

## Editor's Note

The end of second decade of the Twenty-First century has brought about unprecedented challenges for the whole world. The evolving contours of modern geopolitics are still in a state of flux, and the conflict in Ukraine heralded the most significant geopolitical shift since the end of the Cold War. However, as a peace-loving nation, we expect that this precarious epoch will end and humanity will prevail.

It is a matter of great contentment that the Volume 3, Issue 1, November 2022 issue of BIMRAD Journal has been published. BIMRAD was established as an independent think tank to study, research and recommend the policy issues pertaining to maritime interests and support the government in foreseeing the sustainable development of the country's Blue Economy initiatives. BIMRAD journal illustrates that initiative and is a defining milestone of this year's achievement. BIMRAD has spearheaded multi-faceted brainstorming, research, and academic engagement within the maritime community throughout the year. This publication by BIMRAD showcases the results of that arduous effort of our team.

The BIMRAD Journal is a peer-reviewed open-access journal available in online and print versions. Such efforts will not only serve as a testament to the original research works published in this journal but also will act as an inspiration to underpin original research works able to withstand the rigorous test and trial of the peer-review process.

This November issue, 2022, includes six research papers encompassing topics of various disciplines. The authors are scholars, practitioners, researchers and academicians. These papers comprehensively explore the strategic and economic issues providing critical insights and essential recommendations. We are confident, these research works will pave the way for further academic discourse and generate suggestions at the policymaking level. I would like to express my gratitude to the contributing researchers who have done a commendable job by presenting valuable and insightful research works.

On behalf of my team, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Chief Patron, Acting Chairman and Editorial Advisory Board members for their inspiring and unwavering support in publishing this issue.

BIMRAD strives to continue adding quality research works in the maritime literary arena of Bangladesh, and this journal will hopefully be a worthy addition to it.