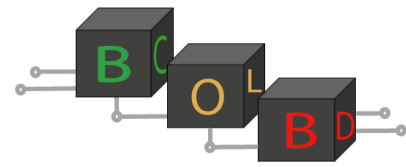


Blockchain Olympiad Bangladesh



Message from the Convener and the Coordinator of the Blockchain Olympiad Bangladesh

Dear Participating Teams,

Congratulations to all 160 participating teams of the first ever Blockchain Olympiad Bangladesh!

Your spontaneous participation in the event on such a short notice and that too during the evolving COVID 19 pandemic is a glowing testament to the fact that the young people of Bangladesh are highly IT-savvy. A century ago, half of all scientists of the whole Indo-Pak-Bangla subcontinent hailed from the soil of Bangladesh! Recall the larger-than-life names such as Jagdish Chandra Bose, the first inventor of radio although Marconi got the credit and pocketed the Nobel Prize or Satyen Bose, renowned for theorizing the sub-atomic particle Boson or Meghnad Saha, credited for one of the top ten discoveries in the field of Astrophysics – all belong to this land. In recent years we talk about a young Salman Khan, not of Bollywood fame but the founder and CEO of the globally well-known Khan Academy, having roots in this country.

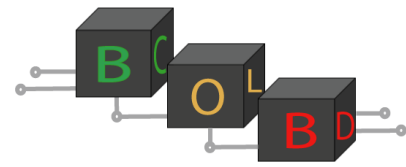
You may be aware of the amazing successes our university students have achieved at the World Finals of International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) or our school/college students have achieved at the International Olympiads for Biology, Informatics, Math and Physics, even though they were introduced to these events only recently. While India has become a giant in ICT services, our students have been consistently outperforming our neighbors at the ICPC WF in the last 20 years!

People of this land are naturally very resilient and creative; otherwise how come with a population density 24 times that of the world average are we making continuous progress? The country needs more innovations to face the challenges of excessive population and limited natural resources. We must take advantage of all modern technologies to move our country forward; in particular, we must leverage the most versatile of all technologies, i.e., ICT. Every technology brings opportunities and at the same time there are also challenges to overcome and ICT is no exception. Blockchain technology is showing great potential to solve many problems of the conventional centralized paradigm of ICT systems but it also brings its own set of challenges.

Through this first ever Blockchain Olympiad Bangladesh (BCOLBD) we would like you to develop skills around this technology and solve problems that the whole world is facing and that way we can bring home all the benefits from this highly promising technology and business paradigm. We believe you will put in the absolute best efforts in formulating the business solutions and preparing the whitepapers such that all submissions are of international standard.

You know that we shall select the top teams to represent the country at the International Blockchain Olympiad where you will have the rare opportunity to raise the flag of our motherland in a global forum for Blockchain. We have already finalized a team of 55 eminent government, academia and business leaders and 5 blockchain experts from International Block Chain Olympiad (IBCOL) to perform as Jurors and adjudicate your whitepapers in depth. Whitepapers winning top prizes in previous years of the IBCOL have also been uploaded in Slack for your guidance and for you to appreciate the level at which you should prepare your proposals. Despite the Corona virus lockdown the BCOLBD organizers are regularly sitting in virtual meetings to ensure that all arrangements for the Olympiad go according to plan and all jury boards get ready to duly evaluate your submissions.

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The eminent national and international advisers of the BCOLBD and the members of the Organizing Committee believe that all 160 registered teams will rise to the occasion and put together praiseworthy blockchain solutions for submission to organizer@bcoldb.org by the deadline of midnight April 09. We are confident that you will prove the power and ingenuity of the youth of Bangladesh and make us all proud with your creativity, perseverance and indomitable spirit.

Good luck and best wishes,

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Dated 03 April 2020, Dhaka

For immediate circulation to all registered teams