

Editorial

The Indian Ocean, with its boundless untapped maritime resources, carries huge prospects and potentials, both geo-strategic and geo-economic, for the littoral states. This creates the need for better understanding of oceans and the use of modern and sophisticated technologies for maritime activities. This is applicable whether for exploration or for utilization to achieve better livelihood and sustainable development. It was a long felt need thereof, to establish a dedicated research institution for maritime affairs to animate the researchers and thinkers of Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Institute of Maritime Research and Development (BIMRAD) was inaugurated on 03 July 2018 as a maritime research platform patronized by Bangladesh Navy, with the hope of making it the fulcrum of maritime related activities concerning the development and understanding of the Blue Economy. Establishing a platform of maritime intellectuals, researchers, institutions and official organizations dedicated towards supporting the Blue Economy initiatives of the government aimed at optimum use of sea resources for sustainable development was an inevitable demand of the time.

Since its establishment, BIMRAD has taken steps in publishing the maiden BIMRAD Journal on the theme 'Maritime Good Governance towards Sustainable Development'. The Journal presents the outcome and policy recommendations of the International Seminar organised by BIMRAD on 19 November 2018 at Hotel Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden, Dhaka containing five original research papers developed around this main theme.

The papers, contributed by top scholars from home and abroad of different maritime disciplines, comprehensively dealt with the theory and practice of maritime good governance. The objective was to harness the benefits of Blue Economy for sustainable development, along with concomitant maritime security.

We express our deep gratitude to the authors for many ideas which will be celebrated as trailblazers in the maritime domain. We also believe that the articles published in this volume will be helpful for the research and development in the maritime field and benefit maritime communities both at home and abroad.

We would also like to convey our sincere thanks to the Chief Patron, Chairman and the Advisory Board for their kind and valuable support and guidance. We hope that readers with an inquisitive mind and academic interest will find the journal worthy of attention.

It was possible to publish the journal because of hard and dedicated teamwork of all concern for making the dream into a reality.