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Press Release

Dr. Mizanur Rahman of Dhaka University won the Prestigious  
GDN Medal for Research on Development 2009

Dr. Mizanur Rahman, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Accounting & Information Systems (AIS), won the First Prize sponsored by the Luxembourg Ministry of Finance for his outstanding research on "Regional Integration -- Convergence Big Time, or, an Opportunity Wasted<sup>1</sup>." As a part of the Global Development Network (GDN) 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, the prize distribution ceremony was held on January 17, 2010, at the historic Czernin Palace in Prague, Czech Republic. Dr. Ernesto Zedillo, the Chairman of the GDN Board of Directors and former President of Mexico, chaired the Prize Distribution Ceremony. His Excellency John Kohout, Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Czech Republic and more than 500 researchers and policy makers from around the world attended the ceremony. The GDN President Dr. Gerardo della Paolera presented the award to Dr. Rahman pointing out that his research won the competition featured by more than 480 scholarly submissions.

Dr. Rahman in his research suggested that a collective exchange appreciation would significantly correct the global current account imbalance between the United States and East Asian countries, including China notably. He emphasized that a lack of cooperation and shared responsibility on the part of East Asian economies might jeopardize East Asian regional integration. Particularly, it would be so if the US economic recovery accompanies a discrete dollar depreciation and/or a semi(permanent) decline in the US demand (consumption).

Dr. Rahman obtained his Ph.D. degree from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan. He worked as a researcher at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) in 2006/07 and then at the Asian Development Bank Institute in 2008/09. Dr. Rahman's current research includes regional trade and economic integration, global payment imbalance, trade policy reforms, export development and economic growth. His other professional engagements included international consultancies with ADB, World Bank, and the UN organizations. Dr. Rahman has published in international journals including *the World Economy*, *Economics Bulletin* and *the Journal of Development Studies*.

<sup>1</sup>For further details, please read Dr. Rahman's article published in *The World Economy* 32(7), pp. 1075–1090 and available on <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122504587/abstract>

Further details on GDN award is available at <http://www.gdnet.org>

Prize distribution ceremony at the Czernin Palace is available at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVrf\\_L4Ogqc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVrf_L4Ogqc)

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