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## News from BAB

### **BAB Signed APLAC MRA for Calibration**

Bangladesh Accreditation Board (BAB) signed the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for calibration laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025) at the 35<sup>th</sup> APLAC MRA Council Meeting held in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 17 June 2015.

Upon application of BAB to APLAC, during 02-06 November, 2014, a two member APLAC peer evaluation team composed of Mr. Peter Unger, CEO, American Association of Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) and Chair, International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) as Lead Evaluator and Mr. LHD Bandusoma, Deputy Director (Accreditation), Sri Lanka Accreditation Board (SLAB) as Evaluator conducted evaluation of BAB on behalf of the APLAC to establish conformity with specified criteria for BAB's entry into the APLAC MRA for the accreditation of testing and calibration laboratories. Afterwards, the evaluation team recommended to the APLAC MRA Council for testing and recommended a follow-up visit for calibration. The subsequent visit was made by Mr. LHD Bandusoma, Deputy Director (Accreditation), Sri Lanka Accreditation Board (SLAB) in March 2015. It was then considered at the 35<sup>th</sup> APLAC MRA Council Meeting held in Colombo, Sri Lanka for ballot. BAB Director General Mr. Md. Abu Abdullah and Deputy Director (Laboratory and Certification) Mr. Md. Mahbubur Rahman represented BAB at the Council meeting.

Earlier in the year BAB signed the APLAC MRA for testing laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025) at the 34<sup>th</sup> APLAC MRA Council Meeting held in Hong Kong, China on 8 January 2015.



**BAB Director General Mr. Md. Abu Abdullah signed the APLAC MRA at the 35<sup>th</sup> APLAC-MRA Council meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 17 June 2015 with APLAC Chair Mr. Nigel Jou and APLAC MRA Council Chair Ms. Roxanne Robinson.**



**Bangladesh Industries Minister Mr. Amir Hossain Amu MP, addressing BAB stakeholders about achieving APLAC MRA signatory status.**

Mr. Amir Hossain Amu MP, Industries Minister Bangladesh announced the news of achieving APLAC MRA signatory status to the media in a mass gathering of stakeholders during his visit to BAB office on 24 June 2015. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that international recognition of BAB's laboratory accreditation program would boost the export of Bangladeshi products. Industries Secretary Mr. Md. Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan also spoke. BAB Director General Mr. Md. Abu Abdullah chaired the program.

### **Celebration of World Accreditation Day 2015**

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World Accreditation Day, 2015 was observed as a national day in the country on June 9 with focus on the theme 'Accreditation: Supporting the Delivery of Health and Social Care'. Bangladesh Accreditation Board (BAB) and the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) jointly organized a seminar at DCCI auditorium on the day.



The most significant feature of the function was the distribution of Accreditation Certificates by the Industries Minister. BAB awarded 07 accreditation certificate for Testing Laboratories and the first ever accreditation for a Certification Body. Professor Dr. Pran Gopal Datta, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) presented the keynote paper. Honorable President and the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh gave separate messages highlighting the theme of the day.

#### **BAB organized Assessor Training course on ISO/IEC17025:2005**



*Participants at the assessor training course on ISO/IEC 17025:2005*

Bangladesh Accreditation Board (BAB) has conducted three consecutive 5-day long Assessor Training courses in ISO/IEC17025:2005- General Requirements for the competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories on 1-5 February 2015, 14-18 June 2015 and 2-6 August 2015 respectively at NPO Seminar Hall, 91 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. The objective of the training was to develop potential BAB assessors using the international guidelines.

The course was conducted by Mr. Mohammed Abbas Alam, Mr. Monirul Hoque Pash and Mr. Md. Towhidur Rahman, Assistant Director of BAB and coordinated by Mr. Md. Lokman Ahmed, Deputy Director of BAB. Sixty (60) participants from public and private testing and calibration laboratories participated in these courses.

#### **BAB organized Assessor Training Course on ISO 15189:2012**

For the first time Bangladesh Accreditation Board (BAB) organized a 5 day Training Course on ISO 15189:2012 in Dhaka, on 26-30 June 2015. Mr. Md. Mahbubur Rahman, Deputy Director (Laboratory and Certification) and Mr. Mr. Monirul Hoque Pasha, Assistant Director, BAB conducted the training as resource persons. 18 participants working in different medical laboratories including public and private hospitals and universities participated in the program. BAB organized this course in collaboration with an overseas peer accreditation body and development partner in the past.



***BAB, Director General along with resource persons and the participants in the Assessor Training Course on ISO 15189:2012 held in Dhaka.***

#### **BAB organized Technical Meeting with BAB Assessors**

Bangladesh Accreditation Board (BAB) arranged a day-long technical meeting with its assessors in Dhaka on 10 August 2015. The aim of this meeting was to give updated information to the assessors, experts and decision makers from the BAB Assessor Pool on recent achievements and activities of BAB. Around sixty BAB assessors and experts from different laboratories/industries and academics participated in this meeting.



***BAB Chairman with participants at the technical meeting with BAB assessors***

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