

THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER: BANGLADESH-BRAZIL BIZ CONNECT: EMBRACING OPPORTUNITIES



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BANGLADESH-BRAZIL TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONSHIP

Brazil recognized the independence of Bangladesh in 1972 and, in 1973, Bangladesh established a diplomatic mission in the Brazilian territory. The Embassy of Brazil in Dhaka, the first one of a Latin American country, was established in 1974. The Brazilian representation was closed in 1998 and reopened in 2009. Bilateral agreements in the areas of trade, culture and education are in effect, and technical and defense cooperation agreements are under negotiation. In 2017, the foreign ministries of the two countries established a consultations mechanism on themes of the bilateral, regional and multilateral agendas. In 2023, bilateral trade reached a record high of \$2.7 billion between the two countries. Bangladesh imports sugar, cotton, soy beans and vegetable oils, among others, from Brazil and Bangladesh exports consist mainly of clothing. Brazil ranked 8th in the Bangladesh import list in 2023. With the goal of expanding and diversifying bilateral exchange, Brazil-Bangladesh chambers of commerce were established in the respective capitals.

**Brazil is Bangladesh's largest trading partner in South America
with bilateral trade amounting to \$2.7 billion**

**Bangladesh exported goods to Brazil
worth \$0.17 billion in fiscal year 2022-23**

**Bangladesh imported goods from Brazil
worth \$2.59 billion in fiscal year 2022-23**

THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER

THE FASTEST GROWING ECONOMY TILL 2030



In 1971, Bangladesh emerged as an independent secular people's republic in South Asia led by Bangladesh's Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. 50 years later on its golden jubilee, Bangladesh stands tall with a track record of unprecedented growth and prosperity under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. It is an economy on the rise that received Bloomberg's top 20 ranking sustaining high-growth rate in Asia in 2020. As the fastest growing economy in South Asia, Bangladesh keeps pushing forward graduating from a Least Developed Country to a Middle-Income nation.

Strategically located between South Asia and Southeast Asia, Bangladesh is a significant market player ahead of its time and holds promising opportunities for investors around the world as a production and business hub. With the rapid increase of per capita income and growing purchasing power capacity of people, Bangladesh has become an attractive market. It has turned its large population into great resources, now enjoying a huge demographic dividend with 70 million workforce, 55 million youths and an unbeatable record of gender parity. It is time to witness and be a part of the story of "The Rise of the Bengal Tiger".

USD **459 BILLION** GDP
DOUBLED IN LAST
6 YEARS

There is a reason why it is called the land of

ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS

BECAUSE WE ARE INDOMITABLE



A TALE OF TRANSFORMATION

Bangladesh has risen from ashes. A long history of imperialism and oppression had forced the country to the edge of hardship. The country struggled and with the sacrifice of lives and blood of the masses, independence was attained in 1971 under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, an unparalleled great leader who united the whole nation to fight against oppression. Just recently, we have celebrated the 100th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Father of the Nation and the Golden Jubilee of independence of Bangladesh. Embracing the ideals of the Father of the Nation, Bangladesh has marked the 50 years of independence with an incredible transformation and has become an example of growth and development for the world. Bangladesh, once undermined by few, is now often being called the "Role Model of Development" or the "Development Wonder".

GROWING AS AN EXEMPLINARY ECONOMY



BANGLADESH

A DEVELOPED COUNTRY BY 2041

USD 40 BN INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT GROWTH

RECORD GROWTH OF FOREIGN RESERVE DURING COVID YEARS

HIGHEST COVID STIMULUS PACKAGES IN SOUTH ASIA (ALMOST 5% OF GDP)

PIONEERS **BLUE GROWTH** IN THE BAY OF BENGAL

2ND LARGEST SUPPLIER OF **ONLINE WORKFORCE**

BANGLADESH HAS **ONE OF THE LARGEST DOMESTIC SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAMME**

A CENTER OF **REGIONAL** AND **GLOBAL** CONNECTIVITY

55 MILLION YOUTH POPULATION

13 OUT OF THE 15 TOP GREEN GARMENTS FACTORIES OF THE WORLD ARE IN BANGLADESH.

UN PLANET 50-50 AGENT OF CHANGE

CHAMPION OF THE EARTH

AMONG TOP 10 GLOBAL THINKERS IN DEFENSE AND SECURITY (FOREIGN POLICY MAGAZINE)

PRESIDENT OF CLIMATE VULNERABLE FORUM

VACCINE HERO AWARD

UN-SPONSORED SDG PROGRESS AWARD

WITSA EMINENT PERSONS AWARD



**THE LEADERSHIP
HONORABLE PRIME MINISTER
SHEIKH HASINA**

EXEMPLINARY MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

7%+
AVERAGE
annual growth in
the last decade.

