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"Praise be to Allah, to whom belongs all things in the heavens and on earth
To Him we Praise in the Hereafter and He is Full of Wisdom, acquainted with all things." (34:1)

"To Allah doth belong the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein, and it is He who hath power over all things." (5:120)

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President's Message

As salamu Alaikum. Let peace and blessing of God be on you and us.

We are now holding CBET 6th Annual General Meeting.

During the last 6 years, from 2014 to 2019, CBET changed lives of over 1,100 families in Bangladesh giving 1,115 students each one $200 as scholarship for higher secondary education. CBET provided 50 scholarships in Ottawa Gatineau in High schools, colleges and universities.
For year 2019, CBET distributed all 255 scholarships by January 2019.

CBET for the245 recipients of 2018 higher secondary scholarships is launching 2019 University scholarships. Those 245 students will directly apply to CBET, if they get admitted in 2019 to any public university, engineering or medical or honors degree program. Successful students will receive university study scholarships in 2 instalments of taka 15,000

CBET is a federally registered Canadian charity. Here a group of people, volunteer their time and money, also working to integrate youths and families as contributing Canadian Citizens with strong moral and ethical values.

Let us all work to give education to needy and orphan students to make them productive citizens. The students will be productive citizen and we will get rewards for years to come, only $200 from Zakat or Sadaqa.

Please read and write CBET eMagazine, http://CanadianDream.CBET.ca with readership of over 2500.
Finally, I thank my wife Asma Khan and CBET BOD, who passionately with dedication worked together to bring CBET as a well-known charity since 2012. We seek HIS forgiveness for our shortcomings. May God give our families health, peace and prosperity.

With thanks,

Dr. Emdad Khan

Change a Life by Giving in Education

1. Introduction

"And cover not Truth with falsehood, nor conceal the Truth when ye know (what it is)". Al-Quran 2:42

Transparency and accountability bring credibility to an organization. CBET remains accountable to 1) Allah (SWT), 2) its members, and 3) the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) as a responsible charity organization, 4) Industry Canada as a non-profit organization.

The primary objective of this report is to convey to our local community, the general public, CRA and Industry Canada, the activities and achievements of the past year and present an update on the latest progress on the funding, expenses and progress in our scholarship program.

1.1 Background:

CBET was established in August 2012, to provide scholarships to students in Canada and in Bangladesh. CBET is the only Canadian Government-registered Bangladeshi Education Trust in Canada.

1.2 CBET Vision:

Our Vision in CBET is to make education equally accessible for needy students and convert these students as useful human resources and valuable members of society. Education is a basic right for every single citizen and CBET is there to help those students implement that basic right by providing financial assistance.

1.3 CBET Mission:

Our mission in CBET is to help under privileged students in Bangladesh and Canada to improve their socio- economic status by providing financial assistance during the course of their education. CBET aims to advance education by supporting students to become valuable resources for the country.

1.4 CBET Mission statement:

CBET strives to give scholarships to College students in all 450 sub-districts to advance education in Bangladesh. Education is one of the greatest tools to impart moral values, and to develop a good society. CBET is there to help those students implement that basic right by providing scholarships. CBET also strives to establish a dialogue between different Bangladeshi and other Canadians in the Ottawa-Gatineau.

2. CBET Coverage Area

CBET represents the Bangladeshi community of Ottawa Gatineau since August 2012. It is an independent, non-political, non-profit, family-centric organization. CBET also plans to establish branches in major cities in Canada, such as Montreal, Vancouver, and Toronto.

3. Service Location: Ottawa Gatineau

CBET provides spiritual, social and community services through monthly gatherings. Head office for CBET is located in Ottawa, Canada with a branch in Dhaka. Large-scale community events like Summer Picnics and Fundraising Dinners, which require larger space, are held in rented community centers, local public schools and/or other public areas.

4. Objectives

The objective of the project is to bring a change in the society which includes Canada and Bangladesh. The project is aimed to assist the talented and poor students from colleges in rural areas of Bangladesh for continuing their education by providing financial supports. Organize, celebrate social and religious festivals to build a stronger and healthier community

5. Principles

CBET is guided by the following principles:

Honesty, openness and fairness
Accountability to Al-Mighty God
Canadian Statutory Authorities and CBET Community
Providing service to the Community members irrespective of faith, culture and ethnicity
Respect everyone's views, values and ideas

6. Expected Results

After completion of the project following changes are expected to be achieved

1. Poor and talented students are continuing their education
2. Help the students to be a skilled manpower or resources
3. Encouraged students for acquiring better result and continue in higher education

7. Selection of Colleges

Students were selected as per set criteria of CBET. The project firstly selected the colleges. These colleges are selected from rural areas and situated in the poverty prone areas of Bangladesh. Students were selected by a committee of 5 members of CBET through a transparent and reliable process as per the instruction of CBET. The process was given emphasize on students came from very poor family and had an evidence of their good results in the examination.

8. Reserved Orphan Scholarship

CBET guarantees to award scholarship to any orphan students upon proper validation.

9. Organize Award giving ceremony:

Award giving ceremonies were organized at 49 college premises. Through these events a total of 245 students received BDT 11,000 each for their education expenses. Authority of the selected colleges organized the events by the support from CBET. A short discussion on the scholarship program was held on its necessity, objectives and role of students for proper utilization of the scholarship amount etc.

10. Validating Scholarship applications

We sometimes call students in Bangladesh who make applications for CBET scholarship. We asked Mr Abdul Matin, our CBET Liaison Adviser for Bangladesh about it and wanted to know why he calls the students. His reply is as follows:

“Please refer to para 20 of the A to Z: Detailed Procedures. It is stated in the para that “Please note that for verification purposes and also to ensure fairness and to assess merits, sometimes

we might call the students and ask them some general questions and also the questions about what they mentioned in their application form. Especially, when notice that two/three students' merits and financial conditions are same, at that point, we might call the students and ask them few questions to determine the eligible student for the scholarship." In addition, sometimes we see discrepancies in the application or in supporting documents, so I call them to get it clarified.

