



*Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the **Advanced Training Course**
on **Econometric Analysis for Bangladesh Bank Officials- 2010***

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Chief Guest

Mr. Chairman and Director of Bureau of Economic Research, special guests, Course Coordinator, my colleagues from Bangladesh Bank and other distinguished guests, Assalamu Alaikum and Good Evening to you all.

I would like to congratulate all my fellow colleagues on their successful completion of the training programme on advanced econometric analysis and would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the management of bureau and all the facilitators for conducting such a valuable training on quantitative research. Any central bank has an increasing demand for staff members with well command over quantitative methods. In-depth and up-to-date knowledge of advanced quantitative tools is needed to produce relevant background analysis which is used to assist monetary policy decisions. A central banker particularly connected with monetary and other policy formulation and implementation, needs to have clear understanding of the complex behavior of financial and macroeconomic variables. I have high expectations that this hands on training will enhance analytical capabilities of our officers through acquainting them with latest statistical and econometric tools and will help them develop knowledge in directions needed by Bangladesh Bank.

You are aware that along with performing core central banking roles of maintaining price stability and financial system viability, Bangladesh Bank has been supporting the priority sectors such agriculture and SMEs as part of its objective of attaining and maintaining socially inclusive economic growth. Accordingly, Bangladesh Bank has been formulating and implementing policies and programs containing instructions and guidance for reaching out to small farmers and SMEs. I expect that the researchers of Bangladesh Bank will focus not only on financial and macroeconomic issues but also will cover the areas of financial inclusion so that the excluded group of our country can benefit from their work. Bangladesh Bank, in future, will extend all sorts of support for betterment of research as well as for enhancement of the technical capabilities of its researchers so that they can maximize their potentials.

Finally, I would like to thank the organizers for their efficiency and effort to make this training programme valuable to our researchers in developing their technical skills. I sincerely hope that we will be able to create a long lasting relationship with the Bureau of Economic Research in the area of capacity building of the central bank. On this auspicious occasion, I once again congratulate the participants for completing this advanced training course on econometric analysis. We hope to come back again to the Bureau for the excellent training programme which they have been providing.

Thank you all.

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