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The following are the activities that the partnership conducted in the month of July.

➢ On July 12, Prof. Tamim presented a seminar on ‘Global Energy Scenario' at the National Defense College (NDC), a prestigious army training institute where people with the rank of Colonel and above from all three branches of Army and Joint Secretary and above from civil administration take part. He participated as a specialist guest lecturer as a part of the course. The lecture was well received and appreciated.

➢ On July 22, Prof. Tamim addressed a wide range of participants in a two-hour long seminar held at BUET council building. Academicians, professionals from the energy sector and other areas, journalists and general public attended the event. This was part of a program named “Energy Sector Development Issues in the Context of Developing Countries like Bangladesh”. It was arranged by Directorate of Continuing Education (DCE), BUET. Mr. Paul Precht, an energy economist from Canada, was a visiting lecturer. Prof. Tamim talked on the problems and restructuring of the Bangladeshi energy sector.

➢ On July 24-25, Prof. Tamim addressed the inaugural program for a web-based professional development course on “Overview of Petroleum Technology and Policy” offered by the BUET DCE. Prof. Tamim is the content specialist for the course. This is a milestone for BUET in terms of electronic distance education.

On all three occasions, Prof. Tamim extensively used the material he gathered at University of Houston. His experience and exposure helped him tremendously in developing the professional development course for BUET and delivering the lectures. This can be seen as an immediate output of the Houston trip.

➢ The partnership completed Task 2 “Evaluation of the Curriculum at PMRE & Recommendation for its Update” (please see attached).

➢ The partnership initiated Tasks 3 and 4 (evaluation of teaching materials and research capacity at PMRE). Final versions of these reports will be submitted in August.

➢ The partnership continued work on research papers.

Next steps

Actions expected in the months of August and September include:

➢ Attend ALO Conference in Washington DC
➢ Continue work on research papers.
➢ Finalize preparation of materials for the first offering of Energy Value Chain Economics, Policy and Regulation