



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

*E-Newsletter of National Tobacco Control Cell – NTCC for the month of September'2018*

On 09.09.2018, Coordination meeting of NTCC with different anti-tobacco organizations (INGOs, NGOs) was held at the conference room of Health Economics Unit. Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (world health & public health), Health Services Division was the honorable Chairperson of this meeting. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator, National Tobacco Control Cell was also present as moderator. Member from other government, international and non-government organization were also present at the meeting and they present their works they have done in the month of June-August regarding tobacco control and also present their future work plan for the month of September-October.



A High level inter-ministerial meeting on National Tobacco Control Program was organized on 18 September in which 18 officials from different ministry attended. This meeting outcome provided several recommendations for effective NTCP formation.



NTCC officials visited Rangpur district to monitor enforcement of tobacco control law in Rangpur city that includes provision of smoke-free public places/transport, illegal tobacco advertisement and promotions (including point of sale tobacco ads), sale to and by minor and 50% graphical health warnings etc. NTCC team met Mayor of Rangpur City Corporation, Acting Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon of Rangpur District, Vice Principle of Lions School and College in Rangpur. Team also visits markets, public places etc.



Supported Bureau of Economic Research, University of Dhaka to organize 3days long training course on ‘Economics of Tobacco and Tobacco Taxation: Public Health Perspective-2018’. In which Coordinator of NTCC attended in the opening session as guest and facilitated a session



Organized two refreshers training for Sanitary Inspectors on tobacco control law enforcement in which 63 Sanitary Inspectors attended those are authorized officers as per tobacco control law.



NTCC, The Union and CTFK organized residential workshop on National Tobacco Control Program in Rangpur.



Program Officer, NTCC attended Union grantee NATAB discussion on stakeholder’s engagement on TAPS ban.

NTCC coordinator Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh and Program Officer Aminul Islam attended Asia Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT) 2018 in Bali, Indonesia.

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