

## WTN conducts first board meeting

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Dhaka : The first Board meeting of the World Tourism Network (WTN) Bangladesh Chapter was held recently at a city hotel.

Chaired by M Hakim Ali the meeting was also addressed among others by Md Akhter Uzzaman former CEO of BTB as special guest.

The meeting observed that tourism is a significant part of many national economies, and the immediate and immense shock to the tourism sector resulting from the coronavirus pandemic is affecting the wider economy.

As governments around the world have introduced unprecedented measures to contain the virus, restrictions on travel, business operations and people-to-people interactions have brought the tourism economy to a standstill.

Many countries are now entering a new phase in fighting the virus while at the same time managing the reopening of the tourism economy. This is a complex and challenging task, and quantifying the impact on the tourism economy is difficult.

The meeting also discussed different issues related to the sector.

The meeting proposed to find out the professionals of all the relevant sectors, work on the statistics of the sector as there is a wide gap in the sector to find real data.

The meeting said the government did not pay due focus on the tourism industry.

Tourism sector is on the verge of collapse. This sector will not survive without assistance from the government, the meeting observed.

