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### **Editor's Note**

Two of the main responsibilities of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), as mandated by law, are to conduct training for civil servants and publish research articles. This special issue of the Bangladesh Journal of Public Administration (BJPA), a half-yearly journal of the Centre, is the maiden attempt to put in print selected articles authored by the participants of the 73rd Foundation Training Course (FTC) held in 2022. A total of 25 articles were primarily chosen from more than 600 research papers written by the participants as assignments. Later, 19 of them were edited to fit into the standards of the BJPA. The objective of this attempt is to encourage the young civil servants to develop an academic mind.

The curricula of the FTC include a research module, not much popular among the trainee officers because of their dawn-to-dusk demanding schedule, which creates an opportunity for the participants to acquire theoretical knowledge on the basics of research and practically conduct research in their area of interest. The pieces of scholarly articles they authored will definitely help them contribute to developing a knowledge-based civil service and formulate evidence informed public policies in the future. Bangladesh requires this generation of smart civil servants in order to materialize the dream of Sonar Bangla (Golden Bangladesh) dreamt by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and achieve the targets of becoming a middle-income country by 2030 and a developed country by 2041, planned and being implemented by his daughter Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Most of the papers deal with broader areas of government's interventions that generate economic growth and development, such as agriculture production, organizational development, food safety and production, crop diversification, use of technology in education, service innovation, social safety net programs, women empowerment, climate change, and so on.

BPATC, for the first time, has created a prospect for the FTC participants to practically think about the country's development issues, undertake social research and finally publish for wider dissemination. However, flaws in terms of conceptual clarity, methodological understanding and presentation are not ruled out in these papers as are in the case of highly professionally crafted papers. Academics, researchers and bureaucrats/policy makers hopefully will positively encourage them for their contributions and efforts.

We gratefully thank all authors, editors and their reviewers for their contributions to making the special issue happen.

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