

PREFACE

Bangladesh Rice Journal acts as an official focal point for the delivery of scientific findings related to rice research. It invites scientific write-up from the personnel involved in research and extension both at national and international level. In Bangladesh about 75% of the land is covered by rice, and rice is cultivated in different cropping patterns in a yearly sequence with temporal and spatial arrangement of other crops. Detailed information on country-wide cropping systems is a prime need for prioritization research and development activities to enhance agricultural growth of Bangladesh. To generate information of this vital issue the researchers of Rice Farming Systems Division of BRRI conducted a country-wide survey and verified the collected data through stakeholders consultation workshop arranged in 64 districts of Bangladesh. Huge information was generated on crops and cropping patterns at each and every upazila (Administrative unit) as well as on its national level.

A special issue of Bangladesh Rice Journal has been dedicated to compile this information with a thematic area 'cropping patterns of Bangladesh'. As usually all the manuscripts were peer reviewed and overviewed. This issue includes 15 articles. However, all the articles are interlinked. The first one presents overall scenario about crops and cropping systems in Bangladesh focussing on district-wise data. Each of the rest 14 articles describes the cropping systems of an individual agricultural region of the country with upazila-wise elaborate information.

It is expected that this special issue of Bangladesh Rice Journal will be an excellent source of references on crops and cropping patterns of Bangladesh and will meet up the deep-felt requirements of farmers, extension personnel, researchers and policy makers as well. One of the objectives of Sustainable Development Goal is to double the productivity of agricultural sector by 2030. We hope to achieve the target this piece of work would serve as a milestone in the history of agricultural research in Bangladesh.

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