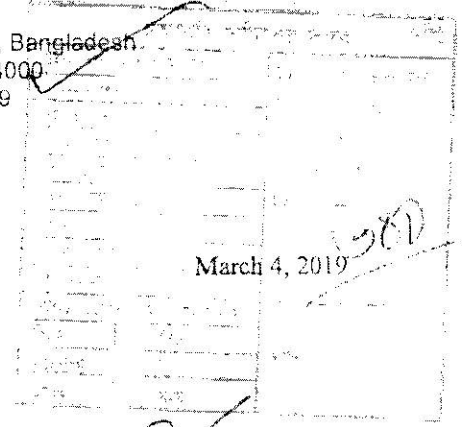
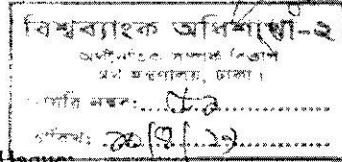


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Dear Additional Secretary Haque:

**Subject: National Agriculture Technology Program-Phase II Project (NATP-II), IDA Cr. 5665-BD:  
Mid-Term Review Mission: April 28-May 09, 2019**

Your clearance is requested for a World Bank Mid-Term Review (MTR) mission for the National Agriculture Technology Program – Phase II Project (NATP-II). Barring objection on your part, the mission would take place from April 28 to May 09, 2019.

The mission objectives are to: (i) assess the implementation status and progress towards meeting project objectives and disbursement targets to date; (ii) assess the progress achieved against the outcome indicators specified in the results framework; (iii) evaluate the functioning of the monitoring and evaluation system, particularly the accuracy and timeliness of the outcome indicators (iv) carry out an exhaustive financial and procurement review; (v) assess the institutional and organizational arrangements; (vi) assess safeguard and risks; (vii) analyze key constraints to the project performance and agree to necessary measures to improve performance; and (viii) based on the status and assessment, determine additional recommendations, if required.

The World Bank team will comprise Messrs./Mme. Ms. Pushina Kunda Ng'andwe (Sr. Rural Development Specialist and Out-going Task Team Leader (TTL)), Samina Yasmin (Agriculture Economist, co-TTL), Manivel Sene (Sr. Agriculture Specialist), Izabela Leao (Sr. Rural Development Specialist, In-coming TTL), Md. Mansur Ahmed (Agriculture Economist), Arafat Istiaque (Procurement Specialist), Mohammed Atikuzzaman (Sr. Financial Management Specialist), Kirti Nishan Chakma (Social Safeguards Specialist), Md Istiak Sobhan (Environment Specialist) and Jinia Sultana (Program Associate), Zhe Yuan (FAO-CP, GHG Accounting and Climate Co-Benefits), Sherina Tabassum (Country Program Officer) and Christa Ketting (Program Officer) from IFAD will also be joining the mission,

The mission would like to hold meetings with officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Economic Relations Division, and other relevant Government and non-government agencies. We hope that the timing of the mission is convenient to the Government.

A draft mission schedule is attached. The schedule may be revised on further consultation with the implementing agencies and stakeholders. For further information, please contact Pushina Kunda Ng'andwe (email: pngandwe@worldbank.org) or Jinia Sultana at 02-55667777, Ext 4307.

Sincerely,

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