## Short Bio of Mohammad Iftekhar Hossain



Mr. Mohammad Iftekhar Hossain is a civil servant. He's now a Joint Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh and recently has joined as the Project Director of Land Management Automation Project of Ministry of Land. He joined the Bangladesh Civil Service (Administration) in 2001 and has an illustrious experience of working both for central and local government at various capacities. At the field administration, he served as Assistant Commissioner & Magistrate in Cumilla Collectorate, Assistant Commissioner (Land) in Feni Sadar Upazila, Senior Assistant Commissioner and First Class Magistrate in Brahmanbaria Collectorate, Upazila Nirbahi Officer in Gaindandha Sadar Upazila, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition) in Dhaka Collectorate and Deputy Commissioner in Shatkhira District.

At the ministerial level, Mr. Hossain has worked as Senior Assistant Secretary in Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment and Ministry of Public Administration. He also worked as Deputy Secretary in Economic Relations Division (ERD) and Financial Institutions Division (FID) both of Ministry of Finance. Of a half a decade's working experience at the Ministry of Finance, he mainly worked on climate finance and risk financing. Under a secondment/lien from the Government, he worked in UNDP Bangladesh for quarter to four years as the Project Coordination Specialist where he looked after the implementation oversight, strategic management and programme coordination of disaster and climate change related programmes/projects like, National Resilience Programme, Local Government's Initiatives on Climate Change (LoGIC) project, Gender-responsive Climate Adaptation (GCA) project and UNDP Insurance & Risk Finance Facility in Bangladesh.

For his expertise, especially on land acquisition, climate finance and project management, Mr. Hossain has been included in the public administration trainers' pool and he has been a regular speaker in various sessions at different training institutions, workshops and seminars, both in home and abroad. As a researcher, he's authored so far three publications on climate finance. He has travelled widely both within and outside of the country.

Mr. Hossain obtained his first Masters in Accounting from University of Dhaka, Bangladesh followed by another Masters in Development Economics from University of Birmingham, UK. Earlier he passed HSC and SSC through Notre Dame College and Tejgaon Government Boys' High School respectively.

Although, his native village is in Rajshahi, he is born and brought up in Dhaka City. Mr. Hossain is happily married, and is the proud father of three sons.