

Short CV of Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin

Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin is the Chief Adviser, East West University; Former Chairman, Planning Commission Reorganizing Committee; Member, Governing Council and Academic Council, Dhaka School of Economics, Visiting Professor, Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka; Member, Executive Council of South Asian University; Former Member of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) of the United Nations.

He was the Chairman, Pay and Service Commission-2013; Chairman, Governing Body, Dhaka City College; Governor, Bangladesh Bank (Central Bank of Bangladesh), 1998-2001, Member, Board of Trustees, BIDS, Member, Council of Economic Advisors, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The report of the 8th Pay and Services Commission chaired by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin provides a comprehensively effective scheme for transforming the civil servants into human resources for major contributions towards building a prosperous Bangladesh.

Professor Mohammed Farashuddin has been made the Chairperson of the Government Committee for determining the Vision, Size and Strategic Direction for the Higher Education in Bangladesh 2015-2030.

Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin was the Founder Vice Chancellor, East West University, Dhaka, February 1996- November 1998, Founder President, Board of Directors, East West University, 1995-1998, Chairman, Sonali Bank, 1998, Chairman, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), apex body for providing micro-credit for poverty alleviation August 1996- August 1998, Chairman, Bangladesh Shilpa Reen Sangstha (Industrial Credit Bank)- 1996, Member, National Education Committee 1997, Resident Representative and Resident Representative a.i. of UNDP in three countries 1985-1995, Controller of Capital Issues, Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, August 1983- January 1985, Director, Board of Directors, Agrani Bank; Investment Corporation of Bangladesh; British American Tobacco Company; Film Censor Board; National Tea Company; Sadharon Bima Corporation 1979-1985 etc.

As the Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin introduced major reforms towards a healthy, sound, transparent and default free banking system. As the Controller of Capital Issues in the Ministry of Finance, Dr Mohammed Farashuddin helped create a new look and potentially vigorous Capital Market. He also assisted the opening of the banking and insurance to the private sector. Dr. Farashuddin made the initial draft for the Grameen Bank

Ordinance, 1983 under the guidance of Mr. M. Syeduzzaman the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Finance.

As Rapporteur of the UNDP Governing Council, Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin was required to play in 1980 a key role in the ongoing resource mobilization efforts of the organization.

As an important member of the Bangladesh Delegation to the First UNLDC Conference held in Paris in 1981, Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin played an active role in the formulation of the Substantial new Programme of Action.

As decided in the First UNLDC Conference in 1981, Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin was appointed a UN Consultant to study and compile a report on the Aid Modalities in the Least Developed countries of the Asia Pacific.

Dr. Farashuddin organized two donor meetings in Vienna for the Republic of Maldives in 1993 and 1995. His leadership role as the UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator of Maldives in the formulation of the Country Reports as well as present action in the Vienna Meetings subsequently helped Maldives graduate out of the LDC category.

He was the Private Secretary of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh (Founding Father) 1973 – 1975. Mr. Farashuddin assisted the Father of the Nation in shaping the socio-economic-cultural policy as well as the poverty eradication thrust. He accompanied Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to his visit to key international organization, the United Nations in 1974, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Jamaica in 1974 and to many country visits like to India, USA, USSR, UK, UAE and Iraq. He had the privilege of coming into contact with great leaders such as President Breznev, President Tito, President Soekarona, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister Whitlam, President Wilson, Senator Kennedy and so on.

Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin is a Member, Board of Trustees, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Senior Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies; Life Member, Bangladesh Economic Association; Life Member, Diabetic Association of Bangladesh; President, Dhaka University Economics Department Alumni Association 1999-2001; Permanent Member, Dhaka Club Limited; Permanent Member, Officers Club.

Dr. Farashuddin did his BA Honors and MA in Economics from University of Dhaka. MA (Econ), MA (Political Economy) and Ph.D as an outstanding foreign student from Boston University USA and a certificate course in Project Planning from Project Planning Centre

Bradford University, UK. Dr. Farashuddin's contribution as the Founder Vice Chancellor of East West University (now Chairperson of the Board of Trustees) is widely recognized as the foundation for a credibly transparent and efficient apparatus for tertiary education by the Private Universities which now account for 63% of total university student enrolment.

Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin has been honored with various awards home and abroad in recognition of his contribution in economics, higher education, banking and public service. He has a good number of publications to his credit. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin was recognized as outstanding leader of Higher Education in Bangladesh.

Mohammed Farashuddin was born on April 18, 1942 to a middle class and enlightened muslim family in Ratanpur village of Madhabpur thana in Habiganj District. He is particularly fond of rural Bangladesh and works for the realization of the dream of a Sonar Bangla free of poverty, illiteracy, shelterlessness and disparity in income and opportunities.

Married for 50 years with Suraiya Farashuddin, Mr. Farashuddin is the proud father of one son and one daughter. They have 4 grandchildren, one sweet daughter-in-law, mamoni and a wonderful son-in-law, baba.