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On Golam Kibria's 45th Birthday

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1. Introduction

One of our *JPSS* Coordinating Editors, Dr. B. M. Golam Kibria (see Photo #1 below), will be celebrating his 45th birthday on February 1, 2008. As a good friend of Dr. Kibria, I wish to recognize his birthday by publishing this write-up in *JPSS*, where he has been dedicated for several years. I also take this opportunity to express my thankfulness to Dr. Kibria for all his hard work in serving as a Coordinating Editor.



Photo #1 Dr. Golam Kibria on his 45th birthday

Dr. Kibria is presently working as a tenured associate professor in the Department of Statistics at the Florida International University, Miami, FL 33199, USA. Besides serving for *JPSS*, Dr. Kibria has been the Overseas Managing Editor for the *Journal of Statistical Research* since January 2007. Detailed academic background of Dr. Kibria and his contributions to statistics will be given in Section 2 of this article. Then a list of his publications is given in Section 3. Section 4 is a report on Dr. Kibria's visit to Taiwan in July 2006.

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Dr. B. M. Golam Kibria was born on February 1, 1963 in the District of Faridpur, Bangladesh. He was the youngest child in the family and had a pleasant and wonderful personality. After the completion of his S.S.C and H.S.C. degrees from Faridpur, he was admitted to the Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1981. He has completed his B. Sc Honors and M. Sc. in Statistics with distinctions from the Jahangirnagar University in 1986 and 1988 respectively. As an extraordinary student, he has received several awards/scholarships: (a) *1986 Chancellor Award*, awarded by the President, People's republic of Bangladesh, (b) *1986 Government Talent Pool Scholarship*, for scoring the highest marks in honors level among the students of Jahangirnagar University, (c) *1986 Asadul Kabir Scholarship and Gold Medal*, for scoring the highest marks in honors and subsidiary levels among the students of Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Dr Kibria was awarded the Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship at Carleton University, Ontario, Canada, where he earned his M. Sc. in Statistics in 1993. He was also awarded the Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship at the University of Western Ontario, Ontario, Canada where he earned his Ph. D. in Statistics. Prior to joining at Florida International University (FIU) in August 2000, he was working as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Statistics, University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada in 1998-2000, and in the Department of Statistical and Actuarial Science at the University of Western Ontario (UWO), Ontario, Canada in 1997. He had also worked as a lecturer in the Department of Statistics at Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1988-1991. He has taught a good number of undergraduate and graduate level courses in different universities and has supervised several Ph. D. (jointly) and M. Sc. students at FIU.

Dr. Kibria has made significant contributions in various fields of statistics. Since 1993, he has about 60 research articles either published or accepted for publication in peer reviewed statistical journals such as *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, *IEEE Transactions on Reliability*, *Stochastic Environmental Research & Risk Assessment*, *Communications in Statistics-Theory and Methods*, *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, *Metrika*, and *Statistical Papers*. His researches have a wide application in the fields of environmental, health science, physical sciences and transportation engineering. A complete list of Dr. Kibria's publications is given in Section 3. Dr. Kibria has been awarded summer research awards (2001, 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2007) from the College of Arts and Science at FIU. He is an affiliated faculty in the Department of Environmental Studies and affiliated researcher in the Lehman Center for Transportation Research (LCTR) at FIU. He is the dissertation advisor in the Department of Statistics and a member of the Graduate Faculty at FIU. He has been working as the principle statistician and a research faculty for the *Hurricane Loss Model Project* funded by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation. Dr. Kibria has served as the secretary, the treasurer, Vice President and the President of South Florida Chapter of ASA in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 respectively. He has received *2005 Chapter Service Recognition Award* in recognition of outstanding and devoted service to the South Florida Chapter of American Statistical Association. He has presented numerous research

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4. Professor Golam Kibria's Trip to Taiwan in July 2006

Dr. Kibria took a scholarly trip to Taiwan (upon the author's invitation) in July (6th-14th) 2006, and he gave several talks at Academia Sinica in Taipei City, National Chiao-Tung University in Hsinchu City, and Fu Jen Catholic University in Taipei County. Besides giving talks, Dr. Kibria took a sightseeing tour (accompanied by the author and his family) and visited beautiful scenic sites such as Sun-Moon Lake in Nanto County and Yang-Min Mountain National Park in Taipei, and he had a joyful time in Taiwan. Some selected photos (Photos #2-#9) of Dr. Kibria's presentations and sightseeing tours are attached below.



Photo #2 Dr. Kibria at Yong-Kang Street (a well-known place for good food in Taipei City) after having his dinner / Date: July 6, 2006



Photo #3 Dr. Kibria giving a speech at the Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica, Taipei City / Date: July 7, 2006



Photo #4 Dr. Kibria with research fellows at the Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica, Taipei City / Date: July 7, 2006



Photo #5 Dr. Kibria with the author and author's twin daughters (on their way to Sun-Moon Lake) / Place: Nanto County / Date: July 8, 2006



Photo #6 Dr. Kibria (with one of the author's twin daughters) at Sun-Moon Lake, Nanto County / Date: July 8, 2006



Photo #7 Dr. Kibria and the author at Yang-Min Mountain National Park in Taipei / Date: July 11, 2006



Photo #8 Cheers! / Place: Yang-Min Mountain National Park in Taipei / Date: July 11, 2006



Photo #9 Dr. Kibria chats with Dr. W. L. Pearn (Editor of *QTQM* and *JPSS*) before giving his talk at National Chiao-Tung University in Hsinchu City / Date: July 12, 2006

5. Conclusion

Dr. Kibria has made a significant contribution in the various fields of statistics. We expect that he will continue his research at a profile rate and serve the statistical community for a very long time. Dr. Kibria has maintained a high level of commitment to the professional service, research and teaching. He has been supporting the journal since his involvement with *JPSS*. We also expect that he will continue with *JPSS* until at the end of his career in statistics.