Satisfactory
Foreign
exchange
reserve

Per capita national
income reached
US\$ 3,06,144,
which was
US\$860 in **2011**.

Non-resident
BANGLADESHIS
contribute
significantly to the
ECONOMY and
the development
of the country.

Covid-19
Resilience:
Bangladesh is
Best in dealing
with Covid in
South Asia

The industrial
sector makes up
31% of the
country's gross
domestic product
(GDP), most of
which is coming
from SMEs.

Readymade
Garments
Export
2nd in 2021.

3rd largest
producer of Rice
3rd largest
producer of
vegetables
2nd largest
producer of
inland freshwater
fishes.

Bangladesh to achieve
GDP OF USD 500BN BY 2026
and is likely to cross Hong Kong,
Singapore and Malaysia, in the process.

THE FASTEST
GROWING ECONOMY
till 2030

One of the Top Four Fastest Growing
DIGITAL ECONOMIES
of the world.

THE 28TH
LARGEST ECONOMY
of the world in 2030





TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Bangladesh Trade and Investment Summit



09-11 February, 2021
Dubai

375
BD participants
939
NRBs
470
Foreigners
1784
Session Total



Bangladesh Trade and Investment Summit



26 July, 2021
New York

434
BD participants
430
NRBs
235
Foreigners
1,099
Session Total





TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Stakeholders Meeting

28 July, 2021
Washington, D.C.



178
BD participants
152
NRBs
71
Foreigners
401
Session Total

Bangladesh Trade and Investment Summit

30 July, 2021
Los Angeles



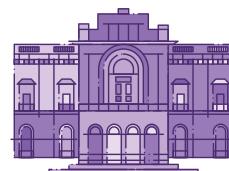
193
BD participants
72
NRBs
162
Foreigners
427
Session Total

Us-bangladesh Tech Investment Summit

02 August, 2021
Santa Clara



222
BD participants
42
NRBs
162
Foreigners
426
Session Total





TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Bangladesh Trade and Investment Summit



20 September, 2021
Zurich

74
BD participants
60
NRBs
65
Foreigners
199
Session Total



Bangladesh Trade and Investment Summit



22 September, 2021
Geneva

74
BD participants
135
NRBs
29
Foreigners
238
Session Total





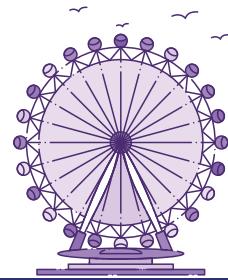
TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Bangladesh Investment Summit 2021: Building Sustainable Growth Partnership



04 November, 2021
London

463
BD participants
459
NRBs
421
Foreigners
1343
Session Total



Bangladesh Trade and Investment Summit



08 November, 2021
Manchester

329
BD participants
199
NRBs
19
Foreigners
547
Session Total





TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Investment Flash Mob: Networking Dinner

09 March, 2022
Dubai



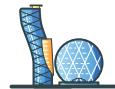
150
BD participants
70
NRBs
148
Foreigners
368
Session Total

Investment Flash Mob: Networking Dinner

10 March, 2022
Abu Dhabi



139
BD participants
59
NRBs
154
Foreigners
343
Session Total



Potentials of Trade & Investment in Bangladesh



06 March, 2023
Doha

34
BD participants
116
NRBs
276
Foreigners
426
Session Total



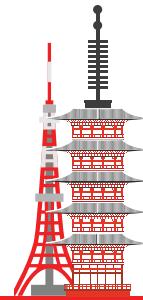
TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Trade & Investment Opportunities between Bangladesh and Japan



27 April, 2023
Tokyo

168
BD participants
27
NRBs
357
Foreigners
552
Session Total



Bangladesh Trade & Business Summit



23 August, 2023
Johannesburg

49
BD participants
22
NRBs
379
Foreigners
450
Session Total





TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Bangladesh-France Trade and Investment Summit-Paris



