## **Brief Biography**

1940	Born in Chittagong, Bangladesh
1957-61	Graduated and Post Graduated from Dhaka University
1965-66	Received Fulbright Fellowship to study at Colorado University
1966-69	Received Vanderbilt University research and teaching fellowships
1969-72	Assistant Professor of Economics, Middle Tennessee State University
1970	Obtained Ph.D. in Economics from Vanderbilt University, U.S.A.
1972-89	Professor of Economics and Head of the Department of Economics, Chittagong
	University
1976-83	Project Director, Grameen Bank Project, Dhaka
1983-	Founder and Managing Director, Grameen Bank, Dhaka
1984	Received Ramon Magsaysay Award by the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation, Philippines
1987	Received the Independence Day Award (highest civilian national award of Bangladesh)
1994	Received the World Food Prize by the World Food Prize Foundation
1995-99	First Chairman of the Policy Advisory Group for the CGAP (Consultative Group
	to Assist the Poorest), World Bank, Washington D.C.
1996(April-June)Cabinet Minister (Advisor) in the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh	
1998	Received the Ozaki Gakudo Award by the Ozaki Yukio Memorial Foundation

- · Also received several honorary degrees from academic institutions around the world.
- · Also has been a member of the Board of Directors and Advisory Group of several organizations around the world.
- Besides Grameen Bank, created a number of companies in Bangladesh to address diverse issues of poverty and development.

## **Major Publications**

Rural Development-A New Development Strategy, Not a New Priority, 1979

Grameen Bank Project in Bangladesh-A Poverty Focused Rural Development Programme, 1982

Jorimon and Others-Faces of Poverty (ed.) (published in Bengali, 1982) (translated into English, first edition, 1984)

Group-Based Savings and Credit for the Rural Poor, 1986

Credit for Self-Employment: A Fundamental Human Right, 1987

Grameen Bank: Experiences & Reflections, 1992

We can Create a Poverty-Free Environmentally Balanced World if we only want it, 1994

Does the Capitalist System have to be the Handmaiden of the Rich, 1994

Grameen Bank as I see it, 1994

Towards Creating a Poverty Free World, 1995

Vers un monde sans pauvrete (co-author) (published in French) Editions Jean-Claude Lattes, Paris, 1997

(English translation: *Banker to the Poor*, University Press Limited, Dhaka, 1998) (Japanese translation: *Muhammad Yunus Jiden—Autobiography of Muhammad Yunus*, translated by Inokuma Hiroko and published by Hayakawa Shobo Publishing Co., Tokyo, 1998) [This book has also been translated into Italian, Spanish, Turkish, German, Dutch, Portuguese, Gujrati and Chinese.]

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