

Good Morning

For 2021, there has been one new membership and there has not been much activity while recovering from the effect of COVID-19.

My efforts in increasing the IIMS Membership in Bangladesh is ongoing but the marine surveyors community here with Master Mariner and Marine Chief Engineer qualification and holding the government issued 'Certificate of Ship Surveyor' find themselves qualified enough and do not have the urge for professional development.

The local Marine Surveyors Association of Bangladesh (MSAB) has 120 members of ex Master Mariners and Marine Chief Engineers and most of them are busy with draft surveys and bunker surveys. On the other hand the local P&I Correspondents, H&M and casualty consultants, and international standard survey companies are not getting surveyors of high professional standard. The reason being most of the surveyors are not willing to spend time and give effort in report writing, and want to earn their living by short cut way of draft and bunker surveys.

If the local users of the marine surveyors encourage the surveyors to have IIMS membership and professional development courses then IIMS membership can be increased. The IIMS Diploma scheme appears to be expensive to the local surveyors and some short courses can be developed jointly by IIMS and MSAB, and thus the membership involvement with IIMS can be increased.

Kind regards  
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