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Presenter researcher	<b>Dr Abdus Sobhan</b>
Date:	August 16, 2022 (Tuesday)
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Discussants	<b>Dr. Melita Mehjabeen</b> Professor Institute of Business Administration University of Dhaka
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**Certification of Corporate Governance Compliance, Type of Certifiers and Market-based Performance: Evidence from a Unique Regulatory Setting**

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**Abstract**

Bangladesh introduced a unique monitoring mechanism of compliance with a CG code - the certification of compliance with a CG code by an independent professional firm. Using 1,058 Bangladeshi company-year observations from 2006 to 2019, we explore the effect of this unique monitoring mechanism of compliance with a CG code on the market-based performance of companies. We also examine the impact of the type of the compliance certification provider on market-based performance of companies. We find that the independent certification of CG compliance is positively associated with market-based performance of companies. We also document a positive association between practising chartered secretarial firm certification providers and company performance. The impact of the certification of compliance is less pronounced when alternative oversight mechanisms are present at the company-level but more significant when companies experience high-level information asymmetry. The positive association between independent certification of compliance and company performance suggests that certification of compliance reduces information asymmetry between managers and investors in terms of compliance with a CG code. However, such an association is conditional on the type of compliance certification provider and company-level factors. The results highlight the economic implications of a unique mechanism of monitoring compliance with an adopted CG code and have significant implications for policymakers and regulators in emerging countries.

**Keywords:** Corporate governance, Certification of compliance, Chartered secretarial firm, Market-based firm performance, Emerging economy

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