

**‘Developmental Disabilities: Perceive the abilities’  
Seventh International SIVUS Conference on Developmental Disabilities  
24-25 January 2020  
University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh**

**Previous Conferences**

<b>Conferences</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue/</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>City/Country</b>
First	2 - 4 June 1993	International Convention Center	SIVUS Group Dynamic Principles	Jevnaker, Oslo Norway
Second	27 – 29 October 1997	Hotel Sun Route Sirakawa	Prospects and Application of SIVUS	Fukushima Japan
Third	10 – 14 January 2002	Senate House University of Rajshahi	Flexibility of Group Dynamic Principles	Rajshahi Bangladesh
Fourth	10 – 12 February 2006	Science City Auditorium	Developmental Disabilities	Salt lake, Kolkata India
Fifth	14 – 16 October 2009	NNA Senate Hall, University of Dhaka	Mental Retardation: Challenges and probable remedies	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Sixth	4 – 5 October 2018	Ram Krishna Mission Cultural Center	Intellectually Challenged: A life of Truth and Trust	Kolkata India
Seventh	24-25 January 2020	KNI Central Auditorium	Disabilities, abilities	University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh

**Conference Theme: Developmental Disabilities: Perceive the abilities**

**Sub themes:**

**Autism, ADHD, Trisomy 21, motor/neuronal disorders, CP, Cranial anomalies and other disabilities; caregivers; family members; recent developments in disability research, etc.**

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(More members will be included from Bangladesh and other countries considering the nature and number of scientific papers)

## Message from the SIVUS International President Dr Katsuhiko Yamashita



Dear Colleagues and Partners,

It fills my heart with joy to receive all the delegates of the 7<sup>th</sup> SIVUS International Conference at the University of Rajshahi in Bangladesh on 24 and 25 January 2020. Rajshahi University, in the heart of Rajshahi city, standing on the bank of the mighty river Padma is also known as the Silk City of Bangladesh. I am delighted to welcome you all and excited to continue our search for knowledge that will be instrumental in bringing quality of life among the handicapped children, their parents and caregivers and in benefitting the society in general. This is a proud moment for all of us as our journey is now consistently following up from a very successful conference in Kolkata in 2018. I urge all to join hands in achieving the objectives of the SIVUS and to stretch our learning experience further.

The theme of the 7<sup>th</sup> International SIVUS Conference, 'Developmental Disabilities: Perceive the abilities' which is very timely and relevant in the present context of the world situation. The focus of the conference will highlight the related clinical issues; and to the scholars, caregivers, parents and other stakeholders who will be participating in the scientific seminars, symposiums, workshops and other programs.

On this occasion, I would especially like to thank all the organizers of the Conference and members of the SIVUS family who are working really hard to make this conference a reality.

Once again, on behalf of the SIVUS International and its subsidiaries, I welcome you all in the conference in Bangladesh at Rajshahi University. I am confident that your scholarly articles, intellectual debates and discussions will pave the way for generating new knowledge and will offer guidelines for further activities of SIVUS.

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### **Professor Dr. Rosnah Ismail, Malaysia**



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**Professor Dr. Rosnah Ismail** is a Professor of Psychology, Cyberjaya University College of Medical Sciences, Cyberjaya, Malaysia CUCMS), and also an Adjunct Professor of Psychology at the Faculty of Psychology and Education, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). Prof. Rosnah was a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), UMS. She received her BSc. Degree in Food & Nutrition from Louisiana State University, USA and BSc. In Health Sciences in San Jose State University, California, USA; MA degree in Guidance and Counselling from the University of Durham, United Kingdom and PhD. at the UMS. Her areas of research interest include cross-cultural family psychology, social psychology and quality of family life and adolescents. Prof. Rosnah has authored and edited around 120 book chapters, books, monographs, and research articles published in national and international journals in psychology, education, social sciences, medical, and linguistics in the past 30 years. Prof. Rosnah is currently a Life Member of the Malaysian Psychological Association (PSIMA), was a Board Member of the Association of Psychological and Educational Counselors of Asia-Pacific (APECA), was a Member-At-Large of Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP), and Past President of Alumni Association of UMS. Her current research is on “Posttraumatic Growth and Resilience in Traumatic Loss for Survivors of Nepal Earthquake Disaster” and “Psychometric Properties of the Intrapreneurial Self-Capital Scale in Malaysian University Students” funded by the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia and CUCMS.

