

## Newly launched Bangladesh Travel and Tourism Council elects office bearers

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Dhaka: The newly launched Bangladesh Travel and Tourism Council (BTTC) has elected its 17 members office bearers with Kazi Wahidul Alam, Editor the Bangladesh Monitor and Masud Hussain, Managing Director, Bengal Tours Ltd. as President and Secretary respectively. The election took place at the first general meeting of the Council, held on December 4 at the InterContinental Dhaka. Imran Asif, CEO, Air Astra and Shakawath Hossain, CEO, Unique Hotel and Resorts have been elected as Vice Presidents, Rezwan Maruf, Director, Sales and Marketing of InterContinental Dhaka as Joint Secretary, while Asif Ahmed, Acting General Manager of Pan Pacific Sonargaon has been elected as the Treasurer.

Other members of the newly elected Executive committee are Shahid Hamid, Acting Managing Director, Regency Hotel and Resorts; Nasser Rahman, Managing Director, Dusai Resorts and Spa ; Akhteruzzaman

Khan Kabir, former CEO, Bangladesh Tourism Board; Faruq M. Ahmed, Travel writer; Dr. Rubina Hossain, Managing Director, Institute of Hotel Management and Hospitality; Prof. Mujib U Ahmed, Dept. of Tourism and Hospitality Management, DU; Ishtiaquddin Ahmed, former Conservator of Forests; Basudev Bhattacharya, former Principal, National Hotel and Tourism Training Institute; Sadia Haque, Co-founder and CEO, Sharetrip; Taufiq Rahman CEO, Journey Plus and Syed Ghulam Qadir, US Bangla Airlines.

The purpose of the Council is to foster the development of the country's travel, tourism and hospitality sectors. This includes promoting sustainable growth, advocating for policies that support the industry, providing a platform for collaboration and elevating the country's global standing as a premier travel destination in South Asia.

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