11. Project Result

After completion of the project following achievements in terms of quality and quantity have been seen in different aspects of the project:

- A total of 245 students of 49 different colleges enriched with education materials, books, uniform and other expenses.
- Students learning capacities have developed in terms of quality education and participation in different competitive examination.
- Students are able to take coaching and give tuition fees regularly.
- They have confidence to be continued their higher education at any noted institutions.
- Parents, guardians and local community people became aware about the program and ultimate objectives of the program. They assured to follow up their future course of actions and assist the students to continue education if require.
- Decreased gender discrimination in line with educational opportunity as the project emphasized female students as its primary stakeholders.
- Reduced Early Marriage
- Decreased risk of dropout from education

12. Improve Learning

A substantial number of talent and poor students dropped out and discontinue from education as well higher education due to financial challenges. Support from Government, any organization or society will make them a resource rather than burden of family and nation.
The student feels proud, confident and inspired to be a good citizen instead being a member of poor family.

CBET scholarship support adds huge value in the life of the students. It's developed a moral courage among the students to be a resource and contributor for the society.

The scholarship program enable the talent and poor students a healthy competitiveness. Eventually it gives a development scenario in students' individual performance.

This support need to continue and expanded to create more opportunity for the poor and talent students to retain in education.

13. Fundraising Activities

Al-Hamdu Lillah, in the year 2018, CBET awarded 245 scholarships in Bangladesh to 49 institutions. Each school received 4,000 BDT to host an award ceremony and students selected from each institute received 5 scholarships, each 11,000 BDT. In Sha Allah in the year 2019 CBET has funding to award 255 scholarships in Bangladesh of BDT 11,000.

13.1 Fundraising at Friday Prayer Gatherings

Al-Hamdu Lillah, the Ottawa community is very generous. CBET holds fundraising during Friday Prayer gathering at different Mosques in Ottawa, which allows us to collect substantial amount funds from Jumma prayer attendees.We would like to express our sincere gratitude to each Masjid management and musallees for their generosity.

13.2 On Line Fundraising

CBET also actively fundraises via its website (www.cbet.ca) via PayPal, MasterCard and Visa. CBET is now registered with https://www.canadahelps.org/en/ to collect more donations online. 2018 especially saw a substantial increase on online donations, and we are hopeful it will continue to serve as a convenient, accessible and easy way for our donors to offer their support to CBET.

13.3 Fundraising via Text

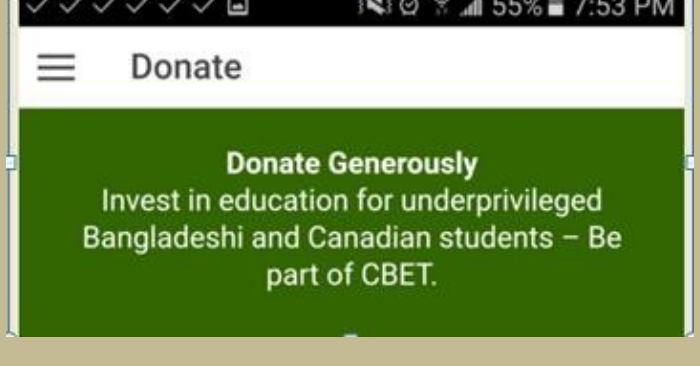
To increase fundraising effort CBET setup Donate via text method.

13.4 Acquired Moneris debit machine

As a cost saving measure to avoid paying high fee and to be better organized as well as for efficiency CBET acquired its own debit machine rather than borrowing from other organization.

13.5 Fundraising via App on your cell phone

To increase its presence on mobile media CBET developed an App which is available at Google App store**.**



13.6 Annual Fund Raising Dinner

On November 11th, 2018, CBET hosted its very successful 6th annual fundraising dinner with a great turnout and participation rate. We had over 20 volunteers and the CBET Board of Directors team who worked tirelessly to pull off another amazing event. The program was attended by 250 guests representing mainstream Canadians and different ethnic communities. With the mercy of Allah (SWT) we raised over $30,000 CAD during the dinner. Please find the YouTube link and few pictures. Photo and Video Credit goes to Wahed Mohammed .

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6D5MBKeaIM&list=PLLvngHzNdQ9YtRsQ1Xft8Ehp2yuKLVFRi&t=0s&index=5&fbclid=IwAR34v-RsM9be_vJGx-YEJqmj3PcI0lw8V69clEyeZmqXGr5RxceugmZHUZg

In addition, the event was attended by many distinguished guests from the Ottawa community, who came to listen to the CBET story and how it has touched the lives of students thus far in Bangladesh and Canada.

The Sixth Annual CBET Fundraising Dinner will be held tentatively on November 11th, 2019 at 5:30 PM at SNMC Hall, 3020 Woodroffe Ave. Please stay tuned for program details to be posted on CBET's website.

13.7 Ramadan Fundraising Drive

We must express our gratitude to HCI, Masjid Bilal ,SNMC, Bayshore Masallah, KMA, Muslim Housing, Jami Omar, Donald Masallah, Islam Care for either donating directly to CBET or allowing to use their premises to collect funds. We also would like to express gratitude to our donors who either donated online or via cash and cheque during the Holy month. Alhamdu lillah, 2018 Ramadan Fundraising drive was a huge success by raising about $50,000.

13.8 CBET Celebrating Ramadan Family Iftar Dinner at SNMC:

On Sunday, May 27th CBET celebrated its multi ethnic , multi faith Harmony Iftar and Ramadan Celebration at SNMC Center with utmost success at the presence of over 300 guests from diversified Ottawa communities. Everyone was in the overwhelming mood to celebrate the Holy month with their engagement with members from different communities. There were presentations done by our Keynote speaker Dr Reda Bedeir , Hon Member of Parliament Chandra Arya,

We raised over $15000.00 during the event. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to our donors and dedicated volunteers.

