

SEMINAR ON CLEANER PRODUCTION USING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EMS)

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Waste Concern in partnership with Department of Environment of the Government of Bangladesh and South Asia Enterprise Development Facility (SEDF) jointly organized a seminar on *Cleaner Production Using Environmental Management System (EMS)* at the Media Center-2 of Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center in Dhaka on 12th September, 2007. The main objective of the seminar was to raise awareness about the proactive measures of industrial environmental management using EMS and cleaner production rather adopting reactive measures. Use of EMS and cleaner production can yield economic benefits for the industries along with environmental health and safety benefits.



More than 200 participants representing Planning Commission, Ministry of Commerce, Department of Environment (DOE), Dhaka WASA, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), UNDP, World Bank, IFC, JICA, GTZ, Swisscontact-KATALYST, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Dhaka University, Jahangir Nagar University, Khulna University, Ahsanullah University, Bangladesh Plastic Goods Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BPGMEA), NGOs, Industries, Daily Newspapers etc. attended the seminar. Mr. Muhammad Abdul Mazid, Member, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh,

addressed in the seminar as Chief Guest. It was also addressed by Dr. Mahfuzul Haq, Additional Secretary and Chief Controller of Insurance, Ministry of Commerce; Mr. Mohammad Reazuddin, Director (Technical), Department of Environment; Dr. Rezaul Karim, Former Chief, Environment Division, UNESCAP; MD. Jashim Uddin, President, Bangladesh Plastic Goods Manufacturing Association (BPGMEA); Mr. Sudhi R. Mukherjee, Environmental Specialist, International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Mr. A. H. Md. Maqsood Sinha, Executive Director, Waste Concern. Dr. Ijaz Hossain, Professor, Chemical Engineering Department, BUET, made a presentation on *Cleaner Production Process*. Mr. Iftekhar Enayetullah, Director, Waste Concern, made his presentation on *Environmental Management System and Its Benefits* while Mr. Horendro Nath Ghosh, Research Engineer, Waste Concern and Representatives of Industries, presented their case studies on *Cleaner Production Using EMS*.