Biosketch of Prof Nitish Debnath

Dr Nitish Debnath is a retired professor and founding Vice Chancellor of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University. He holds PhD in Virology from the University of Surrey, MSc in Tropical Veterinary Medicine from the University of Edinburgh, DVM from the Bangladesh Agricultural University and had his postdoctoral training on nonspecific immunity in Japan. He started career in the government veterinary services and Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute. In his mid-career, he moved to academia as Principal of the newly established Chittagong Veterinary College which was later transformed into Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University and served as the founding Vice Chancellor. Later He worked for FAO and Global Health Development as senior One Health technical advisor, Team Lead of Fleming Fund Country Grant to Bangladesh and now works for USAID's One Health Activity DAI Global. LLC as Chief of Party. Author of more than 100 publications he served as Presidents of the Bangladesh Veterinary Council and Agriculturists Institution Bangladesh, member of the board of Governors of International Association of Ecology and Health, Associate Fellow of Chatham House Global Health, and core member of the board of Governors of the Council on International Veterinary Medical Education (CIVME). He served as the alternate member of the Board of Governors of Pandemic Fund, World Bank at its inception. He organized the first International One Health Conference in Chittagong in March 2008 and launched a civil society platform called One Health Bangladesh (OHB). Since inception he has been chairing the National Coordination Committee of OHB and organized eleven One Health conferences. Since 2021, He has been serving as one of the members of One Health High Level Expert panel (OHHLEP) of FAO, WOAH, WHO and UNEP quadripartite One Health platform.