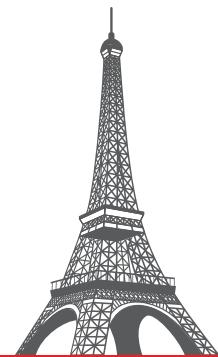
23 October, 2023
Paris

127
BD participants

15
NRBs

406
Foreigners

548
Session Total



Bangladesh-France Trade and Investment Summit-Toulouse



25 Oct 2023
Toulouse

88
BD participants

34
Foreigners

122
Session Total





TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Bangladesh - Germany Trade & Investment Summit

30 October, 2023
Berlin



120
BD participants
41
NRBs
120
Foreigners
281
Session Total

Investment Flash
Mob: Networking
Lunch

01 November, 2023
Frankfurt



80
BD participants
21
NRBs
50
Foreigners
151
Session Total

Potentials of Trade and Investment Among Bangladesh and the EU Countries

03 November, 2023
Brussels



118
BD participants
124
Foreigners
242
Session Total





TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

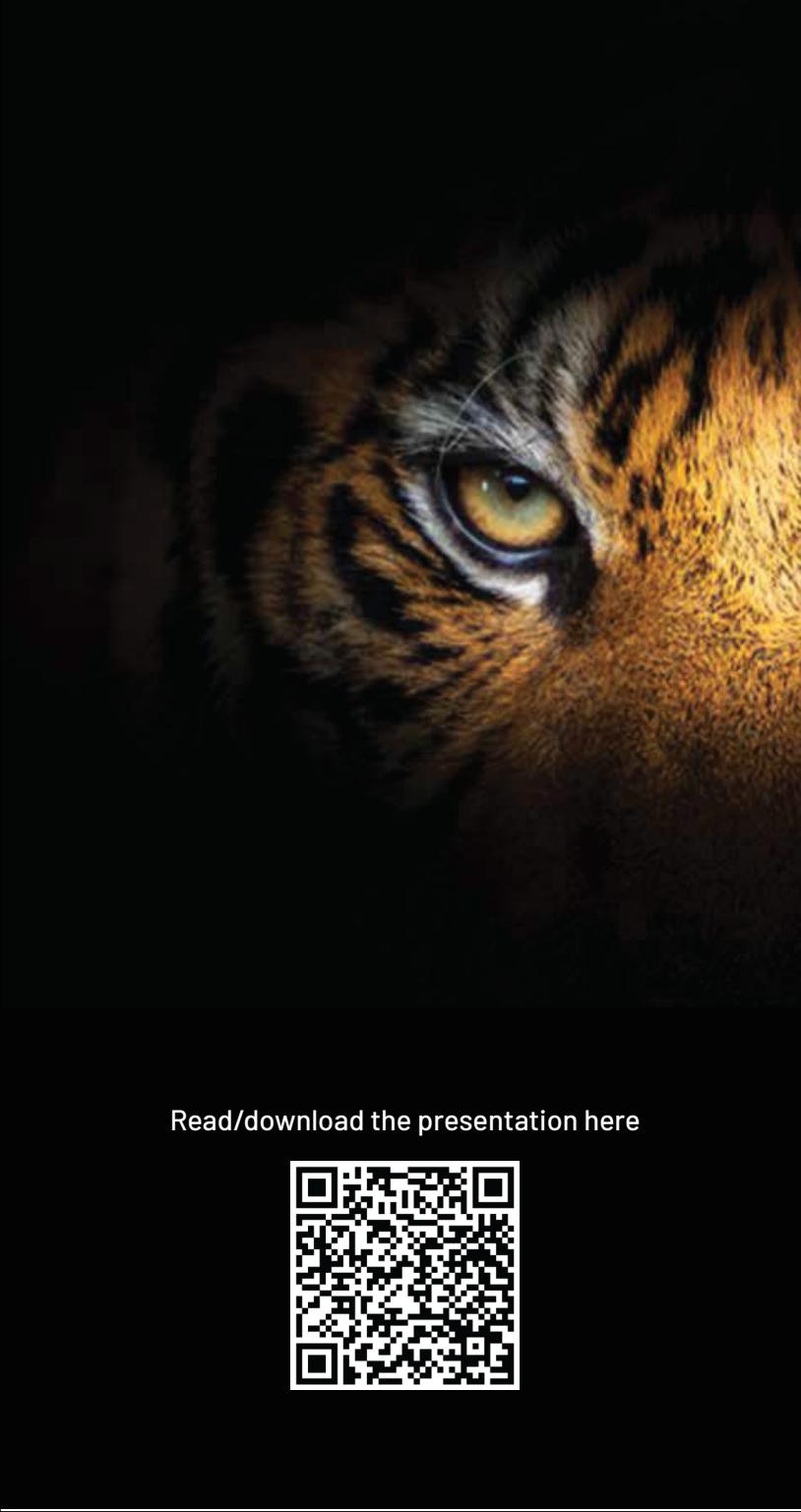
The Rise of Bengal Tiger: Summit on Trade, Business and Investment Opportunities Between Bangladesh & China