Please click on the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qr1OJ3FDh1s&index=4&list=PLLvngHzNdQ9ZNB68NYNEilTA5pg7wvG6G&fbclid=IwAR2HAv5TBUgC7rbVHD5kOrV9Q6LmzIBhUMIY_PTgbVfq6_5rf8swY_se6s4

13.9 United Way Campaign

CBET is registered with United Way Government of Canada Charitable Workplace Campaign. Alhamdulillah, each year we are receiving good amount of donations from Federal Government employees.

14. Annual Financial Report and CRA Tax Return Submission:

In line with the CRA requirements, we will submit our 2018 Annual Return in June 2019. We have prepared the 2018 Annual Financial Report and 2019 Annual Budget, many thanks to our accountant and CBET Team for their efforts and expertise in these endeavors.

14.1 CBET Financial resources

CBET Funding is solely based on donations received from community members, during monthly CBET family gatherings, annual membership fees from CBET members and funds collected during annual fundraising dinners or online donations from generous supporters.

14.2 Donors CRA Tax Receipts

Using customized accounting software, CRA tax receipts have been issued to our valued donors in February 2019.CBET bought license for Charity Tool with the vendor, in order to issue tax receipts for 2018.

14.3 Internal Auditing

CBET Team had been actively working throughout 2018 to assure quality control for CBET operations and documents with support from volunteers.

14.4 External Auditing

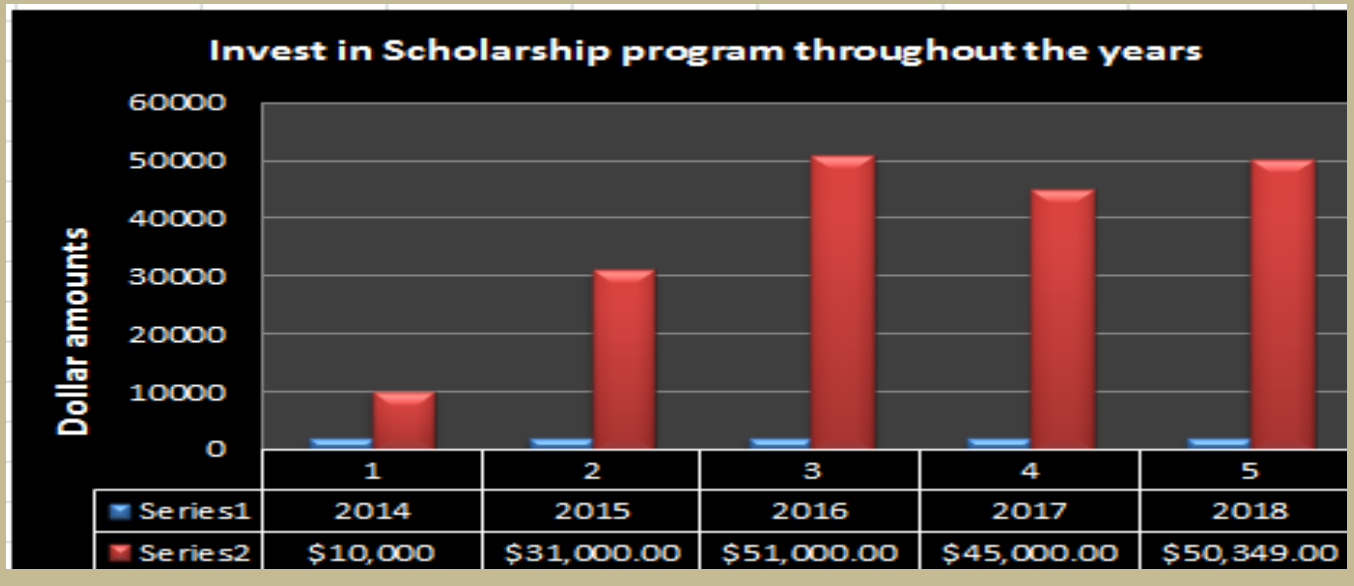
To meet the requirements for new CRA regulations, CBET will hire an external auditor.

CBET
Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the year ended December 31, 2018

Receipts	Amount 2018
Balance at January 01	14,151.40
Donations from Ramadan Fund Raising Drive	16,757.37
Donations received from PayPal	11,506.00
Annual Fund Raising Dinner Collection	23,711.00
Donation from AGM	1,150.00
Donation from Picnic	1,220.00
Donation from Iftar	4,525.00
Donation from Pitha Festival	1,540.00
Donation from Jumma Prayer	6,730.00
Donation from Year round fund raising drive	14,918.25
Fund Received from ESDC for Summer Job	9,126.36
Fund Raising Dinner Ticket Collection	5,120.00
Total Collection	**110,455.38**
Payments	
Annual Fund Raising Expense	5,931.47
Donation to other Charitable organization	300.00
Supplies and other official exp, Prof.Fee	274.71
Professional Fee	900.00
Pitha Festival Expense	1,619.01
Registration and Other fees	20.00
AGM Expense	1,086.94
Iftari Exp. Salaong Kabab for Iftari+snmc rent	3,060.00
Annual Picnic Expense	282.00
PayPal Charges	213.78
Bank Charges	1,000.62
Total Payment	**14,688.53**
Awards	
Transferred to Bangladesh for Scholarship	50,349.08
Summer Job Payroll	9,126.36
Scholarship in Canada	2,500.00
Total Cost for awards	**61,975.44**
Balance as of December 31, 2018	**33,791.41**

