

“A daylong Seminar held on the occasion of 20-years glorious journey of BFIU in Bangladesh AML/CFT regime: 18 June 2022, Bashundhara International Convention Hall, Dhaka”

To mark the 20 years anniversary of BFIU in the AML/CFT regime of Bangladesh, BFIU arranged two seminars on 18 June 2022 at the Basundhara International Convention Hall, Dhaka for the stakeholders and the reporting organizations of BFIU. In the morning session, Directors of the different departments of Bangladesh Bank, CEOs and the CAMLCOs of the Financial Institutes (FIs), Capital Market Intermediaries (CMIs), NGO/NPOs, Insurance companies, Digital Financial Services (DFS), DNFBPs and Cooperatives and all the officials of BFIU attended. The Head of BFIU, Mr. Md. Masud Biswas and the Vice Chairman of Bangladesh Leasing and Finance Companies Association, Mr. Md Golam Sarwar Bhuiyan, were present there as Chief Guest and Special guest respectively whereas Mr. A.B.M Zahurul Huda, Director of BFIU, chaired the program.

The second session of the whole day program was honored by the presence of the honorable Governor of Bangladesh Bank, Mr. Fazle Kabir, as chief guest. Mr. Sheikh Mohammad Salim Ullah, Secretary of the Financial Institutions Division of the Ministry of Finance and the Chairman of the Association of the Bankers, Bangladesh, Mr. Selim R. F. Hussain were there as special guests and the Head of BFIU, Mr. Md. Masud Biswas, chaired the session. Deputy Governor Mr. Kazi Sayedur Rahman and Mr. A. K. M Sajedur Rahman Khan joined the program as special invitees. Furthermore, several high level employees of Bangladesh Bank, Primary Contact Points of the Working Committee on AML & CFT, MD & CEOs, CAMLCOs and the Deputy CAMLCOs of the scheduled banks and the representative of the corresponding banking relationship service provider foreign banks attended the seminar.

Bangladesh is the first country in South Asia to promulgate the Money Laundering Prevention Act in 2002 in line with the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), an inter-governmental organization which sets international standards aiming to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing. The year 2022 marks the 20 years anniversary since the inception of AML/CFT journey in 2002. To celebrate this glorious journey of AML/CFT regime, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), the central agency of Bangladesh to combat money laundering and terrorist financing, arranged the day-long program.