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Half a century of Bangladesh business: Time to walk the talk

A little over half-century into its independence now, Bangladesh is no more a Henry Kissinger's Bottomless Basket parlance. Carved out of Pakistan through a bloody war in 1971 Bangladesh emerged as a Sovereign State and today has witnessed a miraculous development boom on socio-cultural and economic fronts.

BUSINESS MEANS PROGRESS

Businesses too struggled under their umbrella body the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) a lot to add value to the national economy. The apex trade advocacy group has played the role of a bellwether over the years with its member trade entities. The Bangladesh Business Summit-2023 is an example of its commitment to making the country's progress sustainable.

Despite facing a flurry of challenges, Bangladesh's economy has grown at an impressive rate of more than 7.0 per cent annually over the past decade, attracting good foreign investments and generating employment opportunities, thanks to the dynamic public-private partnership.

APPAREL MIRACLE

Bangladesh has diversified its economy, with the textile and garment industry being the X factor for a hefty part of gross domestic product (GDP) or economic growth. Bangladesh is just behind China, the world's largest exporter of apparel items. The sector, which accounts for more than 80 per cent of Bangladesh's total exports, employs millions of sewing machinists, mostly women. It is expected to continue to grow as the demand for both affordable clothing and fashion statement is on the rise in the West. The rise of green factories and awareness to shift into man-made fibers shows the readiness of the Apparel sectors. With the textile sector leading the way, the sector aims to increase its usage of man-made fibers to 70 percent, up from the current 30 percent, reducing its dependence on cotton. This proactive approach reflects the industry's readiness to embrace sustainable practices and showcase its commitment to the adoption of eco-friendly alternatives.

MANUFACTURING BOOM

The manufacturing sector has also boomed, with companies like Samsung and LG setting up plants in Bangladesh. It is also poised for further growth with the government incentivising foreign investors to set themselves up business in special economic zones. Same is for the information technology sector like manufacturing, with many startups and tech companies making their footprint in Bangladesh.

The industrial sector, especially small and medium enterprises, contributes up to 31 per cent of GDP. Key sectors like infrastructure, energy, shipbuilding, steel, electronics and light engineering are also priority areas for investment.

4TH AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION

Fertile land and a favourable climate are the bedfellows that make Bangladesh a hub of agriculture, a sector that demands an automation push in the era of fourth agricultural revolution or 4AR. The promising jute, food processing, leather and leather goods, services and tourism sectors also require special care.

BD IN THE EYES OF ANALYSTS

One of the top four fastest-growing digital economies globally, Bangladesh will be the ninth-largest consumer market by 2030, according to the HSBC Group. Again, the London-based PricewaterhouseCoopers predicted Bangladesh to be the 28th-largest economy by then. Many other indicators also show similar prophesies and prognoses that Bangladesh is a land of opportunities, but they need to be handled with care.

IDEAL FDI HUB

Strategic location, natural resources and the youth-quake make Bangladesh one of the most alluring hubs of foreign investment, especially at a time when it is set to elevate to a developing nation from the ranks of least-developed countries in three years. The graduation takes place at a time when the entire landscape of the global business and trade and commerce are at the juncture of digital transformation marked by breakthroughs like robotics, nanotechnology, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cloud and quantum computing, internet of things, 5G service, 3D printing and fully autonomous vehicles.

CHALLENGES LIE AHEAD

The challenges are harder ahead. It is indeed, a matter of admiration that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has announced a Smart Bangladesh programme, a follow-up to her Digital Bangladesh campaign, apparently to gain on with newer technologies. To gain the Sustainable Development Goals-2030 set by the United Nations, and Hasina's campaign for a prosperous Bangladesh by 2041, Bangladesh needs to put its attention to few vital areas that include an ideal doing-business climate. The government must address political instability and eliminate endemic corruption and red tape that deter foreign investors. Investment in building new highways, ports and airports can improve connectivity within and outside the country, thus easing business here.

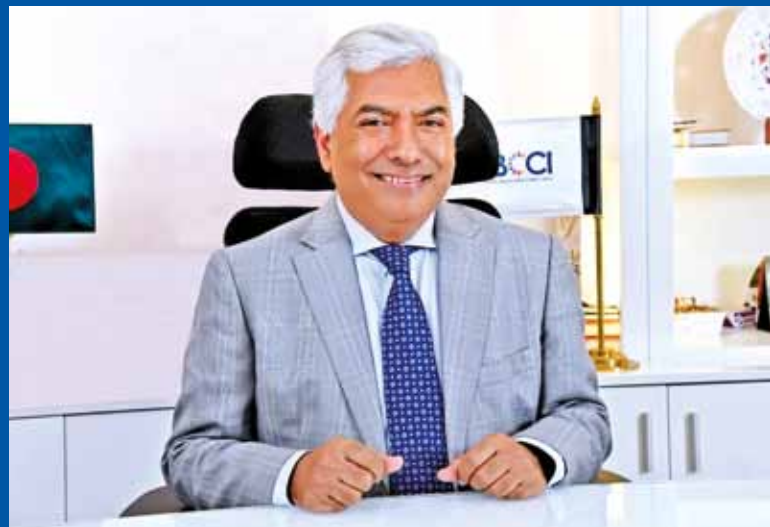
HARNESSING DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND

Nearly 69 per cent of the population falls under the 15-64 age band. So, Bangladesh should give them proper education and skills, especially in the area of ICT and digitalisation, so they can be more productive to contribute to economy. Skills and education are immediate concerns because the imperatives of economic diversification and moving up the value chain will require higher levels of education and more and different skills, according to the Asian Development Bank. Bangladesh is one of the countries having large working-age people with lower skills. The challenges ahead are daunting, but a pragmatic approach to face them would be the best possible answer amid competitiveness. This nation belongs to us, so we need to help foster our growth.

*Nazrul Islam is a Bangladeshi journalist working for German News Agency dpa in Dhaka

From the Desk of the President

As we move into the second quarter of the year 2023, it's worth taking a moment to reflect on the events and programs that have taken place during the first three months of 2023. The First quarter of 2023 was full of events for the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI): from call on with Ambassadors and business delegations from several countries, paying tribute to the language martyrs on the occasion of International Mother Language Day and paying homage to Bangabandhu on Independence Day, to host the First ever Bangladesh Business Summit, FBCCI Business Excellence Award and Best of Bangladesh Expo and so on. And at the top of the list of noteworthy events is the Bangladesh Business Summit.



Held on March 11-13, the Bangladesh Business Summit brought together business leaders, policymakers, and investors from around the world to explore opportunities for growth and development in Bangladesh.

The event was the largest of its kind in the country, featuring a range of plenary and parallel sessions, panel discussions, and networking sessions covering a variety of topics such as Bangladesh's \$100 Billion Investment Opportunities In Key Sectors For Investors to Leverage, Towards a \$100 Billion Apparel & Textile Sector: Leveraging Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Investment Opportunities, Leveraging Growing Middle and Affluent Class for a Vibrant Consumer Goods Sector, Developing Long Term Finance Markets to Support New Growth Opportunities, Harnessing Digital Economy to Unlock New Frontiers for a Smart Bangladesh etc.

Ministers from Saudi Arabia, Bhutan, and the UK, the Deputy Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), CEOs, and regional heads from several multinational companies attended the summit. 10 ministers of different ministries of Bangladesh, and 10 senior secretaries/ secretaries, policymakers, business leaders, economists, and researchers presented their opinions and recommendations at the summit. 4 MoUs have been signed between Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia and One MoU between FBCCI with CCPIT-China were signed during the summit.

The summit was particularly significant, as it marked the first major business event to be held in Bangladesh. The summit was attended by more than 300 foreign businessmen and government representatives from 17 countries as diverse as Saudi Arabia, the UK, Bhutan, Nigeria, France, Turkey, the USA, Hong Kong, Myanmar, Malaysia, China, Canada, Japan, Vietnam, Iraq, Korea, and Singapore.

But the Bangladesh Business Summit was just one of many events and programs hosted by the FBCCI during the first quarter of this year. We hosted the Best of Bangladesh Expo where 30 Bangladeshi pavilions with world-class modern designs showcased the products of Bangladesh's leading manufacturing and exporting companies. For the First time in the history of Bangladesh, we hosted the FBCCI Business Excellence Award 2023 to 10 business leaders and organizations for their contribution to the national economy. The organization also hosted a range of networking events such as networking luncheon with Ambassadors and diplomats, Call on with several Ambassadors and business leaders, training programs, and workshops, providing its members with a variety of opportunities to connect and learn from each other.

Looking ahead to the rest of the year, it's clear that the FBCCI will continue to play a central role in shaping the future of business in Bangladesh. With its focus on advocacy, service, and sustainability, the organization is well-positioned to help drive economic growth and development in the country, creating opportunities for entrepreneurs, investors, and workers alike.

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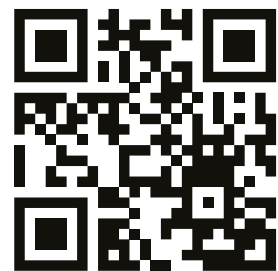
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Chief Guest
H.E. Sheikh Hasina, MP
Honorable Prime Minister
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

As Bangladesh moves ahead with indomitable pace, the private sector-led economy is set to grow further on the backdrop of robust industrial growth, digitalization, regional connectivity, youth dividend and evolving knowledge based society. The country is rolling out business conducive environment for local and global investors, and many have already started their journey in Bangladesh. FBCCI's Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 is accelerating the journey and connecting the opportunities of future, because, the future is here.

Welcome TO THE TRILLION DOLLAR JOURNEY



Scan for Hon'ble Prime Minister's Message



Tipu Munshi, MP
Commerce Minister
Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh



Salman F Rahman, MP
Private Industry and Investment
Adviser to the Prime Minister
Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh



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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, centre, during the inauguration of the Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 at Bangladesh International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday.



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বাংলাদেশ: প্রধানমন্ত্রী



Foreign Minister Sheikh Hasina, centre, speaking at a session titled "GSM Insights: The Global View On Bangladesh" on the opening day of the Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 at Bangladesh International Conference Centre yesterday.

Bangladesh not heading towards Chinese debt trap

Foreign Minister Monowar Hossain says at Bangladesh Business Summit

Foreign Minister Monowar Hossain said Bangladesh is not heading towards a Chinese debt trap. He said the country is not in a debt trap and is not facing any such problem. He said the country is not in a debt trap and is not facing any such problem. He said the country is not in a debt trap and is not facing any such problem.

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Showcasing best products to attract global buyers

The Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 is a platform for showcasing the best products of Bangladesh to attract global buyers. The summit is organized by the Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) and the Bangladesh Export Promotion Council (BPEC).

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সমৃদ্ধ-স্মার্ট দেশে পরিণত করতে বাংলাদেশে বিনিয়োগ করুন

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Matarbari deep sea port to be 'game changer' for Bangladesh: Salman

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina says Matarbari deep sea port will be a 'game changer' for Bangladesh.



Tipu Munshi holds talks with the Minister of Commerce of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Tipu Munshi, MP, holds talks with the Minister of Commerce of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Alkassabi, at the ongoing Bangladesh Business Summit 2023.

Matarbari deep-sea port a 'game changer': Salman

Prime Minister's Private Secretary and Investment Adviser Salman F Rahman said Matarbari deep-sea port, expected to be operational in 2024, would be a 'game changer' for Bangladesh. He said the port will increase the capacity of Chittagong Port, Moulvibazar Port and Payra Port.

Tech adoption needed to raise share in economy

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said tech adoption is needed to raise the share of Bangladesh in the global economy. She said the country is not in a debt trap and is not facing any such problem.



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PM urges global businessmen and investors to join us to build smart Bangladesh.



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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and dignitaries at the Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 organized yesterday at the Bangladesh International Conference Centre on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

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“Get Together” of the members of FBCCI Board of Directors and their Spouses



A “Get Together” of the members of FBCCI Board of Directors and their Spouses was held on January 07, 2023.



Preparatory meeting on the upcoming ‘Indo-Bangladesh Agri Mechanization Summit’-IBAM

A preparatory meeting on the upcoming Indo-Bangladesh Agri Mechanization Summit-IBAM was held on January 10, 2023 at the FBCCI.

While presiding over the meeting, the FBCCI Vice President Mr. M A Momen said, India is one of the leading countries in the production of Agri machinery. Their skills

and technology can contribute to the agricultural mechanization of Bangladesh. In this regard, the IBAM will create an opportunity to develop cooperation between the stakeholders of both countries.

FBCCI Vice President Amin Helaly said, Agri mechanization is a burning issue in Bangladesh now. Mechanization in the post-

harvesting period is more essential here. Due to the labor crisis and poor processing capacity, a significant number of crops are damaged at the farm level. The summit will be the knowledge-sharing hub for the local Agri machinery manufacturers.

FBCCI Director M.G.R Nasir Majumder, Bijoy Kumar Kejriwal,



Hafez Harun, Md. Naser, the head of Bangladesh- Farm Equipment sector of the Mahindra and Mahindra Company Sourabh Biswas, and distinguished guests were present at the meeting.

FBCCI Signs MoU with Bengal Commercial Bank: CSME entrepreneurs will get loans on easy terms

FBCCI, the apex trade organization of the country, has taken initiatives to facilitate loans on easy terms for the cottage, small and medium entrepreneurs (CSME). In this regard, The FBCCI signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Bengal Commercial Bank Limited on January 11, 2022 at FBCCI.

Under this agreement, the Bengal Commercial Bank will provide loan

assistance to CSME entrepreneurs on easy terms for running their businesses. FBCCI Secretary General Mohammad Mahfuzul Hoque and Managing Director of the Bengal Commercial Bank Tarik Morshed signed the agreement on behalf of their institution.

While speaking, FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin said, "In our 50 years of independence, the contribution of the SME sector

in the country's economy is not very large, but this sector has a great contribution in creating employment. The SME sector contributes near about 40 percent of the total employment of the country. So, if we could provide them with financial support on easy terms, the SME entrepreneurs will be able to expand the scope of their business besides creating more employment in the country. As a result, the youth



will be motivated which eventually will create more entrepreneurs.

FBCCI Vice-President M A Momen, Director M.G.R. Nasir Majumder,

Shafiqul Islam Vorosha, Bijoy Kumar Kejriwal, Hafez Harun, Amzad Hussain, Mohammed Bazlur Rahman, Md Nasser, Syed Sadat Almas Kabir, Deputy Managing

Director of Bengal Commercial Bank & CBO K.M. Awlad Hossain and others were present at the program.

