**Compact Township Foundation Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Field Visit Report

Date of the visit : Sunday, the 5th of November 2017

Place/area : Village: Raghamajhi, Union Parishad: Kharna, Upazila: Shahjahanpur,

District: Bogra

Purpose/s : i) In search of a suitable rural area for building a Compact Township

(CT) as pilot project;

ii) Talking and meeting the people of target area about the issue and

importance of CT;

iv) Building relations with the friends and supporters of CT Foundation

in Bogra;

v) To find more people and place for CT

Team members : 1. Dr. Salim Rashid, President, CT Foundation

2. Dr. Abul Hossain, Gen. Secy., CT Foundation

3. Ekram Hossain, Member, CT Foundation

4. Mr. Anwarul Karim (Dulal), Local Entrepreneur

5. Mr. SM Mahbubur Rahman, Freedom Fighter

6. Ms. Fatema, a local volunteer, and 2 staff members of business house of Mr. Dulal.

Activities : The 3 member’s team of CT Foundation sits with meeting with Mr. Dulal twice in the hotel in Bogra where the members stayed to discuss the merits and demerits of the target areas. All the members of the team visited the village and go around the whole area of the locality, talked to the local people informally, sit in a meeting formally attended by nearly 50 local people and took food in Mr. Tota’s (former Chairman of Kharna UP) village home in the Raghamajhi village. The rural people participated in the meeting including 2 bachelor-level students of Government Azizul Hoque College also discussed in the meeting and expressed their opinion.

Achievements : 1. No one of the participants of the meeting disagreed with the proposal of entering an era of Compact Township considering the rural and urban indiscipline housing, unplanned use of valuable cultivable land, mass migration of rural people to towns, decent life in rural area with modern facilities and economic growth.

2. Other purposes of the visit were also achieved.

Conclusion : The visit was a very successful one, which will help the CT Foundation to find other suitable people and place for the new project of CT in the northern Bangladesh.

Action points : 1. Preparation of a road map for influencing the Kharna union people to go for CT;

2. Prepare other plan to design and implement the project;

3. Finding sources of money; and

4. Gather new knowledge to find new area for CT.

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