

Mr. A.K.M Rafiqul Islam

Mr. A.K.M Rafiqul Islam, FCA, FCMA is a trustee of the Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT), the founding trust of Independent University, Bangladesh. Mr. Rafiqul Islam was born on 30th October, 1937 in Manika, Bhola. He is one of the founding trustee members and was the Chairman of the board of trustees for five years. Mr. Rafiqul Islam obtained his B. Com degree from Dhaka University in 1957 and has had continued academic successes. He obtained a degree in Chartered Accountancy from the Institute of Chartered Accountant of Pakistan in 1965, and a degree in Cost and Management Accountancy, Institute of Chartered Management Accountant from UK in 1981. He received two diplomas, one in Public Administration in 1978 from PATC, Govt. of Bangladesh and another on Insurance in 1983 from the Institute of Insurance for Asia and the Pacific (IIAP) Manila, under UNCTAD Scholarship. He has been an EDI (Overseas Fellow of the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank) fellow, as well as an Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Fellow on Development Finance.

Mr. Islam has had a very impressive professional career. He was the Sr. Accountant at the Sandwell Consultants Limited (Consultant to EPIDC), Chief Accountant at Luis Berger Inc. Dhaka and at Great Eastern insurance Co. Ltd. He was Finance Director of Surma Jiban Bima Corporation, then General Manager (Finance) of Shadharan Bima Corporation. He was also the founding Managing Director of Pragati Insurance Limited and, Sponsor Director both Pragati Insurance Limited and the Credit Rating Agency of Bangladesh. Currently he is Chairman of the Rangamati Waterfront, Concord.

In recognition of his great contribution to the field of insurance, Mr. Rafiqul Islam won a Gold Medal from the Bangladesh Insurance Academy and received the Dhaka University Research Association (DURA) Award. Mr. Islam was also the 1992 recipient of the Atish Dipankar Padak for outstanding contribution as a Social Organiser.

Mr. Rafiqul is married to Mrs. Lutfia Islam and is blessed with a son and a daughter.