09 July, 2024
China

135
BD participants
567
Foreigners
702
Session Total





THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER

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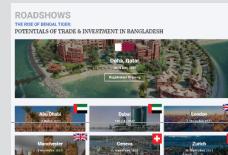


The Rise of Bengal Tiger
A presentation by
Professor Shibli Rubayat-Ul-Islam
(will be available on the event day)

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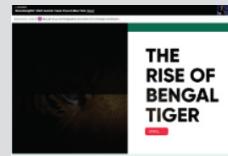


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COMMENTS OF WORLD LEADERS ABOUT BANGLADESH



Bangladesh will always have a steadfast partner in Brazil in the pursuit of peace and prosperity for the societies.

H.E. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

President of the Federative Republic of Brazil



Bangladesh's incredible development into the confident and proud partner today.

His Majesty King Charles the Third

King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.



Bangladesh indeed deserves our admiration for the progress made in economic and human development, including the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

H.E. Emmanuel Macron

President of the French Republic



The world very much values Bangladesh's peaceful foreign policy and its generous humanitarian engagement, particularly when it comes to taking in hundreds of thousands of Rohingya who have fled their homes.

H.E. Frank-walter Steinmeier

President of the Federal Republic of Germany



I assume a conference like this is one small part of a broader strategy of being on the global radar screen and that would probably be something that I would make central as I thought about the next 20 years.

Lawrence H. Summers

Former Secretary of the Treasury,
Former President of Harvard University,
Former Chief Economist of the World Bank

COMMENTS OF WORLD LEADERS ABOUT BANGLADESH



Bangladesh, which is located at a key point connecting Southeast Asia and Indian subcontinent and has successfully been achieving high economic growth in recent years, is a very attractive destination for Japanese business community.

Yoshihide Suga

Former Prime Minister of Japan.



Natalie Blyth

Global Head of Commercial Banking Sustainability at HSBC



With economic growth said to be over 7% for the next five years it is an economy that is not only ascending but in many ways it is outpacing its peers.

Dr. Jose Vinals

Group Chairman
Standard Chartered Bank



Bangladesh has been among the fastest growing economies in the world over the past decade and has made remarkable progress in reducing poverty and improving health.

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

WHO Director-General



I think this is a very good opportunity for Foreigners to invest in Bangladesh.

UTTAM SINGH

Director
Engineering Dimension Abu Dhabi, UAE



Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission

WHY INVESTORS SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE

NEW BANGLADESH

As Bangladesh celebrates 50 years of independence, the country is a rising star for foreign investment, with strong growth, good infrastructure, an enhanced digital presence and a robust response to COVID-19. Looking forward, the country is building a sustainable and inclusive economy to provide more opportunities for everyone.

Bangladesh's roaring growth was set back by the COVID-19 pandemic, yet it remains resilient and is set to outpace India and China in the coming years.

After expanding at an average rate of close to 7% per year in the decade leading up to the crisis, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicts growth will climb back towards 6% this year, compared to 3.8% in 2020.

While the pandemic-related shutdowns damped the domestic economy and prompted a sharp decline in exports of ready-made garments and a decrease in remittances from abroad, the IMF says a return to more normal global economic conditions should mean Bangladesh "quickly" reaches its previous growth rate. That puts it on track to become the 28th largest economy in the world by 2030, a climb from 41st last year.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is implementing a strategy to tackle the pandemic by carefully balancing the need to protect people's lives with that of safeguarding their livelihoods. It is also rolling out vaccinations and prioritizing a green recovery. As it shifts to the next phase – striving to become a developed country by 2041 – the government seeks to build on its success in alleviating poverty, improving employment opportunities and fostering women's economic participation and empowerment.

