



# Hon. Asif A. Chowdhury

## HONORARY CONSUL FOR CHILE IN BANGLADESH

Mr. Asif A. Chowdhury has dedicated the better part of his 27 year career pursuing and accelerating progress in international business and trade. **In 2014, Mr. Chowdhury received the Bernard O'Higgins Award, the highest Chilean Civilian Distinction given to a foreign national by the President of the Republic of Chile**, for his contributions and two-decade-long commitment to the areas of international business and trade. He is also the recipient of **2017 GUSI Peace Prize Award** for his untiring effort, working for people's amelioration, to find peaceful solutions for people's welfare by promoting peace through Economics and Humanitarianism. **Mr. Chowdhury has given CONSULAR MERIT of ORDER (CMO) by Brazil on January 2018.**

☐ **The FICAC Medal of Honor in Prague, and The Financial Mirror- Robintex Business Awards** are a few of the many 'earned' distinctions Mr. Chowdhury has received over the course of his career. However, what he is most notably recognized for is his strong analytical and business acumen complemented by demonstrated proficiencies in relationship building, key stakeholder influencing, and direct negotiation strategies.

### Profile & Value:

- ☐ Organizational & Business Leadership
- ☐ Bilateral Trade Dialogue & Negotiations
- ☐ Domestic & International Markets Expertise
- ☐ Project Management & Administration
- ☐ Business Processes Improvement
- ☐ Administrative Policy Trade Advisement
- ☐ Data Analysis & Field Research
- ☐ Foreign Government Relations

### Education & Professional Development

- ☐ **Bachelor of Business Administration**  
Faulkner University | Alabama; United States
- ☐ **Associate of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology**  
Jefferson State Community College | Alabama; United States

## Advanced training:

- ☐ Six (6) Day Country Level Workshop On "How To Become A Multimodal Transport Operator" At Dhaka, Bangladesh Organized By Shippers' Council Of Bangladesh In Co-Operation And Assistance Of Undp/Unctad/Un-Escap
- ☐ Executive Development Programmes On "Negotiating, Launching And Managing Joint Ventures" Jointly Organized By Independent University, Dhaka, Bangladesh And Asian Institute Of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand At Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- ☐ Training on "General Awareness And Familiarization" which dealt with the shipment of packaged hazardous materials/dangerous goods, with emphasis on ocean/export requirements (in accordance to title 49, code of federal regulations, parts 100-177 (including hm-181 changes) and the current international maritime dangerous goods code organized by National Cargo Bureau, Inc.).

## Conferences, Seminars Meetings:

- ☐ Attended the International Maritime Exhibition and Conference at Singapore.
- ☐ Served as a public-facing representative for "K" Line America, Inc. San Francisco at "Intermodal Expo 1993" In Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.
- ☐ Led "K" Line Team in Negotiations of Various Bilateral issues with Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd. Tokyo, Japan.

## Career History (1991 - Present)

- ☐ **Founder Chairman** | Neo Zipper Co. Ltd. (100% export oriented Zipper Company) 2004-Present
- ☐ **Founder** | Chowdhury Securities Ltd-a Stock Broker of Chittagong Stock Exchange 1997-Present
- ☐ **Founder Chairman** | Crown Navigation Company (Pvt.) Ltd. 1995-Present
- ☐ **Director** | Bangladesh Thai Plastic Industries Ltd. 1982- Present
- ☐ **CEO** | Bay Consolidation (Pvt.) Ltd. 1994-Present
- ☐ **Managing Director** | "K" Line Bangladesh, Ltd. (Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.) 1994-Present
- ☐ **Financial Analyst** | "K" Line America, Inc.-San Francisco, CA, USA. 1991-1993

## Board & Leadership Positions

- ☐ Founder Secretary General of Consular Corps in Bangladesh. (CCB) 2007-2011
- ☐ President of Consular Corps in Bangladesh (CCB) 2014-2015
- ☐ President: Dutch-Bangla Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DBCCI) 2006-2008
- ☐ Vice President-Japan Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JBCCI) 2016-2018
- ☐ Director-Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) 2015-2017
- ☐ Director: Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association (BAFFA) 2010-2017
- ☐ Director- World Federation of Consuls (FICAC) 2015-2018

## Memberships & Affiliations

- ☐ (Fellow) American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), USA
- ☐ London Diplomatic Academy, UK
- ☐ Kurmitola Golf Club, Bhatiary Golf Club and Army Golf Club- Bangladesh
- ☐ Chittagong Club, UttaraClub, Baridhara Diplomatic Enclave Club, German Club Bangladesh
- ☐ International Chamber of Commerce-Dhaka
- ☐ American Chamber of Commerce-Dhaka
- ☐ Shippers Council of Bangladesh

## Personal Statement

Mr. Asif A. Chowdhury shares a deep passion for both domestic and international business affairs while enjoying classical music, travelling, and performing charitable and humanitarian work in his spare time.

As a result of his lifelong pursuits, Mr. Chowdhury has been entrusted with traveling to a myriad of countries in which he has led various educational, diplomatic and business missions to Albania, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, China, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, México, Nepal, Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Vietnam, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and the United States of America.