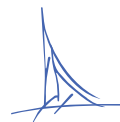**R Adm M Lokmanur Rahman**
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Message from the Acting Chairman

I am extremely delighted to see the second issue of BIMRAD Journal being published when the nation celebrates the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence. The Journal contains thoughts, perspectives, and research outcomes from a diverse group of researchers and scholars. I sincerely acknowledge the scholars' and BIMRAD officials' contribution for their hard work and devotion to make the Journal a reality weathering the difficulties of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The journey of Maritime Bangladesh began with the enactment of the Maritime Zones Act 1974 by the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He was so miraculously visionary, bold, and practical to make the Maritime Zones Act which later becomes one of the most vital instruments to win the righteous claim on our sea areas. Since then, Bangladesh has come a long way in achieving development and sustainability in the burgeoning maritime sectors. Bangladesh has peacefully resolved its maritime disputes with its neighbours. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh government has taken significant steps to exploit the potential marine resources and develop the maritime industries. Such initiatives have created a renewed demand for research and development in maritime sectors.

BIMRAD can contribute significantly in the process of generating articulated research outputs to narrow the gap between researchers and policymakers. This Journal is undoubtedly an essential step in translating academic research into policy propositions. I am hopeful that the Journal would be an important addition to the existing body of research related to maritime issues and affairs.

I congratulate everyone involved in making the second issue of 'BIMRAD Journal' possible.

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