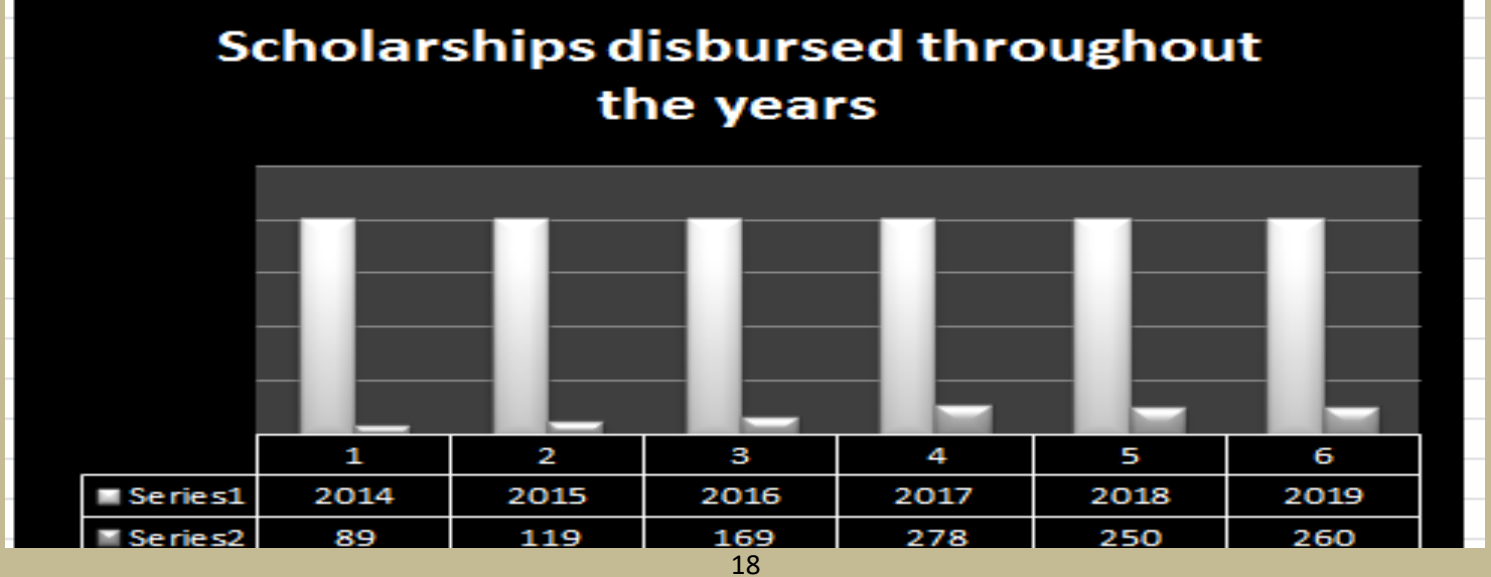
15.0 Invest in scholarship program throughout the years

With the generosity of our donors we were able to send scholarship funds to Bangladesh to support needy students. Chart below shows the amounts sent in different years. Alahamdulillah with everyone's support the funding amounts kept going up and up. We would like to express heartfelt gratitude to each and every donor.



15.1 Number of Scholarships disbursed throughout the years

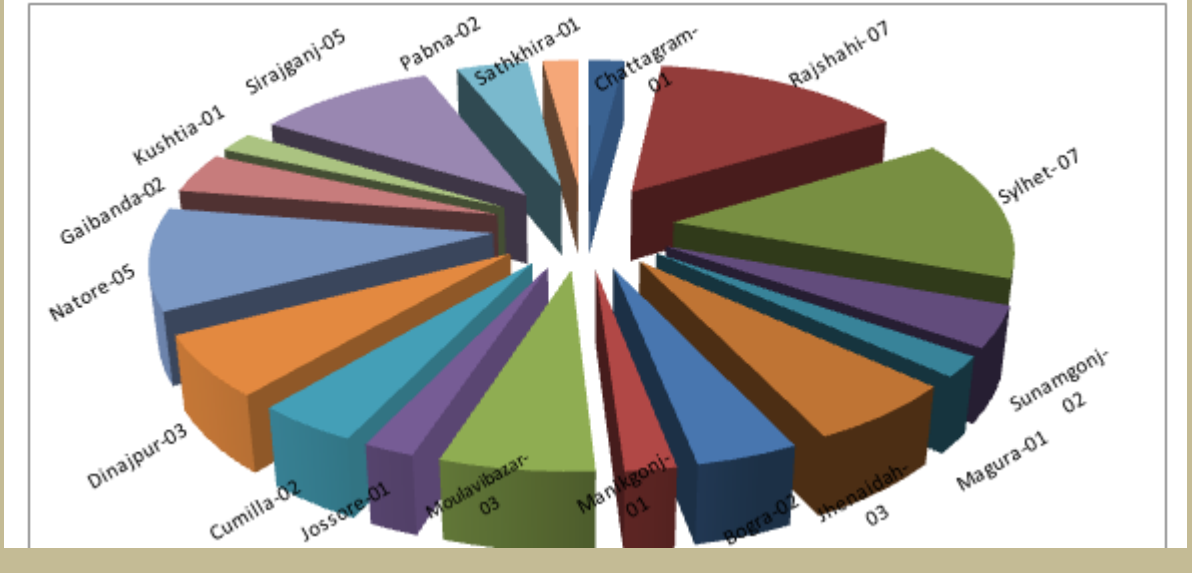
With the help of our donors we were able to change lives of 1165 students over the period of last six years and looking forward to help many more students.