### **CHALLENGES OF SCHOOL TRANSITIONS TO WORKPLACE FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD) IN ETHNICALLY DIVERSE FAMILIES**

Research has consistently demonstrated that student’s future in job success is contingent upon the quality of Transition from School to Workplace (TTW). Although TTW can be a stressful event for all families, it can be particularly stressful and problematic for families of children with disabilities. While there’s a paucity of research concerning TTW for students with disabilities in general, there is almost no research related to TTW and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). In addition, no extant research has examined these experiences within the specific context of ethnically diverse families. As such, the aim of this study is to explore challenges and problems facing by parent, teachers and job providers in transition process for ethnically diverse families of ASD students using roundtable discussion and focus group methodology. Analyses of qualitative data involving open coding. This study provides valuable insights into the understanding of TTW for families with children of ASD within the process in five areas of Knowledge, Role of Doctors, Policy, Accreditation, Attitudes, and Job Matching. It is hoped that this study will serve as basis to stimulate many more theoretically driven and culturally informed research and discussions about TTW for children with ASD in the future. Significant output of study provides some valuable insights into the understanding of TTW for families with students of ASD that can be used as academic references to government and to review policy on disabilities for society and community well-being.

**Keywords:** Workplace Transition, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Ethnic, Families.

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**SUICIDE PREVENTION PROJECT: RATIONALE, METHODS AND INTIAL RESULTS FROM THE SUICIDE AWARENESS SURVEY OF 2016-2017 FOLLOW-UP**

Japan is known for having one of the highest suicide rates in developed countries. Especially, youth suicide rate over 30 years is the highest among these countries. In 2016, the Nippon Foundation for social innovation started the suicide prevention research studies to better understand suicide ideation/attempt and identify effective and nationwide countermeasure. This presentation will report the one year-follow-up survey to investigate facts of suicidal ideation/attempt and preventative factors using the same participants (over 20-year-old and valid responses of N=21, 142; response rates of 52.3% from follow-up sample, N=39,348). The original sample (N=40, 436) was collected via online surveys and a method of stratified sampling to create representative samples (i.e., gender, age, income, and marital status) from all prefectures. The online surveys have consisted of 53 questionnaires to assess seven areas: 1) demographic variables; 2) mental health factors (problems, social support, self-efficacy; problem-solving ability); 3) life stressors; 4) close relationships; 5) life condition (housing, education, employment, physical diseases/disability); 6) suicidal ideation/attempt and protective factors (view of life and death, suicidal ideation/attempt, protective factors, lifeline resources); and 7) financial situations. The results of the follow-up survey identified 11 key facts from participants who had suicidal ideation/attempt in 2016 or/and 2017. The top three risk facts were: 1) 2/3 of them continued to have severe suicidal ideation; 2) half of the participants who attempted suicide in 2016 attempted suicide again, and 3) combinations of problems (family, health, and finance) had the highest cause to participants who had suicidal ideation/attempt in 2017. The top three protective facts were: 1) improvement of close family relationships; 2) moderation of relationships with community members (the balance between isolation and overinvolvement of community activities), and 3) getting enough sleep and exercise. The additional facts will also be addressed to discuss risks factors in young adults are higher than those of older adults in Japan.

