



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends and fellow alumni:

It is a great privilege and honor for me to be the president of the NED Alumni Association of New England, USA. I graduated from NED University in 1981 with a degree in civil engineering. During my 25 years of professional career, I had the opportunities to work as a designer as well as a construction manager of various engineering projects in bridge/highway, airport, industrial/commercial facility buildings, and infrastructure projects. I am currently the President/CEO of AI Engineers Inc. an 82-person consulting engineering firm based in Middletown, Connecticut.

Having worked with many successful NEDians in both business and on a personal level, and having a keen interest in engineering and technical education, I and many NEDians like me can help our alma mater. Today NED University is facing many challenges; for example:

1. Higher Education Commission downgrading NED University to 10th position among Engineering Universities in Pakistan.
2. Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET Inc.), USA, declining recognition of NED's degree as an equivalent bachelor degree in the United States.

NED Alumni Association nationally as well as local chapters could play a vital role in helping NED University to meet many of these challenges and create new vision for the future of our University and help restore its pre-eminent position .

I encourage all NEDians to join hands for the improvement of our University. The Alumni can do a lot if established and emerging local chapters all work together and communicate more frequently and effectively. Social gatherings are the place to start. This networking will also help us expand our business opportunities here in the United States.

The success of so many NEDians in business, industry, government and academia here in the United States should help us forge strong and active links in our local communities as well as nationally by participating and being highly visible and engaged on issues of the larger community here. A united voice of Alumni can certainly help achieve this goal.

Since the creation of the NED Alumni Association, Annual Conventions have been held by local chapters in Illinois (Chicago), New Jersey, and California. This year, NED Alumni Association of New England has the privilege of hosting a grand Annual Convention on November 1, at Marriott in Farmington, Connecticut. For more information about the Convention, I welcome you to visit our website: www.nednec.org

I hope everyone is looking forward to this year's Alumni Convention for connecting and networking. For those who won't be able to make it to the Convention, we will post pictures on the website.

Hope to see you there!

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P.S.: I am more commonly known here by my shortened name, but my full name is "Abul Khair Amirul Islam". As you can see the middle-two, nice names are gone!