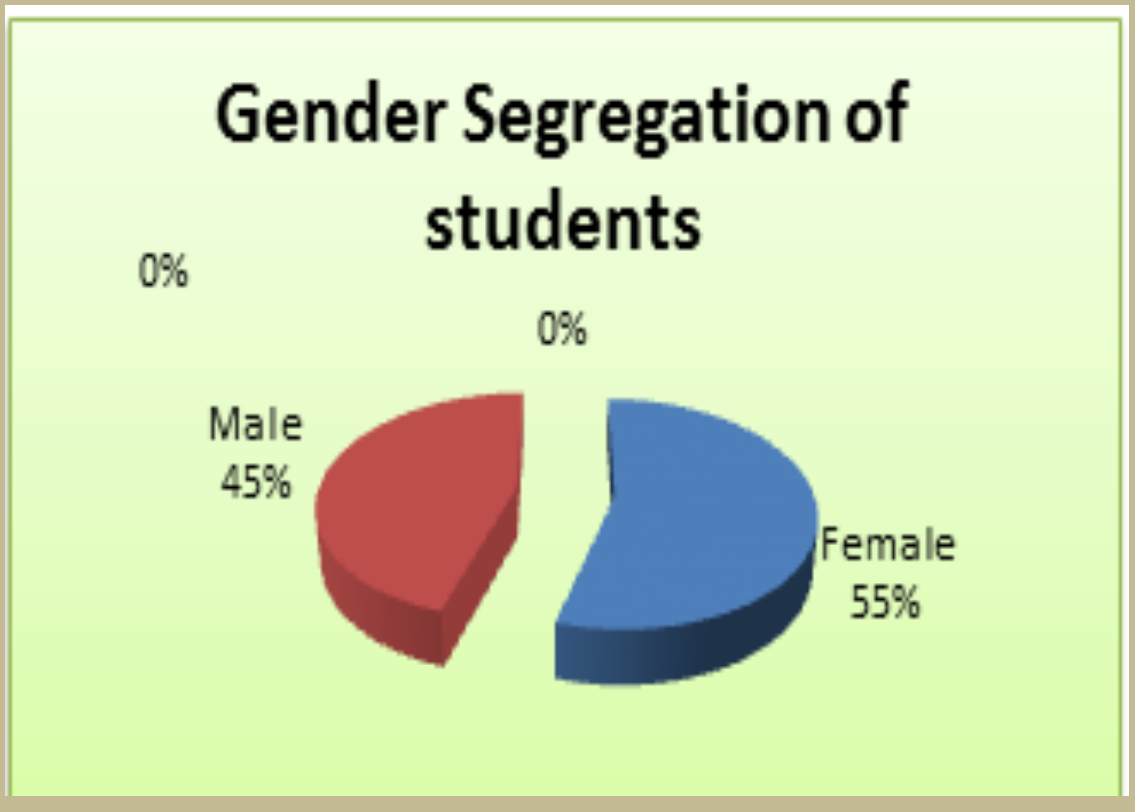
15.2 2018 Scholarships to Bangladeshi Students

CBET Scholarships are being awarded to qualified Bangladesh colleges, polytechnics, and vocational institutes. 2018 was a successful year for CBET creating a network with Bangladeshi educational institutions by providing 245 scholarships in 49 education institutions across Bangladesh. CBET scholarships are awarded irrespective of religious faith or gender. Scholarships were awarded based on family income; family size, extracurricular activities and academic performances. Cheques are issued in the name of selected students and mailed to the selected institution principal. An award ceremony takes place to hand over scholarship cheques at the institution in the presence of local dignitaries, local press, school staff and families of nominated students.

15.3 Where CBET Donated: Graphic Presentation: District wise No. of Colleges covered by the Scholarship Program



15.4 Gender Segregation of students



Within the next 5 years we aim to establish links with at least one education institution in each of the 450 sub-districts of Bangladesh.

15.5 Colleges that received CBET Scholarships in Bangladesh in 2018

Bicharpoti Nurul Islam college	Adamdighi Rahim uddin Degree college	Joradah College	Paschim Patiya AJC Degree College	Muktijodha Karigori College	Lungla Adhunik Degree College	Setabganj Degree college
Moulana Mofazzal Hossain Mahila Degree College	Amenakhatun college	Sirajganj Sadar Tec. And BM Institute	Shekh Abdul Hamid BM & Agricultural College	Chatiantail Moregram Technical & BM College	Biswanath College	Institute of Technology and Textile Engineering
Mohanpur Degree College	Asirganj High School and college	Pakuria college	Setabganj Degree college	Deogaon Bokultala Degree college	Kotchandpur Powro Degree College	Kushtia Govt Technical school and college
Gopalpur Pouro Technical and Business Management college	Nasaratpur degree college	Baneswar college	Shahdowla college	Shamim and shakil technical college	Shaheed Zia Ur Rahman Degree college	Uttar Bishwanath Amjod Ullah Degree college
Durgapur women's college	MohonpurMohila Degree college	Maherpur college	Shikder Foundation college	Syed shah Mostafa college Sylhet	commerce college	Universal college sylhet
Dr.Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain college	Dr.Mosharraf Foundation college	Sunamjanj Government college	Jalalabad college, Sylhet	Janata college	Zhinghabari High School and college	Keshorhat Degree college
Chaknazirpur vocational and Business	Nakaihat college	Sreepur Degree college	Monjilpukur Agriculture Tehnology and commercial college	Mazarsharif Technical and Business Management Women's college	jessore Technical school and college	Pabna Textile Engineering Institute

15. 6 Ottawa Gatineau 2018 High School Graduate Scholarships Recipients:

CBET management is pleased to announce the names of the five recipients of the Ottawa High School Recognition Award, from five different high schools in Ottawa, for their outstanding academic success and their involvement in the community. Each recipient has received a scholarship grant in the amount of $500 during their high school graduation ceremony.

Dexter Hunter-Laroche	Merivale High School
Claudine Mulangaliro	Adult High School
Amina Boubekeur	Gloucester High School
Sima Jolak	Immaculata High School
Donah Leila Belly	Bell High school

15.7 Success stories of CBET Scholarship Recipients

We have been receiving numerous success stories from students who are CBET Scholarship recipients, as the scholarship program is growing across Bangladesh

and getting its level of maturity over the period of years. Many of them are attending different Universities now.

