

# FOREWORD

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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

It gives me immense pleasure that MIJST is going to publish a Special Issue on the Padma Multipurpose Bridge on the eve of the 51st Victory Day of Bangladesh. Our Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has turned the aspiration of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman - the Father of the Nation - into reality by constructing the largest bridge in Bangladesh over a span of 6.15 km across the great river – Padma, connecting the southwestern part of the country to the Capital city Dhaka. The Bridge symbolizes the country's extraordinary economic potential and its achievements in nationwide infrastructure and communication link development in recent years. It is a matter of pride for all Bangladeshis that this challenging megastructure was built using the country's own financial resources and local expertise.

I'm pleased to note that the eight invited papers of this special issue on structural analysis, geotechnical consideration, environmental, transportation, construction, and management challenges of the Padma Multipurpose Bridge are contributed by practitioners and academics from Bangladesh, Singapore, and Norway who directly participated in the design and construction of the bridge under the leadership of the Panel of Bangladeshi Expert headed by late Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury. My heartfelt thanks and gratitude are due to the authors of all these papers. I sincerely hope and trust that these papers will significantly advance academics' and professionals' comprehension of how this iconic Bridge was designed, developed, and finally put into place overcoming all design and construction obstacles.

I wish continued success of MIJST!



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