



## 20<sup>th</sup> Asian Bioethics conference (ABC)

*Theme: Bioethics for Inter-religious and Inter-cultural Understanding and Health*



**20<sup>th</sup> Asian Bioethics Conference (ABC20)** was held on 22-25 Nov. 2019 at DGHS (Directorate General of Health Services) auditorium, Mohakhali and NEC (National Election Commission) Auditorium, Agargoan, Dhaka. Conference was organized by Bangladesh Bioethics Society (BBS) in cooperation of DGHS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; Social Science Research Council Bangladesh, Ministry of Planning; Bangladesh Medical Research Council, Mohakhali Dhaka; Asian Bioethics Association (ABA) and Eubios Ethics Institute, Thailand, New Zealand's and Japan.

**Mr MA Mannan MP**, Honorable Planning Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest.

**Dr. Md. Murad Hassan MP**, Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Information, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as Special Guest.

**Md. Nurul Amin**, Secretary, Planning Division, Ministry of Planning and **Dr Iqbal Kabir**, Director, Planning, Monitoring, & Research and Coordinator, DGHS were also present as Special Guests.

Bioethics promotes strong ethical values, practice of ethics and morality in Science, Social Science, Commerce and Arts.

The conference brought together scholars and policy makers from different disciplines from all around the world to discuss and deliberate the latest issues of bioethics in biomedicine, biotechnology, science, social science, education and research.

Around 300 participants from different universities and government officials including 40 foreign delegates from Asia & Pacific and beyond were present at the conference.

1. **Humayun Kabir Talukder**. Professor, Centre for Medical Education; Publicity Secretary, Bangladesh Bioethics Society
2. **Md Abdus Shakoor**. Professor of Physical Medicine, BSMMU; Chairman, Scientific Committee, 20 Asian Bioethics Conference
3. **Arif Hossain**. Professor & Course Coordinator of Human Rights, EU, Vice President of Bangladesh Bioethics Society
4. **Taslima Monsoor**. Dept of Law, University of Dhaka; President, Bangladesh Bioethics Society
5. **Shamima P Lasker**. Professor & Head of Anatomy, Shahabuddin Medical College, Dhaka, Secretary General, Bangladesh Bioethics Society.

**Bangladesh Bioethics Society (BBS):** Bangladesh Bioethics Society (BBS) is the pioneer in bioethics in Bangladesh, has been highlighting ethics and morality in biomedicine, biotechnology, science, social science, education and research since its inception in 2010.

BBS was established under auspice of RUSHSAP (Regional Unit for Social and Human Science in Asia and the Pacific) UNESCO, Bangkok and UNESCO Dhaka, launched by Nurul Islam Nahid, Former Minister for Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh with the enterprise of Prof. Shamima P Lasker and Prof Arif Hossain for urgent need of research, education and implementation of bioethics principles in social development and in consideration of the advances in science and technology, biomedical technologies and the environmental crisis to uphold the value of free, open and reasoned discussion of issues in bioethics, encourage application of the knowledge and skills of bioethics in personal and social life.

BBS is the first association in bioethics in Bangladesh. It is a non profit, non political, multi-disciplinary and voluntary organization.

To build awareness and sensitivity on bioethics in the country, BBS holds courses, researches, conferences, interlinks to national and international organizations and takes part in public campaigns for policy changes. BBS also hold international conference. 1st international conference

was held in 2010 in cooperation with UNESCO and University Grants Commission Bangladesh (UGC).

**Moto of BBS:**  
Promotes Integrity for Peace,  
Dignity and Sustainability



1st International conference of BBS, March, 2010 at UGC Bangladesh

**Asian Bioethics Association (ABA):** Asian Bioethics Association (ABA) is one of the leading association on bioethics in Asia and the Pacific. The first ABC was held in 1995 in China. The others conferences were held in Japan, Korea, Turkey, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Iran, Philippines and Taiwan.

