**A presentation by Sadequl Islam at the FBLF award ceremony on September 24,2022.**

It’s a pleasure for me to provide you with a glimpse of the achievements of the cadets of the first batch of RCC. The first batch consists of 34 cadets who joined RCC in 1966. Another 12 cadets joined our batch in 1968. Our dreams and aspirations were the products of our experiences and the learning environment at RCC. I am going to use an analogy from the input-output model in economics. In this model, inputs are transformed into output in the production process. The difference between output and inputs is called value-added. In the present context, the inputs are 14 -year old cadets in the 1960s and outputs or outcomes are later achievements of these cadets over their life course. Our Rajshahi Cadet College has remained a high-value-added institution. After more than five decades, we can say that while we may not have achieved our full potentialities, our accomplishments are consistent with our dreams and aspirations. Cadets of our batch pursued a diverse set of professions. Here is the tally. One cadet sacrificed his life during the liberation war. 12 cadets opted for a miliary career, two of whom escaped from the Pakistan military academy and valiantly fought during the liberation war. Eight cadets became successful in their careers in science, engineering, and architecture. Seven cadets became teachers/professors at educational institutions in Bangladesh and abroad. Four cadets joined the civil and foreign service. Another four cadets contributed to the health sector as doctors and providers of health services. Five cadets pursued careers in business, industry, finance, and banking. Two cadets served two major international agencies. Three cadets played a prominent role in projects relating to education for the underprivileged and poverty alleviation. One cadet became a leading scholar of law reforms in Bangladesh. One cadet dedicated his life toward the spiritual dimension of our lives and continues to provide psychological comfort to those affected by physical ailments and tragedies. Several cadets managed to involve themselves in multiple professions and activities. One cadet transmuted from a civil servant into a writer and wrote and translated 45 books. Collectively, our batch has taken a leading role in raising funds for those affected by natural disasters in Bangladesh. Our empathy has transcended the boundary of the community of cadets. Some of us have tried to raise awareness in Bangladesh and abroad about the plight of Rohingya refugees. Finally, many of us, after retirement, remain active in social, educational, and philanthropic activities in our beloved motherland.