## New Staff Arrival - Dr Muhammad Azim



Hello there! I am Muhammad Azim, and I am very excited to be starting in my new role as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Accountancy. While I have come to Hong Kong under some challenging times due to Covid-19, I have found the people here hospitable and my fellow colleagues very warm in their welcoming me to my new home.

I was born in Dhaka, Bangladesh – not too far from Hong Kong and with a similar climate profile! My parents then moved our family to the United Arab Emirates a few years after my birth. I spent my schooling years there until the completion of high

school, at which point I embarked on another journey to Canada. There, I completed my post-secondary degree in commerce at Queen's University. From there, I moved to Toronto to work at Deloitte's Assurance & Advisory services, during which time I obtained my CPA, CA degrees. I then moved back to Kingston again to complete an M.Sc. in Finance before finally completing my Ph.D. in Accounting at the University of Toronto.

I have now made another trans-continental move to Hong Kong and will be teaching financial accounting to undergraduate students in the spring semester. I am excited to teach this course again as I bring my research as well as professional expertise to make students better understand the role of financial accounting in capital markets. My primary research interests are in capital markets, specifically in the areas of ETFs, executive compensation, and financial reporting. I strive to do research that can have policy implications such as to better shape decision making for capital market participants.

I am happy to be back in Asia after a long time away. I love all kinds of food, so I am especially excited for the world-famous cuisine in Hong Kong. I cannot take my eyes off the mountains and sea, and I look forward to hikes and boating. Mostly, I look forward to making new life-long friendships with people here.

