** Cloud computing and virtualization
- **IDI's report on Cooperation with WGITA**
- **Country paper presentation**
 - o ERP System without specific CAATs - SAI Brazil
 - o Poverty reduction through effective use of IT - SAI Pakistan
 - o EUROSAI e-government audit algorithm - SAI Poland
 - o selecting performance indicators for an audit of a state information system : Russian experience - SAI Russian Federation
- **Tutorial film on INTOSAI Collaboration Tool**
- **Discussion on preparation for the 22nd meeting of WGITA**
- **Discussion on venue for the 23rd meeting of WGITA**
- **e-Government initiatives in Malaysia : Issues and Challenges - SAI Malaysia**

CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem led a two member delegation from SAI Bangladesh. The other member of the delegation was K.M. Serajul Munir, Director, Works Audit Directorate.

CAG Attends Meeting of the INTOSAI Sub-committee on Internal Control Standards

The 1st meeting of the INTOSAI Sub-committee on Internal Control Standards was held in Warsaw, Poland during April 24-25. The meeting was hosted by the Supreme Audit office of Poland (NIK).

The chair of the Sub-committee, President of Supreme Audit Office of Poland (NIK) Jacek Jezierski welcomed the participants. The meeting was attended by representatives from 14 SAIs representing Austria, Belgium, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, France, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Oman, Romania, Russia, South Africa and the representatives from the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and COSO. CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem led a two member delegation from SAI Bangladesh including Md. Nazmul Alam, Director, Defence Audit Directorate.

The chair of the sub-committee briefed the participants on the decisions taken at the last Coordinating meeting in November 2011 and on the progress of the action plan tasks implementation, e-Workshop, Research Plans.

Cooperation with COSO and IIA were also discussed during the meeting. The IIA's survey on the definition was distributed among INTOSAI PS members to gather opinion on the proposed revision of the definition. Experiences regarding promotion, monitoring and assessment of internal control implementation in the public sector were also discussed.

Representative of the Institute of Internal Auditors presented the concept of risk management based on ISO 31000. The President of the SAI Belgium and representative from SAI Romania shared their respective experiences in the field of risk management in the public sector. SAI of Austria and NIK offered the participants the survey of the study of risk management in the public sector with the last version of the questionnaire.

Introduction to the discussion on reporting on internal control was delivered by NIK. The SAI of Lithuania and South Africa shared their experiences in the field of reporting on internal control. Representative of the SAI of the Netherlands also presented an update on the e-platform project.



Participants at the INTOSAI Sub-committee on Internal Control Standards held in Warsaw, Poland during April 24-25, 2012

Participants were engaged in a discussion on the sub-committee's future (2014-2017) action plan. The following proposals were discussed:

- Developing an INTOSAI GOV of risk management in the public sector
- Developing an INTOSAI GOV of internal control assessment and reporting in the public sector

- Study works on an INTOSAI GOV of good governance in the public sector
- Study works on an INTOSAI GOV of external assessment of internal audit in the public sector

In his journey back to Bangladesh, CAG visited the Office of the Auditor General of Singapore on April 27, 2012. During his discussion with the Auditor General Lim Soo Ping areas relating to mutual cooperation and training facilities were discussed. H.E. Kamrul Ahsan, High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Singapore and Syed Mohammad Zahid Hossain, First Secretary, Bangladesh High Commission, Singapore were present during the discussion.



CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakeem with Lim Soo Ping, Auditor General of Singapore and other officials during his visit to Singapore on April 27, 2012

South Asia Regional Workshop on Advancing Public Participation and Accountability in the Budget Process

CAG attended the South Asia Regional Workshop on 'Advancing Public Participation and Accountability in the Budget Process' held in Kathmandu, Nepal on June 4-6, 2012. The World Bank Institute (WBI) in collaboration with the Programme for Accountability at Nepal (PRAN) and the Affiliated Network on Social Accountability - South Asia Region (ANSA SAR) organized the workshop.

