

## Minutes on CT Core team 2nd Meeting Dec 14, 2012

1. The Compact Township (CT) Foundation organized its 2<sup>nd</sup> orientation meeting at CT foundation office at 3pm on December 14, 2012. Though this was a meeting for the CT core team members, some like-minded friends also attended the meeting. The list of the participants may be seen as Annex-A. The meeting was presided over by Professor Salim Rashid, chairperson of the CT Foundation.
2. Followings were the agenda of the Meeting:
  - a. Elucidation of the concept/idea of Compact Townships;
  - b. Free exchange of views about practical ways to bring the objectives of the CT foundation to the fore
  - c. A question and answer session on the presentations

### 3.0 Discussions:

3.1 The Chairperson welcomed all in the meeting and then he presented a paper titled "Compact Townships and Urbanization in Bangladesh". The salient features that the paper focused were - concept of Compact townships, trend of urban growth, a research finding on settlements in Narsingdi, and Madhabdi ( in Tangail), a Map of Bangladesh showing the Density of Rural Roads( DRR) , number of Compact Townships (CT) to be needed in 2025, land needed for each CT, an estimation of Saving by implementing CT, investment opportunity and a model of CT. The paper also highlighted some other possibilities related to the CT concept. Among the other possibilities the paper mentioned briefly the followings:

Transport Oriented – Miyabazar (Comilla)

Production Oriented - Garments relocation in general

Eco-tourism Oriented - Shoron khola

Poverty oriented - Phulbari

Rice water and electricity oriented - HYV is shifted to rainfed rice,  
and finally remittance oriented

3.2 In his discussion, Mr. Ekram Hossain said, "We wants to build awareness to people on the concept and we are getting preparation to mobilize media crews to publicity the concept . We must have to protect our agriculture land. We have to organize some events through which we publish our goals. Most of the participants echoed Mr. Ekram's proposal. Mr. Pranab Kumar Sarkar opined that, CT is one of the good proposals and solutions to protect agriculture land and future urban life for people living in rural areas". Dr. Abul Hossain informed the meeting that, the Compact Township Foundation is planning to launch CT Foundation and a Book of Prof. Salim Rashid that is supposed to be published by UPL. "We must take ahead the campaign of CT"- Dr. Abul Hossain added.

## Annexure-A

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1. Dr. Salim Rashid , The chairperson and core team member CT foundation
2. Dr. Abul Hossain, General Secretary and core team member CT foundation
3. Mr. Mahmud Tokon, core team member CT foundation
4. Mr. Altaf Pervez, core team member CT foundation
5. Mr. Ekram Hossain, core team member CT foundation
6. Mr. Selim, DEN.
7. Mr. Babul Sarker, NGO activist
8. Mr. Pranab Kumar Sarker, Researcher
9. Mr. M.A. Mamunur Rashid, IT expert
10. Mr. Hasanul Kabir, Business
11. Mr. Belayet Hossain, Layer
12. Mr. Salauddin Bablu, Journalist