

### **Mr. Abul Mansur Md. Faizullah: A Distinguished Career in Public Service**

Mr. Abul Mansur Md. Faizullah, *ndc* assumed office of the Managing Director of the Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund (BMDF) on August 01, 2021. With an illustrious career totaling 35 years in the realms of central and field administration in the Government of Bangladesh, he stands as an emissary of professional excellence.

Before assuming his current role at BMDF, Mr. Faizullah held the esteemed position of Secretary at the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED), Ministry of Planning. There, he spearheaded the oversight, implementation and evaluation of an extensive portfolio comprising more than 1900 projects, valued at a staggering US\$ 25 billion, as the Annual Development Program (ADP) for the Government of Bangladesh.

Mr. Faizullah's administrative competency sprouts from his diverse and comprehensive knowledge base. Commencing his journey in the Bangladesh Civil Service (Administration) in January 1986, as part of the BCS 1985 batch, he traversed a dynamic landscape encompassing urban and rural locales, regulatory bodies, developmental agencies, and ministerial roles. His voyage commenced as an Assistant Commissioner at the Chattogram Deputy Commissioner's Office, wherein he furthered his career as a Magistrate and Upazila Nirbahi Officer within district-level field administration. His service extended to pivotal roles in Ministries such as Commerce; Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives; Civil Aviation & Tourism; Power, Energy & Mineral Resources and Finance. Mr. Faizullah's scope of influence stretched globally, with roles including Alternate Director at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in China and Commercial Counselor/Economic Minister at the Bangladesh Embassy in Japan. His leadership extended to directorial roles in Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Rooppur Nuclear Plant Company, Shahjalal Fertilizer Company, and Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company (BAPEX).

Elevating his contributions, Mr. Faizullah held the mantle of Chairman at Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (PetroBangla) under the Ministry of Power, Energy, and Mineral Resources. His sphere of influence included roles as Chairman of Barapukuria Coal and Mining Company, Maddhapara Granite Mining Company, Sylhet Gas Fields Company, and Karnafuli Gas Distribution Company. Further advancing his distinguished career, he served as Additional

Secretary (Wing Chief: Asia & Europe) at the Economic Relations Division (ERD) under the Ministry of Finance, negotiating over 50 financing and grant agreements with various development partners.

Mr. Faizullah's academic accolades include a Master's degree in Soil Science from the University of Dhaka. He completed the National Defence Course at the National Defence College, a Master of Security Studies from Bangladesh University of Professionals, and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Rural Policy & Project Planning from the Institute of Social Studies in the Netherlands. He also availed a year long course on Japanese Language for Public Officials in Osaka provided by Japan Foundation. His profound academic endeavors encompassed a stint as a Research Fellow at the WTO Centre of Gakuen University in Tokyo. An avid global learner, he galvanized his expertise at institutions like the University of Washington and Harvard. In 2015, he offered a key note on Microfinance Institutions in Bangladesh at the London School of Economics.

Passionately interlinking his academic and research endeavors, Mr. Faizullah's expertise covers a multifaceted array of subjects, including governance, poverty alleviation, food security within the ambit of climate change, development cooperation financing, project management, rural policy, women's empowerment, energy security, conservation, procurement, and public expenditure for economic development. He added his achievements by putting his name as an Energy Sector Specialist on the list of the ADB. He has maintained the habit of writing articles since his studentship in the English Dailies and the Bengali Weeklies.

Born into a noble Muslim family in the Feni District of Chattogram Division on August 31, 1961, Mr. Faizullah's personal life is characterized by the bond he shares with his wife, Mrs. Jobeda Yesmin Khanam, and their two children - a daughter and a son.

In summary, Mr. Abul Mansur Md. Faizullah's distinguished career marries an exceptional trajectory in public service with academic profundity, resulting in an unparalleled contribution to the betterment of governance, development, and policy. His legacy is one of unwavering dedication, expertise, and leadership, shaping a brighter future for Bangladesh and beyond.

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