

# VIRTUAL STUDENT EXCHANGE REPORT



**WAYNE STATE  
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**THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
OF LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT  
IN WROCLAW**

- Jack Albrecht – WSU Student
- MD MEHEDI HASAN – Virtual Exchange Student

# MD MEHEDI HASAN



**Major and year of school:** Bachelors in Production Logistics. Currently about to enter his second year of studies.

**City I am from and city I live in:** He was born in Dhaka Bangladesh and moved to Wroclaw, Poland in 2016. Wroclaw is one of the the major cities in Poland close to Germany and Czech Republic.

**His favorite hobbies:** Cooking and Eating food, Car modifying, knowing Political and current affairs. He enjoys going on long car drives.

# Jack Albrecht

**Major and year of school:** I am a Global Supply Chain Management Major and I am going into my fourth year (senior year).

**City I am from and city I live in:** I was raised in a small farm town called Armada, Michigan and I now live in a Midtown Detroit Apartment.

**My favorite hobbies:** Some of my hobbies include working on cars, talking about cars, and watching cars race (NASCAR, INDYCAR, IMSA, and F1). I also enjoy hunting and fishing with friends and family.



# WHAT CULTURAL/ENTERTAINMENT/SPORTING ACTIVITIES ARE MOST POPULAR IN YOUR COUNTRY AND CITY?

## MD MEHEDI HASAN

Popular Sports in his country is Cricket. In his country it's a part of culture too. From childhood they are playing it and they are very passionate about their national Cricket teams. They are one of the top 10 teams as well. It's a team game with 11 player on each team and two teams playing in a match. It is similar to Baseball. They are also fond of classical melodious and many more genres of music.

## Jack Albrecht

There are certainly a plethora of cultures and religions throughout the United States of America. With that, comes many forms of entertainment and sporting activities. With all of those different activities that are going on throughout the United States, the sports that are most popular in Detroit, Michigan are Football, Motorsports, Hockey, Basketball, and Baseball. There are also plenty of venues for entertainment that perform music on every end of the spectrum. Lastly, the city of Detroit has many different locations for cultures to come together and hang out. These locations range from churches and mosques to eating locations with their respected cuisine.

## Similarities / Differences

While are cultures/entertainment/sporting activities differ they still exist and the people of our respected countries are allowed to do it freely.

# ARE THERE ANY MISPERCEPTIONS ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY?

## MD MEHEDI HASAN

**Number 1:** The largest misconception is that his country is mostly Muslim.

Answer: Actually his country is very moderate. They are not totally secular but when compared to India and Pakistan, they have more western clothes than them. Even though they are Islamic country by state religion they are actually more secular than Islamic. They are still religious but they do not wear religious clothing.

**Number 2:** His country is strongly religious;

Answer: Although they have state religion, Islam conservatism is rare here. You can see many women in shorts skirts especially in Dhaka Chittagong. Trousers are not worn much by them.

**Number 3:** It's a poor country

Answer: Poverty is not so widespread here. According to reports, the country's population in poverty is 22%

## Jack Albrecht

I believe a common misconception is that every American owns a gun. While millions do own a gun including myself, millions do not. In fact, there is a strong push for gun reform to make sure background checks are done much more thoroughly.

### Similarities / Differences

Both respected countries have misperceptions, but the misperceptions are not identical between them. I believe that false media has led to these misperceptions between us.

DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. WHAT ARE THE KEY MILESTONES? WHAT TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS ARE EMPLOYED?

### MD MEHEDI HASAN

The key milestone was graduating from college in his country. He describes it as a wonderful journey where teachers were like coaches. His next key milestone will be graduating from his current University in Poland. The most used method of learning and teaching is a traditional way, lectures and homework.

### Jack Albrecht

My educational experience began going to grade school and then graduating high school and receiving my diploma. Following that, I went straight to Wayne State University to achieve my Bachelors degree in global supply chain management. The next key milestone in education for me would be receiving a Masters Degree in Business Administration.

### Similarities / Differences:

Our schooling process was very similar. I really liked how he described his teachers as coaches because mine were much like that as well. We both plan on receiving a higher level of education as well.



# WHAT ATTITUDES/MINDSETS EXIST IN YOUR COUNTRY (PEOPLE, POLITICS) REGARDING GLOBALIZATION AND TRADE?

## MD MEHEDI HASAN

In Bangladesh they have the second largest export of Garments Products in the world which allows them to partake in foreign trade. This sector is encouraging other sectors to develop and prosper as well. In Poland they allow foreigners to trade with no different charges or taxes.

## Jack Albrecht

Due to the amount of global business in America, I certainly believe Americans believe strongly in Globalization. With that liking of Globalization, they also prefer free and fair trade. Americans are also very proud of what they produce as well.