Networking Luncheon and Briefing to the Ministers and Ambassadors on 'Bangladesh Business Summit 2023'



FBCCI, the apex trade organization of Bangladesh is going to organize the Bangladesh Business Summit-2023 in march this year on the occasion of its 50th year anniversary. To brief about this upcoming summit, the FBCCI organized a Networking Luncheon with present Ministers of Bangladesh, Foreign

Ambassadors and Business Leaders on January 19, 2023 at the Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka.

Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen was present as the chief guest. Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi MP was present as the special guest.



FBCCI President hosted Networking Lunch on Argentina's World Cup Win



FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin hosted a Networking Lunch on Argentina's World Cup winning at Gulshan lake Corner at Gulshan 2, Dhaka.

Certificate distribution ceremony of the three-day training program titled 'Responsibilities of the Safety Committee' held

Certificate distribution ceremony of the three-day training program titled "Responsibilities of the Safety Committee" organized to increase the awareness and skills

of the Safety Committee members in the selected 4 Chambers and 12 Sectoral Association member factories under the FBCCI's running project "Strengthening FBCCI to

ensure occupational safety and health and decent work in the work place" with technical cooperation of ILO was held on January 23, 2023. Mr. Md. Nasir Uddin Ahmed,



Inspector General of DIFE was the chief guest at the ceremony.

The event was chaired by FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn.

Through the three days training program, FBCCI Safety Council prepared 34 trainers on “Responsibilities of the Safety Committee” from selected Chambers and Sectoral Association.

FBCCI Directors Hafez Harun, Abu Hossain Bhuiyan (Ranu), Secretary General Mohammad Mahfuzul Hoque, Safety Council Adviser Brigadier General (Retired) Abu Nayeem Md. Shahidullah were present at the event.



Bangladesh has considerably improved the investment climate: FBCCI

Bangladesh has considerably improved the investment climate facilitating a significant number of foreign companies to smoothly operate. The FBCCI President made this remark in a briefing session on FBCCI's upcoming mega event “Bangladesh Investment Summit” with the Foreign Investors Chambers of

Commerce and Industry (FICCI) was held on 25 January 2023 at a city hotel.

During the session, FBCCI President opined that the foreign companies working in Bangladesh have been instrumental partners in this development journey. He sought FICCI's support to invite representatives of the companies

origin country to participate in the Summit and share their thoughts and deliberate the forthcoming opportunities for growth.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President M.A Momen, Habib Ullah Dawn, and the Directors of FBCCI were also present at the event.



FBCCI 5th Regular Board Meeting held



FBCCI 5th Regular Board Meeting was held on 26 January 2023 at the FBCCI icon.

Distance between Rice Mill Owners and the Govt should be reduced: FBCCI

Distance between Rice Mill Owners and the Government should be reduced to ensure the market stability of rice, as well as to avoid

the risk of loss to traders and mill owners.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu

made this remarks during the discussion meeting with rice mill owners on Production, Storage, Transfer, Transportation, Supply



Distribution of Foodstuffs, on 29 January, 2023 at FBCCI meeting room.

Mostofa Azad Chowdhury said, "The government is taking initiatives to keep the rice market stable and stop manipulation.

Pursuant to which a drafted law has been prepared. Mill owners should to discuss with policy makers about the issues that create conflicts. They have to move forward with concrete proposals. The distance between the mill owners and the Ministry of Food should be reduced."

FBCCI Secretary General Mohammad Mahfuzul Hoque, President of the Bangladesh Auto, Major and Hasking Rice Mill Owners Association Abdur Rashid, Vice President Shohidur Rahman Patwary Mohon and other members were present at the meeting.

Meeting between FBCCI and BTF Project Engagement Committee held

A meeting between FBCCI and Bangladesh Trade Facilitation (BTF) Project Engagement Committee was held on 8th February, 2023 at FBCCI office, Motijheel, Dhaka.

While, speakers emphasized on the expansion of cross-border trade in Agricultural and livestock goods by addressing systemic constraints

at Bangladeshi ports; simplifying and automating import and export processes; improving the capacity of government agencies, laboratories and warehouses; and fostering public and private investment in cold storage facilities.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu,

Senior Vice President, FBCCI.

Among others FBCCI Vice President Mr. M A Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Director Dr. Ferdousi Begum, General Body Member Eshtiaque Ahmed and representatives from BTF Project of USDA was present at the Meeting.



Meeting between FBCCI President and CNN representative regarding the upcoming Bangladesh Business Summit 2023



A meeting between FBCCI President and Cable News Network (CNN) representative regarding the upcoming Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 was held at Kurmitola Golf Club on 8 February 2023

A discussion meeting on Proposed (Draft) Digital Commerce Act 2023 organized by e-CAB

A discussion meeting on Proposed (Draft) Digital Commerce Act 2023 organized by e-commerce Association of Bangladesh (e-CAB)

was held on February 12, 2023 at FBCCI Icon. FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, as the Chief Guest, was present in the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by FBCCI Director and e-CAB President Ms. Shomi Kaiser.

Among others, FBCCI Vice



President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly,
Directors Mr. Md. Rejaul Kariem
Rejnu CIP, Syed Moazzam Hossain,

Mr. Abu Motaleb, Mr. Md. Naser,
Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat
Sarker, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, Mr.

Tabarakul Tosaddek Hossain Khan
Tito were present at the discussion
meeting among others.



Discussion meeting on essential commodities held

FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin addressing the discussion meeting on essential commodities on 12 February 2023 at FBCCI Office, Senior Vice President Mr Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu also seen in the picture.

While presiding over the meeting, FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin said, Traders need to be aware that no one can destabilize the market by creating artificial crises. He urged the wholesale market, and retailers to issue invoices in order to keep the price of products stable. FBCCI president said, “business should be done in a systematic way to keep the price stable and normal. The mistrust issue of the common people towards the traders should be solved, he added.

Among others, FBCCI Vice President Md Amin Helaly, Md. Habib Ullah dawn, and other Directors were Present at the discussion meeting.



FBCCI's Networking dinner with its joint chambers on BBS

A briefing session and networking dinner with the Leaders of the Bilateral Chambers on FBCCI's upcoming mega event Bangladesh Investment Summit 2023 was held on 12 February 2023 evening at a city hotel in Dhaka.

FBCCI President shed light on some of the important aspects of the event including its objective to showcase the incredible success story of the New Bangladesh emerging as the Trade and Investment Hub of Asia.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President M A Momen, Salahuddin Alamgir, Habib Ullah Dawn, M. A Razzak Khan, FBCCI Directors were present among others.



Sub-Committee meeting held on FBCCI Business Excellence Award, Printing and Publication on the occasion of Bangladesh Business Summit 2023

Sub-Committee meeting on FBCCI Business Excellence Award, Printing and Publication on the occasion of Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 was held on 14 February 2023 at FBCCI. FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin chaired the meeting.

Amongst others, FBCCI Senior Vice

President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President M.A. Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, Ms Hasina Newaaz, Ms Priti Chakraborty, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, Dr. Ferdousi Begum, Mr. Rabbani Jabbar, Mr. Abul Kasem Khan, Mr. Abu Hossain Bhuiyan (Ranu), Mr. Akkash Mahmood, Mr. Mohammad

Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Rejaul Kariem Renju, CIP, Mr. M.G.R. Nasir Majumder, Syed Moazzem Hossain, Mr. Tabarakul Tosaddek Hossain Khan Tito, Mr. Abu Motaleb, Mr. Naser, technical adviser of the Bangladesh Business Summit Mr. Masrur Reaz, and others were present at the meeting.



Meeting with the Chief of member bodies on Budget and Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 held

A discussion meeting with the FBCCI Chief of member bodies on Budget and the upcoming Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 was held at FBCCI office on February 23, 2023. FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin presided over the meeting.

FBCCI Senior Vice-President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu,

Vice-President Mr. M A Momen, Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, Directors Mrs. Hasina Newaaz, Dilip Kumar Agarwala, Mr. Md. Rejaul Kariem Renju CIP, Mr. M.G.R. Nasir Majumder, Mr. Syed Moazzem Hossain, Engr. Ghulam Mohammad Alomgit, Mr. Bijoy Kumar Kejriwal, Mr. Hafez Harun,

Mr. Abu Motaleb, Dr. Ferdousi Begum, Mr. Mohammed Bazlur Rahman, Mr. Tabarakul Tosaddek Hossain Khan Tito, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, Ms. Prity Chakraborty, Mr. Abu Hossain Bhuiyan (Ranu), Mr. Akkash Mahmood were present at the meeting among others.



A luncheon meeting in honor of the Editors and CEOs of Print and Electronic Media held

A luncheon meeting in honor of the Editors and CEOs of Print and Electronic Media was held on Saturday at noon (04 March 2023) at the Shurma Hall of the Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargoan, Dhaka. While presiding over the Meeting, FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin urges the local media to promote the Bangladesh Business Summit 2023.

FBCCI President Said, "It is not just a conventional program taken by the FBCCI. It is a program for

everyone in the country. We need help from the Media to make this event a successful campaign that will be accelerating the trillion-dollar journey of the country."

The aim and objective of organizing the Summit are to expand the country's trade and investment. FBCCI wants Foreign Investors, entrepreneurs, and innovators to explore the economy and potential industries of the country, he added.

FBCCI Senior Vice President

Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President M A Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Salahuddin Alamgir, Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, M. A. Razzak Khan Raj, Director Amzad Hussain, Kazi Ertaza Hassan, Shomi Kaiser, Chief Technical Adviser of Bangladesh Business Summit and Chairman of the Policy Exchange of Bangladesh Masrur Reaz, Editors and CEOs of Print and Electronics Media, Journalist Leaders and Senior Journalists were present at the meeting.



FBCCI's Press Conference on 'Bangladesh Business Summit 2023'



FBCCI, the apex trade organization of Bangladesh held a press conference on the upcoming Bangladesh Business Summit-2023 which will be organized by FBCCI on the occasion of its 50th year anniversary. The press conference was held at a city hotel on February 18, 2023.

While speaking, FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin informed that the honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh H.E Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the three day long business summit scheduled for March 11-13, 2023. After the inauguration she will join the fireside chat with Richard Quest, one of the

most prominent media figures from CNN in the USA.

FBCCI Senior Vice-President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice Presidents, Directors, and other businessmen were present at the press conference.



FBCCI paid tribute to the language martyrs on the occasion of International Mother Language Day



On the occasion of international Mother Language Day, FBCCI delegation led by its President Mr Md Jasim Uddin paid tribute to the sacrifices of the language martyrs

on February 21, 2023

Senior Vice President Mr. Mostafa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice Presidents Mr. M . A Momen, Mr.

Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Mr. Salahuddin Alamgir, Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, were also present.

The 6th Emergency Board Meeting of FBCCI held



The 6th Emergency Board Meeting of FBCCI (Discuss on Progress of the Preparation of the Events to be

organized on the Occasion of 50th anniversary of FBCCI) on February 23, 2023 at FBCCI Board Room.

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin chaired the meeting.

FBCCI congratulated Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu and his panel on winning in the Bangladesh Cold Storage Association election

FBCCI congratulated the panel led by Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu on the winning in Bangladesh Cold Storage Association elections on February 25, 2023.

The panel led by Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu won the Bangladesh Cold Storage Association elections. Bangladesh Cold Storage Association Executive Council Election-2023 was held in a hotel in the capital on February 25, 2023. After the counting of votes in the afternoon, the election management board declared Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu and Mohammad Yunus panel winners.



Venue coordination and preparatory meeting for the Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 held

Venue coordination and preparatory Meeting for the Bangladesh Business Summit 2023, Best of Bangladesh Expo, FBCCI 50 years celebration and FBCCI Business Award' 2023 held on March 1, 2023 at the BICC office in the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.



Registration preparatory Meeting for Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 held

Registration preparatory Meeting for Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 was held on March 4, 2023 at FBCCI office. Mr. Abuk kasem khan Director of FBCCI Chaired the Meeting.

Among others Mr. Masrur Reaz, Technical advisor, Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 and Chairman & Founder, Policy Exchange Bangladesh, FBCCI Directors Ms. Naaz Farhana

Ahmed, Ms. Hasina Newaaz, Ms Prity Chakraborty, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, were present during the Meeting.



A Meeting of the Income Tax, Customs and Excise Budget Task Force to formulate the budget proposal of FBCCI for the financial year 2020-2024

A Meeting of the Income Tax, Customs and Excise Budget Task Force to formulate the budget proposal of FBCCI for the financial year 2020-2024 on 5 March 2023

at FBCCI Board room. Mr. M A Momen Vice President of FBCCI and Joint-Convenor, FBCCI-NBR Budget Task Force, Chaired the Meeting.

Among others, Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President of FBCCI was also present during the Meeting.



Coordination meeting to discuss on preparation of Bangladesh Business Summit 2023

A Coordination meeting to discuss on preparation of Bangladesh Business Summit-2023 and other events on March 7, 2023 at FBCCI Board Room. Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, President of FBCCI Chaired the Meeting.

Among others FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad

Chowdhury Babu, Vice President Mr. MAMomen, Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Mr. Habib Ullah Dawn, Director Ms Prity Chakraborty, Mr. Amzad Hussain, Mr. Dilip Kumar Agarwala, Mr. M.G.R. Nasir Majumder, Mr. Harun Or Rashid, Mr. Abu Motaleb, Dr. Ferdousi Begum, Md. Shah Jalal, Mr. Tabarakul Tosaddek

Hossain Khan Tito, Mr. Abu Hossain Bhuiyan (Ranu), Mr. Abul Kasem Khan, Mr. Akkash Mahmood Chief Technical Adviser of Bangladesh Business Summit and Chairman of the Policy Exchange of Bangladesh Mr. Masrur Reaz, were also present at the meeting.



Lyonpo Loknath Sharma arrived at Dhaka to join the Bangladesh Business Summit.

Mr. Karma Dorji, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment of the government of Bhutan arrived at Dhaka on March 08, 2023 to participate

in the Bangladesh Business Summit-2023.

Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Senior Vice President of

FBCCI welcomed the Minister at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport Dhaka.



FBCCI's Press Conference on the Final preparations of the BBS 2023

Preparations have been completed for the Bangladesh Business Summit which is to be held on March 11-13 at the BICC, Dhaka.

At a press conference held at FBCCI office on March 09, 2023, FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin said that the three-day long summit will attract the attention of business leaders and investors from Bangladesh as well as from around the world and will serve as a platform for creating new business opportunities.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice-Presidents Mr. M A Momen, Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Mr. Salahuddin Alamgir, Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, Mr. M A Razzak Khan Raj, Directors, and other business leaders were present at the press conference.