The objective of the Asian Bioethics Association (ABA) is to promote scientific research in bioethics in Asia through open and international exchanges of ideas among those working in bioethics in various fields of study and different regions of the world. The Association encourages “the following work and projects: (1) to organize and support international conferences in bioethics in Asia; (2) to assist the development and linkage of regional organizations for bioethics; (3) to encourage other academic and educational work or projects to accomplish their goals consistent with the objectives of the Association.



ABA Members with Organizing Committee of 20 ABC in Bangladesh, 2019

# 20 Asian Bioethics conference

**Conference Objectives:** To provide opportunity for all scholars around the world to gather feedback on their research, maximize networking opportunities, and learn the latest news and information on bioethics.



Guests were honored by Crest, 20 ABC 2019



Audience, 20 ABC, Nov, 2019



Different categories of Bioethics Award Holders with Guests, 20 ABC, 2019

## Net working



### Topics covers:

1. Bioethics and Life
2. Medical Ethics
3. Research Ethics
- 4 Ethics in Science and Technology
5. Ethics and Religion
6. Ethics in Public Health
7. Nursing Ethics
8. Bioethics and Human Reproduction.
9. Animal Ethics
10. Publication Ethics
11. Bioethics and Environmental Justice
12. Bioethics: History and Future
13. Bioethics and Culture
14. Bioethics and Gender
7. Bioethics and Education
8. Bioethics and Human rights
9. Bioethics in Global Economy
15. Bioethics and Social Responsibility
16. Bioethical Challenges and Responses
17. Bioethics, Human Security and Sustainability
21. Media Ethics
22. Advancing Social Development and Civic Engagement
23. Others



## Registration



# Conference Sessions, 23-24 Nov 2019

Venue: Nation Election Commission (NEC) Conference Hall Agargaon, Dhaka



## International Speakers:

- Prof. Ravichandran Moorthy (Malaysia)
- Prof. Darryl Macer (USA)
- Prof. Bang-ook Jun (Korea)
- Prof. Manjae Kim, (Korea)
- Prof. Duujian Tsai (Taiwan)
- Prof. Hasan Erbay (Turkey)
- Prof. Aruna Sivakami (India)
- Prof. Endang Sukara (Indonesia)
- Prof. Manjae Kim (Korea)
- Prof. Nader Ghotbi (Japan)
- Dr. Rainer Ebert (USA)
- Prof Bikash Medhi (India)
- Prof Vincent Shieh (Taiwan)
- Prof H.W. Angela Lo (Taiwan)
- Anke Weisheit (Germany)
- David Černý, Czech Republic)
- Prof Ananya Tritipthumrongchok (Thailand)
- Angelica M. Baylon (Philippines)
- Abraham Ahmad Ali Firdaus (Indonesia)
- Mustika Chasanatusy Syarifah (Indonesia)
- Prof Puri Swastika Gusti Krisna Dewi (Indonesia)
- Prof Patrali Ghosh (India)
- Prof Piyali Mitra (India)
- Prof Ramesh P Aacharya (Nepal)
- Prof Yung-Jong Shiah (Taiwan)
- Wilson J Simon (Tanzania)
- Yoonjin Song (Korea)
- Ms. Hsin-Mi Lu/ Estela Lu (Taiwan)
- Kyongjin Ahn (Korea)
- Yu-Chia Chen (Taiwan)
- Prof Zulkefli Daud (Malaysia)



# Conference Sessions, 25 Nov. 2019

Venue: Directorate General Health Services (DGHS). (New Building), Mohakhali, Dhaka



## Graduation Ceremony



BBS Members who were Graduated and PhD on Bioethics and MPH from Overseas University were honored at a dinner, 2019

## 20 ABC News were broadcasted by Media



## Programme was sponsored by:





**Prof Nasima Sultana**, Additional Director General, DGHS addressed concluding remark. Picture also shows resource person **Prof Dr Mohammad Mostofa Zaman**, Advisor Research & Publication & Focal Point, Gender, Equity & Rights, WHO.

**Conclusion:** Latest knowledge on bioethics has increased. Research & network between National and International counterpart has been established. Participants are now understand how to handle bioethical dilemmas in science and technology, biomedicine, social science, arts and environment.

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