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Dr. Mohammad Bhuiyan is the Founding Director of the OFC Venture Challenge. He has over twenty years of experience in dealing with Historically Black Colleges & Universities and minority entrepreneurship issues. For his outstanding work in the entrepreneurship field for HBCUs, Dr. Bhuiyan was awarded 2005 Prestigious "Appel Prize" by Babson College. He is also an Endowed Professor of Entrepreneurship at FSU and the President & CEO of Global Trading and Consulting, Inc., a company that works with start-up ventures as well as major corporations.

Dr. Bhuiyan received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Florida, two MBAs from Georgia State University and the Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore. He has also received leadership and other educational trainings from the Center for Creative Leadership, Emory University, Duke University, American Council on Education, UC-Berkeley, MIT, Harvard University KSG and Harvard Business School.

He has worked as a marketing executive and consultant for the British American Tobacco, Pfizer, UNDP, FAO, and a number of other corporations. Dr. Bhuiyan served as Endowed Professor of Entrepreneurship, Assistant Dean, Department Head, and faculty member at Fayetteville State University, Hampton University, Fort Valley State University, Clark Atlanta University, Savannah State University, University of Florida and the University of Dhaka.

Dr. Bhuiyan's main teaching and research interest are in the areas of entrepreneurship, international business management, and leadership. He offers training programs for business executives and others on "Global Business Culture"(how to deal with people from different cultures and different ethnic background to carryout successful business dealings), "Leadership Development," and "Negotiations."

As a true international expert, he has lived in, worked and traveled to **Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Bermuda, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.** He is associated with a number of national and international professional, academic, and business associations.

Dr. Bhuiyan is a prolific grant writer and an excellent fund-raiser. He has received many grants and led fundraising efforts for many organizations totaling millions of dollars. He has also served on several nonprofit, civic, and economic development boards of directors, including **Better Business Bureau, Junior Achievement, American Red-Cross, American Heart Association, IOH, Second Harvest Food Bank, The Rotary Club, City of Savannah Human Resource Commission, and Middle Georgia Regional Cooperation Initiative.**

For his outstanding achievements, Dr. Bhuiyan has been named to the *Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Finance & Industry, Who's Who in the South and Southwest,* and *International Who's Who of Professional Management.* For his outstanding contribution and leadership, The City Council of Savannah adopted a proclamation to proclaim May 31, 1996 as "**Dr. Mohammad Bhuiyan Day,**" and The County of Chatham Commission also adopted a proclamation to proclaim May 24, 1996 as "**Dr. Mohammad Bhuiyan Day,**" Dr. Bhuiyan also received numerous awards including Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Best Teacher Award, and Outstanding Leadership Awards. He is also a Recipient of the World Bank Fellowship.

Dr. Bhuiyan and his works have been featured in many daily and other newspapers including **The Fayetteville Observer, Triangle Business Journal, The Atlanta Journal Constitution, Daily Press (Hampton, VA), Macon Telegraph**



(Macon, GA), **Atlanta Business Chronicle**, **Savannah Morning News**, **Georgia Guardian**, **The State** (Columbia, SC) **Global Fax** (Atlanta, GA), **Atlanta Business Journal**, **Black Issues in Higher Education**, **Black Enterprise**, and **Savannah Business Journal**. Dr. Bhuiyan hosted a highly successful bi-weekly live radio talk show named “**International Business Hour**” for two years at the **WHCJ** station. He has appeared on many news stories and interviews aired on **CNN**, **ABC**, **CBS**, and **NBC** affiliated **TV** stations, cable channels, and other radio stations.

He is a graduate of *Leadership Georgia’s Class of 1996*. Dr. Bhuiyan is married to Shamima and has a twenty two year old son, Avi who presently attends the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.