[This presentation is a part of The Nippon Foundation Suicide Prevention Project (PI: Yoshiaki Takahashi): [https://www.nippon-foundation.or.jp/what/projects/suicide\\_measures](https://www.nippon-foundation.or.jp/what/projects/suicide_measures)]

**Keynote Speaker Prof Dr Buxin Han**



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**Topic: Communal and institutional long-term care of demented elderlies in China**

## Professor Dr Mohammad Mahmudur Rahman



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**Mohammad MahmudurRahman** is currently serving as a Professor in the Department of Clinical Psychology, at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. He did his PhD from the University of Manitoba, Canada, in 1993, with special focus on Developmental Psychology. He has undergone through a post-doctoral training in Clinical Psychology at UCL, London, and supervised practice training in CBT (Cognitive Behaviour Therapy) at Springfield Hospital, London, UK, in 1997, for about 9 months. He worked as a Senior Clinical Psychologist and head of Clinical Psychology Department at Princess Marina Hospital, Botswana, during 2009 to 2012. During the 2012-13, he visited South Africa intensively and learned Hypnotherapy from two Hypnosis Training Institutes. He is also a practicing clinical psychologist and hypnotherapist. Currently he is learning Systemic Family Therapy (SFT) and willing to integrate it with community psychological approach to restore mental health and wellbeing of people in relational context beyond self, i.e., family, community, school, organization, institution, and nation as a whole. His other areas of research interests are: From micro-psychology to macro-psychology, preventive and predictive psychology, teaching of psychology, psychological literacy, critical and theoretical psychology, indigenous psychology, internationalizing psychology, developmental psychopathology, accelerated child development, development of self and inter-personal close relationships, prevention of mental illness, promotion of mental health and healthy lifestyle, political psychopathology and destructive within-group and between-group relations and their process of healing, integrating models of psychotherapies, rehabilitation psychology, psychology of genocide and mass violence, prevention of violence terrorism genocide and war, professional and ethical issues in psychology, psychology of peace happiness and productivity, psychology and public policy, psychology of global peace security and world development, psychology in the United Nations.

## Draft Program

### **January 22, 2020, Wednesday**

Foreign Delegates arrive in Dhaka

### **January 23, 2020, Thursday**

12.30 pm: Start from Central Railway Station, Kamlapur, Dhaka by Banolata Intercity nonstop train towards Rajshahi City Central Railway Station. Journey time 4- 5 hours.

Delegates will be guided to hotels, motels, guest houses by the Rajshahi University student volunteers.

### **January 24, 2020, Friday**

09.00 am: Inaugural Session of the Conference at Rajshahi University Campus

10.00 am – 4.00 pm: Scientific Sessions at Rajshahi University Campus

Foreign delegates will visit Varendra Research Museum in the morning/ Afternoon

Lunch: Central Cafeteria, University of Rajshahi

### **January 25, 2020, Saturday**

10.00 am – 4.00 pm: Scientific Sessions at Rajshahi University Campus

Lunch: Central Cafeteria, University of Rajshahi

5 pm: Closing Ceremony at Rajshahi University Kazi Nazrul Islam Auditorium

Followed by cultural show

### **January 26, 2020, Sunday**

Study tour: Kaligram Village, rural areas, and historical places around Rajshahi

### **January 27, 2020, Monday**

7 am: Journey to Dhaka from Rajshahi by Intercity train. Journey time 4-5 hours.

### **January 27, 2020**

See off remaining foreign guests at Dhaka Airport

### **Logistics/**

Officers of The Heritage Helpline Limited (+88 01913 199 199) will receive and see off foreign delegates at Dhaka airport. Receive them from immigration desk, escort to baggage collection and then to the waiting car/ microbus.

The Staff members of M/S Kiron Enterprise (+ 88 01715 152 891) Dhaka will drive the vehicles from Dhaka Airport to hotels/ guest houses. To and from Kamlapur Central Railway Station on 23 January and 27 January 2020. Other sightseeing in and around Dhaka city.

