

Message from NBRJ Officers

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Greetings!

We are pleased to inform you that the Network of Bangladeshi Researchers in Japan (NBRJ) was officially registered as a General Incorporated Association on June 25, 2024, with the mission of fostering intellectual exchange between Bangladesh and Japan. With a vision of promoting symbiosis and coexistence between Bangladeshi and Japanese researchers, NBRJ is dedicated to the joint development of both nations.

NBRJ's journey began on March 12, 2021, with a Zoom-based meeting of 20 members, coordinated by Mohammad Abdul Malek, then Associate Professor at the University of Tsukuba, following invitations sent to over 50 researchers via email. The network was formally inaugurated on August 12, 2022, at a general meeting at the Tokyo International Forum, where the first multidisciplinary workshop was held, inaugurated by H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan. In 2021, NBRJ also organized several online webinars during the COVID-19 pandemic to sustain its activities.

The International Conference on Japan-Bangladesh Research and Practice (JBRP) has become NBRJ's flagship event, providing a platform for researchers across diverse disciplines to share achievements, foster collaboration, and support NBRJ's vision of becoming a leading research and policy advocacy group. Through promoting scientific cooperation, intellectual engagement, and policy advocacy, JBRP bridges knowledge and development opportunities between the two nations.

The First JBRP Conference (2022) was held in Tokyo, chaired by Professor Sharifu Ura, Kitami Institute of Technology. The Second JBRP Conference (2023) took place at Nanzan University under the chairmanship of Professor Khondaker Mizanur Rahman. At the Third JBRP Conference (2024), we extend our congratulations to General Chair Professor Amzad Hossain and his team for organizing a successful event. Special thanks to Professor Yasuyuki Sawada (The University of Tokyo) for the keynote speech and plenary speakers: Professor Mirza Hasanuzzaman (Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University), Professor Md Shoaib Bhuiyan (Suzuka University of Medical Science), and Professor Md Moshir Rahman (Hiroshima University) for their contributions. We are also grateful to session committee advisers and authors for their rigorous efforts and valuable contributions.

We are excited to announce the Fourth JBRP Conference (2025), chaired by Professor Mohammad Abdul Malek. Details and invitations can be found at the end of the proceedings. In addition to the JBRP conference, NBRJ plans to organize year-round seminars and webinars to foster academic-industry collaborations, address Japan-Bangladesh educational and policy issues, and provide platforms for informed debate.

Please stay updated through our website: <https://nbri.jp>.

On this occasion, we warmly invite all informal members of the NBRJ network to officially join NBRJ and continue supporting our vision and mission.

Sincerely,

Khondaker Mizanur Rahman – Representative Director (Chairman)

Chowdhury Mahbubul Alam – (Auditor)

Abdul Malek Mohammad – Representative Director (General Secretary)

Sharifu Ura – Representative Director