The local consumer market is expanding as the middle and affluent classes grow and offer more disposable income. Combined with a relatively young and skilled workforce and a stable political outlook, this underscores reasons to be optimistic for the future.

KNOW BANGLADESH

CAPITAL MARKET REVIVAL

Trade and foreign investment potential are clear for all to see, attracting interest from international venture capital, private equity and impact funds.

New capital market products will help broaden the appeal. Products like Sukuk and Exchange Traded Funds offer scope to develop and expand the Bangladesh bond market, which is relatively small. Derivative products are also being introduced, making this an exciting place to be an investor.

What's more, the nation offers opportunities to participate in sustainable investment in emerging Asia, such as through the green bond market. Environmental, social and

governance concerns and attaining the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) are a focus for the government of Bangladesh. With nine of the world's top 10 green garment factories and 40 of the top 100 green industrial projects, the ready-made garment industry of the country is already leading the way.

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is actively promoting the country's investment opportunities around the world. Already, BSEC has successfully organized roadshows in the UAE, U.S. and Switzerland. Looking ahead to roadshows in the UK, it will hold the "Bangladesh invest summit 2021: Building Sustainable Growth Partnership" in London on November 4th and in Manchester on November 8th.



Promotion

Bloomberg



EASING THE WAY

A number of other government initiatives are helping entice international finance and bolster investor confidence. And Vision 2041 sets out ambitious plans to transform many parts of the economy and revolutionize the way work and business are conducted.

For example, the development of infrastructure is being prioritized, with projects like Bangladesh's first Mass Rapid Transit System, connecting Uttara and Motijheel in Dhaka, and the construction of the Padma

multipurpose road-rail bridge. At the same time, Digital Bangladesh has overseen an exponential increase in internet penetration over the past decade alongside falling costs for internet access.

And, as home to the world's largest river delta, the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 is another key plank of the government's strategy: it aims to eliminate extreme poverty, create more jobs and bolster growth, while also increasing trade and strengthening food security.



LOWERING BARRIERS TO BUSINESS

These positive factors suggest that Bangladesh deserves increased attention from international investors.

It currently has a low rate of foreign direct investment relative to its regional peers, attracting \$1.6 billion in 2019, compared with \$3.7 billion in Cambodia and \$2.8 billion in Myanmar. The improvements in access, taking down of regulatory barriers and reforms are set to pave the way for this ratio to improve.

In addition, Bangladesh is proud to offer the most liberal foreign direct investment regime in South Asia, underpinned by the work of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), which aims to smooth the path for investors.

While the country is among the top 20 for reform initiatives, according to the World Bank's Doing Business report, there is still room for improvement, underscoring the importance of BIDA's work.

As Bangladesh marches rapidly towards becoming an advanced economy, the potential for trade and investment is vast. The business-friendly government, skilled labor force, and focus on strategies aligned with the UN SDGs and environment-related targets, make it a force to be reckoned with.

Strong growth, infrastructure development and policy reforms underscore how enriched the opportunities are for foreign investors. This is the time to know Bangladesh better – and to invest in its future.



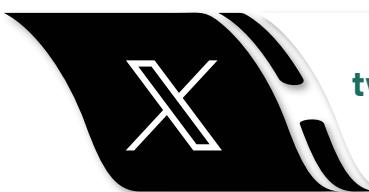
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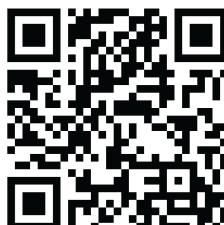
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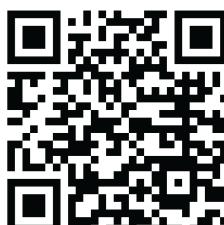
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INVEST IN GROWTH INVEST IN BANGLADESH

As the next investment destination for the global investors, Bangladesh welcomes all the investors and investees in a simple and prompt platform. log in to the website to create your investor/investee profile to explore the opportunities, join the conversation and invest in Bangladesh.



