

Editorial

Maritime Good Governance Can Ensure Sustainable Development

Bangladesh is positioned in a strategically important location in the Bay of Bengal and should leverage that position by governing the maritime sector with proper human resource, research and development. Therefore, to create awareness among the general people about the demand, requirements and challenges of Maritime Good Governance and to recommend policies for sustainable development of the country, Bangladesh Institute of Maritime Research and Development (BIMRAD) organized its maiden international seminar on the theme 'Maritime Good Governance towards Sustainable Development' on 19 November 2018. Major General Tarique Ahmed Siddique, (retired), Adviser to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Security Affairs was present as the chief guest in the seminar. Five keynote speakers from Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and the USA had presented their respective papers on that important topic. Our lead story takes a closer look into the splendid event and narrates the outcome of International networking, expert opinions and exchange of views on sustainable maritime development of Bangladesh.

Building an institute has always been a challenging task. BIMRAD as a new maritime institute has challenges to overcome. It has become evident in the article of Dr Imtiaz that partnering with other institutions and carrying out research will be the key to flourish BIMRAD as a strong international maritime think tank.

The Bay of Bengal and its coastal states are among one of the most vulnerable regions in the world affected by Climate Change as identified by Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) of United Nations (UN). Hence, we have presented an article on Climate Change and its effects in the Bay of Bengal region.

As a Littoral State, Maritime and Coastal Tourism can be a part of the economic boom of the country since it has strong growth potential, generates substantial employment and is a clean alternative to other economic sectors. We have also covered an article on Maritime Tourism and the Blue Economy that discussed the matter in detail.

Since the Blue Economy is one of the fastest growing international concepts which gives importance to human well-being and social equity while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities, an article has been included on that specific topic.

Apart from that, Maritime Security, Maritime Governance, Blue Economy and SDG 14, Global Warming. Climate Change issues are discussed widely in interviews with two keynote speakers of the seminar.

We have also accumulated all the important news and events happened over the past quarter, those are showcased in the Marine News section to keep you all informed.

We welcome you to share your thoughts and ideas with us to make this effort worthier. We always value your feedback.

Thanking you
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