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"This book provides insight and ideas to inform the next cycle of planning and encourages some predictions as to what will happen if the strategies and modalities of the last decade remain in place. It also anticipates what may happen if learning from the past results in some radical departures from recent practice designed to ensure that exclusion from basic education up to secondary school ceases to be a common experience for the poor in Bangladesh. The authors are encouraged to reconvene in 2015 and 2020 to see to what extent their predictions have come true!"

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Bangladesh enters the fifth decade of its independence in 2011. It expects to transform itself during this decade from one of the U.N. designated least developed countries into a middle income economy, building prosperity with equity for its people. Quality education for its people, and its capability to exploit the potentials of the knowledge economy and the information society, will be the key to this transformation. Distinguished researchers from Bangladesh and abroad have looked analytically and critically at progress and challenges in education in Bangladesh, working collaboratively with scholars from six research institutions from Bangladesh, Ghana, India, South Africa and U.K., under the auspices of the Consortium for Research on Educational Access, Transitions and Equity (CREATE).

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