The Prime Minister inaugurated the Bangladesh Business Summit

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), the Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 has been organized for three days under the slogan "On the Path to Trillion Dollar Economy". The international summit was inaugurated on March 11, 2023 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center in the capital by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Congratulating everyone present at the summit, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, "In this crisis-



ridden time of world trade, FBCCI's decision to host this summit is a timely one. This summit and Expo will introduce Bangladesh as an ambitious hub of business and investment in Asia and create a global platform to showcase our best products.

In his welcome speech, the President of FBCCI, Mr. Md.

Jashim Uddin said, "I am delighted to have you all present at the Bangladesh Business Summit. I believe this event will serve as an excellent platform for business ideas exchange, building mutual relationships, and creating new business opportunities in Bangladesh."

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi

MP, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen, Chairman of the Board of Investment Lokman Hossain Mia, Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization Ambassador Xiangchen Zhang, ministers, diplomats, and representatives of various multilateral organizations were present at the inaugural ceremony of the summit.



Second day of BBS: Total 3 plenary and 6 parallel sessions held

Total 3 plenary and 6 parallel sessions were held on the second day (March 12, 2023) of the Bangladesh Business Summit.

Plenary Session-1 titled Bangladesh \$100 billion investment Opportunities in Key Sectors for Investors to Leverage was held at Hall of Fame at BICC.

Mr. Tipu Munshi, MP, Commerce

Minister of Bangladesh was present at special guest. Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh were present as Guest of Honour.

Mr. Salman F Rahman MP, Honorable

Adviser on Private Industry and Investment to HPM presented the keynote in the session.

The session was moderated by Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, President, FBCCI.



Plenary Session-2 titled “Developing Long term Finance markets to Support new Growth Opportunities” was held at Hall of Fame at BICC.

Mr. Abdur Rouf Talukdar, Governor of Bangladesh Bank graced the session as Chief Guest.

The session was chaired by Dr. Atiur Rahman, Ex-Governor, BB.

Mr. Arif Khan, Vice Chairman, Shanta Asset Management presented the Key Note in the session.



Plenary Session-3 titled “Harnessing Digital Economy to Unlock New Frontiers for a Smart Bangladesh” was held at the Carnival Hall at BICC.

Mr. Masud Bin Momen, Foreign

Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs graced the session as Guest of Honour.

Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, State Minister, Ministry of ICT, attended the session as special guest and

presented the key note paper.

The session was chaired by Mr. Shamsul Arefin, ICT Secretary and moderated by Syed Mohammad Kamal, CEO Master Card BD.



Parallel Session-1 titled “Building Connectivity & Production Infrastructure for the next Phase of Growth: Investing in Logistics & Economic Zones” was held at Carnival Hall at BICC.

Mr. Qian Keming, Vice-Minister of Commerce, the Republic of Korea

and Mr. AK Azad, Former President, FBCCI were present at the session as special guests.

The session was chaired by Mr. Mohammad Salahuddin, Secretary, Prime Minister’s Office and moderated by Mr. Abul Kasem Khan, Director A K Khan Group and

Co-Chair Public Private Committee in Logistics.

Dr. M. Masrur Reaz, Chairman Policy Exchange Bangladesh presented the key note paper at the session.



Parallel Session-2 titled “Towards a \$100 Billion Apparel & Textile Sector: Leveraging Sustainability, Competitiveness and Investment Opportunities” was held at the Harmony hall at BICC.

Mr. Golam Dastagir Gazi, BP, Minister- Textile & Jute graced

the session as Chief Guest. Mr. Md. Shafiul Islam Mohiuddin, MP, Former President FBCCI was present as Guest of Honour.

Mr. Faruque Hassan- President, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and

Mr. Azizur Rahim Chowdhury, Director, Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) presented Key Note paper in the session.

The session was chaired by Mr. Marco Forgione, Director-General, Institute of Export & International Trade, UK.



Parallel Session-3 titled “Leveraging Growing Middle and Affluent Class for a Vibrant Consumer Goods Sector” was held at the Windy Town Hall at BICC.

Mr. Tipu Munshi, Commerce Minister of Bangladesh graced the

session as Chief Guest.

The session was chaired by Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Commerce Secretary and moderated by Ms. Rupali Chowdhury, Managing Director, Berger.

Mr. Syed Nasim Manzur, Managing

Director, Apex Group, Mr. M H M Fairoz, Managing Director and CEO, Singer Bangladesh Limited and Mr. Zaved Akter, Managing Director and CEO, Unilever Bangladesh Limited presented Key Note paper in the session.



Parallel session-4 titled “Strategic Approach for Energy Security to Attain Sustainable Growth” was held at the Carnival Hall at BICC.

Mr. Nasrul Hamid, State Minister-Electricity, Power & Energy graced

the session as Chief Guest. Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, Former President, FBCCI was present as guest of honor.

Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Ex Principal Secretary to PMO presented the

key note paper in the session.

The session was chaired by Mr. Md Habibur Rahman, Secretary, Power Division and Moderated by Dr. Iraj Hossain, Panel Advisor, FBCCI.



Parallel session-5 titled “Japan-Bangladesh Trade and Investment: Opportunities and Way Forward” was held at the Harmony Hall at BICC.

Mr. Kiminori Iwama, H.E. Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh was present at the session as Special Guest.

Keynote paper Presented by by Mr. Takeshi Mamiya, Regional CEO, ASEAN & Southwest Asia, Managing Director, Marubeni ASEAN, Representative from JBCCEC.

The session was chaired by Mr. Lokman Hossain Miah, Executive Chairman, BIDA.

Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP, Honorable Foreign Minister of Bangladesh and Mr. Yasutoshi Nishimura, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Government of Japan sent video message on the session.



Parallel session-6 titled “Towards a Globally Competitive Agribusiness Sector: Emerging Opportunities in Agro Trade and Investments” was held at the Windy Hall at BICC.

Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque- Agriculture Minister of Bangladesh

graced the session as Chief Guest where Mir Nasir Hossain, Former President of FBCCI was present as guest of honor.

Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, Chairman, PRAN-RFL Group presented the Key Note paper in the session.

The session was chaired by Ms. Mohsina Yasmin, Executive Member, BIDA and moderated by Robert Simpson- Country Representative, FAO.



Parallel Session-7 Titled “PPPs for Vision 2041: Private Sector Role and Investment Opportunities” was held at the Carnival Hall at BICC.

The session was chaired by Dr.

Md. Mushfiqur Rahman, CEO (Secretary), PPP Authority and moderated by Mr. Nafiul Hasan, Director General 1- PMO.

Naser Ezaz Bijoy, CEO, Standard

Chartered Bank presented the Key Note paper at the session.



Parallel session-8 titled “Catalyzing Green Investments for Sustainability: Emerging Opportunities for Circular Economy” was held at the Harmony Hall at BICC.

Mr. Saber Hossain Chowdhury, M.P., Managing Director, Karnaphuli Limited graced the session as chief guest.

Dr. Farhina Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Ms Zuenaz Aziz, Principal Coordinator, Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Prime Minister’s Office were present as special guests.

Mr Yousuf Abdullah Harun, MP, Former President, FBCCI was present as guest of honor.

The session was chaired & moderated by Dr. Zaki Uz Zaman, Country Representative, UNIDO

Key Note presented by Mr. Syed Naved Husain, Group Director & CEO, Bangladesh Export Import Company LTD, (BEXIMCO) and Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain, PhD, Professor, Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences, University of Chittagong.



Parallel Session-9 titled “Investing in the Future of Manufacturing: Opportunities in Automobile & Hi-tech Manufacturing in Bangladesh” was held at the Windy Town Hall at BICC.

Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmed, Former President, FBCCI was present at the session as Guest of Honour. Mr. Ruhul Alam Al Mahbub, Fair Group presented the key note paper in the session.

The session chaired & Moderated by Mr. Habibullah Karim, CEO, Technohaven & VP, MCCI



Parallel Session-10 Titled “Leveraging SMEs for Vibrant Supply Chain Linkage and Productivity Spillovers” was held at the Carnival Hall at BICC.

Dr. Shamsul Alam, State Minister of Planning graced the session as

Chief Guest.

Mr. Mofizur Rahman, Managing Director, SME Foundation presented the Key Note paper in the session.

The session was chaired by Dr. Md.

Masudur Rahman, Chairperson, Small & Medium Enterprise (SME) Foundation and moderated by Kamran T Raman, Former President of Employer's Foundation & Sr. VP of MCCI.



Parallel Session-11 titled “Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Sector in Bangladesh: Investing for Growth, Global Integration and Post LDC Market Opportunities” was held at the Harmony Hall at BICC.

Mr. Salman F. Rahman, M.P, Private Industry & Investment Adviser to HPM graced the session as Chief Guest.

Mr. Abdul Muktadir, Chairman & Managing Director, Incepta

Pharmaceuticals Ltd. presented the keynote paper in the session.

The session was chaired & moderated by Ms. Sharifa Khan, Secretary, ERD.



Parallel Session-12 titled “Investing in Economic Zones Progress and Priority Opportunities in Bangladesh” was held at the Windy Town Hall at BICC.

Mr. Kazi Akram Uddin Ahmed, Ex-

President of FBCCI graced the session as Guest of Honour.

Key Note paper was presented by Mr. A.S.M. Mainuddin Ahmed, Managing Director, Abdul Monem Economic Zone and Shaikh Yusuf

Harun, Executive Chairman (Senior Secretary) BEZA.

The session was chaired & moderated by Mr. Hossain Khaled, Managing Director, Anwar Group of Industries.



Parallel session-13 titled “Invest in Women’s Participation in Smart Economy” was held at the Harmony Hall at BICC.

Sonia Bashir Kabir, Founder & Managing Director, Bay’s presented the keynote paper in the session.

The session was chaired & moderated by Barrister Nihad Kabir, Former President, MCCI.



Parallel Session-14 titled “Market Readiness and Opportunities for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Tourism Industry” was held at the Windy Town Hall at BICC.

Mr. Md. Mahbub Ali, Minister of

Civil Aviation & Tourism graced the session as Chief Guest.

H. E. Mr. Karma Dorji, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Employment, Royal Government of Bhutan Thimpu was present as

guest of honour.

The session was chaired by Mr. Md. Mokammel Hossain, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism who also presented the keynote paper in the session.



BUSINESS LEADRS PANEL: BANGLADESH - THE BIG PICTURE



FBCCI Media Briefing to discuss on Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 and other events

FBCCI arranged a media briefing to discuss on the Bangladesh Business Summit-2023 and other events on the last day of the summit (March 13, 2023) at Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC)

Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, President of FBCCI Chaired the Media Briefing.

Among others FBCCI Senior Vice-President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President

Mr. M A Momen, Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Mr. Salahuddin Alamgir, Mr. Habib Ullah Dawn, Mr. M A Razzak Khan Raj were present among others.



10 honoured with FBCCI Business Excellence Award

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) recognized 10 individuals and organizations with the “FBCCI Business Excellence Award” for contributing to the country's economy.

On the closing day (March 13, 2023) of the Bangladesh Business Summit 2023, FBCCI handed over the awards.

Managing Director of Beximco Pharma Mr. Nazmul Hasan and BSRM Group Chief Mr. Alihussain Akberali were honoured in the Business Leadership category.

Olympic Industries Managing Director Mr. Mubarak Ali, Square Food Managing Director Mr. Anjan Chowdhury, National Life Insurance CEO Mr. Md Kazim Uddin, Energypac Power Generation Managing Director Mr. Humayun Rashid received the award in the Industry, Commerce, Services and Agriculture and Agri-Business categories.

Bashundhara Paper Mills Managing Director Mr. Safwan Sobhan was recognized in the Young Entrepreneur category, and Creation Private Limited Managing

Director Mr. Md Rashedul Karim Munna and Tampaco Foils Managing Director Mr. Safius Sami Alamgir were honoured in the Small and Medium Entrepreneur category.

Karigar Managing Partner Ms. Tania Wahab got the award in the Women Entrepreneur category. FBCCI Former President Mr. Mahbubur Rahman and Heritage and Crafts Researcher Ms. Maleka Khan were also recognized in the Jury Board Special Category.



FBCCI wishes the Daily Bangladesh Pratidin on its 14th Anniversary

FBCCI wishes the Daily Bangladesh Pratidin on its 14th Anniversary on March 19, 2023. On behalf of FBCCI, Vice-President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Director Mr.

Akkash Mahmood congratulated the Editor of the Daily Bangladesh Pratidin Mr. Noim Nizam.



FBCCI urged to keep the commodity market stable during Ramadan

FBCCI, the Apex trade organization of the country has urged the retailers and wholesale traders, manufacturers, importers, and market committees to keep the essential commodity market stable during Ramadan. FBCCI made this call during a discussion meeting with the retailers and wholesale traders, manufacturers, and importers of essential commodities

held on March 23, 2023 at the FBCCI office.

FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin said, "Price hike in the global market always pushes the local market. To keep the market stable government has already taken some steps. Consumers and traders should also come forward to keep the commodity price stable.□

FBCCI senior vice president Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President M.A. Momen, Amin Helaly, Directors M.G.R. Nasir Majumder, Bijoy Kumar Kejriwal, Mohammed Bazlur Rahman, Hafez Harun, Abu Hossain Bhuiyan (Ranu), Akkash Mahmud were present at the discussion meeting among others.



Joint meeting of FBCCI budget Taskforce on Customs duty, VAT and Income Tax held

Both the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and the Bharat Chamber of Commerce (BCC) are keen to strengthen Business to Business (B2B) relations and commercial activities between Bangladesh and India. The leaders

of FBCCI and BCC had a discussion regarding this during a courtesy call meeting held on March 21, 2023 at the FBCCI office.

The visiting delegation of the Bharat Chamber of Commerce (BCC) was led by its president N.G. Khaitan.

FBCCI Vice President M A Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Directors Priti Chakraborty, Anwar UI Alam Chowdhury, Senior Vice President of Bharat Chamber of Commerce Naresh Pachisia and others were present at the meeting.



FBCCI President pays homage to Bangabandhu on Independence Day

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) President Md. Jashim Uddin paid rich tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on March 26, 2023 at Dhanmondi 32 in the capital on the occasion of the 53rd Independence and National Day.

After laying the wreath, Md. Jashim

Uddin stood in solemn silence for some times as a mark of profound respect to the the architect of Bangladesh's independence and the greatest Bangalee of all times.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President M A Momen, Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, FBCCI Director Md. Jamal

Uddin, M.G.R. Nasir Majumder, Bijoy Kumar Kejriwal, Hafej Harun,, Mohammad Iqbal Shahriar, Mohammed Bazlur Rahman, Md. Shaheen Ahamed, Syed Sadat Almas Kabir, Md. Nizam Uddin, Naaz Farhana Ahmed, Abu Hossain Bhuiyan (Ranu), Akkash Mahmood were also present at the moment.



