



From BJFCI Chairman

New Year, New Hopes, New Dreams

The new year-2019 has ushered in across the world with new hopes and new dreams. In Bangladesh, we have every reason to be optimistic about the year. This year we will start our journey under a new government with new hope to fulfill the nation's dream to become a middle-income nation. We all of BJFCI are also in the journey. Our aim is to build a fair financial society protecting consumer rights and promoting inclusive investment for a better Bangladesh with inclusive growth. And the 2019 will be a season of unbridled opportunities and we are on the embreaded of a new and great beginning, I believe.

We all people are consumers living in an era of digital innovations- as workers, public servants and investors. And we all have a common goal to live in a fair manner which requires inclusive growth and civic rights. So, we need a fair financial society where social justice, consumer rights protection and inclusive investment are indispensable for peaceful and prosperous coexistence. Here, journalism should not be silent and media could be an immediate short-term weapon. They should work together hand-in-hand with the new government to create a prosperous and peaceful Bangladesh.

The 2019, however, also has brought a bad news for us. Two journalists were arrested in Khulna under The Digital Security Act, which creates extensive legal dangers for journalists performing their duties. Authorities used that act to harass the press, including photographer Shahidul Alam, according to CPJ research, so the journalists community made demand for its immediate withdrawal.

BJFCI urges the new government to open the doors for responsible journalists and ensure freedom of press to fulfill the dream of a prosperous and peaceful Bangladesh. The fate of our children and future generations depends on us making the right decisions and choices.

Happy New Year.

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Bangladesh Journalists' Foundation For Consumers & Investors (BJFCI) is the largest platform of senior journalists working in leading dailies of Bangladesh. It's members are working as Editors, Executive Editors, Economic Editors, Business Editors, News Editors, Chief Reporters, Special Correspondents and Senior Reporters/Sub Editors and committed to protect the rights of consumers and interest of inclusive investors through media interventions. BJFCI raises voice for the rights of consumers and promotes growth finance sector, digital innovations and mobile financial services in line with its vision to build a fair financial society for a better Bangladesh with inclusive growth.