Investee Signup

Find Your Investment Opportunity



Investee Signup

Find Your Investment Opportunity

Create your Investor/Investee Profile



<https://roadshow.sec.gov.bd/>



918+

foreign & domestic
companies registered



100000+

employment opportunities
created



806+

domestic companies with
proposed investment worth
\$4.85 billion



112+

foreign companies with
proposed investment worth
\$2.26 billion

Vision

To become a world-class investment promotion agency for achieving economic progress.

Mission

Attraction domestic and foreign investment in the private sector, providing improved services, effective coordination and creating an investment-friendly environment

BIDA Mandate and Activities

- » Pre-investment counseling services
- » Registration and approval of private industrial projects
- » Approval of branch/liaison/representative offices
- » Visa recommendations, work permits for foreign nationals
- » Approval of royalty remittances, technical know-how, technical assistance fees
- » Facilitation of import of capital machinery and raw materials
- » Approvals of foreign loans and supplier credits
- » Aftercare facilities

Our Services

One Stop Service (OSS)

The One Stop Services under BIDA shall ultimately serve as a single window and the only point of contact between the Government and investors for investment-related services who are operating outside special economic zones established by BEZA, BEPZA and BHTPA.

Doing Business

BIDA has been coordinating targeted reforms for the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business with technical assistance from the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

Setting up in Bangladesh

BIDA offers investment roadmap for proprietorship & partnership and also for local and foreign limited companies.

Aftercare

BIDA provides aftercare services to investors to support the smooth entry, operation and growth of businesses. Foreign and domestic industries and Branch/Liaison/Representative Offices registered with BIDA are eligible for BIDA's aftercare services.

The Bangladesh Investment Development Authority

The Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) is the apex investment promotion agency (IPA) of Bangladesh which is responsible for helping foreign investors to set up investments in the country. BIDA promotes and facilitates private investment and advocates business-friendly policies. BIDA provides regulatory services including registration, approvals and recommendations.

BANGLADESH CAPITAL MARKET

Bangladesh's capital market is currently dominated by equity instruments with the potential to expand its fixed income instruments and add derivatives instruments as well. According to the market classification of Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI), Bangladesh's capital market falls in the category of frontier markets - less advanced capital markets in the developing world.

TWO STOCK EXCHANGES IN BANGLADESH

**DHAKA STOCK EXCHANGE
(DSE)**

**CHITTAGONG STOCK EXCHANGE
(CSE)**

**BANGLADESH HAS
LAUNCHED
FIRST GREEN BOND,
TO FINANCE
ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY
PROJECTS INCLUDING
RENEWABLES****

BANGLADESH BOURSES SAW
**THE HIGHEST
RETURN IN
2020 AMONG ITS PEERS***

INCENTIVES FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS:

- LIBERALISED INDUSTRIAL POLICY
- PRIVATE SECTOR-LED STRATEGY
- FOREIGN INVESTMENT IS PROTECTED
- 100% FOREIGN EQUITY IS ALLOWED
- PRESENCE OF UNRESTRICTED EXIT POLICY
- TAX HOLIDAY FOR 5-7 YEARS FOR 23 SELECTED SECTORS
- PRIVATE POWER COMPANIES TAX HOLIDAY FOR 15 YEARS
- ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCE (ADA)
- CONCESSIONARY DUTY ON IMPORTED MACHINERY
- NO VAT FOR IMPORTED CAPITAL MACHINERY AND SPARES
- AND MANY MORE...

* The best performing indexes in the AAFF universe in December 2020 and May 2021

* <https://www.pv-magazine.com/2021/04/12/bangladesh-launches-first-green-bond/>

TRADE & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN BANGLADESH



Leather and Leather Products



Information and Communication Technology



Automobile including EV



Pharmaceuticals



High-end RMG products and materials



Active Chemicals



Plastic and Toys



Ceramics



Agriculture and Agri-Processing



Aquaculture, Ocean Technology and Blue Economy



Furniture



Cold Chain Management



E-Commerce



Rubber and Tyre Manufacturing



Electric and Electronics



Finance and Banking



Aviation and Shipping



Jute and Jute Products



INFRASTRUCTURE



USD 40 billion
investment plan
in Infrastructure



10 Fast track
projects nearing end to
improve connectivity



580 km
coastline with 90%
international trade done via
Chittagong and Mongla
ports

DIGITAL ECONOMY



9th highest
mobile phone subscribers
in the world



9th highest
internet users
in the world



29 Hi-Tech parks
for IT/ITes industries

ENERGY



of the 22,031 MW of
electricity produced,
public sector and
private sector
contributes 46% and
43% respectively



25,000+ MW
power generation
capacity



Power plants in operation:
146
Under construction:
151

JUTE



2nd largest
jute producer
in the world



Top exporter
of jute products
in the world



1M Tons
Annual average
production



AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-PROCESSING



3rd largest
producer of
Rice



3rd largest
producer
of vegetables



4th largest
producer of
inland freshwater fishes.

