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Recommendation for Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman

To Whom It May Concern

I am a journalism trainer and news consultant with the Thomson Reuters Foundation (TRF) based in Singapore where I train reporters and editors across Asia on journalistic skills. I have more than 25 years of newsroom experience in the U.S. and Asia, and have worked with CNBC, Bloomberg and Reuters as a financial journalist. I currently mentor journalists in newsrooms, and also hold faculty positions at Murdoch University and S.P. Jain Global School of Management. I have a double master's in journalism, and am also an alumni board member at Columbia Journalism School, my alma mater.

As part of my training programs for TRF, I have had the pleasure to teach and mentor Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman, also known as Babu Kamruzzaman, Special Correspondent at News24, Dhaka. I mentored him during TRF's three-month program on Climate Exploitation and Just Transition in early 2023. I would highly recommend him for his inquisitiveness, his detailed reporting and passion for learning. His outstanding reporting skills, analytical depth, and dedication to human-interest stories stood him apart from his peers.

His investigative report, "**Gray Workers in Green Factories**," highlighted labor challenges in Bangladesh's garment industry and was showcased as an exemplary report on Just Transition, which he covered after receiving a grant from TRF. I am confident his commitment to indepth reportage will continue to highlight stories from the Global South that impact the world.

I strongly recommend Mr. Kamruzzaman for any opportunity to further his knowledge and exceptional contribution to journalism. He is dedicated and deeply interested in learning. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,



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