

## 2002 Engineer of Distinction



**Ashraf Islam**

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### Citation

Since graduating from Tennessee Technological University, Mr. Islam has continually distinguished himself as a leader in the engineering community. His 34-year career includes technical achievements and management in various capacities for the civil engineering industry.

Mr. Islam came to Tennessee Tech from Bangladesh as a freshman on a Dawood Foundation Grant in 1965. He graduated in 1968 with a degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation, Mr. Islam worked as a project engineer/manager for A.G. Consulting Engineers (AIA), headquartered in Houston, Texas. The firm celebrates its 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, having grown to a 95-member international professional organization with branches in Dallas, Texas; Virginia Beach, Virginia; Hoboken, New Jersey; New York City, New York; Dhaka, Bangladesh; and Lagos, Nigeria. In 1993, AIA was ranked 24<sup>th</sup> among the 100 fastest growing small businesses in Houston. A few years later in 1997, Mr. Islam was presented with the South Asian Chamber of Commerce Business Professional Award.

Mr. Islam has been actively involved in numerous local and international community organizations and philanthropic activities. He serves on the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department Industry Advisory Board. He has been a friend and financial contributor to Tennessee Technological University. He was founder and contributor of the first major endowment in the CEE Department, The Asia Khatun Civil and Environmental Engineering Endowment. Additionally, last year, he pledged a sizable endowment to the CEE Department.

Throughout his career, Mr. Islam has endeavored to be an excellent engineer, project manager, and founder for engineering consulting firms. He has demonstrated leadership in his profession and provided various services to his community. More importantly, he has been generous to Tennessee Tech and provided valuable leadership and dedication to the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. Mr. Islam truly believes in the quality of his education at Tennessee Tech and considers it a privilege and honor to be a graduate and representative of this great institution.

Mr. Islam, as president and founder of AIA Engineers, Ltd., is actively involved in the daily operation of his consulting firm. He and his wife, Nasren, have three children and live in Houston.



Ashraf Islam receives his citation from CEE Chairperson Nadir Ghafouri