

WELCOME SPEECH BY DFS
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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim,

1. Respected Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Muhammad Enamul Bari, ndu, psc, Former Chief of air staffs, distinguished guests from home and abroad, Ladies and Gentlemen. Assalamu Alaikum and Good Morning.

2. On behalf of all members of Bangladesh Air Force and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, I, Gp Capt Shakil Ali, Director of Flt Safety, BAF welcome you all to this International Flight Safety Seminar-2013, jointly organized by BAF and CAAB. Let me take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Chief of Air Staff, BAF for his kind consent to chair the seminar.

3. Ladies and Gentlemen, Aviation rests on a foundation of procedures, rules and regulations, many of which are aimed at maintaining or improving safety. The challenge for aviation safety lies in developing “Improved Accident Prevention Methods and Program”. Since the inception of BAF, Flight Safety Directorate has been pursuing for a well-defined strategy to ensure operational capability by conserving human and material resources through prevention of aircraft accidents.

4. Dear audience, as a part of our constant and relentless effort regarding Flight Safety, this International Flight Safety Seminar-2013, with the theme “Standardization Improves Flight Safety” has been organized to provide a platform for mutual interaction under the umbrella of Flight Safety. Keeping the theme in mind, diverse topics have been prepared and will be presented by different speakers. To my understanding, these presentations would answer some of our mind-boggling quarries and provide a stimulant to all participants towards furthering the cause of Aviation Safety.



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5. If I recall correctly, the 1st International Flight Safety Seminar was held in 2009 where 9 foreign participants' from 5 different countries and 13 local organizations were present. Subsequently, in the 2nd Seminar in 2011, 17 foreign participants' from 9 different countries and 22 local organizations took part. This time in 2013, the seminar got further enthusiastic response from the friendly countries namely China, Egypt, Germany, Australia, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Sri Lanka, Jordan, United Kingdom, United States of America, India and Qatar Now, 31 foreign participants' from 13 different countries, 02 countries from regional civil aviation organization i.e India & Singapore and 23 local organizations are present with us eagerly waiting to exchange and share safety information.

6. Any suggestions and recommendations on the papers may please be forwarded to the Flight Safety Directorate. I am sure that this interaction and similar endeavors in future would be beneficial for improving International Aviation Safety. I would like to place my complements on record to all those who are participating and will contribute in this Seminar. I am confident that your participation will promote flight safety awareness not only in the BAF, but also in organizations related in aviation business. I wish everyone good luck and safe flights for the years ahead.

7. Ladies and Gentlemen, this two days long seminar has been divided into four sessions. Every presentation will be for 20 min or so. With this, I would like to conclude by once again expressing my sincere gratitude to the respected chief guest for being with us. At the same time, I would also like to welcome all of you to this International Flight Safety Seminar 2013. Thank you.