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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of MIDAS

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of MIDAS was held on Sunday, December 20, 2015, at MIDAS Centre, Dhaka. The Board of Directors along with Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director (acting) were present. Mr. Bazlur Rahman Khan, Chairman, MIDAS Board presided over the meeting. The

Directors' Report and the Annual Accounts of the Company for the year 2014-2015 were adopted. Furthermore, the auditors for the year 2015-2016 was appointed. Major General Mahabbat Jan Chowdhury (Retd.) and Ms. Parveen Mahmud were re-elected as the Directors of MIDAS Board.



*Left to Right: Ms. Sabina Alam, Ms. Rokia A. Rahman, Mr. Mirza Ali Behrouze Ispahani, Mr. Shaikh A. Halim, Mr. Bazlur Rahman Khan, Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director (acting), Mr. S. M. Al-Husainy, Maj Gen Mahabbat Jan Chowdhury (Retd.) - MIDAS Board of Directors and Mr. Ghulam Rahman (Member of the Company)*

### Study and Research

#### Market Study on Float Glass in Bangladesh

MIDAS is carrying out a market study on float glass in Bangladesh. The study commenced in December 2015 and expected to be completed in January 2016. The primary objective of the study is to investigate the present market status and future potential of float glass in Bangladesh. The outcome of the study will facilitate to determine whether establishment of new manufacturing plant of float glass is justifiable from the marketing point of view.

## Survey on Reasons for Production Inabilities to Meet the Market Needs of Diversified Jute Products of Bangladesh and Means to overcome them



Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) has recently awarded and appointed MIDAS to conduct the survey titled "Survey on Reasons for Production Inabilities to Meet the Market Needs of Diversified Jute Products of Bangladesh and Means to overcome them". The outcome of the study would facilitate EPB to take appropriate measures for promoting and developing Diversified Jute Products of Bangladesh.



Mr. Abdur Rouf, Director (Commodities) EPB and Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, MD (acting), MIDAS exchanging document after signing the agreement.

### Training

## Training of Trainers (ToT) on Entrepreneurship Development Programme for B-SEP Project, ILO



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A contract for services was signed on 28 July 2015 between ILO Country Office for Bangladesh and MIDAS. Under the contract MIDAS was assigned to conduct Training of Trainers of Partner Organizations and other stakeholders of B-SEP Project. Apart from conducting ToT, MIDAS was also entrusted by ILO to carry out review of partner organizations' capacity in conducting training with selected entrepreneurs under the project; and conducting Reinforcement Training for the participants taking part in the ToT.



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## Review of Partner Organizations

After successful completion of TOT during September 6-10, 2015, MIDAS carried out review of Partner Organizations of B-SEP, ILO during November 2015. The scope of this part of the assignment consisted of: Reviewing capacity of four partner organizations of B-SEP Project in training delivery, and Assessing further training needs of these organizations for incorporating in the reinforcement training.



Review of CMES in Rajshahi

Review was carried out by Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, MD (acting), MIDAS and Mr. Md. Ebrahim Hossain, AGM, MIDAS

## Reinforcement Training on Entrepreneurship Development Programme



A Session of Reinforcement Training

A 2-day Reinforcement Training on Entrepreneurship Development Programme was conducted by MIDAS on 29-30 November 2015 at MIDAS Centre in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Professionals of partner organizations and other stakeholders participated in this training who attended in the ToT conducted by MIDAS in September 2015.

Recap of learnings of ToT was the main objective of the reinforcement training. In addition, some topics of further training needs were included in the training, which were identified through evaluators' observations and discussions with the trainers of partner organizations during review of partners' capacity to deliver training.

MIDAS in-house facilitator Mr. Md. Ebrahim Hossain along with training consultant of MIDAS Mr. Md. Mahfuzul Haque conducted various sessions of the course.

A closing and certificate awarding ceremony was organized on the final day of the Reinforcement Training at the training venue at MIDAS Centre, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director (acting), MIDAS distributed certificates among the participants. Other senior officials and trainers of the course were present on the occasion.



*Awarding of Certificate to a participant*

## *Technology Transfer*

### **PUM-Netherlands Assistance for Private Sector Development**

PUM-Netherlands Senior Experts is a government-supported organization based in the Netherlands. It offers services of senior volunteer experts, most of whom are former senior/top level professionals, to help industrial/commercial ventures and social organizations of developing countries. MIDAS is the institutional representative of PUM in Bangladesh. MIDAS has been getting support from PUM-Netherlands for their vibrant programme "Technology Transfer for Private Sector Development (TTPSD) Program" in Bangladesh. If you would like to avail immense benefits of PUM-Netherlands Senior Expert Services in any sector please contact Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Representative, Bangladesh, Tel: 9102698, Mob: 01711842976, E-mail: [mashiur@midas.org.bd](mailto:mashiur@midas.org.bd)



**CORR - THE JUTE WORKS**  
a Trust of CARITAS  
*a Fair Trade house of quality crafts*

CORR-The Jute Works is a registered Fair Trade Trust for producing and marketing of various jute based handicrafts items.

CORR the Jute Works would like to develop their local management system and also is planning to receive CBI-Netherlands Certificate as a quality product producer and exporter of the same. With these objectives in mind they approached MIDAS for sourcing an appropriate PUM expert. Accordingly, PUM Senior Expert Mr. Huub Beckers (case # 61de467) came to Dhaka and advised CORR the Jute Works in this regard.



*PUM-Netherlands Senior expert Mr. Beckers with Dr.A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman at CORR the Jute Works*



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PUM Senior Expert Mr. Jan Baak visited Prokritee, Dhaka (case # d33e454) from 07-20 December 2015. He assessed Prokritee as a quality product producer and advised them on ways and means for receiving CBI certification.



*PUM-Netherlands Senior expert Mr. Baak with Dr.A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman at Prokritee Office*

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