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### Visit of officers of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

A team of eight officers of the Ministry of Law led by Mr. Abu Ahmed Jamadar, Joint Secretary visited BIAC on 11th July 2012. The team was briefed by the officials of BIAC on its present activities and future programme. Mr. Abu Ahmed Jamadar, Joint Secretary informed BIAC officials about government's programme on judicial reform to ease congestion of cases in courts and expeditious disposal of cases. He highlighted government's emphasis on arbitration and mediation as a method of dispute resolution.



### Workshop on "Court Intervention in Arbitration" held at JATI.

BIAC organized a workshop on "Court Intervention in Arbitration" on 17th July 2012 at Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI). Former Chief Justice Md. Tofazzul Islam was the resource person. Thirty five judges of the rank of District and Sessions Judge participated in the programme, which was addressed among

others by Md. Mafizul Islam, Director General-in-Charge, JATI, Md. Zakir Hossain, Director, JATI and Abu Ahmed Jamadar FF, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Law.



### Training Course on "Negotiations".

BIAC organized a training course on "Negotiations" on Tuesday, 3rd July 2012 from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm at BIAC's Multi Purpose Room. Dr. Toufiq Ali, Chief Executive of BIAC, conducted the training, which included both instructional sessions and exercises on negotiations.

The programme, the first of its kind in Bangladesh, is intended to help the participants negotiate from strength. The basic skills required in successful negotiations are covered, along with introduction to the processes and techniques involved. For lawyers, this programme is particularly valuable as negotiations are at the heart of the processes and substance of arbitration and mediation. Successful participants were given Certificates.



### Visit of Graham Massie of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution(CEDR), London

Graham Massie of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) visited BIAC on 11th September 2012. Dr. Toufiq Ali, Chief Executive and other BIAC officials were present during the meeting.



The meeting was particularly important as BIAC plans to offer Mediation, a method of dispute resolution, to its clients, with the assistance of CEDR - a world-renowned centre specializing in mediation. CEDR has been selected by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) for conducting training need assessment (TNA) and imparting training on mediation in Bangladesh.

### Training on "The Art of Negotiation"



BIAC conducted a one-day training programme on "The Art of Negotiation" on 18th September 2012. The course included exercises that apply the principles of negotiations to real-life cases. The number of participants was kept limited, to allow close interaction of the participants with the resource person.

As the interest in the training was

overwhelming, BIAC arranged the same training on 20th September and 9th October 2012. Forty six mid-level executives, bankers and lawyers participated in the programme.

This programme is designed for Bankers, Managers and Executives working with corporate houses and dealing in Operations, Human Resources, Procurement, Sales, Marketing, and Administration. Mid-career executives are expected to benefit most from the course.

### BIAC's Outreach Programme

To promote ADR, particularly arbitration, for settlement of commercial disputes, BIAC has commenced an outreach programme involving important business chambers of Bangladesh. The first such programme outside Dhaka will be held at the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCC&I) on 10th November 2012. The programme will be jointly organized by BIAC and CCC&I. Minister for Commerce Hon'ble G M Quader, MP has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest at the programme.

### BIAC Website launched

BIAC Website has been launched on trial basis. When fully developed, the site will provide information on BIAC and its activities, along with coverage of arbitration and mediation activities for settling commercial disputes throughout the country.

### Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 amended making Mediation mandatory

Parliament has recently amended the Code of Civil Procedure 1908, making mediation mandatory in civil cases. The amendment received the assent of the Hon'ble President of Bangladesh on 24th September 2012 and the official gazette was published on the same day. It is hoped that these amendments will become operational soon, and be used effectively by litigants and their counsels.

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