MR. TAREQ AHMED Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka

Present rank: Director General/C- Grade Ambassador **Date of Birth**: 04 September 1972

Service record:

2023-: Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka in November as Director General.

2021-2023: Served as Chargé d'Affaires, a.p. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of the Sudan from July 2021 to November 2023. Has the unique experience of opening a new Mission in Sudan and subsequently closing it due to war.

2018-2021: Served as Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Canberra, Australia from September 2018 to July 2021. The High Commission is concurrently accredited to New Zealand and Fiji.

2015- 2018: Served as Director General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka from October 2015 to September 2018. Promoted to the rank of C- Grade Ambassador in May 2017. During the period, worked as DG (External Publicity, DG (SAARC & BIMSTEC) and DG (West Asia).

2013-2015: Served in the Bangladesh Embassy in Beijing from March 2013 to October 205 as Counsellor and Minister. The Mission in Beijing is concurrently accredited to Mongolia and Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

2010- 2013: Served in the Bangladesh Embassy in Moscow from October 2010 to March 2013 as Counsellor. This mission is concurrently accredited to Ukraine, Belarus, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

2009 --**2010** : Joined Bangladesh Permanent Mission in New York as Counsellor in May 2009. In the UN, dealt with the issues of Second Committee like LDC, South-South Cooperation and Climate Change and that of First Committee (Disarmament).

2007-- 2009: Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka in August 2007 as Senior Assistant Secretary. Later promoted to the rank of Director in January 2008. Worked in the Foreign Secretary' Office as Director.

2004 - 2007: Joined Bangladesh Embassy in Brussels, Belgium as Second Secretary in August 2004. Later promoted to the rank of First Secretary in February 2005.

This mission deals with the multilateral, political, commercial, economic and development issues of the European Commission and other European Institutions

based in Brussels and Strasbourg. It is also concurrently accredited to Luxembourg and Switzerland.

2001- 2004: Joined Bangladesh Embassy in Manila in May 2001 as Third Secretary. Later promoted to the rank of Second Secretary. Apart from bilateral relations with the Philippines, this mission deals with International Organizations like IRRI, ADB, CPSC.

1999- 2001: Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Assistant Secretary on 25 January 1999. Worked in several desks including Multilateral Economic Affairs, Administration and Protocol Wing.

Training:

Participated in the six weeks training course on "WTO Trade Negotiation" in the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore from 26 October- 6 December 2008.

Participated in the two weeks course on *"Learning European Union System"* organized by French Government in Strasbourg and Brussels for Young Diplomats of Asia from 9-20 May 2005.

Participated in the *"Specialized Training Course"* in Foreign Service Academy of Bangladesh from 16 January to 30 September 2000.

Participated in the **"23rd Foundation Training Course**" at the Public Administration Training Center of Bangladesh from 7 February to 6 June 1999.

Educational background:

1994: MSc in Soil Science from the University of Dhaka, completed thesis on *"Potassium Release Characteristics of Soil as influenced by Mineralogy"*. Secured First Class First position.

1993: B.Sc Honours in Soil Science from the University of Dhaka. Secured First Class First position.

1990: Passed H.S.C examination securing First Division.

1988: Passed S.S.C Examination securing First Division

Family information:

Married to Mrs. Ummey Rumman. Has two sons, Prochchhanno Muntaha Ahmad and Pantho Muntad Ahmad.