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TURKISH AMBASSADOR VISITS BSMRAAU TO DISCUSS COLLABORATION ON AVIATION AND AEROSPACE SECTOR

Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey, His Excellency Mr Mustafa Osman Turan visited BSMRAAU - Bangladesh's first public university for aviation and aerospace studies on 15 February 2022. The visit was aligned with University's ongoing efforts to engage with key global leaders of the aviation and aerospace sector for indigenous capacity building. Vice Chancellor, Air Vice Marshal Muhammad Nazrul Islam welcomed the ambassador to the University.

The ambassador was briefed by Pro-Vice Chancellor Air Commodore Md Monjur Kabir Bhuiyan, about University's current activities and future plans during the visit. He was also apprised about the specific areas for potential collaboration with Turkish higher educational institutes, and aviation and aerospace industry partners. Mentionable that, apart from its ongoing aviation and aerospace-related programmes, BSMRAAU will soon offer post-graduate programmes on space system engineering, satellite communication engineering and autonomous system design. The University's research team has also built a proto-type octocopter drone as part of their ongoing research and innovation activities. Collaboration with the Turkish academic and industry partners on these areas is expected to accelerate and complement BSMRAAU's efforts to become a hub of the nation's aviation and aerospace-related studies and research activities.



In his remarks, the Turkish ambassador expressed his heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to visit and gather first and knowledge about the activities of the University. Assuring his highest considerations to facilitate collaboration between BSMRAAU and relevant Turkish higher educational institutes and industry partners, the ambassador emphasized the execution part of any future collaboration. Applauding BSMRAAU's capacity and efforts in advancing aviation and aerospace studies and research in Bangladesh the ambassador advised to engage with a few key leading Turkish aviation and aerospace-related entities for effective collaboration. He also

observed that a BSMRAAU Team may plan to attend the upcoming TEKNOFEST 2022 event in Samsun, Turkey to gather knowledge and also replicate holding similar events in Bangladesh.

Thanking the ambassador for the visit, the Vice Chancellor in his remarks assured that the University will have a dedicated team to ensure seamless coordination and effective execution of any future collaboration. Highlighting the scope and potential for engagement with the Turkish aviation and aerospace sector, the VC hoped that such engagement will accelerate and complement BSMRAAU's aim of becoming the hub of the nation's aviation and aerospace-related studies and research activities.

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