World Congress on Justice, Governance and Law for Environmental Sustainability

CAG attends World Congress on Justice, Governance and Law for Environmental Sustainability held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil during June 17-20, 2012. Keynote address was made on Environmental Sustainability and the Rule of Law, Justice and Governance : Challenges and Opportunities Facing the World Today. The sessions were divided into three themes:

- Theme 1:** Social Justice and Environmental Sustainability : New Approaches
- Theme 2:** The Challenges of Environmental Governance at National, Regional and Global Levels: Improving Effectiveness
- Theme 3:** Future of Environmental Law: Opportunities and Emerging Issues

Workshop on Financial Oversight : The Role of Parliamentary Committees and the Comptroller and Auditor General

The World Bank Institute and the Canadian International Development Agency, in collaboration with the Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight Project (SPEMP-C), organized a two-day workshop for the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), the Public Undertakings Committee (PUC) and the OCAG during 21 - 22 May 2012 at the National Parliament.



Workshop on Financial Oversight : The Role of Parliamentary Committees and the Comptroller and Auditor General held during 21-22 May, 2012

The workshop was designed to provide a Bangladesh-specific version of the annual PAC summer residency programme that WBI organizes in Australia. Delegates from the PAC and Parliament Secretariat have attended this residency program over the past six years. To that end, at the suggestion of the Honorable Chairman of the PAC and the Comptroller and Auditor-General, WBI-CIDA assembled a high-level resource team to expose a larger number of Members of Parliament, staff from the Parliament Secretariat and the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor-General to the good practices of democratic systems and discuss the issues that need to be addressed in a way that suits the Bangladesh's legal and operational framework.

The workshop for the PAC, PUC and OCAG focused on specific issues of legislative financial oversight such as performance audits, empowering the PAC, PAC-OCAG relationships, and overcoming impediments to committee effectiveness.

OCAG Senior Management Retreat

SCOPE

OCAG Senior Management Retreat was held at the Rural Development Academy, Bogra during March 30, 2012 - April 1, 2012

The opening session was addressed by A.K. Nasim Hyder, Deputy Field Manager while the welcome address was made by Peter Armstrong, Field Project Manager, SCOPE. Others who spoke were A.K.M. Jashim Uddin, Project Director, SCOPE, Michael Eastman and Omar F. Khan, Senior Development Adviser, Canadian High Commission, Dhaka. CAG made the formal inauguration.

The sessions during the retreat includes:

- Financial Audit: The pilot financial audit experience and plans
- AMMS - A demonstration and discussion
- Training Programmes and Initiatives
- Discussion of IT at the OCAG: Use, responsibilities, issues and solutions
- Future of SAIs - Role of INTOSAI, Regional Groups: Impact on the OCAG, Bangladesh
- Performance Audit and Gender
- Future of IT in SAIs - Round table discussion on challenges of introducing IT, ongoing requirements, next steps and summary

MRDI Roundtable

A roundtable discussion on 'Media as Watchdog: Ensuring fund accountability' was held at the BRAC Centre Inn on May 5, 2012 under the auspices of Management of Resource Development Initiative (MRDI). Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, MP graced the occasion as chief guest while Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh Ahmed Ataul Hakeem was present as special guest.

With MRDI Executive Director Hasibur Rahman in the chair, the roundtable was also addressed, among others, by the Financial Express Editor Moazzem Hossain, Joint Editor of Daily Prothom Alo Abdul Quaium, Director General of Central Procurement Technical Unit Amulya Kumar Debnath.



Roundtable discussion on 'Media as Watchdog: Ensuring fund accountability' held at the BRAC Centre Inn on May 5, 2012

The PAC Chairman said it is necessary to have a well functioning democracy to ensure government's accountability in using public fund. He also mentioned that Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Accounts is still now discussing old audit reports as these were not addressed in the past.

The CAG recommended to enact an audit act as early as possible to streamline the audit process. He also stressed on the interaction among oversight agencies, civil society and media to achieve the goal of transparency.

JATRI Fellowship, 2012 - Orientation Meeting at OCAG

Journalism Training and Research Initiative (JATRI), BRAC University is devoted to improve the state of journalism in Bangladesh by providing training and support to journalists and to researchers investigating social and economic issues of importance to society. JATRI, in collaboration with PROGATI-USAID, has been implementing a fellowship programme to encourage midcareer journalists and media professionals to create investigative reports on government audit reports.

"CAG-JATRI Fellowship 2012" was announced to encourage journalists and media professionals to create investigative reports. As a periodic activity, JATRI organised an orientation on January 21, 2012 for selected fellows at the OCAG. Six fellows, three mentors and representative from PROGATI attended the orientation programme.

In his speech, CAG emphasized on the quality and quantity of investigative reporting on anti-corruption issues. This would enable the journalists to strengthen their skills and gain valuable experience in investigating issues of importance to the general public.

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