

## PRESS RELEASE

### South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) Announces New Leadership for 2026

**Mr. Mohammed Humayun Kabir**, Past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh been appointed as President of South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA), a prominent and well recognized body of accountants in South Asian Region and **CA. Prabin Kumar Jha**, Immediate Past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal has been appointed as Vice- President of South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) for the year 2026, for a period of twelve months w. e. f. January 1, 2026.



**Mr. Mohammed Humayun Kabir**  
President, SAFA

**Mr. Mohammed Humayun Kabir** is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), with over 45 years of professional experience. He worked at a CA firm from February 1981 to January 1985, at a financial institution from February 1985 to June 1988, and thereafter served the business and industry in senior positions.

Mr Kabir was awarded poribesh podok (environment award) by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), GoB in 2010 and recognised as commercially important person (CIP) export for 9 times for the years 2007, 2011-2015, 2017, 2021 and 2022 by Ministry of Commerce, GoB.

He was involved with the National Board of Revenue (NBR) as a Facilitator of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) from March 2012 to June 2025. He was nominated by the Government to its different Committees for the evaluation of the performance of state owned entities, for reviewing Corporate/Taxation Laws and for evaluating proposals for investment/EOI/consultant hiring/procurement bids, etc.

He was associated with different chambers and business associations as Director (elected) namely Bangladesh-German Chamber of Commerce & Industry (2021-2023), Shippers Council of Bangladesh (2009-11), Bangladesh Jute Spinners Association (2015-17) and a Vice-Chairman of Bangladesh Jute Goods Association (2007-09). He sat in the Board of Directors of Monno Ceramics Limited (1986-1987), West Zone Power Distribution Company Ltd (2005-06), Bangladesh Telecommunication Company Ltd (2008), Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd (2008), Shadharan Bima Corporation (2008-2013) and Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd (2016-19) as a nominated/Independent Director. He was also involved with the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industries (1996-2024) as a member of panel of advisers, Chairman/Convener of different standing and non-standing committees.

He served as an elected Council Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) for eight consecutive terms from 2001 to 2024. He was Vice President in 2002 & President in 2008 of ICAB. He was the Chairman of Editorial Board (2003-2004), Information of Technology Committee (2005-2006), Taxation & Corporate Law Committee – TCLC (2013-2024) and Review committee for Published Accounts & Reports - RCPAR (2019-2024) of ICAB.

He was Member of Accounting & Auditing standards Committee (2009-2018) and Improvement of Transparency Accountability and Governance Committee (2019-2024) of South Asian Federation of

Accountants (SAFA). He was also technical advisor to SAFA Board (2019-2024) and Vice President of the SAFA in the year 2025.

He participated in general assembly meetings of International Federation of Accountants – IFAC held in 2010 (New York, USA), in 2014 (Rome, Italy), and in 2018 (Sydney, Australia). He participated IFAC council meeting in February, PAODAG meeting in March in New York 2025 and IFAC Council & Assembly Meetings held in Mexico City, Mexico in November 2025.

Mr. Kabir is well known for his expertise in fiscal laws, financial management, business strategies, corporate governance and macroeconomic issues. His analyses and suggestions are being accepted by the policy framers, decision makers and entrepreneurs with high esteem and value. Mr. Kabir is a regular participant in TV talk shows on banking, capital market, fiscal matters and issues relating to trade and investment. He has delivered lectures, presented papers and chaired seminars at home and abroad on topics relating to business & accountancy profession.



**CA. Prabin Kumar Jha**  
**Vice-President, SAFA**

**CA. Prabin Kumar Jha**, Immediate Past President (2024-25) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN) has served (and has been serving) under various standing, non-standing committees and Board of ICAN for several years. He has been the Council member of ICAN since 2020-21 and has also served under various SAFA committees as a member. He is also a member of Audit and Compliance Committee of All Nepal Football Association (FIFA/AFC Recognized) since 2019. He was a Board Member of Security Exchange Board of Nepal (Regulator of Capital Markets in Nepal) for 2023-24.

He is a senior partner of Joshi & Bhandary, a Chartered Accountant firm registered in Nepal, and has been associated with the firm for more than 25 years in various capacities. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant who has led and collaborated in providing clients with a range of services including due diligence reviews, internal audits, statutory and tax audits. He also engaged in offering strategic and value-added advice from a business and process risk assessment perspective to clients that also include serving as a financial advisor to boards of corporate clients of the firm. He is also responsible for looking after maintaining firm's Quality Control Standards in service delivery including statutory audits.

### **About SAFA**

South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA), a Network Partner of IFAC comprises of eleven accountancy bodies in South-Asian Region namely India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives and Afghanistan. Bhutan, where no accountancy body exists has been given an Observer status. SAFA has undertaken the leadership role in providing a new direction to the accountancy profession within the region and this Apex body has over 5,00,000 members affiliated with its member bodies. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India is one of the founder members of SAFA and also hosts its Permanent Secretariat at New Delhi.