FBCCI hosts Iftar Mahfil in honor of its General Body Members

FBCCI, the apex trade organization of the country, hosted an Iftar and Doa mahfil for its general body members on March 27, 2023 at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon hotel in the capital. FBCCI's general body members as well as the country's top businessmen attended the iftar mahfil.

Commenting on the occasion, FBCCI President said, "The Iftar Mahfil is a special opportunity for us to come together, break bread, and celebrate the spirit of Ramadan. We are pleased that this event served as a platform to foster meaningful relationships among our members and promote a sense of unity and solidarity within the business community."

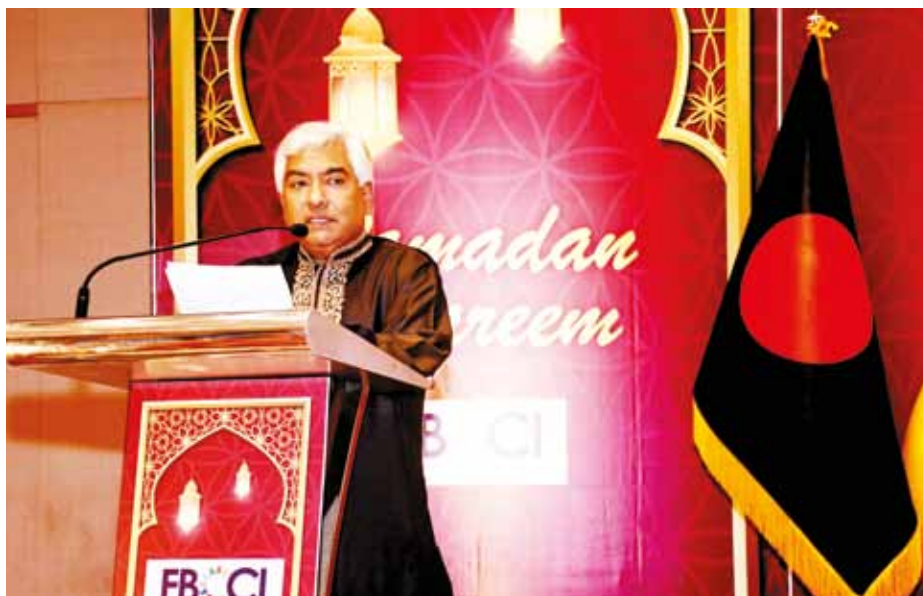
Earlier in his welcoming speech FBCCI Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu requested the country's businessmen to abstain from making extra profits from the commodities that have special demands during Ramadan.

FBCCI Former President Abdul Awal Mintoo, Vice Presidents M A Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, M A Razzak Khan Raj, FBCCI Directors, Business Leaders and others were present at the program.



FBCCI hosted Iftar Mahfil in honor of Ambassadors, Diplomats, and Dignitaries

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), the apex trade organization of the country, hosted an Iftar and Doa mahfil in honor of the Ambassadors, diplomats, and dignitaries at the Hotel Sheraton in the capital on March 29, 2023.



Ministers of different ministries, Members of the Parliaments, Ambassadors, Editors of Print and Electronic

Media, country's top businessmen also attended the iftar mahfil.

Industry Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun MP, Planning Minister M. A. Mannan, Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen, Prime Minister's advisor for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Dr. Tawfique-Elahi Chowdhury, FBCCI Former President Abdul Awal Mintoo, Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice Presidents M A Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Salahuddin Alamgir, Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, M A Razzak Khan Raj, Ambassadors of India, Germany, Indonesia, Iran, Turkey, Norway, Kosovo, Thailand, Libya, Philipines, Brunei, Diplomates, and Dignitaries, Editors of Print and Electronic Media, FBCCI Directors, Business Leaders, and others were present at the program.



Ambassador of Bhutan paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President



Ambassador of Bhutan to Bangladesh H.E. Rinchen Kuentsyl paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jasim Uddin on March 29, 2023 at the FBCCI office.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. M A Momen, Mr. Md. Amin Helaly were also present in the courtesy meeting among others.



FBCCI Delegations Abroad

MoU signed between FBCCI & APEX BRASIL 6 member delegation visit Brazil with the aim of expanding the market of Bangladeshi products.

A six-member delegation including FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin visited Brazil with the aim of expanding the market of Bangladeshi products in the regional trade market under Mercosur.

Bangladesh and Brazil will work together for the further expansion of bilateral trade relations and both countries will support the industries under joint venture and

joint collaboration. In this regard, a Memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and the Brazilian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (APEX BRASIL) on February 2, 2023 at headquarter of the Apex Brasil, Brazil. FBCCI president Md. Jashim Uddin signed

the MoU with the Business Director of ApexBrasil Ana Paula Repezza during his visit to Brazil.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Brasil H.E. Sadia Faizunnessa and Commerce Secretary of Bangladesh Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh were also present at the program.



FBCCI Delegation visits Saudi Arabia for performing Omrah

FBCCI Delegation led by its President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin left Dhaka for Saudi Arabia on March 30, 2023 for performing Omrah.

The delegation includes FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice Presidents Md. Amin Helaly, Md.

Habib Ullah Dawn, others Directors and businessmen.



Courtesy Calls

Nigerian delegation paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President: Nigeria is keen to increase trade with Bangladesh

A visiting delegation led by the President of Nigeria-Bangladesh Trade and Technology Forum (NBTTTF) Roberts Moses Achanya expressed this interest in a courtesy meeting with FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin on January 17, 2023. The delegation also included NBTTTF member Mr. Leonard, National Identity Management

Commission Secretary General Abubakar Aliyo Aziz and member Gumi Aliya Abubakar.

At the meeting, Roberts Moses Achanya said, “The trade potential of the two countries is very high in the textile and ceramic sector. We are looking for joint ventures to expand these sectors. Nigeria has gas, oil, gold, steel and other

mineral resources. So there are a lot of opportunities there.”

FBCCI Vice President M A Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Director Md. Naser, Abu Hossain Bhuiyan Ranu, Advisor Abdul Haque, Secretary General Mohammad Mahfuzul Hoque and others were also present in the meeting.



JETRO delegation paid a Courtesy call on FBCCI President: ‘Japanese businessmen are invited to set up industries in Bangladesh’

FBCCI The apex trade body of the country has invited Japanese entrepreneurs to invest in Bangladesh. The President of FBCCI, Md. Jashim Uddin has attracted the attention of Japanese business especially in the Automobile and Light Engineering sector.

FBCCI President calls this during a courtesy meeting with the delegation of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) on 25 January, 2023 at FBCCI Office, Motijheel.

By informing the trade potentiality in Bangladesh, Md. Jashim Uddin said, “Already a renowned automobile

company from South Korea started assembling cars in Bangladesh. Japanese automobile companies can



also set up automobile factory here. The sooner they come here, the better it will be for them to expand business.”

JETRO President Mr. Kazushige Nobutani, FBCCI Vice President Md. Amin Helaly, Secretary General Mohammad Mahfuzul hoque, Advisor and Former Director Abdul Huque, Executive Vice President of JETRO Mayumi Murayama, Director General Satoshi Kubota and other members of the delegation was presented at the meeting.



Ambassador of the Embassy of Mexico in New Delhi paid a courtesy meeting with Senior Vice President of FBCCI

Federico Salas Lotfe, Ambassador of the Embassy of Mexico in New Delhi, India made a courtesy meeting with Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Senior Vice President of FBCCI on 30 January 2023.

During the meeting, the Mexican Ambassador said, “Economic relations between Bangladesh and

Mexico are still small. By exploring and diversifying trade both sides would be benefited. I think the Automobile, Pharmaceutical, Chemical, and FinTech sector has huge potential.”

Mostofa Azad Chowdhury also said that FBCCI will provide all kinds of support to Mexican businessmen in expanding trade and investment in

Bangladesh.

FBCCI Director Syed Sadat Almas Kabir, S. M. Shafiuzzaman, Abu Hossain Bhuiyan Ranu, Secretary General Mohammad Mahfuzul Hoque, and other members of the delegation were also present at the meeting.



MUFG officials paid a courtesy meeting with the FBCCI business leaders

A special delegation of the higher officials of the Mitsubishi UFG Financial Group or MUFG Bank, a popular Japanese bank and one of

the largest banks in the world, paid a courtesy meeting with the FBCCI business leaders at the FBCCI office on January 30, 2023.

The delegation of MUFG Bank was led by the bank's Managing Director and Head of FI (South Asia) Mr. Gaurav Bhagat. The bank



authorities have expressed interest in doing more work in Bangladesh in the coming days.

Meanwhile, besides highlighting the potential sectors of Bangladesh, the FBCCI leaders highlighted the importance of foreign investment

for the country. FBCCI urged the MUFG bank authority to open a branch in Dhaka.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, FBCCI Director Syed Moazzem

Hossain, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, Mr. Syed Sadat Almas Kabir, Mr. Abul Kasem Khan, Mr. Abu Hossain Bhuiya Ranu, BARVIDA Secretary General Mohammed Shahidul Islam were also present at the meeting.

Head Economic and Trade Office and Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) of Argentina Embassy in New Delhi hold a courtesy meeting with the FBCCI business leaders

The Head of the Economic and Trade Office and Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) of the Argentina Embassy in New Delhi Franco Agustin Senilliani Melchior held a courtesy meeting with the FBCCI business leaders at the FBCCI office on January 31, 2023.

During the meeting, Franco Agustin Senilliani Melchior expressed

interest to expand their trade relations with Bangladesh.

FBCCI thanked Argentina for taking steps to open an embassy in Bangladesh. FBCCI Vice President Md. Amin Helaly said that Argentina could be a good option for Bangladesh in terms of Minerals and edible oil. At the same time, it is a good opportunity for Bangladeshi

exporters to grab the textile market of Argentina.

Amb. Mosud Mannan, FBCCI Directors Md. Rejaul Kariem Rejnu, CIP, M.G.R. Nasir Majumder, Bijoy Kumar Kejriwal, Hafez Harun, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, Akkash Mahmood, Secretary General Mohammad Mahfuzul Hoque were also present at the meeting.



FBCCI delegation met Ambassador & Head of Delegation, European Union to Bangladesh

FBCCI delegation led by its President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin met Ambassador & Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh H.E. Charles Whiteley on 09 February 2023.

Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin said Bangladesh's economy is experiencing unprecedented growth which is opening up a lot of opportunities as well as challenges. The European Union remains the most indispensable partner of Bangladesh to ensure a smooth graduation of LDC. The European Union's support is pertinent for the growth of trade and investment

in Bangladesh, especially in the logistics sector.

He informed FBCCI is going to organize the Bangladesh Business Summit-2023 on 11-13 March 2023. The Summit will witness insights on Bangladesh's economic and market strengths, and concrete trade and investment opportunities from national and global business leaders, investors, policymakers, practitioners, policy and market analysts, academia and investors.

He therefore believes that the European Union's participation in the Summit is crucial. H.E. Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice

President & Trade Commissioner, European Union has already been invited to Summit. FBCCI sought the assistance to confirm his participation.

Mr. Mostafa Azad Chowdhury babu, Senior Vice President, FBCCI, Mr. M. A. Momen, Vice President of FBCCI, Ambassador (Rtd) Abdul Hannan, Mr. Masrur Reaz, Technical Advisor, FBCCI, Ambassador Mosud Mannan, Head of International Affairs, FBCCI, Brigd. Gen SM Ferdous, Coordination, FBCCI were also present in the meeting.

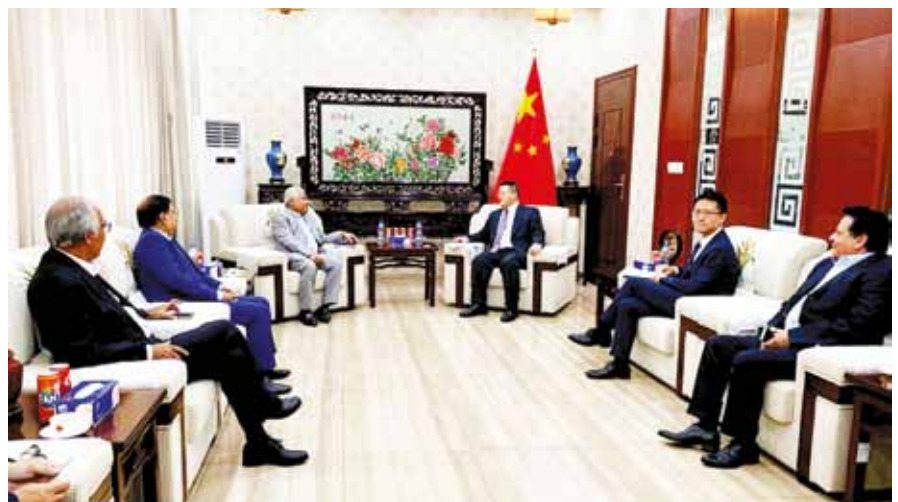


FBCCI President met HE Ambassador of China to Bangladesh

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin met the H.E. Ambassador of China Mr. Yao Wen at China Embassy on 09 February 2023.

Highlighting the rapid economic growth of Bangladesh in a short span of time and its development targets, the FBCCI President said China and Bangladesh can benefit by coordinating the development strategies of both countries.

H.E. Mr. Yao Wen, Ambassador, Embassy of the People's Republic



of China in Bangladesh said this initiative of FBCCI to show the world the opportunities Bangladesh offers for investment is very timely.

The FBCCI leader proposed signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the visiting business leaders from China. He assured that

factory visit, bilateral and sectorial meetings, signing of MoUs on investment, trade and cooperation will be arranged during the Summit.

Mr. Mostafa Azad Chowdhury babu, Senior Vice President, FBCCI, Mr. M. A. Momen, Vice President of FBCCI, Ambassador

(Rtd) Abdul Hannan, Mr. Masrur Reaz, Technical Advisor, FBCCI, Ambassador Mosud Mannan, Head of International Affairs, FBCCI, Brigd. Gen SM Ferdous, Coordination, FBCCI were also present in the meeting.

Thai Ambassador paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President

The Bangladesh Business Summit will promote Bangladesh and Bangladeshi products to the world. the FBCCI wants to showcase Bangladesh's potential sectors and the environment of doing business to global investors through the summit. FBCCI president Md. Jashim Uddin opined this during a courtesy meeting with the Thai Ambassador to Bangladesh Ms. Makawadee Sumitmor at the FBCCI office on 14 February, 2023.

