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About

I, Dr. Abdullah-Al-Mamun, am the professor of sociology and development economics and ex-chairman at the Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka. I am the Provost of Salimullah Muslim Hall, University of Dhaka. I am also the chairman of Democracy Dais Bangladesh and executive director of the Tokyo-based think tank Pan-Asia Research Institute (PARI). My areas of specialization are development planning, international development cooperation, development project management, aid and development effectiveness and development sociology. I have been awarded a Fulbright Research Professorship, 2024 at Adelphi University, New York, USA. I was a Japan Foundation Fellow at the International University of Japan in 2023. I have teaching experience at the University of Derby, UK, Leeds Trinity University, UK, International University of Japan, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, University of Kobe, Japan, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India and Kazi Nazrul University, India and Universitas Indonesia. I have the professional experience to work with different national and international organizations such as Economic Relations Division (ERD), Cabinet Division and National Academy for Planning and Development (NAPD), Ministry of Commerce, BRAC (the biggest NGO in the world), ASA (managed MFI of the world), Asiatic Society, USAID, UNDP, UNCDF, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Institute of Development Economics, Japan, Japan Foundation, Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries (JBCCI), Mitsubishi Corporation and Kokorazashi Ltd. Japan. I am the author and editor of 6 books and have published several research articles in national and international journals and written a number of book chapters.

Academic Qualifications

PhD in International Economic Development (Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting), University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom, 2020

PgCert, Research Methodology, University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom, 2018

Certificate in Law, University of Northumbria, United Kingdom, 2009

MBA, Marketing, Stamford University of Bangladesh, Bangladesh, 2007

Diploma in Leadership, Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2006

Postgraduate Diploma, Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2005

MSS, Sociology, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2001

BSS, Sociology, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2000

Employment and Professional Engagements

Chairman, Democracy Dais Bangladesh, 2024 to till date

Associate Professor, Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka, 2022

Executive Director, Pan-Asia Research Institute (PARI), Tokyo, 2023 to till date

Research Fellow, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), 2024 to till date

Secretary General, Japanese Studies Association in South Asia (JSASA), 2023 to till date

President, Dhaka University Japanese Studies Alumni Association, 2020 to till date

Trustee, Leaders Forum (a platform of 3000 business professionals), Bangladesh, 2023 to till date

Professional Memberships

President, Japanese Studies Alumni Association, Bangladesh

Life Member, Bangladesh Economic Association

Member, Executive Committee, Dhaka University Sociology Alumni Association

Previous Employment and Professional Engagements

Chairman, Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Assistant Professor, Japanese Studies, Japan Study Center, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Lecturer, Japanese Studies, Japan Study Center, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Executive Director, Institute of Development Sociology (IDS), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Research Fellow, Nazmul Karim Study Center, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Consultant, Media and Promotion, Metro Makers and Developers Ltd. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Coordinator (Training & Monitoring), Association for Underprivileged People (An Organization of Microfinance, Health and Education).

Pre-Election Poll Survey Supervisor, Nation Parliament Election 2001, Democracy Watch (A leading media organization), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Program Reporter, Roving Eye, Channel I, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Program Reporter, Chutir Shakal, Channel I, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Staff Reporter, Daily Manabzamin, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Senior Staff Reporter, Center for Communication Network, (A house of news services, consultancy in creativity & conversion, improvisation, research, documentation and gender development). Dhaka, Bangladesh

Teaching and Class Delivery Experience

University of Derby, UK
Leeds Trinity University, UK
International University of Japan
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University of Kobe, Japan
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Enlisted Trainer

- National Academy for Planning and Development (NAPD), Government of Bangladesh
- Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB)

- University of Derby, United Kingdom
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- Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Dhaka
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- Institute of Development Sociology, Dhaka
- Centre for Communication Network (CCN), Dhaka
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Journal Articles

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Rima, S., Faysal, M. M., Mamun, A. A., Sonia, K. A., Monia, H. T., Nuva, A. T., Rabbi, A. M. F., Mamun, A., & Hossain, M. B. (2025). Awareness of the government-introduced universal pension schemes among the adult population in Bangladesh: A nationwide cross-sectional survey. *Social Sciences & Humanities Open*, 11, 101608. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssaho.2025.101608>

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Main Research Reports Prepared

Bangladesh's Development Vision and Japanese FDI: Lessons from ASEAN Countries, University of Dhaka, August 2021 to September 2022, **Principal Investigator**

Value for Money Assessment of BRAC Education Programme, BRAC Bangladesh, April 2021 to October 2021, **Co-Investigator**

Expectations of Bangladeshi Students to Japanese Companies, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), December 2020 to January 2021, **Team Leader**

Education and Socialization in Japan, Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), January 2016 to June 2016, **Team Leader**

Change in Reading Habit Over Time: A Sociological Study, Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), July 2016 to December 2016, **Team Leader**

National Policy on Development Cooperation and Aid Management in Bangladesh – A Review of Policies and Procedures, Economic Relations Divisions (ERD), Ministry of Finance, 2015, **Assistant Consultant**

Bangladesh-Korea ICT Training Center for Education (BKITCE) – A Successful Footprint of South-South Cooperation Impact Assessment, May 2013, **Team Leader**

Study on Good Governance – Public Interest Litigation, 2012, USAID, **Consultant**

Conference Participated

Mamun, A. A. (2023, June 26). *Democratic Progress of Bangladesh and Lessons from Japan*. Paper presented at the AAS-in-Asia Conference, Daegu, Korea.

