



National Tobacco Control Cell Health Services Division Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Bangladesh

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NTCC co-organized a Capacity Building Workshop for Enforcement of Tobacco Control Law: Refresher training for Sanitary Inspector's (3rd and 4th batch). It was held at BMA Bhaban from 1-2nd October, 2018.



Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Joint Secretary, Health Services Division, MoHFW has joined as Coordinator of National Tobacco Control Cell on 16.10.2018.

The representatives of Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Alliance (BATA) met him on 18th October, 2018. Mr. Khalilur Rahman warmly welcomes them and wishes to give his full support and seek cooperation from BATA to work for tobacco control jointly, effectively and strongly.



- ✚ A meeting for approval of draft 'Tobacco Free Health Care Facilities Implementation Guidelines' held on 21.10.2018 presided by Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (PH & WH) and project director of NTCC. A committee was formed for review and necessary update of the Guideline as per TC Act & Rules. A meeting was held by the formulated committee on 28.10.2018.
- ✚ Another meeting held on 21.10.2018 regarding allocated revenue budget of nine crore taka. A committee was formed for revising and allocating the budget appropriately.



Co-organized a discussion meeting on necessity for implementation of FCTC Article 5.3 was held at Fars Hotel and Resort, Purana Paltan, Dhaka on 25.10.2018. Participants from different ministries, NGO's, INGO's attended the meeting. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (Public Health and World Health), Health Services Division and Md. Khalilur Rahman, Coordinator of NTCC were also present at that meeting.



A zero draft guideline on FCTC Article 5.3 implementation has been prepared. The previously constituted committee is revised and formed on FCTC to update the guideline and to take necessary steps for its finalization and future implementation through proper channel. A meeting of this committee has been called on 8.11.2018.

A visit at Shishu (children) Academy was done to observe the implementation of the tobacco control law in relation to smoke free jurisdiction on 10.10.2018. Program officer of NTCC observed different floor/parts of buildings and open spaces in Shishu Academy.

- ✚ Program Officers of NTCC attended 3 days long Regional Meeting on Package of Essential NCDs (PEN) and healthy lifestyle interventions at BICC conference, organized by NCDC, DGHS program.
- ✚ Dhaka River Port, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), Sadarghat, Dhaka organized a discussion meeting for implementing Tobacco Control Law in River Ports and water transports sector on 29 October, 2018 at its conference room. One program officer from NTCC attended the meeting. It was organized with the assistance of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK).

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