

TO OUR READERS

We were heartened to observe the elevation of Bangla-China economic relation to a new level. The investments, totaling almost \$40 billion, by far the highest single offer of foreign assistance to the country, encompassing both the state and private sectors, will be a shot in the arm in the country's infrastructure development efforts. China's Silk Road initiative has the potential to bring about a paradigm shift to the regional trading. Bangladesh, then known as "Manjala" in China, historically has been a port of call on the old Silk Road. An overland link to China, possibly through Myanmar, can revive opportunities, evocative of our past. We were also pleased by the recent visit by the President of the World Bank and his commitment to assist us to fight climate change and child malnutrition – both, in the long run, major vulnerabilities of the country.

We look forward to early implementation of the projects under the recently signed protocols and hope that the implementation process will be designed to take advantage, to the maximum possible extent, of locally available men and material, thereby creating new jobs and demand for goods.

On this note, I thank all our readers, well-wishers and my colleagues and wish a Happy New Year to all with this last issue of 2016. □

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ROAD MAINTENANCE IN TAJIKISTAN: CAREC 6

Tajikistan inherited a large road network from the former Soviet Union on its independence in 1991. Ministry of Transport (MOT) is the central governing body for the transport sector in Tajikistan. City Mayors are responsible for development works under their jurisdiction. Road maintenance has been minimum after the Soviet era, mainly due to shortage of fund, leading to a steady accumulation of road repairs. Without regular maintenance, roads have fallen into poor condition, preventing communities from gaining the full benefits of road assets.

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ROAD PROJECT IN NEPAL

Nepal's highway system's backbone is its East-West Highway (1027 km), also called Mahendra Highway, which stretches the entire length of the country in the Terai Region close and parallel to its border with India. A number of highways, including the two project roads - the Ratna Highway (91 km) and Siddhartha Highway (157 km), running transverse to it, join/intersect Mahendra Highway at various points.

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