15.8 CBET Scholarship to Ottawa and Carlton University & Algonquin College:

CBET scholarship team is working with all these 3 institutions to give scholarship in September 2019. There would be one scholarship each for Ottawa University & Carlton University for the amount $1000.00 each & $700.00 for Algonquin College. The competition would be open for all to apply**.**

15.8.1 CBET Hired 2 Summer Students: Each Earned over $3500

CBET was able to offer employment with summer job grant program from Federal Government of Canada for two University students from Ottawa region to do research work related to progress and development for the organization.

Tawfiqul Haque as Funding officer , and Taiyaba Shakil as Community Outreach Coordinator. Each earned over $3500 and CBET rented SNMC office space for summer students and supervised by two directors. In 2019 CBET is planning to hire 2 summer students if grant is available.

15.9 CBET Summer Students were recognized Member of Parliament

CBET Summer interns Taiyaba Shakil and Tawfiqul Haque were recognized by Hon Member of Parliament Chandra Arya at the presence of CBET board members during a certificate distribution ceremony. CBET management team would like to express gratitude to Hon Member of Parliament for his ongoing support and for being with us.

16. CBET Community Volunteer Awards:

Every year CBET recognizes and appreciates volunteers for their ongoing efforts in serving the community in the Ottawa Gatineau area. It is a source of inspiration to others to follow suit. In 2018, to honour 4 outstanding Canadians for their significant contributions in different areas of the community, CBET's Outstanding Volunteer Awards were given to the following for their significant volunteer work:

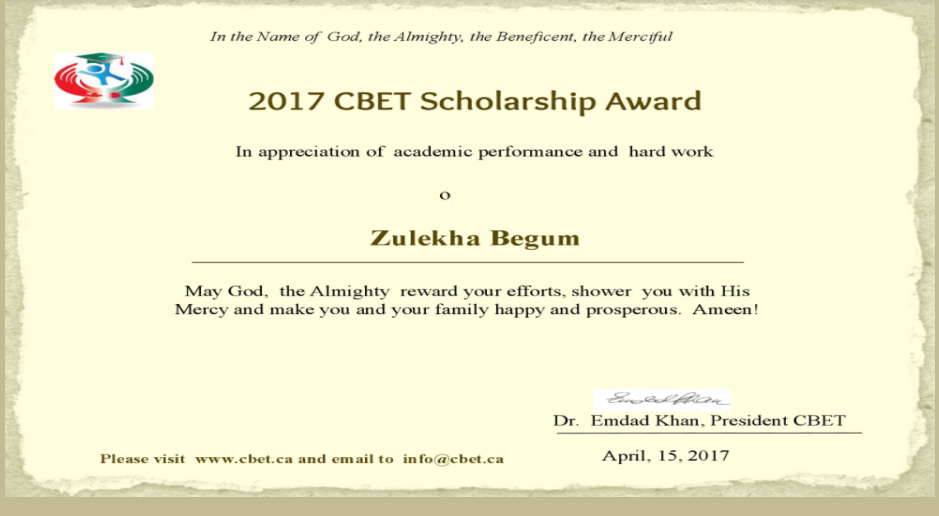
Amatul Choudhury	**Imam Sikhander Hashmi**	**Mohammed Wahed Ali**
Selina Akter	**Syeda Shahida**	**Shakil Ahmed**

17. CBET Bangladesh Partner: NGO Surovi

To reduce administration costs CBET partnered hired Surovi, the Bangladeshi, non-profit organization to disburse the scholarships throughout Bangladesh. CBET paid only 3% to Surovi for disbursing scholarship to 49 institutes 249 scholarships .End of the year Surovi submits a final completion report on scholarships given to how many colleges ,number of students, total scholarship disbursement cost ,total amount given for scholarships, award ceremony pictures for each colleges.

17.1 CBET Scholarship Certificate:

Started in 2018 each scholarship recipient gets a scholarship Certificate issued by CBET head office in Ottawa, Canada which is also signed by CBET President.



In the Name of God, the Almighty, the Beneficent, the Merciful

2017 CBET Scholarship Award

In appreciation of academic performance and hard work

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Zulekha Begum

May God, the Almighty reward your efforts, shower you with His Mercy and make you and your family happy and prosperous. Ameen!

Dr. Emdad Khan, President CBET

April, 15, 2017

Please visit www.cbet.ca and email to info@cbet.ca

18. CBET Canada Supporters

CBET established strong relationship with different charitable and community organizations such as Human Concern International (HCI), MCC, CanGoAfar,ILEAD, Islamic Society of Cumberland (ISOC),South Nepean Muslim Community (SNMC), KMA, Odawa Native Friendship Center, the United Way, Dhaka University Alumni Association, OBMFO, Muslim Housing, Donald Masallah, Bayshore Masallah,Bangladesh Cultural Society, OMWO Zabiha Halal Food ,Maple leaf chicken, plus with plans to build the bridge with many more in the near future.

19. CBET Outreach Activities:

19.1 Attended OMWO annual event to establish network with other organizations

19.2 CBET board members attended HCI annual Dinner event to establish network with other organizations

19.3 CBET board members attended KMA annual Dinner event to support KMA and establish network with other organizations .

19.4 CBET board members attended MCC annual Dinner event to support KMA and establish network with other organization

19.5 CBET team attended kite flying event to show support for the cause SUKARA team working so hard.

19.6 CBET Attended event at Parliament Hill

On June 19th 35 Federal Members of Parliament get together to sponsor Eid on Hill 2018 .Hon Prime Minister Justin Trudeau ornamented the event being the chief guest and delivered a remarkable speech. The event was attended with over 700 community leaders from different parts of Canada. CBET board members attended the event and introduced the organization to different Members of Parliament and to leaders of many community and charitable organizations.

