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Press Release

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signed between Bangladesh Energy & Power Research Council (EPRC) and Engineering Students' Association of Bangladesh (ESAB) to engage the young engineers in research and innovation on power & energy sector.

To develop the capacity of young engineers of Bangladesh and to engage them in research and innovation on power & energy Bangladesh Energy & Power Research Council (EPRC) has signed a MoU with Engineering Students' Association of Bangladesh (ESAB). To operate and execute few joint initiatives this MoU took place. These initiatives have been connecting the young talents in national programs like 'National Hackathon on power and energy', 'Green Energy Summit', 'Youth Innovation Small Grant' & hence young talents get opportunity to contribute in national development initiatives.

Engineering Students' Association of Bangladesh (ESAB) has been working for the past 5 years to increase the innovation skill of the engineering students & solve the social problems of our country. These young students, specially the engineering students are trying to solve the social problems through their merit and knowledge. These initiatives can play an important role in public service and national issues. But due to the lack of inspiration, funding & specialist's advice, these projects often end abruptly.

Bangladesh Energy & Power Research Council is also working to solve the problems of power and energy sector and to face the challenges of future world since its inception. Due to lack of skilled human resources, brain-drain or lack of international standard researches these initiatives get hampered. Also there is a limited scope to connect the young potentials. This MoU will solve these problems.

To organize the programs & inspire the talented engineering students, on September 25, 2016 a MoU has been signed at Bidyut Bhaban. Through this MoU, common goals of both EPRC & ESAB will be achieved & the engineering students will play a vital role in public service and national development issues. Beside, EPRC & ESAB will help each other in different programs that will inspire engineering students in public service innovation and will also enhance expertise in human resource. ESAB members will get internship opportunity at EPRC program through this MoU. Thus the talented young minds will get the opportunity to work with different activities of EPRC & will make an impact in power and energy sector of Bangladesh. Both organization will work to arrange seminar, workshops, trainings, summit, and outreach programs to achieve the goals of this MoU. Also small grant program, contests, incubation program will create and ecosystem of innovation at Bangladesh.

In this MoU signing program, the chief guest Nasrul Hamid Mp, honorable State Minister of Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource, in his speech said- "In every step of the history of Bangladesh, students' community has played an important role. To take this country one step ahead, not only the government but also the new generation has to take part. This MoU will create that opportunity &

both the country and its people will be benefited. This will also help us to go further to enlighten Bangladesh."

The EPRC Chairman as special guest, Md. Ahmad Kaikaus mentioned- "If the young engineers come forward to solve the social problems, we will try our best to support them. Through this MoU young talents will get chance to work with government and government will also get chance to collaborate with youth."

The president of ESAB Mohammad Imtiaz Hasan said- "We always try from ESAB to involve the talented students to solve the social issues of our country. This MoU will inspire those students to work for their country."

A small token of appreciation was presented to the newly appointed EPRC Chairman Dr. Ahmad Kaikaus. After that closing speech was given by the Founder of ESAB & the Executive Director of ESAB Innovation Center Md. Arif Raihan Maahi who said-"ESAB was formed to unite the young engineers for the development of our country. We are doing everything focusing that goal. Lots of initiatives has been taken with this collaboration of BEPRC. This MoU will accelerate the initiatives and young engineers will get opportunity to contribute in power & energy sector of Bangladesh."

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