icddr,b has designed and developed sharps containers and biohazard bags to promote safe and secured packaging of biohazardous materials in Bangladesh. RFL plastics was employed to manufacture these products under a project funded by Biosecurity Engagement program of the United States Department of States. Natasha K Griffith, Associate Director of Operations, High Containment Core at Georgia State University, USA, was the collaborator for Dr Asadulghani, Head of Biosafety. icddr,b, 35,000 sharps containers and 30,000 biohazard bags were distributed to 20 Institutes in Bangladesh to initiate the standard practices of biohazard waste packaging. Practically this has eight times reduced the waste packaging cost comparing with the cost of waste packaging using packaging materials imported from foreign countries.

ESCO Micro Pte Ltd came forward as the Titanium sponsor for the 14th A-PBA biorisk conference in Bangladesh. In addition to producing different types of Biosafety Cabinets, ESCO is producing other high-quality essential products for biomedical research and diagnostics. Honorable Mayor visited the ESCO exhibition booth to know about their services.

Honorable Mayor also visited the booth of Overseas Marketing Company to know about their services and their contribution in biomedical research and diagnostics in Bangladesh.
Technical sessions of the conference (cont.):

From left: Professor Dr Guizhen Wu, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Beijing, China; Dr Prasad Kuduvalli - Health Security Partners, USA; Dr Manohuda Jamp, Laboratory Containment of Poliovirus, Bangladesh; Prof. Dr BK Tayag, Hyderabad University, Hyderabad; Prof. Abdur Rahman, Iwate University, Japan; Dr Trinh Thi Thanh Huong, National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Vietnam.

From left: Dr. Richa Sood, National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, Bhopal, India; Bhajan Bragwan Singh, NSF International; Mr. Steven Breslin, NIH, USA; Dan Yang, World BioHartTec Inc. Singapore; Prof Dr B. Nazir Ahmed, DGHIS, Bangladesh; Professor Dr William J. Li. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Beijing, China.

From left: Dr Vikram Saini, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India; Dr Md Giasuddin, BRR, Bangladesh; Dr Latiful Bari, Center for Advanced Research in Sciences, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; Dr Drh. Joko Pamungkas, PPI University, Bogor, Indonesia; Dr Alfan Krishna Bawas, International Rice Research Institute, Philippines; Professor Dr Md Toqifuzzalam Islam, Director, Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, Gazipur, Bangladesh.

From left: Professor Dr Vijay Vijayan, National University of Singapore, Singapore; Mr. David Lam, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore; Dr. Nicolas Steenkenste, Foundation Maloux, Lyon, France; Dr Philippe Stroot, Tournai, Wallonia, Belgium; and Professor Ts. Dr. Lim Yang Mooi, Universiti Tunu Abdul Rahman, Malaysia. Photo: Speaker of different technical sessions during the 14th A-PBA conference.

Speaker of different sessions discussed on Global Updates on Biosafety and Biosecurity, Current Status of Biosafety and Biosecurity in Asia Pacific, Emerging Science and Technology – New Challenges, Facility and Biocontainment, Public Health – Emerging and Re-emerging Threats, Public Health – Food and Agricultural Safety and Security, and Evolving Threats in Biosecurity & Bioterrorism. Ultimate goal of this conference was to focus on the contribution of biosafety and biosecurity in the sustainable development in health and agriculture. For further detail, visit http://biosafetysecurity.org/A-PBA-Annual-Confere the official website of the society.

Closing ceremony of the conference:

Mr. Sheikh Yusuf Harun, Honorable Secretary, Health Education and Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, was present as the Chief Guest during the closing ceremony of the conference. He expressed his complete satisfaction for organizing such an important event in Bangladesh. He specially thanked the scientific committee for selecting timely theme of the conference to contribute to the sustainable development on the Nation.

Photo: Honorable Secretary, Health Education and Family Welfare Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, addressed the audience during the closing ceremony of the conference. President, Bangladesh Biosafety and Biosecurity Society acknowledged organizer, sponsors, participants, and the fellow colleagues for their contribution for the successful event.

Executive committee members of A-PBA and BBBS, participants, and delegates witnessed the auspicious event. President of A-PBA Dr Saraswathy Subramaniam expressed her deep satisfaction for successfully organizing the conference in Bangladesh. The conference was concluded by the closing remarks from President on BBBS Dr Asadulghani. In his closing remarks he expressed his gratitude to Honorable Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Services, all the supporting organizations, sponsors, and the organizing partners for the essential support for the program.