19.7 Family Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha Party

Each year CBET Community members organize an indoor Eid-Al-Fitr and Eid Al- Adha celebration. Each member from this community brings food item for pot luck dinner. Adult family members, Youth and children really enjoy the company of each other and varieties of food items with all sorts of fun activities.

20. Kids and Youth Competitive Activities

CBET holds a quiz competition during each CBET monthly gathering and 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners gets a gift card for answering correct questions.

21. CBET attended ILEAD Conference

CBET officials attended ILEAD Conference yesterday at EY centre. Successfully promoted CBET's mission and encouraged people to get involve.

22. CBET Team Visiting the sick in hospitals and home

On top of spending numerous volunteer hours to continue with the mission to change a life by giving in education, CBET board members are providing community service by visiting the Sick person to the Hospitals & Homes on every Thursday, Performing spiritual prayer for a quick recovery of the sick person.

23. CBET Publicity in Bangladesh:

National TV stations and Local newspapers in many districts are publishing CBET scholarship distribution ceremony.

1. **Good work never goes unnoticed. CBET scholarship award ceremony news got broadcast to Asian TV channel in Bangladesh. Thanks to well-wishers of CBET for making it happen at zero cost.**

   Please click on the YouTube link below to listen:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eSgrThsk-8

2. **CBET scholarship program is getting published in so many local and national Newspapers of which few snapshot are below:**

3. **CBET scholarship award ceremony news got broadcast to GTV channel in Bangladesh.**

   Please click on the link below to listen:

   https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1754945441238096&id=100001679716644&sfnsn=mo&id=100001679716644&sfnsn=mo

24. Spiritual and Social Events

"Those who spend their substance in the cause of God, and follow not up their gifts with reminders of their generosity or with injury, for them their reward is with their Lord: on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve". (Al-Quran 2:262)

CBET was involved in a number of new activities in 2018. We would like to share with you some of the key events.

24.1 Community Lectures and Events during monthly Gathering

Every second month, CBET organizes gatherings to discuss various topics, and hosts lectures by community members.

The primary focus for this program is to keep our youth engaged while learning about leadership, confidence in public speaking, how to lead our daily life as a good contributing Canadian by maintaining our identity in a family friendly environment. The program is designed and guided by CBET board members but conducted by our youth MCs (Master of Ceremony) which is another example of getting our youth in leadership role. The program is divided into four segments such as Group presentations, Discussion on the topic, question and answer on the selected topic and fourth is how to do good deed in our daily life which is conducted by one of CBET board member. The presentations during this program are done in an environment friendly manner which is completely paperless using our own sound system, projector system. Presentations are done in groups which is comprised of family members which shows another sign of strengthen family ties. Potluck dinner is served around 8.00 pm. This gathering also gives an opportunity for youth and adults to do social networking after the program. CBET board members decided to give community volunteer hours for students involved with setup and clean up after the program.

25. CBET Social Media

25.1 CBET website

CBET's website, http://www.CBET.ca/ continued to be one of the main social media to communicate our message far and wide. We witnessed its efficiency by the donations we received through the PayPal links on the front page. 2018 was an exciting year for CBET in

terms of improving many CBET features and social media, including website updates. We deeply thank our CBET volunteers who have spent countless hours enhancing the website.

25.2. CBET eNewsLetter

CBET eNewsLetter has been growing strong for the past four years. It grew from 100 subscribers in the year 2009 to over 2,000 by December 2018.

25.3. CBET monthly eMagazine, Canadian Dream

CBET e-magazine started its journey as a PDF attachment via Google Group email. Year later moved to a new platform with Mail Chimp software. CBET e-magazine enters its 5th year in January 2018 with a new web format version http://canadiandream.cbet.ca/ which is published once in every month. For the convenience of our readers Canadian Dream has full archive to access any older articles.

We have authors with diversified community and professional backgrounds contributing each month. The editorial team is headed by a CBET Director responsible for the e-Magazine and publications plus 3 other volunteer team members dedicated to publications and edits. The

magazine also saw enhancements in terms of adding hot links and graphics to attract more subscribers and increase readability.
Articles are written by a variety of members from the Canadian community. In 2018, we were honoured to publish articles written by an immigrant lawyer, City of Ottawa councilors, CBET's President and other Directors, Resident imam of a local mosque, renowned Journalists, prominent writers in Canada, and up-and- coming youth authors from our own community.

25.4 CBET YouTube

In 2018 CBET released YouTube videos for different activities. Please enjoy the CBET Videos made in the past year:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6D5MBKealM&list=PLLvngHzNdQ9YtRsQ1Xft8Ehp2yuKLVFRi&t=0s&index=5&fbclid=IwAR34v-RsM9be_vJGx-YEJqmj3PcI0lw8V69clEyeZmqXGr5RxceugmZHUZg
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qr1OJ3FDh1s&index=4&list=PLLvngHzNdQ9ZNB68NYNEilTA5pg7wvG6G&fbclid=IwAR2HAv5TBUgC7rbVHD5kOrV9Q6LmzIBhUMIY_PTgbVfq6_5rf8swY_se6s4
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eSgrThsk-8

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fN8AFwI__0A&feature=youtu.be
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9W1hpNfCR9A
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOXaegxCrY8
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjygaOp-3Vc
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=crEx8O2noyY

25.5 Facebook & Twitter Pages:

CBET also is very active on Facebook and Twitter. So far we have over 1000 like on Facebook page and inordinate numbers of followers on Twitter handle.

Our Secretary Fakruz Zaman maintains the two sites proactively.

https://www.facebook.com/pages/CBET-Canada-Bangladesh-Education-Trust/223583621132844

https://twitter.com/CBET_CB

26. Donation & Expenses Processing

26.1 Donation Processing:

The primary goal is to streamline the process for donation processing and keeping the tax software up-to-date. This entails adding new donors to the system and removing expired ones, and following up on expired pledges.

