

## Press release

### Mymensingh Agro Producers Association Election'2013

On 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 Mymensingh district agro producer's association election was held at district Shilpakola Academy auditorium hall room, Mymensingh in free and fair atmosphere. The farmers of different projects of nonprofit non government organization Development Wheel (DEW) were attended in the election and out of 396 voters 382 voters as well as farmer leaders were participated in the election. The election was unbiased, non partisan and meaningful where government officials, law enforcers and others concerned were attended.

Development Wheel (DEW) is working for alleviating poverty; establishing farmer's rights, helps to reduce farmer's production cost, increasing their productivity and income through agricultural practices. For establishing strong farmer association DEW organized this association election. Dr. Anisur Rahman, Chief Scientific Officer, SRDI attended as an Election Commissioner (EC), Mr. Kamruzzaman, Co-operative Officer, Phulpur as a Assistant Election Commissioner, Mr. Shamsur Rahman, Upazilla Agriculture Officer (UAO) as an election monitor and Mr. Shah Abdus Salam, Executive Director, DEW Chair in the election. Mr. A B M Feroz Ahamed, Program Manager, Traidcraft Exchange, Mr. Ashraf Uddin, Project Coordinator, ALO project, Mr. A K M Shawkat Hasan, Project Coordinator, APONE project and DEW staffs were also present in the election.

In the welcome speech, EC of election Dr. Anisur Rahman gave an overview of the election. While Mr. Shah Abdus Salam, Executive Director of DEW outlined a proposed measure for the election. He asserted 'we are very much positive about creating a level playing field'. The farmers of Mymensingh have exercised their constitutional rights. ED requested to the candidate and their supporter to accept the people's verdict and maintain a healthy atmosphere of democratic practices. Farmers are putting their right by using ballot paper to select their future association leader. Earlier, voting in election ended peacefully and enthusiastically and tension beginning at the morning when vote casting started. Election commissioner (EC) told us that almost 100 percent votes were cast in the election. EC said that candidates and the supporters had to follow the election code of conducts for the sake of peaceful and successful election.

The newly elected committee members are Mr. Golam Hossein as a President, Mr. Motiur Rahman and Johura Khatun as a Vice-President, Mr. Ali Azom Khan as a General Secretary, Mr. Yousuf Ali as a Joint-General Secretary, Mr. Sumon Mia as Organizing Secretary, Mr. Shohag Ahmed as a Publicity Secretary and Mr. Abdul Kuddus Mondol as a Treasurer. Besides that nine members were also elected from their respective upazilla of Mymensingh.

On the other hand, Sherpur and Netrokona district agro producer association also formed on 15<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 respectively with the presence of govt. official and farmer of that district.

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Newly formed Mymensingh and Sherpur district agro producer association committee



Farmers are putting their vote on ballot box and counting session after voting



Group leader Farmers of Mymensingh and Sherpur district participated in the association election