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The following are the activities of the partnership for the month of April 2005.

➢ Prof. Tamim continued teaching the Energy Value Chain Economics, Policy and Regulation as a graduate course offered through PMRE.

➢ Prof. Hossain arrived in Houston and started working at IELE offices.
  o He attended Dr. Foss’ Energy Inc. course five evenings (three hours each), lecturing on Bangladesh energy value chain issues as well as other topics during one evening.
  o He started working on gas utilization options such as CNG and GTL for research products. He is using the background research IELE compiled before his arrival. He will visit with Syntroleum (a GTL company) to collect data and learn more about the technology.
  o He attended Gulf Coast Power Association conference on Texas electricity market, with a pre-conference workshop on Asian energy markets.

➢ Dr. Rahman arrived in Houston.

➢ Prof. Tamim and his two graduate students continued to work on the analysis of a natural gas pipeline project and the development of the energy value chain spreadsheet model for Bangladesh, both based on models from IELE’s New Era program.

Next steps

Actions expected in the next few months include:

➢ Continue work with Prof. Hossain on research projects.

➢ Arrange visits for Prof. Hossain with natural gas companies and regulators for discussing pipeline economics, expansion, regulation and other related issues. Both Prof. Hossain and Dr. Rahman will attend the OTC conference and the IELE’s New Era program.