

Internship Placement:

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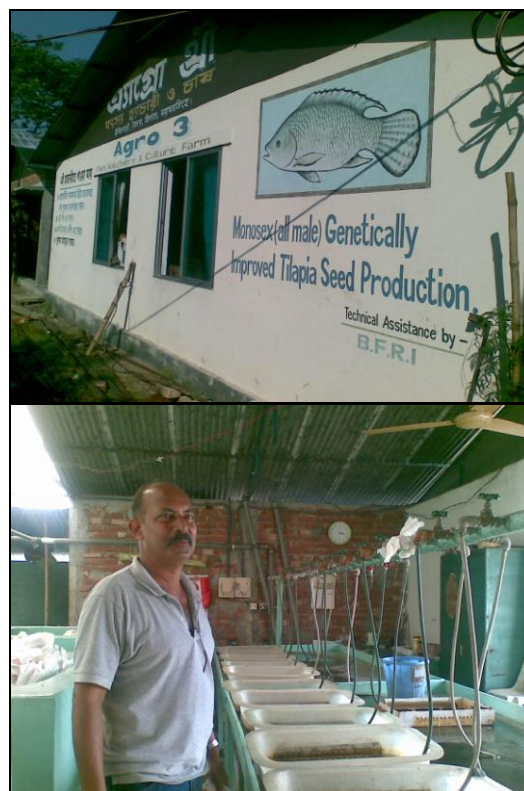
Agro-3 hatchery and fish farms

Address:

Mymensing, Bangladesh

Location:

120 km northwest of Dhaka



1. Project description:

Agro3 is a medium sized hatchery and farms established on 25 ha of lands in 2002. This hatchery and farms are dedicated to breed and culture GIFT. There is a facility of producing 10 million juvenile Tilapia and about 50 metric tonnes of food fishes. Besides Tilapia this hatchery and fish farm also stock some endangered indigenous fishes those attract the newly recruited graduate students. The owner of the Agro 3 is Mr. Shamsul Alam (48) who is very keen in developing linkage with the University and glad offer training programmes for our undergraduate and graduate students.

2. Location:

It is located 120 km northwest of Dhaka in a rural setting. But the provincial headquarters, Mymensing and Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) are about 15 km away from the farm where ATM cash machines, Banks and other facilities are there. It is also connected by train and buses from Dhaka.

3. Project Description

It is very much suitable for hands-on work. This is specialized company which produces high quality "Tilapia Fry". Tilapia is a cichlid fish. It grows fast and is easy to raise therefore, well suited for poor farmers to earn quick cash and supply family with protein. Therefore, it is now dubbed as "poor men's fish". Tilapia hatchery project is unique of its kind developed through research at AIT which comprises unique method of fish breeding, egg incubation and larval rearing. This technology was transferred to private sector and has become a major breakthrough for the expansion of tilapia farming in Bangladesh and beyond. The hatchery also produces occasionally other types of fish e.g. catfish. As an intern you can help our staff for day-to-day work, carry out research, produce more fish fry to supply to more farmers and promote the technology through publication and communication. The hatchery helps local communities by supplying fish fry, providing knowledge and technical assistance as well. Internship period will be from 1-6 months. Working hours are 8 am – 4:30 pm (Monday – Friday). You are free for travel on weekends and any public holidays.

4. **Living conditions:**

Be prepared to live in rural setting. Very few people can speak English. It will be a life-time experience in living with a local family as its member and learning local culture, language and adapting a different way of life. There is electricity. Land line and cellophone services are there. Cell phone works in the area but you have to have machine and SIM card purchased in the local town. Internet services and ATM/cash machines are also available in the village. There are plenty local food vendors which serve delicious Bangladeshi food.

5. **Climate**

Climate is tropical, warm and humid. Temperature may go up to 30°C in summer is quite hot. It may rain heavy for short time in summer. During winter temperature may fall around 15°C.

6. **Culture:**

It is important to respect local culture and traditions. Cover-up dresses are required. Shoes or sandal does not matter but most of the time you will need to walk; therefore, light sport shoes/trainers will be suitable. Dress conservatively; casual clothing is suitable while working at the fish farm - T-shirts, shorts and sandals are appropriate.

7. **Host is happy to provide:**

- Dormitory type accommodation nearby or you stay in BAU.
- Subsidized rate for food wherever possible
- Office space, computer and internet facilities
- Fish, labour and other materials for research, if needed

8. **Your Costs:**

- International airfare (please check with your University, may have this provision)
- Local transportation
- Fees for visa/passport
- Food and drinks (approx. about US\$1/meal)
- Any costs of trips, trainings, and others arranged personally
- Insurance and costs of damages due to personal negligence

9. **Miscellaneous**

Travel medical kit, light mosquito net, insect repellent, sleeping bag, flash light, umbrella or rain coat, few books, a towel and toiletries. But do not bother if you need to buy them, they are available locally at cheap prices.

Note: you will be paired with students of our local partner institution, as far as possible.