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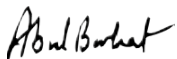
The Bangladesh Journal of Political Economy (BJPE) accommodates only the papers submitted and selected for publication. The articles are critically reviewed by internal and external reviewers with endurance and finally concurred by the Editorial Board for publication. This comprehensive volume combines some research articles presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Conference of Bangladesh Economic Association-2021 titled "Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic and Human Development".

Apart from the loss of human life, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented changes in organised human society's economic, social and political dimensions. Historians might look back at the Corona Virus pandemic of 2020 as a defining moment of the twenty-second century. A great reset is imminent to overcome the disastrous impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Hence, we need enlightened persons and institutions who will lead the reset to build a decent society and mould the ideas to transform human deprivation into a humane development.

This Journal will help to monitor the current global situation and practice from a broad-based interdisciplinary perspective. Besides, it will keep arduous and interested writers in touch with the cutting-edge issues of human development, thinking action, and sound strategies. More importantly, we are sure that the papers are thought-provoking, written with the best endeavour by a galaxy of scholars and young, dynamic and masterly authors. This Journal, as expected, will be an essential resource for social science faculties and research institutions, development agencies, policymakers and analysts, graduate teachers, and researchers intended to contribute toward a 'Decent Society.'

I hope this BJPE Issue will help us share knowledge about pandemic-mediated development, dispelling some of the prevalent misinformation and ideas and sensitising readers to the threat of infectious diseases. We owe an enormous collective debt to the courageous, conscientious health workers and people from all walks of life worldwide at the forefront of the battle to contain COVID-19.

The credible authors and the learned reviewers have toiled much to raise the standard of this volume. Members of the Editorial Board reviewed some of the manuscripts and gave valuable suggestions to propel this Journal. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all of them.



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