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Preface

A text book titled *Economic Development Planning* is designed and developed for the MBA students of Bangladesh Open University. It is written in modular form and is the first of its kind on Economic Development and Planning in Bangladesh. The lessons have been so designed that learners find them easy to understand.

The book has eight units comprising 32 lessons. We do not claim it to be an original contribution. Rather it should be regarded as a text book of ideas from various renowned authorities in Economic Development and Planning. I have also quoted from different text books on Development and Economics usually followed by post-graduate students in our universities. My endeavourer has been to present the lessons in a very lucid manner so that they can be understood and assimilated by an average distant learner of the MBA program within the stipulated period of a semester.

Each unit is almost equivalent to one chapter of a conventional text book and contains two to eight lessons. Each of them starts with brief introduction highlighting the unit. In fact, the lessons are like the lecture notes of a classroom teacher, each starts with "lesson objectives" and ends with "review questions". The review questions include multiple choice questions, short questions and essay type questions. I hope that self learners will not find much difficulty in understanding the lessons by themselves and will need only a little help from the tutor.

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I shall feel rewarded for my labor if both general readers and self-learners find this book worthwhile and useful.

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