FBCCI President shed light on some of the important aspects of the event

including its objective to showcase the incredible success story of the New Bangladesh emerging as the Trade and Investment Hub of Asia. He invited Business personnel and Govt. Officials of Thailand to attend the Bangladesh Business Summit which is scheduled to be held on March 11-13 this year.

The Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh Ms. Makawadee Sumitmor congratulated the FBCCI for organizing this mega event. The Thai Ambassador also praised the FBCCI president for his

leadership, continues hard work, and dedication.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President M.A. Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, Salahuddin Alamgir, Former Ambassador Mosud Mannan, Minister Counsellor & Deputy Head of the Mission of Thai Embassy Panom Thongprayoon, FBCCI Director M.G.R. Nasir Majumder, secretary general Mohammad Mahfuzul Hoque, and others were present at the meeting.



FBCCI President called on the High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh

FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin and his team called on the High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Pranay Verma on February 21, 2023 at his office today. The discussion chiefly focused around the upcoming Bangladesh Business Summit-2023 scheduled to be held on 11-13

March 2023 in Dhaka, organized by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).

FBCCI President said that mutuality and reciprocity will play an effective role in building strong commercial and strategic relations between

the two neighboring countries. Addressing the challenges in logistics and simplifying the process for goods to cross the border should be the priority to move forward.

The High Commissioner also requested FBCCI to arrange India-Bangladesh Business Roundtable

to work on the policy simplification, bilateral engagement on trade and investment across in varied sectors.

Mr. M.A. Momen, Vice President of FBCCI, Mr. Amzad Hussain, Director of FBCCI, Ambassador Mr. Mosud Mannan- Head of International Division, FBCCI, Mr. Masrur Reaz, Technical Advisor of FBCCI and Brig. Gen SM Ferdous, the Co-coordinator of FBCCI were also present.



Ambassador of Nepal to Bangladesh called on the FBCCI President

Ambassador of Nepal to Bangladesh Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari called on the FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin at FBCCI office on February 23, 2023.

FBCCI Senior Vice-President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice-President Mr. M A Momen, Directors Mrs. Hasina Newaaz, Mr. M.G.R. Nasir Majumder, Mr.

Syed Moazzem Hossain, Mr. Hafez Harun, Ms. Prity Chakraborty were present at the meeting among others.



UAE Ambassador paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President

H.E. Abdulla Ali ALHmoudi, Ambassador of United Arab Emirates to Bangladesh along with Mr. Humaid Al Tamimi, Deputy Head of the Mission paid a courtesy call on the FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin on 28 February 2023 at his office at Gulshan.

Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, Vice Presidents of FBCCI, Mr. Amzad Hussain, Mr. Md. Shah Jalal, Directors of FBCCI, H.E. Mr. Masud Mannan, Former Ambassador of Bangladesh, Mr. Masrur Reaz, Chairman and Founder, Policy Exchange Bangladesh and

Technical Advisor of Bangladesh Business Summit, Brigadier General S M Ferdous, ndc, psc (Retd), Coordinator, Bangladesh Business Summit were also present during the meeting.



Call on Meeting with New Ambassador of Iran



A call on meeting was held with the FBCCI President and the New Ambassador of Iran on March 12, 2023 at BICC.

FBCCI and BCC are keen to improve Bangladesh-India B2B relations

Both the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and the Bharat Chamber of Commerce (BCC) are keen to strengthen Business to Business (B2B) relations and commercial activities between Bangladesh and India. The leaders

of FBCCI and BCC had a discussion regarding this during a courtesy call meeting held on March 21, 2023 at the FBCCI office.

The visiting delegation of the Bharat Chamber of Commerce (BCC) was led by its president N.G. Khaitan.

FBCCI Vice President M A Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Directors Priti Chakraborty, Anwar UI Alam Chowdhury, Senior Vice President of Bharat Chamber of Commerce Naresh Pachisia and others were present at the meeting.



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FBCCI Vice President Mr. M A Momen, Mr. Md. Amin Helaly were also present in the courtesy meeting among others.



FBCCI Standing Committee Meetings

Second meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on National Economic Policy and Planning, 8th Five Year Plan, SDG, and Vision 2041

The second meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on National Economic Policy and Planning, 8th Five Year Plan, SDG, and Vision 2041 which was held at the boardroom of FBCCI on January 05, 2023.

While speaking as the chief guest, the Senior Vice President of FBCCI Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu said, the government should focus on creating efficient manpower to achieve various economic and development goals. There is no alternative to building skilled manpower to accelerate further efforts to achieve the SDGs.



The senior vice-president called for the establishment of an equal number of technical or technical schools and colleges at the district and upazila levels to align the institutional education curriculum with the industry.

FBCCI Director Hafez Harun, Md. Nizam Uddin, Akkas Mahmood, Secretary General Mohammad Mahfuzul Hoque, and others were also present at the meeting.

First meeting of the standing committee on insurance held

Regaining Customer trust is a must for the insurance sector of the Country in order to bolster growth. FBCCI called upon the entrepreneurs of this sector to work together for restoring customers

confidence. FBCCI came up with this call at the first meeting of the standing committee on insurance held on January 12, 2023.

While speaking as the chief guest,

FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin said, Insurance is one of the important sectors of the country's economy. However, a big challenge for this sector is a lack of confidence. We have to find a



solution to get out of this situation. All concerned in this sector should play an active role to change customers' negative perceptions of

the insurance industry, he added.

FBCCI Director Bijoy Kumar Kejriwal, Hafez Harun, Committee

Co-Chairmen Mojibul Islam, Ishaque Ali Khan Panna, Jalalul Azim, and others were present at the program.

First Meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Poverty Reduction and Rural Development held

First Meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Poverty Reduction and Rural Development was held on January 18, 2022 at FBCCI.

Senior Vice-President of FBCCI Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, as the Chief Guest, attended at the meeting. Director In-charge of the committee Ms. Hasina Newaaz, Co-chairmen and other members were present at the meeting.



The meeting was presided over by Former Director of FBCCI

and Chairman of the Standing Committee Mr. Abdul Haque.

2nd meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Hide and Skin, Leather & Leather Goods and Artificial Leather held

2nd meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Hide and Skin, Leather & Leather Goods and Artificial Leather was held at FBCCI on January 22, 2023.

FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin has commented that international standard Central Waste Treatment

Plant (CETP) is necessary for the development of leather sector through proper preservation of indigenous leather.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu opined that a cold storage and modern slaughterhouse can be

established in district level to save native leather. Slaughterhouses can also be a source of business if animal slaughtering is conducted properly as per government guidelines, he noted.

FBCCI Vice President Md. Amin Helaly, Directors Hafez Harun,



Md. Naser, Director in-Charge of the Committee Shaheen Ahmed, Secretary General Mohammad Mahfuzul Hoque, Committee Co-chairmen Zainal Abedin Majumder,

Aniruddha Kumar Roy and other members were present at the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by

the Chairman of the committee and Managing Director of Leatherex Footwear Ind. Ltd. Mohammed Nazmul Hassan Sohail.

First Meeting of the Standing Committee on CMSMEs and Rural Industry Development held

First Meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on CMSMEs and Rural Industry Development was held on January 23, 2023.

Director In-Charge of the Committee Mr. Khan Ahmed Shuvo MP was present at the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by the Chairman of the committee Mr. Mirza Nurul Gani Shovon.



First meeting of the FBCCI standing committee meeting on Law & Order, Anti-Smuggling held.



First meeting of the FBCCI standing committee meeting on Law & Order, Anti-Smuggling was held at FBCCI office on January 25, 2023.

Speaking as the chief guest, FBCCI president Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin said, "the future of Bangladesh's economy is bright. The country is moving forward positively. We all should cooperate with the

government to ensure fair business environment in the country".

FBCCI President called for working in the sake of the nation rather than individual.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Directors Mr. Anwar Sadat Sarkar, Mr. Hafez Harun, Mr. Akkash Mahmood, Committee Director In-Charge Naaz Farhana

Ahmed, Co-chairmen Khondoker Ruhul Amin, Mr. Aktar Hossain Khan, Mohd. Shah Alam Sarkar, and other members were present at the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by the chairman of the committee and the president of Bangladesh Shoe Dealers Association Mr. Sabedur Rahman Khoka Sikder.

First meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Food Security & Food Safety Counterfeiting and Adulteration held

First meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Food Security & Food Safety Counterfeiting and Adulteration held at FBCCI on January 31, 2023.

Speaking as the Chief Guest in the meeting, FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly said, “Bangladesh has developed much in the economy in the last 14 years. This progress of the country is due to the joint contribution of the public and private sectors”. He thinks that raising awareness at all levels is very important for food security

and food safety. He further urged the businessmen to assist the government in formulating policies by conducting business according to rules.

Mr. Md. Rejaul Kariem Rejnu, CIP, director-in-charge of the committee and former vice-president of FBCCI said that mentality changing is very important to ensure food safety and food security.

Chairman of the committee and former director of FBCCI Mr. Khandaker Ruhul Amin presided

over the meeting. He said that food security is one of the main conditions for moving forward with the developed world. He also emphasized on awareness raising.

FBCCI Directors Mr. Shafiqul Islam Vorosha, Mr. Bijoy Kumar Kejriwal, Mr. Abu Motaleb, Mr. Hafez Harun, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, Mr. Akkash Mahmood, Secretary General Mr. Mohammad Mahfuzul Hoque, Committee Co-Chairman Mr. Md. Abdur Rashid, other members and govt. officials were present at the meeting.



Second meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on International Affairs, International Trade Bodies, Development Partners, and Strategic Partners held

Second meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on International Affairs, International Trade Bodies, Development Partners, and Strategic Partners was held on February 6, 2023 at FBCCI.

Bangladesh will face several

challenges in the international market after the LDC graduation in 2026. As a preparation for the challenges, the businessmen have urged to boost Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with various countries and regional cooperation organizations.

FBCCI Vice President M. A. Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Head of the International Division and Former Ambassador Masud Mannan, Committee director in-charge Syed Moazzem Hossain, chairman of the committee and former director of FBCCI Md. Shafquat Haider, FBCCI Director



Hasina Newaaz, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, Abu Hossain Bhuiyan Ranu,

Former Director Khandaker Ruhul Amin, Mahbub Alam, Mohammad

Khokon, and others were present at the program.

Second meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Iron, Carbon Steel, Stainless Steel, and Re-rolling Industries which held

Second meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Iron, Carbon Steel, Stainless Steel, and Re-rolling Industries was held on February 13, 2023.

During the meeting, the entrepreneurs of the steel, rod, and cement industries of the country are in crisis due to the skyrocketing price of raw materials of steel and cement as well as the disruption of energy supply at the factory. They sought the government's support in order to sustain the crisis. They said that due to the shortage of electricity and gas in factories, production has

also dropped to about one-third. Due to the increase in production costs, they have expressed fear of default. They asked for the government's help to overcome the crisis.

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin said, the steel, rod, and cement industries are important sectors. We have to pay more attention to the development of this sector. Highlighting the potential of the steel industry, the FBCCI president said that the steel made in Bangladesh is now being exported abroad. If the problems of this

sector can be solved, the export potential will increase manifold in the future, he opined.

Chairman of the Committee and Chairman of Bangladesh Steel Manufacturers Association Mr. Manwar Hossain presided over the meeting. FBCCI vice-president Mr. M A Momen, Former First-vice President Mr. Mohammad Ali, Committee Director in charge Mr. Md. Jamal Uddin, Director Mr. S.M. Jahangir Alam (Manik), Co-Chairman of the Committee, business leaders, and others were also present at the event.



Second meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Rehabilitation of Sick Industries held

Second meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Rehabilitation of Sick Industries was held at FBCCI on February 14, 2023.

Speaking as the chief guest, FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim

Uddin emphasized on the long term loans for enterprises to ensure sustainable Industrialization.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President M.A. Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Md. Habib

Ullah Dawn, Salahuddin Alamgir, Director Hasina Newaaz, M.G.R. Nasir Majumder, Chairman of the committee Mr. Sadeque U Chowdhury, Co-Chairmen and other members were present at meeting.



First meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Intellectual Property Rights held

First meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Intellectual Property Rights was held on February 16, 2023 at FBCCI Office.

During the meeting, businessmen

said that Intellectual property protection is essential for the country's economic growth and government revenue collection, along with proper valuation of creative industries. Raising

awareness and ensuring the implementation of law are important for the protection of intellectual property, they addressed.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. M A



Momen as the chief guest was present at the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by the Chairman of the committee and Secretary General of Intellectual Property Association of Bangladesh (IPAB) Mr. Md. Azizur Rahman FCS.

FBCCI Vice-President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Committee Director in-Charge Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, FBCCI Directors Ms. Hasina Newaaz, Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam Vorosha, Mr. Abu Motaleb, Mr. Hafez Harun, Mr. Iqbal Shahriar, Mr. Md. Naser, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin,

Mr. Akkash Mahmood, Advisor Mr. Manzur Ahmed, Committee Co-Chairman Mr. Manzurur Rahman, Mr. M S Siddiqui, Mr. Mohammed Khorshed Alam, Mr. S.O.M. Rashedul Quayum, Mr. Osman Gani and other members were present in the meeting.

First meeting of the Standing Committee of Budget held

The first meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Budget was held on February 23, 2023 at FBCCI meeting room.

FBCCI President and Director In charge of the committee Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin chaired the Meeting.



Photo Gallery

FBCCI President attended the DITF Inauguration program

FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin, as a special guest, attended the inauguration of the 27th edition of the month-long Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF)-2023 on January 01, 2023 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center in the capital.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the DITF-2023 as the chief guest.

While speaking at the inauguration program, the FBCCI president said that the Country has seen three biggest mega

projects accomplishment in the year 2022 which includes the Padma Bridge, the Bangabandhu Tunnel, and the Metro rail. This is a huge achievement for our country. I also thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for achieving such a milestone in infrastructure development.

Md. Jashim Uddin said that the DITF is playing an important role in exploring foreign buyers and attracting foreign investors. FBCCI Senior Vice-President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice-Presidents M A Momen, Mr. Salahuddin Alamgir, and other Directors were also present at the ceremony.



FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly attended at the Oath-taking ceremony of the new Board of Directors of BCPAIMA 2023-2025

Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President of FBCCI as Chief Guest took part in the oath-taking ceremony of the newly formed Board of Directors of Bangladesh Cellular Phone Accessories Importers & Merchants Association (BCPAIMA) for the term 2023-2025 after the election on January 01, 2023 at BCPAIMA Office, Dhaka.

Among others, Mr. Awlad Hossin Razib, Mr. Haji Faruk, Mr. Md. Kawsarurzaman, Members of FBCCI, Mr. Md. Shahajan Shaju, Chairman of Election Broad, Mr. Nishit Kumar Shaha, Commissioner of Election Broad and board Members of BCPAIMA were present at the event.