Mamun, A. A. (2023, March 28). *Comparative Analysis of Women Rights Between Japan And Bangladesh*. Paper presented at the International Symposium and Seminar on Japanese Studies, Indonesia (Online).

Mamun, A. A. (2023, January 15). *Changing Trend of Japanese Studies in South Asia*. Paper presented at the 2nd International Hybrid Conference on Japanology in New Era, Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Mamun, A. A. (2022, July 2). *Japan-Bangladesh Diplomatic Relationship and Future Prospects*. Paper presented at the Uddog o Uddokta Japan Annual Conference 2022: 50 Years of Japan-Bangladesh Relationship and Opportunities for Future Collaboration (Online).

Mamun, A. A. (2022, March 18). *Change in Demand of ODA Due to Covid-19 and Japanese Response: Bangladesh Perspective*. Paper presented at the International Hybrid-Conference on

'Post-COVID Japan: Economy, Politics, Society, Culture and Literature', Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Mamun, A. A. (2022, February 4). *Impact of COVID-19 on Japanese Women*. Paper presented at the International Seminar on Japanese Studies in India, Bangladesh and South Asia: A New Integration, Centre for Japanese Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India (Online).

Mamun, A. A. (2021, October 9). *Post-Covid-19 Japan: Nature of Social Shocks*. Paper presented at the Western Conference of the Association of Asian Studies (WCAAS), New York (Online).

Mamun, A. A. (2021, August 29). *Future of Japan-South Asia Renewed Relationship in Emerging Chinese Influence*. Paper presented at the NICE International Studies Convention, Nepal (Online).

Mamun, A. A. (2021, May 31). *COVID-19: Reshaping Collaboration for Development Effectiveness*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Celebrating 100 Years of the University of Dhaka: Reflections from Alumni- National and International (Social Sciences for Life and Living), Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (Online).

Mamun, A. A. (2021, January 29). *Japanese FDI in Bangladesh: Opportunities and Challenges*. Paper presented at the International e-Conference on Japanology in New Era, Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (Online).

Mamun, A. A. (2019, December 10). *Contribution of Japanese Companies Towards Promoting Japanese Culture in Bangladesh*. Paper presented at the International seminar on Japanese Studies in India and South Asia: Towards a New Horizon, Centre for Japanese Studies (CJS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, India.

Mamun, A. A. (2019, April 16). *Rhetoric and Reality of Aid Effectiveness Agenda: Bangladesh Experience*. Paper presented at the Huddersfield Business School Research Conference 2019: Global Yorkshire, United Kingdom.

Mamun, A. A. (2018, July 5). *Contribution of Japanese Companies in Promoting Japanese Business Culture in Bangladesh*. Paper presented at the AAS-in-Asia Conference - Asia in Motion: Geographies and Genealogies, New Delhi, India.

Mamun, A. A. (2018, January 10). *Evaluation of Foreign Aid Policy Regime in Bangladesh*. Paper presented at the Huddersfield Business School Research Conference, Queensgate, Huddersfield, United Kingdom.

Mamun, A. A. (2016, December 15). *Japan-South Asia Renewed Relationship: Future Under Emerging Chinese Influence*. Paper presented at the 5th Bi-Annual International Conference of the Japanese Studies Association of Southeast Asia (JSA-ASEAN), Cebu, Philippines.

Mamun, A. A., & Tthrippleton, G. (2016, June 24). Paper presented at the Collaborative Conference on Wind of Change – the Partnership Requires, University of Derby, United Kingdom.

Mamun, A. A. (2012, June 1). *South-South Cooperation: Learning from Successful Experiences – Drawing Lessons from Bangladesh Successful Experience on South-South Cooperation*. Paper presented at the High-Level Forum on South-South Cooperation, Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines.

Mamun, A. A. (2011, June 15). *South-South Knowledge Management: Experience of Bangladesh-Korea ICT Training Center for Education*. Paper presented at the South-South Knowledge Exchange: Global Workshop – Towards Good Practices for Busan, Bangkok, Thailand.

Ongoing Research Projects

A Study on Annual Performance Agreement's Implementation for Achieving Targets of Government Offices, Cabinet Division, GoB, September 2023 to ongoing, **Team Member**

Business Information Assessment of Mitsubishi Corporation, Dhaka Office, June 2022 to ongoing, **Team Leader**

Human Resources Export Possibility to Japan of Kokorazashi Ltd. Japan, August 2023 to ongoing, **Lead Consultant**

Japanese Projects Effectiveness Study, University of Dhaka, June 2023 to ongoing, **Principal Investigator**

FOIP Database Preparation of Kazi Nazrul University, India, October 2023 to ongoing, **Chief Consultant**