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## <u>Diploma Engineers (Techs) Take to Bangladesh Streets</u> for Fairness in Practice

While in Bangladesh the technologists / technicians (Diploma Engineers) are taking to the streets to secure fair rights and pay as compared with Degree Engineers, in BC there is a collaborative effort between ASTTBC and APEGBC to address practice rights. THANKS to Alan Williams, AScT, who is working in the region, for sending the news <a href="CLIPPING">CLIPPING</a>.

The recently appointed ASTTBC-APEGBC Joint Board held its first meeting in January and meets again in April. The primary focus of the joint group is to define areas where a technologist might be recognized within a professional reliance model. Our experience in BC has gone in 'waves' where at one time the associations connect around the common purpose of sorting out 'turf' and then this wanes for one reason or another... only to get back at the table again in a few years to take another run at it.

Given the recognition ASTTBC has achieved for its members as 'Qualified Professionals/Persons', the current and future skills shortages and general change in approach and attitudes, ASTTBC is fully confident that THIS TIME our joint work will not get put aside. The Joint Board also has a mandate to consider a new legislative model and at some point to re-engage regarding the long-proposed 'Professional Technologist' (PTech) which has been law in Alberta now for three years.

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