FBCCI President attended the Seminar on Plastic Waste Recycling, Investment Prospects, Challenges & Way forward

Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, President of FBCCI, as the Chief Guest, attended the Seminar on Plastic Waste Recycling, Investment Prospects, Challenges & Way forward Jointly Organized by BPGMEA & SMEF on 04 January, 2023 at CIRDAP Auditorium, Dhaka.

Among others, SME Foundation Chairperson Dr. Masudur Rahman, Managing Director Dr. Md. Mofjiur Rahman, Keynote Presenter of the seminar BUET Professor Dr. Ejaz Hosne, BPGMEA President Mr. Shamim Ahmad were present at the seminar.



FBCCI President attended the 50th Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) of ICAB



Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, President of FBCCI, as Special Guest, attended the 50th Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) of ICAB organized by Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) on 06 January 2023 at ICAB Auditorium, Dhaka.

Mr. Mohammad Muslim Chowdhury, Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Among others, Ms. Sharifa Khan, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, GoB as attended the Special Guests, Mr. Md. Humayun Kabir FCA Council Member & Past President of ICAB and Chairman, Committee on Celebration of 50th Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) of ICAB, Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman FCA, President of ICAB, Mr. Shubhashish Bose, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)-ICAB and Past Presidents of ICAB, Council Member – ICAB in Presence, was present at the function.

FBCCI President attended at the Inaugural Ceremony the BUBT Job Fair 2023

FBCCI President Mr. Md Jashim Uddin, as the chief guest, attended the Inaugural Ceremony the BUBT Job Fair-2023 jointly organized by Career Guidance Office Bangladesh University of Business & Technology (BUBT) & In Association with BD JOBS.Com Limited on 10 January 2023 at Bangladesh University of Business & Technology (BUBT) Rupnagar Mirpur-2 Dhaka.

Among others, Dr. Shafiq Ahmed Siddique ex-chairman BUBT Trust as Guest of Honor, Mr. A K M Fahim Mashroor Co-Founder & CEO BD Jobs. Com Ltd as Special guest were present at the event.



FBCCI President attended the Inaugural Ceremony the GAPEXPO 2023

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, as Special Guest, attended the Inaugural Ceremony the GAPEXPO-223 jointly organized by BGAPMEA, ASK, SGCCI on 11 January 2023 at ICCB.

Mr. Shafiul Islam Mohiuddin MP, Former President, FBCCI and BGMEA grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Among others, Faruque Hassan president of BGMEA, Md. Moazzem Hossain Moti President of Bangladesh Garment Accessories & Packaging Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BGAPMEA) Mr.

Himanshu Hasmukhbhai Bodawala, President of South Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) Mohammad Nasir Uddin, Chairman, National Industrial Skill Council and Former Vice President, BGMEA were present at the event.



No substitute of Modern agro production for achieving export targets: FBCCI president

FBCCI President Md Jashim Uddin commented that there is no alternative to modern agricultural production to achieve export targets.

He made this comment at a discussion meeting titled "Existing Business and Trade Situation and Future Prospects of Rangpur Division" organized by Rangpur

Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 16 January 2023 at chamber building. President of Rangpur Chamber, Mostofa Sohrab Chowdhury Titu was present as the chief guest in the meeting.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu was present at the meeting also.



FBCCI President attended PBCA 4th Global Cotton Summit 2023

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin as Special Guest attended Bangladesh Cotton Association (PBCA) 4th Global Cotton Summit 2023 jointly organized by Bangladesh Cotton Association (PBCA) & Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) on January 20, 2023 at city hotel. Mr. Tipu Munshi, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Commerce, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Among others, Mr. Mohammad Ayub, President of Bangladesh Cotton Association (PBCA) Mr. Faruque Hassan, President of

Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Mr. Mohammad Ali Khokon, President of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) H.E. Jeremy Bruer High Commissioner of Australia to Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Paulo Fernando Dias Feres Ambassador of Brazil to Bangladesh, HE Helen La Fave, Charge d'Affaires, A.I US Embassy of Bangladesh were also present in the Summit.



FBCCI President attended the Pathshala STAR Carnival Celebrating Friendship 2023



FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin, as Chief Guest, attended the Pathshala STAR Carnival Celebrating Friendship 2023 on January 20 at the BICC

FBCCI President attended the International Customs Day 2023

Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, President of FBCCI as Special Guest attended the International Customs Day 2023 on 26 January 2023 at City hotel organized by the National Board of Revenue (NBR).

Honorable Finance Minister Mr. AHM Mustafa Kamal, FCA, MP joined virtually as chief guest at the meeting chaired by Mr. Abu Hena Md Rahmatul Muneem, Senior Secretary of Internal Resources Division (IRD) and Chairman of (NBR) and moderated by Dr. Abdul Mannan Shikder, Member (VAT Implementation and IT) of (NBR).



FBCCI President attended Indo-Bangladesh Agri mechanization summit (IBAM)

FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin, as the special guest, attended at the Indo-Bangladesh Agri mechanization summit

(IBAM) held at the International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB) Dhaka on January 27, 2023.



While speaking, FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin said, the recent development of Bangladesh on connectivity, use of inland waterways, transit, and transshipment through Chattogram and Mongla ports towards Northeast India are very promising in terms of economic growth. The successful launch of two mega projects, the Padma Bridge and the Metro Rail shows Bangladesh's solid move to the next tier of development. 100+ economic zones, high-tech parks, and industrial zones with access to utilities present major business opportunities, he added.

Md. Jashim Uddin invited the Indian business community to attend the upcoming Bangladesh Business Summit in March.

Honorable Agriculture Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque

as the Chief Guest graced the summit while Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Mr. Pranay Kumar Verma attended the summit as Guest of Honor.

The Indo Bangladesh Agri mechanization summit (IBAM) organized by the TMA (an international platform for the farm mechanization industry) in partnership with FBCCI, CII, and Indian High Commission, Dhaka.

President of the TMA Bharatendu Kapoor, President of Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd and President of the TMA Hemant Sikka, Managing Director of the Metal Pvt Ltd Sadid Jamil, President of the ACI Motors Dr. A.K.M. Fareyul Haque Ansarey were also present on the program.

FBCCI Senior Vice President attended the Closing Ceremony of the 27th DITF 2023

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu as a Special Guest attended the Closing Ceremony of the 27th Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF) -2023, at Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center, Purbachal on January 31, 2023.

Honorable Minister for Ministry of Textiles and Jute Mr. Golam Dastagir Gazi (Birpratik) MP, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Honorable Commerce Minister Mr. Tipu Munshi MP was present as a Special Guest.

Among others, Vice Chairman and CEO of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) Mr. A. H. M. Ahsan was also present at the closing ceremony.



FBCCI Senior Vice President attended at the Seminar “Role of VAT in National Development: Present and Future”



FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu as a Panel Discussant at the Seminar “Role of VAT in National Development: Present and Future” jointly organized by National Board of Revenue (NBR) and Department of Internal Resources, Ministry of Finance on 5 February 2023 at Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka.

Mr. Tipu Munshi MP, Honorable Minister for the Ministry of Commerce graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

FBCCI President attended at a meeting on Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 at BIDA



FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin as Special Guest attended at a meeting on Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 at BIDA Conference Room on 7 February, 2023. Mr. Lokman Hossain Mia, Executive Chairman of BIDA presented as the Chief Guest.

Mis. Mohsina Yasmin, Executive Member, Foreign Investment Promotion, Bangladesh Investment Promotion Authority (BIDA) chaired the meeting. Amongst others, Senior Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, vice president Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn were also present at the meeting.

FBCCI President attended the CBCCI Trade Xpo 2023 Opening Ceremony

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin as Special Guest attended the Canada Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CBCCI) Trade Xpo 2023 Opening Ceremony on 7 February 2023 at city hotel. Mr. Tipu Munshi, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Commerce graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Amongst others, Her Excellency Dr. Lini Nicholls High Commissioner for Canada in Bangladesh, Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Senior Vice President of FBCCI, Mr. Faruque Hassan, President of BGMEA were also present in the EXPO Program.



Printing and Publication sub-committee meeting on the occasion of Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 held

Sub-Committee meeting on Printing and Publication was held on 9 February 2023 at FBCCI on the occasion of Bangladesh Business Summit 2023. FBCCI Vice President Mr. MA Momen chaired the meeting.

Amongst others, Ms. Hasina Newaaz, Syed Sadat Almas Kabir, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, Mr. Akkash Mahmood, Directors of FBCCI were also present in the meeting.



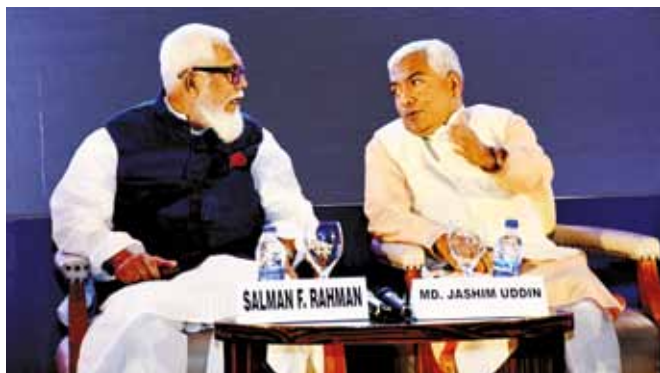
FBCCI President attended the Inaugural Ceremony of INFOCOM Dhaka 2023

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin as Special Guest attended the "Inaugural Ceremony of INFOCOM Dhaka 2023" organized by INFOCOM, SAARC CCI & the Daily Star on 10 February 2023 at City hotel.

Mr. Salman F Rahman MP, Private Industry and Investment Advisor to the Honorable Prime Minister graced the occasion as

the Chief Guest.

Amongst others, Mr. Sunil Gupta, Co-Founder & CEO, Yotta Infrastructure, Mr. Dhruva Mukherjee, CEO, ABP Pvt Ltd, Mr. Harish Agarwal, Partner, E&Y, Mr. Shafquat Haider, Chairman, Council for Communication & IT, SAARC CCI were also present in the ceremony.



FBCCI President attended at BAJUS Fair 2023 seminar entitled "Development Challenges and Actions of Jewelers Industry"

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin as Special Guest attended at the seminar titled "Development Challenges and Actions of Jewelers Industry" on the occasion of BAJUS Fair 2023 organized by Bangladesh Jewellers Association (BAJUS) on 10th February 2023 at ICCB Conversion Hall. Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun MP, Honorable Industry Minister was

present as the chief guest.

Amongst others, President of Bangladesh Jewellers Association (BAJUS) Mr. Sayem Sobhan Anvir, Former Presidents Kaji Shirajul Islam, Dr. Dilip Kumar Ray were also present in the seminar.



FBCCI President attended the 'We are each other's scholarship and get-together Celebrating Friendship 2023'

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jasim Uddin as Special Guest attended the "We are each other's scholarship and get-together Celebrating Friendship 2023" organized by Begumganj Sonaimuri Upazila Students Welfare Association at Dhaka University on 10 February 2023.

Professor Dr. Md. Aktaruzzaman, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University was present as the chief guest.

Amongst others, Mr. Aziz Al Kaiser, chairman, City Bank and Partex Group and members of the Begumganj Sonaimuri Upazila Former-Present Students Welfare Association, Dhaka University were also present in the event.



FBCCI President attended at the Launching of 3 Wheeler Manufacturing Plant of Runner

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin as Special Guest attended the Launching of THREE Wheeler Manufacturing Plant of Runner Automobiles on 11 February 2023 at Paragaon, Bhaluka, Mymensingh.

Mr. Salman F Rahman, MP, Private Industry and Investment Advisor to the Hon^{ble} Prime Minister of

Bangladesh graced the ceremony as Chief Guest.

Amongst others, Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad, Former President of FBCCI, Mr. Md Aminul Haque Shamin, Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, Vice Presidents of FBCCI, Mr. Hafizur Rahman Khan, Chairman of Runner Group, Mr. Subir Kumar Chowdhury, managing director and CEO



of Runner Automobiles, Mr. K S Grihapathy, President Bajaj Auto were also present in the ceremony.

FBCCI President attended the Inaugural ceremony “17th Dhaka Int’l Textile & Garment Machinery Exhibition (DTG-2023)”

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin as Special Guest attended the Inaugural ceremony of the “17th Dhaka Int’l Textile & Garment Machinery Exhibition (DTG-2023)” jointly organized by Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) & Yorkers Trade & Marketing Service Co. Ltd on 15 February, 2023 at International Convention Center (ICCB), Dhaka.

Mr. Salman F Rahman, MP, Private Industry and Investment

Advisor to the Hon^{ble} Prime Minister graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Amongst others, Mr. Mohammad Ali Khokon, Director of FBCCI and President of BTMA, Ms. Judy Wang, President, Yorkers Trade & Marketing Service Co. Ltd, Mr. Md. Fazlul Hoque, Mr. Abdullah Al Mamun, Vice President^s of BTMA, Members of the BTMA Board of Directors were also present in the Exhibition.



FBCCI President addressing at the Opening Ceremony of the 10th Bangla Optica-2023

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin as the chief guest addressing at the Opening Ceremony of the 10th Bangla Optica-2023 (International Optical Fair) organized by the Bangladesh Eyewear Industry and Merchants Association on February 16, 2023 at Diploma Engineers Institute (DEI).

Among other, Sheikh Nurul Islam, President of Bangladesh Optical Industries and Merchants Association, Director of FBCCI Mr. Nizam Uddin Rajesh, Hafez Harun, President of Bangladesh Optical Industries and Traders Association (BOTA) Mr. Sanaullah Khan, Chairman of Fair Committee Md. Babul Hossain.



The 3rd meeting of FBCCI Sub-Committee on Print and Publication

The 3rd meeting of FBCCI Sub-Committee on Print and Publication was held on February 19, 2023 at FBCCI Icon. The meeting was chaired by FBCCI Vice President M A Momen. Amongst others, Director of the FBCCI Hasina Newaaz, Ms Hasina Newaaz, Md. Shafiqul Islam Vorosha, Abu Motaleb, Md. Naser, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, Priti Chakraborty, Abul Kashem Khan, Akkas Mahmood and others were presented at the meeting.



FBCCI President attended the Inaugural Ceremony of 15th Bangladesh International Plastic, Packaging and Printing Industrial Fair 2023



FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin as special guest attended the Inaugural Ceremony 15th Bangladesh International Plastic, Packaging and Printing Industrial Fair 2023 Jointly Organized by Bangladesh Plastic Goods Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BPGMEA) & Yorkers Trade & Marketing Service Co, Ltd on 22 February 2023 at International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB) Dhaka.

Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun MP Hon^{ble} Minister, Ministry of Industries graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Among others, Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Shamim Ahmed, President of BPGMEA were also present at the event.

Emergency Meeting with the Media Partners on the Occasion of Bangladesh Business Summit

Emergency Meeting with the Media Partners on the Occasion of Bangladesh Business Summit was held on February 23, 2023 at FBCCI Meeting Room. FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin chaired the Meeting. Amongst others, FBCCI Senior Vice-President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice Presidents Mr. M A Momen, Md. Amin Helaly were also present in the meeting.



FBCCI President attended the “Inaugural Ceremony SHOWCASE KOREA 2023”

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin as Special Guest attended the “Inaugural Ceremony SHOWCASE KOREA 2023” jointly organized by Korean Community in Bangladesh and Korea Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry on 25th February 2023 at International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB), Dhaka.

Mr. Salman Fazlur Rahman MP, Private Industries &

Investment Adviser to the Hon^{ble} Prime Minister of Bangladesh graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Mr. Atiqul Islam, Mayor, Dhaka North City Corporation, H.E. LEE Jang-keun, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh, Mr. Mostofa Kamal, President of Korea Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI), Mr. Shahbuddin, Former President of KBCCI were also present at the occasion.



FBCCI President attended the Closing Ceremony of the 15th Bangladesh International Plastic, Packaging and Printing Industrial Fair 2023

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, as special guest, attended the Closing Ceremony of the 15th Bangladesh International Plastic, Packaging and Printing Industrial Fair 2023 jointly organized by Bangladesh Plastic Goods Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BPGMEA) & Yorkers Trade & Marketing Service Co, Ltd. on 25 February 2023 at International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB), Dhaka.

Mr. Morshed Alam MP, Chairman, Bengal Group of Industries & RTV graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Among others, Mr. A.S.M.Kamal uddin, Managing Director, Luna Plastic Ind Ltd, Ms. Judy Wang President, Yorkers Trade & Marketing Service Co. Ltd, Mr. Shamim Ahmed, President of BPGMEA were present at the occasion.



FBCCI President attended a meeting held with stakeholders, presidents and general secretaries of all kitchen markets under Dhaka City Corporation.

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, as special guest, attended a meeting held with stakeholders, presidents and general secretaries of all kitchen markets under Dhaka City Corporation organized by Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection on February 26, 2023 at TCB Bhawan to find out ways to keep essential commodities prices stable during Ramadan.

Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce was present at the meeting as chief guest.

Mr. A.H.M. Shafiquzzaman, Director General,

Directorate of National Consumers Right Protection, Mr. Helal Uddin, President, Bangladesh Dokan Malik Samity, Mr. Pradip Ranjan Chakraborty, Chairperson, Bangladesh Competition Commission, Mr. Faizul Islam, Chairman, Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission, Mr. Ghulam Rahman, President, Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB), Mr. Md. Hafizur Rahman, Director General (Trade Organization Wing), Ministry of Commerce, Brigadier General Md. Ariful Hassan PSC, Chairman, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh were present at the meeting.



Mr. Dr. Atiur Rahman, Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank visited FBCCI's Mujib Corner

Mr. Dr. Atiur Rahman Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank visited FBCCI's Mujib Corner after the sub committee meeting on FBCCI Business Excellence Award on 26 February 2023 at FBCCI.

Amongst others, FBCCI Senior Vice-President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice-President Mr. M A Momen were present at the time.



Meeting of Jury Board of 50 Years Celebration of FBCCI

Meeting of Jury Board of 50 Years Celebration of FBCCI on February 26, 2023 and March 06, 2023 at FBCCI Meeting Room Mr. Dr. Atiur Rahman Former Governor,

Bangladesh Bank chaired the meeting. Amongst others, FBCCI Senior Vice-President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu was also present in the meeting.



Meeting of Expo & Stall Management Sub Committee & Cultural Affairs Sub Committee regarding 50 Years Celebration Events



Meeting of Expo & Stall Management Sub Committee & Cultural Affairs Sub Committee regarding 50 Years Celebration Events of FBCCI were held on February 26, 2023 at FBCCI Meeting Room. Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn Vice President of FBCCI chaired the Meeting. Amongst others, FBCCI Vice-President Mr. M A Momen, Directors Mr. Mohammed Bazlur Rahman, Mr. M.G.R. Nasir Majumder, Mr. Akkash Mahmood were also present in the meeting.

Meeting of International Affairs-Sub Committee



Meeting of International Affairs-Sub Committee was held on February 26, 2023 at FBCCI Board Room on the 50 Years Celebration Events of FBCCI. Syed Sadat Almas Kabir, Director of FBCCI chaired the Meeting. Amongst others, FBCCI Directors Ms. Naaz Farhana Ahmed, Dr. Ferdousi Begum, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, were also present in the meeting.

FBCCI President met Argentine Foreign Minister



FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin met Argentine Foreign Minister Mr. Santiago Cafiero on 27 February 2023 at a city hotel.

Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Senior Vice

President of FBCCI, Mr. M A Momen, Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Mr. Salahuddin Alamgir, Vice President of FBCCI, Mr. Hugo Gobbi, Ambassador of Argentina in Bangladesh were also present at the meeting among others.

Registration preparatory Meeting for Bangladesh Business Summit'2023

Registration preparatory Meeting for Bangladesh Business Summit'2023 Best of Bangladesh Expo | FBCCI 50 years celebration | FBCCI Business Award 2023 on March 4, 2023 at FBCCI office. Mr. Abuk kasem khan, Director of FBCCI Chaired the Meeting



Developing Long-Term Finance Sub-Committee meeting on Bangladesh Business Summit 2023

Developing Long-Term Finance Sub-Committee meeting on Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 was held on 6 March 2023 at FBCCI office. Mr. Anwar ul Alam Chowdhury, Director of FBCCI chaired the meeting. FBCCI Director Mr. Md. Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury was present at the meeting.



Printing and Publications Sub-Committee meeting for Bangladesh Business Summit'2023



Printing and Publications Sub-Committee meeting for Bangladesh Business Summit'2023 was held on 6 March 2023 at FBCCI office. Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin President of FBCCI chaired the Meeting. FBCCI Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President M A Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Directors Mr. Abu Motaleb, Ms. Naaz Farhana Ahmed, Dr. Ferdousi Begum, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, Mr. Md. Abu Naser, Amzad Hussain, Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Akkash Mahmood were present at the meeting.

Lyonpo Loknath Sharma arrived at Dhaka to join the Bangladesh Business Summit

Mr. Karma Dorji, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment of the government of Bhutan arrived at Dhaka on March 08, 2023 to participate in the Bangladesh Business Summit-2023.

Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Senior Vice President of FBCCI welcomed the Minister at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport Dhaka.



FBCCI Business Leaders visit Fire Ravaged market area in Gulistan on March 08, 2023



FBCCI President Md. Jashim Uddin expressed heartfelt condolences over the tragic fire incident that occurred at Gulistan, Dhaka. In a brief statement,

the FBCCI president expressed deep sorrow and sympathy to the affected families and businesses, and emphasized the need for improved

fire safety measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

7th Emergency Board Meeting held on March 08, 2023 at FBCCI



FBCCI Senior Vice President received the Japan delegation

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu received the Japan delegation at the Hazrat Shahajalal International Airport on March 09, 2023. FBCCI Vice President Mr. Salahuddin Alamgir was present at the time.



FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn received the China delegation

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn received the China delegation at the Hazrat Shahajalal International Airport on March 09, 2023.



FBCCI President received Commerce Minister of Saudi Arabia

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin received H.E. Majid Abdullah Alkasabi, Minister of Commerce and Acting Minister of Media of Saudi Arabia at the Hazrat Shahajalal International Airport on March

10, 2023. Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP, Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was present at the time.



FBCCI held a welcome dinner on the occasion of Bangladesh Business Summit 2023

FBCCI held a welcome dinner on March 10, 2023 on the occasion of Bangladesh Business Summit 2023. Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin President of FBCCI chaired the Meeting. FBCCI Senior Vice President Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Vice President M A Momen, Md. Amin Helaly, Mr. Salahuddin Alamgir, Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, FBCCI Director and others were present at the meeting.



FBCCI President and Senior Vice President met CNN Business Reporter Mr. Richard Quest

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin and Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu pose photo with CNN Business Reporter Mr. Richard Quest on the Bangladesh Business Summit 2023.



FBCCI leaders are discussing with the Hon'ble Prime Minister

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, other Vice Presidents and Directors discussing with the Hon'ble

Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina MP on the inauguration day of Bangladesh Business Summit (March 11, 2023) at BICC.



FBCCI President attended a Networking Dinner with the visiting Japanese Investment Delegation

FBCCI President as special guest attended a Networking Dinner with the visiting Japanese Investment Delegation on the Occasion of the Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 & Celebration of 50 years of JETRO in Bangladesh held on 12 March 2023 at city hotel.

Mr. Salman Fazlur Rahman MP, private industry and investment adviser to Hon'ble Prime Minister Bangladesh

was present at the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Among other, Hon'ble State Minister for Power, Energy, and Mineral Resources Mr. Nasrul Hamid MP and Information and Technology Division (ICT) State Minister Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak MP and FBCCI Senior vice president and vice presidents all Directors were also present at the event.



FBCCI Senior Vice President attended the Opening ceremony 'World Consumer Rights Day 2023 Consumer Complaint Management System (CCMS) Software'

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu as special guest attended the Opening ceremony "World Consumer Rights Day -2023 Consumer Complaint Management System (CCMS) Software" organized by Bangladesh Competition Commission on 15 March 2023 at BICC.

Mr. Tipu Munshi MP Hon^{ble} Minister Ministry of Commerce

graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mr. Topon Kanti Ghosh, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce Momen chaired the meeting.

Amongst others, Mr. Golam Rahman, President, Consumer Association of Bangladesh (CAB), Mr. Helal Uddin, President, Bangladesh Dokan Malik Samity were also present in the meeting.



FBCCI President participated the 11th meeting of the National Committee on Exports

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin participated in the 11th meeting of the National Committee on Exports on Monday 20 March, 2023 at Prime Minister office. The

meeting was presided over by Sheikh Hasina MP, Hon^{ble} Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.



FBCCI Vice President Mr. Amin Helaly attended the 16th China-South Asia Business Forum

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Amin Helaly attended the 16th China-South Asia Business Forum on 20 March 2023 at a city hotel

Among other, Mr. Chandi Raj Dhakal, Vice Chairman of SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Vice

Chairman of Nepal Federation of Industry and Commerce, Mr. Liu Qilin, Chairman of CCPIT Yunnan, Mr. Keerthi Gunawardane, President of FCCISL, Mr. Mahmood Ahmed, Deputy Secretary General of FPCCI and Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Butt, Secretary General (Acting) SAARC CCI were Present at the meeting.



FBCCI Vice President Mr. Amin Helaly attended the Matchmaking Meeting Economic and Trade Promotion for China (Yunnan) and Bangladesh Enterprises

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Amin Helaly as special guest attended the "A Matchmaking Meeting Economic and Trade Promotion for China (Yunnan) and Bangladesh Enterprises" on 20 March 2023 at a city hotel.

Among other, FBCCI Directors Syed Moazzam Hossain, Hafez Harun, M.G.R Nasir Majumder, Dr. Nadia Binte Amin, Mr. Akkash Mahmood were present at the occasion.



FBCCI President attended the 'Pre-Budget Discussion 2023-24, Private Sector Expectations' organized by DCCI

FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jasim Uddin, as a panel discussant, attended the "Pre-Budget Discussion 2023-24, Private Sector Expectations" organized by Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) at BICC Media Bazar Hall on 22 March 2023.

Mr. Salman F Rahman MP, Private Industry and Investment Adviser to the Honorable Prime Minister was present as the chief guest of the event.



FBCCI Senior Vice President attended the Certificate Distribution Ceremony of the BSTI Certified Halal and Management Systems

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, as special guest, attended the Certificate Distribution Ceremony of the BSTI Certified Halal and Management Systems on 22 March 2023 at Ministry of Industries Conference room.

Mr. Adv Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun MP, Honorable Industry Minister was present at the ceremony as the Chief Guest.

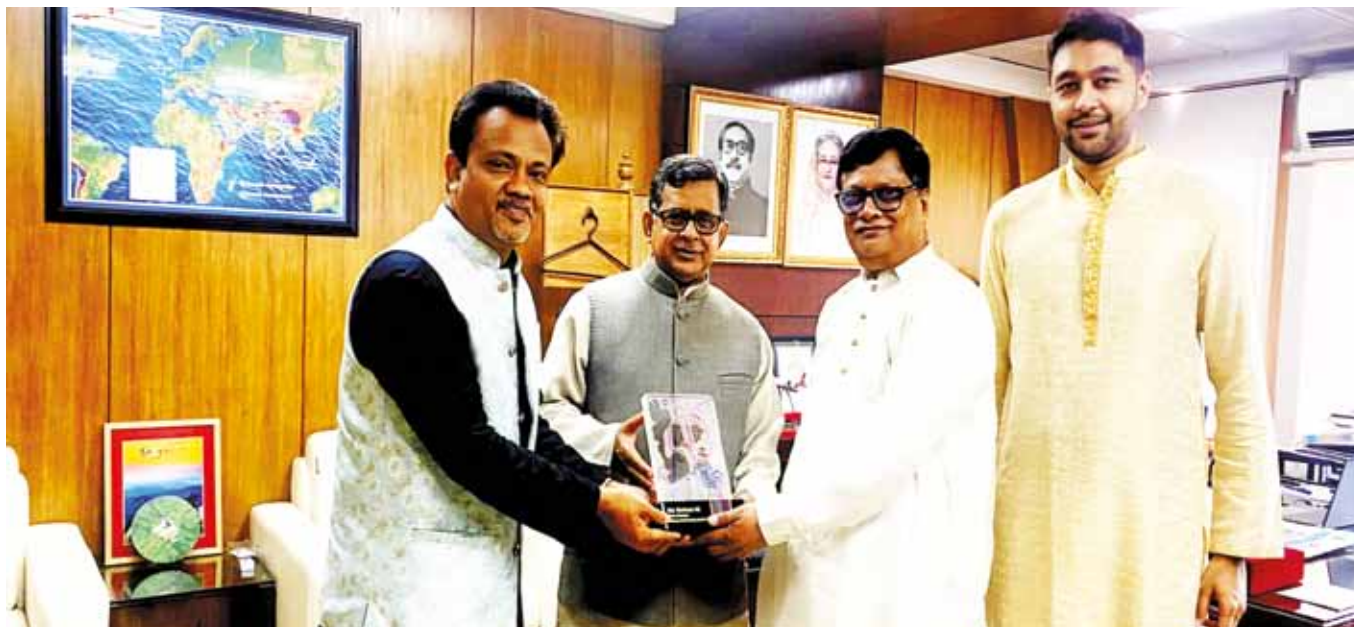
Mr. Amin Helaly, Vice President of FBCCI was also present at the Ceremony.



FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly met Hon'bal State Minister of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism of Bangladesh

Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President of FBCCI met Md. Mahbub Ali MP, Hon'bal State Minister of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism of Bangladesh on 27 March, 2023 at Secretariat office in Dhaka.

Directors of FBCCI Mr. M.G.R. Nasir Majumder, Mr. Amzad Hussain were present at the meeting.



The Emperor of Japan has conferred “The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette” upon Mr. Abdul Haque

His Imperial Majesty, The Emperor of Japan has conferred “The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette” upon Mr. Abdul Haque in recognition of its distinguished service in contributing to promoting economic relations between Japan and Bangladesh and friendly relations between Japan and other nations. On behalf of the Government of Japan, the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Ito Naoki bestowed the Honor upon Mr. Abdul Haque on 23rd June, 2022.



We Mourn



With profound grief, We deeply mourn the untimely passing of Masud Parves Khan (Imran), a cherished member of the Board of Directors at FBCCI.

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un

His passion, expertise, and unwavering commitment to the organization will be remembered fondly. May Masud Parves Khan (Imran) rest in eternal peace.



We Mourn



We are deeply saddened about the passing of Abu Alam Chowdhury, a former Vice President of FBCCI.

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un

His contributions and dedication to the business community will be remembered with great respect.



ECONOMY UPDATES

Stabilisation Fund: A new financing window for stock market

The Capital Market Stabilization Fund (CMSF), which has been created by collecting investors' unclaimed dividends, is turning into a new funding window for the stock market. Last year, the Fund provided the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) with Tk225 crore in several phases for investing in the secondary market. Now, the CMSF will provide market intermediaries with loans at low interest rates to increase liquidity in the capital market. The tenure of this loan will be 180 days, but it is renewable. According to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), the CMSF board will decide the interest rate, which will be at the higher end of the three-month average of fixed deposit receipt (FDR) rates. That means, the CMSF loan will be cheaper for brokers and merchant banks, as they have to pay 9% or more against the loans they take from commercial banks and non-bank financial institutions. Currently, the average interest rate on FDR is 6-7%.

Bangladesh's IT export surges despite global economic crisis

Information technology exports from Bangladesh shot up 36 per cent in the first half of the current financial year, beating expectations of industry players as the local IT industry showed resilience against the global economic turmoil. IT companies brought home \$282.77 million in the July-December period of 2022-23, up from \$208.09 million in the identical half of 2021-22, data from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) showed. The higher earnings were driven by the shipment of computer data-processing and hosting services, which

cover most business process outsourcing and IT-enabled services. The shipment of computer data processing and hosting services rose to \$233.55 million in the six months to December from \$154.82 million a year earlier. Local entrepreneurs are receiving a good number of outsourcing orders for back-office operations, image processing, graphic design, animation, data entry, accounting and legal process outsourcing, and data analytics, according to industry people. IT export growth has been phenomenal since the middle of last year after businesses around the world reopened following the improvement in the Covid-19 situation.

Asia's easing economic headwinds make way for stronger recovery

The economic headwinds that faced Asia and the Pacific last year have started to fade. Global financial conditions have eased, food and oil prices are down, and China's economy is rebounding. These developments are helping improve prospects across the region, with growth set to accelerate to 4.7 per cent this year from 3.8 per cent in 2022. This will make it by far the most dynamic of the world's major regions and a bright spot in a slowing global economy. The region's emerging and developing economies, poised to expand by 5.3 per cent this year, drive this dynamism. These economies are hitting their stride as pandemic supply-chain disruptions fade and the service sector booms. China and India alone are expected to contribute more than half of global growth this year, with the rest of Asia contributing an additional quarter. Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam are all back to their robust pre-pandemic growth.

Bangladesh now home to world's best green factory

A Bangladeshi textile factory has become the world's highest platinum rated green factory as the production unit topped the list of the international green building certification agency. Green Textile Limited Unit 4, a joint concern of Epic Group and Envoy Legacy of Bangladesh, scored 104 out of 110, the highest in the globe. Green Textile Limited Unit 4 at Nijhury Baraid in Mymensingh's Bhaluka overtook PT Ungaran Sari Garments Pringapus 6 and 7 of Indonesia. Now Bangladesh has both the highest rated and the highest number of green garment factories in the world. The Indonesian garment factory was the highest platinum rated green garment factory in the world since May 2018 with a score of 101, according to data from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Two weeks ago, Bangladesh became home to 52 out of 100 top green industrial units worldwide after KDS IDR Limited, a garment factory in Kalurghat, received platinum certification from LEED programme on February 1.

Rules eased for raw jute export

The government has removed the condition for raw jute exporters of taking prior approval from the commerce ministry before shipment, according to a notice issued by Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) yesterday. The commerce ministry included the provision in the export policy 2021-2024, where raw jute exporters will have to get clearance before exporting the natural fibre, a move which was opposed by the jute traders earlier. The relaxation comes as export earnings from raw jute and jute goods are falling.

On a journey towards a cashless Bangladesh

The disappearance of cash – and the world's eventual adoption of digital payments – is a concept that has been around ever since electronic fund transfers were conceived in the 1960s. The creation of internet and other advances in subsequent decades only cemented the idea that this transition was inevitable. In Bangladesh, the idea of a cashless society has recently taken root. Recent headwinds have transformed the way we handle money, spurred rapid innovation and resulted in habits oriented around convenience, safety and sustainability. In line with government aspirations, banks and financial institutions have committed themselves to promoting easy, safe, and secure cashless transactions for all. Card offerings, easy-to-use online services, and best-in-class mobile applications have been introduced and revamped to suit newly minted purchasing habits. This diverse range of options gives customers the flexibility to choose what truly fits best.

Bangladesh: Country Profile

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: People's Republic of Bangladesh
Area: 56,977 square mile or 1.47,570 square kilometres
Population (2022, census estimate): 16,51,58,616
Currency: Taka (BDT)
Standard Time GMT+6 Hours
Principal Industries: Readymade Garments, Textiles, Chemical Fertilizers, Jute & Jute Goods, Tea Processing, Pharmaceuticals, Paper & Newsprint, Sugar, Cement, Leather Goods, Food, Fish, Poultry, etc.
Principal Minerals: Natural Gas, Coal, Limestone, White Clay, Silica Sand etc.

DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL INDICATORS

Population by Sex (2022, census estimate):
Male: 8,17,12,824
Female: 8,33,47,206
Male-Female Ratio: 98.4:100
Total Households: 4,10,10.051
Average Household Size: 4.06
Average Annual Population Growth Rate: 1.22
Population Density (per sq. km): 1,119
Total Fertility Rate (2020): 2.04
Life Expectancy at Birth (2020, years): 72.8
Life Expectancy (Male): 71.2
Life Expectancy (Female): 74.5
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (2020): 63.9%
Mean Age at Marriage (2020, Male): 25.2 Years
Mean Age at Marriage (2020, Female): 19.1 Years
Literacy Rate (2020, 7+ years, percentage): 75.2
Literacy Rate (Male): 77.4%
Literacy Rate (Female): 72.9%

ECONOMIC INDICATORS (2021-22, provisional)

GDP (at current price): US\$ 465 Billion; BDT 39,765 Billion
GDP Growth Rate (at constant price): 7.25%
Per Capita GDP: US\$ 2,723; BDT 2,32,828
GNI (at current price): US\$ 482 Billion; BDT 41,241 Billion
Per Capita Income: US\$ 2,824; BDT 2,41,470
Total Import (goods & services): US\$ 89.33 Billion
Total Export (goods & services): US\$ 52.47 Billion
Import-GDP Ratio: 23.08%
Export-GDP Ratio: 12.25%

Foreign Exchange Reserve (2021-22): US\$ 41.83 Billion
Inflation Rate (2021-22): 6.15%
Tax-GDP Ratio (2020-21): 7.64%
National Savings (2021-22): 25.45% of GDP
Revenue-GDP Ratio (2020-21): 9.31%
Domestic Savings (2021-22): 21.56% of GDP
Total Investment (2021-22): 31.68% of GDP
Public Investment (2021-22): 7.62% of GDP
Private Investment (2021-22): 24.06% of GDP

EXPORT OF GOODS (2021-22, top ten destinations)

1. USA: US\$ 10,417 Million (20.0%)
 2. Germany: US\$ 7,590 Million (14.57%)
 3. UK: US\$ 4,828 Million (9.27%)
 4. Spain: US\$ 3,166 Million (6.08%)
 5. France: US\$ 2,711 Million (5.21%)
 6. Poland: US\$ 2,139 Million (4.11%)
 7. India: US\$ 1,991 Million (3.82%)
 8. Netherlands: US\$ 1,775 Million (3.41%)
 9. Italy: US\$ 1,702 Million (3.27%)
 10. Canada: US\$ 1,522 Million (2.92%)
 11. Other Countries: US\$ 14,237.57 (27.33%)
 12. EU Countries: US\$ 17,836 (46.3%)
- TOTAL: US\$ 52.47 Billion (100%)**

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS (2021-22)

1. Knit Wear: US\$ 23,214.32 Million (44.57%)
2. Woven Garments: US\$ 19,398.84 Million (37.25%)
3. Home Textile: US\$ 1,621.93 Million (3.11%)
4. Leather and Leather Products: US\$ 1,245.18 Million (2.39%)
5. Agricultural Products: US\$ 1,162.25 Million (2.23%)
6. Jute and Jute Goods: US\$ 1,127.63 Million (2.17%)
7. Engineering Products: US\$ 795.63 (1.53%)
8. Frozen & Live Fish: US\$ 532.94 Million (1.02%)
9. Chemical Products: US\$ 364.07 Million (0.70%)
10. Plastic and Plastic Products: US\$ 166.25 Million (0.32%)

IMPORT OF GOODS (2021-22, top ten sources)

1. China: US\$ 19,349 Million (25.6%)
2. India: US\$ 13,690 Million (18.1%)
3. Singapore: US\$ 4,115 Million (5.4%)

4. Malaysia: US\$ 3,471 Million (4.6%)
 5. Indonesia: US\$ 3,081 Million (4.1%)
 6. USA: US\$ 2,825 Million (3.7%)
 7. Japan: US\$ 2,435 Million (3.2%)
 8. Brazil: US\$ 2,245 Million (3.0%)
 9. Qatar: US\$ 2,177 Million (2.9%)
 10. Saudi Arabia: US\$ 1,693 Million (2.9%)
 11. Other Countries: US\$ 20,518 Million (27.2%)
- TOTAL: US\$ 89,334 Million (100%)**

PRINCIPAL IMPORTS (2021-22)

1. Petroleum Products: US\$ 11,189 Million (14.17%)
2. Textile: US\$ 6,314 Million (8.0%)
3. Capital Machinery: US\$ 4,896 Million (6.20%)
4. Yarn: US\$ 4,430 Million (5.61%)
5. Raw Cotton: US\$ 4,121 Million (5.22%)
6. Plastics & Rubber Articles: US\$ 3,706 Million (4.69%)
7. Chemical: US\$ 3,211 Million (4.07%)
8. Fertilizer: US\$ 2,891 Million (3.66%)
9. Food Grains: US\$ 2,611 Million (3.31%)
10. Oil Seeds: US\$ 1,597 Million (2.02%)

OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT

2022: 1,135,873 (Remittance US\$ 21,285.41 Million)
 2021: 617,209 (Remittance US\$ 22,070.87 Million)
 2020: 217,669 (Remittance US\$ 21,752.27 Million)
 2019: 700,159 (Remittance 18,254.94 Million)

LABOUR FORCE & EMPLOYMENT (2016-17, 15+ YEARS)

Total Labour Force: 63.5 Million
 Male: 43.5% of total male population
 Female: 20% of total female population
 Agriculture Sector: 40.6% of total employment
 Industries Sector: 20.4% of total employment
 Services Sector: 39% of total employment
 Unemployment Rate: 4.2%

BUDGET AT A GLANCE (2022-23)

Total Budget: BDT 6,780.64 Billion
 Operating (Revenue) Budget: BDT 4,184.47 Billion
 Development Budget: BDT 2,596.17 Billion
 Annual Development Programme (ADP): BDT 2,460.66 Billion
 Total Revenue: BDT: 4,330.00 Billion
 Tax Revenue: BDT 3,880 Billion
 Non-Tax Revenue: BDT 450.00 Billion

SECTOR-BASED ALLOCATION IN ADP (2022-23)

Human Resource: BDT 721,64 Billion (29.3%)
 Communication Infrastructure: BDT 687.46 Billion (27.9%)
 Agriculture & Rural Development: BDT 535.91 Billion (21.8%)
 Energy Infrastructure: BDT 259.37 Billion (10.5%)
 Others: BDT 256.28 Billion (10.4%)

ELECTRICITY (2020-21)

Total Installed Capacity: 22,031 Megawatt
 Maximum Peak Generation: 13,792 Megawatt
 Total Generation (Net): 80,423 Giga-watt Hours
 Per Capita Consumption (Grid): 422 Kilowatt Hours
 Access to Electricity (Household, including Solar): 98.60%

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, POULTRY & LIVESTOCK (2020-21)

Rice: 37.607 Million Metric Ton
 Wheat: 1.085 Million Metric Ton
 Jute: 7.725 Million Bales
 Potato: 9.887 Million Metric Ton
 Maize: 4.116 Million Metric Ton
 Fish: 4.621 Million Metric Ton
 Poultry: 365.852 Million
 Livestock: 56.328 Million

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Persons per Registered Physician (2018): 1,724
 Access to Drinking Water (2020): 98.3%
 Improved Sanitation Facility (2020): 81.5%

TRANSPORTATION

National Highway: 3,990 Kilometres
 Regional Highway: 4,897 Kilometres
 Feeder/District Roads: 13,545 Kilometres
 Total Road: 22,433 Kilometres
 Railway Lines: 3,093 Kilometres

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Total Number of Banks: 61
 State-owned Commercial Banks: 6
 State-owned Specialized Banks: 3
 Private Commercial Banks: 43
 Foreign Banks: 9
 Non-Bank Financial Institutions: 35

Reference: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Government of Bangladesh.



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