We are open and welcome to answering any questions about donations or other relevant matters and issuing a tax receipt if requested.

CBET received the donations in the following ways:

Debit & Credit Card: Defined process is maintained by CBET Secretary and Treasurer.

Bank Auto Deduction: CBET invites any community members to get involved with our planned Bank Auto Deduction program for any amount .Tax receipt will be issued by the end of the year.

PayPal Online: All PayPal donation transfers to CBET Bank Account are recorded

Cash & Cheque: Donation of any amount for cash or cheque immediately gets entered in our tax software to update our records. The CBET Treasurer is responsible for depositing any funds received and CBET Secretary is responsible to update the tax software.

26.2 Expenses Processing:

This includes writing the cheques, maintaining excel sheets and hard copy binders, uploading the copy of the cheque to Google drive designated for CBET, and logging each expense cheque, which are then mailed or arranged for pick up/collection.

27 . CBET Long Term Vision & Strategy

"O ye who believe! Seek help with patient perseverance and prayer; for God is with those who patiently persevere". (Al-Quran 2:153)

CBET prepared Short term (1 Year), Midterm (2-4 years) and Long Term (10 years) strategic plans to help realize CBET's vision and mission. Every year at the beginning of the year they will review and adjust the plan.

Since August 2012, community interest has increased in CBET activities.

27.1 Short term (1 year):

SMART actions are to be measured every 3 months, by monthly report of each director and year-end progress matched with goals and objectives. Each objective must be measurable individually and collectively.

Each director actively manages a few portfolios
Organizes Eid Festival, picnics, Iftars, Bazaar & Food festivals
Organizing sports for kids
Open branches in different city in Canada
Select more new colleges in the 460 Sub-Districts
Scholarships awarded in the amount of $200 (BDT 11,000)

27.2 Mid Term (2 to 4 years)

Fund Raising: Raise another $50,000 to sponsor 300-500 scholarships
Add a) youth, b) increase female memberships BOD
Build a vibrant community and ensure scholarship recipients become positive leaders within their community.
Build leaders which help achieve our vision by assigning term projects measureable to 10 students by open advertisement
Guidance of new generation: Arranging Quran learning; 2) Arranging Hadith learning; 3) Arranging lectures on different Islamic topics; 4) Sports activities; 5) Children get together.

27.3 Long Term (5 to 10 years)

Fund Raising: Raise another $100,000 to give 1,000 scholarships
Provide more scholarships in Canada with increased funding
Provide education tools in Bangladesh (i.e. computers)

28. Our Respected Volunteers:

CBET is a grass-root community organization where volunteers are its life, blood and soul. Without them, CBET is unable to provide its services. Every attempt has been made to acknowledge those who have volunteered. We like to offer our sincere apologies, if we have accidentally missed anyone.

CBET has a list of volunteers with their interests and expertise; it plans to assign various pieces of related tasks to them in order to achieve its goals.

Together, we will fulfill our duty of supporting our fellow brothers and sisters and lend a hand in giving the gift of education.

CBET is pleased to issue community volunteer hours for High School Students. If you are interested to volunteer work for any of the CBET activities, please contact via email at info@cbet.ca.

Our dedicated Volunteers list:

Lutful Azim	Tasmiah Hussain	Tawfiqul Haque
Daniel	Rumana Abdul	Sindeed Islam
Farhana Yeasmin	Abdul Matin	Shallyna Sharifee
Farah Zaman	Akkas Ali	Moslem Uddin
Ashraful Hasan	Ashfaqul Haque	Wahed Mohammed
Kamilia Zaman	Sultan Khondker	Mehreen Ahmed
Nihal Amir Zaman	Sadun Imam	Rimika Uddin
Kamilia Zaman	Nayna Begum	Mazeda Chowdhury
Moyeen Chowdhury	Mortuza Imam	Syeda Shahida Doreen
Selina Akter	Shamima Sultana	Tarek Ali
Raisa Imam	Samir Islam	Mohammed Zulfiqar
Sumama Chowdhury	Arahm Chowdhury	Tabassum Chowdhury

29. Ottawa CBET Management Team

“And fear the Day when ye shall be brought back to God. Then shall every soul be paid what it earned, and none shall be dealt with unjustly.” (2:281)

The following 4 individuals served on the CBET Board of Directors in 2018.

Dr Emdad Khan President, Strategy,Community Outreach,Fundraising & Media	Fakruz Zaman Secretary Fundraising, Community Outreach, Administration & Public relations.
Shameem us Samad Chowdhury Treasurer, Community Outreach, Fundraising, Donation processing	Asma Khan Director,Magazine, Youth Outreach , Fundraising

29.1 CBET Executives

Akkas Ali CBET Accountant	Abdul Matin CBET Scholarship Liaison Adviser for Bangladesh
Abidullah Jan CBET web master	Tawfiqul Haque Student ambassador for Ottawa and Carlton University

Connect With Us!

CBET is committed to being transparent about its activities and we welcome requests for information and feedback on our work. Join us on social media to provide your feedback, comments, suggestions and ideas on how we can grow
CBET and realize our mission.

www.cbet.ca info@cbet.ca @CBET_CB

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Thank you!

The CBET family thanks all our generous donors, sponsors and supporters, without whom we could not grow and be as successful. You have been with us through every step of the way – from inception to our current and continuous growth. We invite you to continue lending a hand in providing the gift of education and change the lives of those through enabling them to become self- sufficient within their family, community and country. As a caring citizen of the world and a committed CBET supporter, you can help us break the cycle of poverty that families in Bangladesh face.

Conclusion

CBET scholarship program resulted meaningful changes in the education for the college level students in different areas of Bangladesh. The poor meritorious students of these locations became confidence to continue their higher studies by the financial supports from the project. This noble initiative was appreciated by the people of all corners. The distribution of scholarship was very transparent and appropriated in terms of selection of students.