

## **Experience with TAEU**

First of all, I thank TAEU for giving me this opportunity. I had been a member of TAEU nearly twenty-five years. During this period, I had witnessed that TAEU was led by eminent and braveful leaders under which I was able to have a comfort working environment in this institution, both personally and officially.

The main activities of trade unions are providing assistance and services to their membership, collectively bargaining for having better working environments such as a decent pay and conditions for all members. The employees of any institution join unions because they believe that it is an effective way to secure adequate protection from various types of threats by the employers. As a member of TAEU, I experienced such type of protection that gave me self-confidence which induced me in providing better services to the Eastern University.

Even though I had not held any office in the TAEU during my membership, as an active member I enjoyed very much by participating trade union activities with loyalty and extended my fullest cooperation. I still remember my participation in a big rally that demanded more public expenditure for education – requesting 8% on GDP for education, held in the South, arranged by the FUTA in 2012.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every wonderful people who were being as members of TAEU and affectionately behaved with me with all due respect during those days.

I wish TAEU every success for the future.

Thank You.

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