

CSIR-NIO, India – Dhaka University, Bangladesh Joint Meeting
on
“Bay of Bengal Oceanography”
Dhaka, 11-13 May 2015

A 3-day meeting on the **Bay of Bengal Oceanography** was jointly organized by the CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO), India and the Department of Oceanography, Dhaka University (DU) at Dhaka, Bangladesh during 11-13 May 2015.



From left to right: Prof. A.S.M. Maksud Kamal, Dean, Earth and Environmental Sciences, DU; Mr. Sandeep Chakravorty, Deputy High Commissioner of India; Dr. A.A.M.S. Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of DU; Dr. S.W.A Naqvi, Director CSIR-NIO; Prof. Md. Kawser Ahmed, Chairman, Department of Oceanography, DU.

The inaugural function, held at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban Auditorium of the Dhaka University (DU) on 11 May 2015, was presided over by Dr. A.A.M.S. Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor, Dhaka University. The special guests at the inaugural function included Dr. S.W.A Naqvi, Director, CSIR-NIO; Mr. Sandeep Chakravorty, Deputy High Commissioner of India; Prof. Md. Kawser Ahmed, Chairman, Department of Oceanography, DU and Prof. A.S.M. Maksud Kamal, Dean, Earth and Environmental Sciences, DU. The function was attended by a six member team from CSIR-NIO, India led by Dr. SWA Naqvi, Director, CSIR-NIO and several leading experts from both the countries.

The objective of the meeting was multi-fold : (1) to identify mutually interesting scientific topics and questions on the Bay of Bengal Oceanography that could be studied through mutual collaboration, (2) to deliberate on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CSIR-NIO and Department of Oceanography, DU and (3) to discuss about the possibilities of organizing a joint cruise to collect oceanographic data from the data-sparse Bangladeshi-shelf-

slope regions and also regions beyond slope but within the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of Bangladesh.



CSIR-NIO Team (standing left to right: Dr. V. Ramaswamy, Dr. P.S. Rao, Dr. N. Ramaiah, Dr. S. Prasanna Kumar, Dr. Rajiv Nigam) with (sitting) Vice Chancellor of DU, Dr. A.A.M.S. Arefin Siddique (centre), Prof. Kawser (right), Chairman, Department of Oceanography, DU and Dr. S.W.A. Naqvi (left), Director CSIR-NIO.

The technical session had presentations made by the CSIR-NIO experts and students and faculty from Dhaka University on topics focusing on the Bay of Bengal Oceanography and was well attended by over 50 participants.

The meeting also recommended expediting the MoU, preparation of joint cruise proposal and its submission to relevant competent authorities in their respective countries by both the parties and run-up to the joint cruise. Each party agreed to do their best to achieve desired results. The meeting concluded with both CSIR-NIO team and DU team expressing happiness in achieving the meeting objectives that hopefully would pave the way for future collaboration on Bay of Bengal Oceanography.
