
Conference Excursion

On the morning of 25 May 2007, the Conference Organizers with the overseas delegates set off from Chittagong for a day long excursion to Cox's Bazar, the Bangladeshi south coast city with the longest unbroken sea beach of the world. The team was led by BRGB Chair, Professor Badrul Amin Bhuiya and guided by Professor Dr. Md. M. Maruf Hossain. The overseas delegates included Professor Dr. Jeng Tze Yang, Dr. Dennis P. Gordon, Ms. Sangeeta Rajbhandary, Engnr. Jack Lin, Dr. Baban Ingole and Dr. R. Ganesan.

On the way, the delegation visited the only Safari park of Bangladesh at Dulahazra near Cox's Bazar. Two decorated Elephants saluted and greeted the delegation at the entrance, which was enjoyed by all. The delegation then visited the Marine Fisheries Research Laboratory at Cox's Bazar where the Director made a presentation on various activities of the organization. After having a delicious lunch at a local restaurant with various sea food items, the delegation visited Himchari, a beautiful place with vast Bay of Bengal on one side and a long hill range on the other with several small running fountains.

Later in the afternoon, a visit was made by the delegation to the sandy beach where Dr. Dennis Gordon and Dr. Maruf Hossain collected several colonies of beach marine bryozoans, or fragments of rock with small colonies beach castes with bryozoans in them. Further investigations by Dr. Gordon, Dr. Hossain and Dr. Tim Wood accounted as many as 22 bryozoan species newly recorded from Bangladesh.

In the evening, the delegation left Cox's Bazar leaving behind wonderful memories of the day and returned to Chittagong city at night.