Heritage Air Express (+ 88 01678 094 635) will arrange tickets Dhaka- Rajshahi- Dhaka who wishes to travel by air between Dhaka and Rajshahi. There are 2-3 domestic flights every day.



**Venues to be used inside the campus**

1. Kazi Nazul Islam Auditorium seating capacity 2500 (Opening & Closing Ceremonies, some Keynote Speeches)
2. TSCC Auditorium seating capacity 450 (Scientific Session/ Keynote Speeches)
3. Physics Gallery, First Science Building, Seating Capacity 150 (Scientific Session)
4. Chemistry Gallery, Second Science Building, Seating Capacity 150 (Scientific Session)
5. IES Seminar Room, Fourth Science Building, Seating Capacity 70 (Scientific Session)
6. Mental Health Center Council Room, Second Science Building, Seating Capacity 25 (Group Discussions)

## **Abstract and Paper submission**

### **Abstracts**

Please use any of the well-known English Fonts. About 300 words. Please provide

Title of the Paper

Author Information: Name, Complete address, email, phone and fax numbers.

Last date of abstract submission: 17 October 2019

Scientific committee will inform acceptance within 30 October 2019 to the email of the author.

All accepted abstracts will be printed in the conference souvenir booklet which will be distributed before the opening ceremony from the Registration Desk.

Please email your abstract to [mhc@ru.ac.bd](mailto:mhc@ru.ac.bd) before 17 October 2019.

### **Full Paper**

Accepted authors shall have to send power point files to email: [mhc@ru.ac.bd](mailto:mhc@ru.ac.bd) before 30 November 2019.

Authors are requested to bring the hard copies following APA guidelines. Please submit the hard copies to the respective session chairpersons before specific scientific sessions.

All presented papers will be published in the 'Bangladesh Journal of Behavioural Sciences' (ISSN 1998 – 095X) after peer review.

## Registration

All interested persons who wishes to join the conference are requested to send the following information from serial 1 to 9 first to the email [mhc@ru.ac.bd](mailto:mhc@ru.ac.bd)

When you receive the reply email of your acceptance, please pay your registration fee online and send the payment details.

You will be confirmed of your final enrollment as delegate and other details.

Registration Form (7<sup>th</sup> International SIVUS Conference on Developmental Disability)

1	COUNTRY	
2	NAME	
3	POSITION/ TITLE	
4	ORGANISATION/ UNIVERSITY/RESEARCH INSTITUTE/	
5	DETAIL ADDRESS	
6	EMAIL	
7	PHONES (Office, Residence)	
8	MOBILE PHONE	
9	FAX	
10	PAYMENT DETALS Bank, Branch, Date, Receipt Number, Amount	
11	Any accompanying person ? If yes, please send information from SI 1 to 9	
12	Do you need hotel/guest house assistance? If yes, please mention your budget	

## **Registration Fees**

### Foreign delegates

Foreign delegates are to pay their registration fees in cash BDT equivalent to corresponding UD\$ on arrival at the Registration Desk before the opening ceremony of the conference. They are requested to maintain liaison with the conference committee through email related to their flight details and other requirements.

Bangladeshi delegates are to deposit their registration fees online to the Bank Account of 'Rajshahi University Mental Health Center', Account Number 02000012837807, Agrani Bank Limited, Rajshahi University Branch when they receive email from [mhc@ru.ac.bd](mailto:mhc@ru.ac.bd) related to acceptance as delegate.

Key note speakers, Organizing committee members, Scientific Committee members, invited delegates and the volunteer students shall not have to pay any registration fees.

### Registration Fees

SAARC countries	Delegates	BDT 2000	Students	BDT 1000
	Accompanying Persons	BDT 1000		
Other Countries	Delegates	US\$ 200	Students	US\$ 100
	Accompanying Persons	US\$ 100		

Delegates will receive all the conference kits. Accompanying persons will receive ID badge, note books, pens, Program details, tea and lunch. Accompanying persons are entitled to attend the scientific sessions, too.