We started off from 8:00 am, heading to Bangladesh Rural Electricity Board, which is a semi-autonomous government agency reporting to the Ministry of Power Energy and Minerals Resources that we met yesterday morning and is aimed to improving agricultural production and enhance socio-economic development. We were served with great food.
Mr. Jafar Sadeque, the Project Director of BREB, discussed the vision in 2021 that electricity will be fully covered by 2021 in Bangladesh. In addition, he shared with us the consumer’s growth and demand projections from 2015 to 2030, which gave us a better idea of the demand forecast in our financial model.
After 2-hour meeting, we took a photo with Mr. Jafar Sadeque and his coworkers.
After lunch, we headed to Solaric at 3:00 pm, to meet with Mr. Didar Islam, the CEO and founder of Solaric. He is very knowledgeable and covered most of our questions. He explained the safety issue that IDCOL mentioned and discussed the reason that he set up the Nano-grid Solar System, which is between SHS and Mini-grid Solar System. In addition, he mentioned that he wish that the system would be owned only by entrepreneurs.
After 2-hour meeting with Mr. Didar Islam and Enayetul Haque, we thanked their hosting and answering our questions. We learnt a lot from Didar Islam’s speech. He is a pioneer of Nano-grid Solar System and invented the Solar Optimizer, which is a very high efficient DC to DC converter. We can see Solaric is a prominent company from this progressive leader.
At night, Walid’s family invited us to their house for dinner. They prepared magnificent traditional home-made dinner. Everyone wears elegant clothes and treated us with the warmest welcome.