### Similarities / Differences:

Both of our countries take advantage of Globalization, but also takes pride in their "homemade" products as well.

WHAT LEADERSHIP/MANAGEMENT/COMMUNICATION PRACTICES ARE MOST POPULAR IN YOUR COUNTRY?  
WHAT ARE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS AND USED BY COMPANIES?

### MD MEHEDI HASAN

Some practices most popular in the Poland would be working as a team and making sure to communicate. Trust is also a big one. If you look at many companies, you will find that they list trust in their core values because it shows a lot about who they are as a company.

Everyone tries to soften an agreement and keep things safe when trading.

### Jack Albrecht

Within the United States, companies rely heavily on employees that can work together in teams. This form of work seems to be extremely beneficial for American companies in regards to completing the tasks at hand correctly and efficiently. Because of this, young Americans are often put in group projects when going through schooling.

### Similarities / Differences

There is a huge correlation between our countries in regards to leadership, management, and communication practices. This correlation is strongly supported by how much our countries rely on teamwork and constant communication.



# WHAT CAREERS IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT ARE MOST POPULAR IN YOUR COUNTRY? WHY?

## MD MEHEDI HASAN

**Median annual salary (2017):** \$105,6102

**Job duties:**

Directs and coordinates supply chain processes to limit costs and improve accuracy, customer service and safety.

Monitors forecasts and quotas to identify changes and determine their effect on supply chain activities.

Develops procedures to help coordinate supply chain efforts with other departments, such as sales, marketing, finance, production and quality assurance.

## Jack Albrecht

In the United States, there are many industries that involve supply chain. The one that stands out to me career wise is the automotive industry. This is due to the fact that I currently work in this industry at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and Supply Chain jobs for the industry are extremely popular for the state of Michigan. Specific jobs that are popular are Supply Chain Analyst and Managers, and Sales Managers and Purchasing Managers.

## Similarities / Differences

Both countries rely heavily on supply chain employees coordinating supply shipments and making sure their predictions are accurate. Both countries rely heavily on analyst to always increase the accuracy of forecast as well

# HOW IS TECHNOLOGY IMPACTING THE PROFESSION AND GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRY IN YOUR COUNTRY?

## MD MEHEDI HASAN

Technology has helped the supply chain industry tremendously. It helped running the industry in more efficient and easy way . Automations made the industry faster and convenient. Poland mostly allows German technologies and their own technologies, and Germans are always better when it comes to technology

## Jack Albrecht

There is no doubt that the advancements of certain technologies has strongly impacted supply chain within the United States. Whether it be advancements in tracking components in warehousing, or how components are more efficiently shipped to their locations, tech. advancements have enabled the United States to become extremely proficient with managing supply chains.

## Similarities / Differences

Both of our countries rely heavily on the technologies within their supply chains. They also push for the “next best thing” in regards to supply chain technologies.

# DESCRIBE THE APPROACH TAKEN BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AND COUNTRY TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN?

## MD MEHEDI HASAN

The sector of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) plays a key role in the economies of all of the countries in the world. These entities constitute the basis for the development of the national and global economies. In a contemporary complex and competitive business environment, the adaptation of appropriate strategies is a particularly important effort to furthering the development of companies from the SMEs sector. In this context, the application of the concept of sustainable supply chain management (SCM) in the operation strategy of SMEs seems to be a very important function. This supply chain also covers all three aspects of sustainable development: business, environmental, and social. The purpose of this article is to present the current state of the research in sustainable development in relation to managing the supply chain of SMEs, as well as the empirical findings in this area. The results found that all of the sustainability areas were very important in the supply chain management practices of the studied SMEs, despite the imbalance described in the literature. The study also presents the most important elements in the particular sustainability areas of SCM and SMEs.

## Jack Albrecht

In regards to sustainability in the American supply chain, many companies now use reusable shipping containers. This leads to less waste when shipping products. Some companies are also looking towards more efficient shipping routes so that less time, gas and money is used. One important note is that the current American government leaves it up to the companies to make decisions regarding sustainability and does not enforce it upon them.

## Similarities / Differences

We found that this discussion had more differences than the others. This was mainly due to Mehedi's country's government pushing for sustainability while my country's government leaves it up to the companies to be more sustainable and does not enforce it as much.

# Summary of findings

Throughout this discussion that I had with MD Mehedi Hasan, there was definitely some things that were different between us. There were also a lot of similarities that I believe were due to globalization. The largest one by far was the passion we shared for automobiles. A reason why I believe globalization plays a big part in that is because he really enjoys the engines and bodies of cars that come from America. While I enjoy the interior of cars that have a European influence. Him and I agreed that a car combining both of these attributes is a dream car for us. This cross-interest that we share shows how globalization can influence people from opposite sides of the world and could potentially make a globally loved product.