APPAREL AND TEXTILE



2nd Largest
exporter of
RMG products



Exports to more than
150 countries



4000+
Factories

TOURISM



Cox's Bazar
longest natural unbroken
sea beach in the world



Sundarbans
largest mangrove
forest in the world



More than 200000
foreign travelers arrive
in Bangladesh every year.

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BANGLADESH-BRAZIL BIZ CONNECT:

EMBRACING OPPORTUNITIES

A photograph of a person in a green and red sari walking through a field of yellow flowers, likely mustard. The person is seen from the side, moving away from the camera. The background is a dense field of yellow flowers.

Over the past decade, Bangladesh has witnessed a sustained economic growth at an average rate of 6.5%. Even during the pandemic, it has shown tremendous resilience and continued to grow at the rates of 5.2% in 2019-20 and 6.1% in 2020-2021 respectively. Bangladesh has come up as a growth leader not only in South Asia but also in Asia.

The economy of Bangladesh is currently the 37th largest in the world in nominal terms, and 31st largest by purchasing power parity. Bangladesh has also been an incredible success story in the areas of health, education, women empowerment, infant mortality, life expectancy and poverty alleviation over the years, thereby reducing its economic vulnerabilities. With robust national growth and fast developments in various economic sectors, Bangladesh economy craves for huge long-term financing. Subsequently, its vibrant private sector is looking to the money market for harnessing its ever-growing equity needs.

Bangladesh stock markets witnessed the highest returns in 2020 among regional peers while its total market capital now stands at USD 61 billion, which is 16.8% of Bangladesh's GDP. With robust market growth and regulatory initiatives of the Bangladesh Securities Exchange Commission (BSEC), Bangladesh is now aspiring to become an emerging market for foreign portfolio investments. It is, therefore, no surprise that 25% ownership of Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd. is currently owned by the Shenzhen and Shanghai Stock Exchange consortium, as its strategic partner.

BSEC is working relentlessly for the development of Bangladesh's capital market to make it the main source of long-term financing. It has undertaken several steps to develop the bond markets and have introduced new products, such as Sukuk, Exchange Traded Funds, Venture Capital, Private Equity and Impact Funds, which will open diversified investment windows. Shortly, BSEC is going to introduce derivative products in the capital markets which will, in turn, help manage the investment risks through hedging.

BSEC has planned to organize series of roadshows in different countries and cities throughout the world portraying Bangladesh and its capital market as an attractive place for foreign investment with lucrative returns. The roadshows would showcase the robust economic growth and investment potential of Bangladesh, available facilities, products and services for the NRBs and foreign investors. The first roadshow was successfully held in Dubai, UAE, the second roadshow took place in the USA at New York, Washington D.C., Silicon Valley and Los Angeles, from July 25 to August 3, 2021, the third roadshow was held in Zurich and Geneva of Switzerland from September 20 to September 22, 2021 and the fourth destination of the roadshow was London and Manchester in the United Kingdom from November 04 to November 08, 2021. Following that, the Roadshow was held in Dubai and Abu Dhabi on March 09 and 10, 2022, Tokyo on November 29, 2022, Johannesburg on August 23, 2023, Paris and Toulouse on October 23 and 25, 2023, Berlin and Frankfurt on October 30 and November 01, 2023, Brussels on November 03, 2023 and Beijing, China on July 09, 2024. The next destination of visit for the roadshow is Brazil. A delegation will visit Sao Paulo on July 23 and Brasilia on July 26, 2024 to strengthen the Trade and business relations between the two countries.



HER EXCELLENCY SHEIKH HASINA

Honorable Prime Minister

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

H.E. Sheikh Hasina sworn in as the Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on January 11, 2024 for the fifth time including fourth consecutive preceding term. The Awami League-led 14-party alliance won an absolute victory in the 12th National Parliament election held on January 07, 2024. Earlier, she served as Prime Minister for the first time in 1996-2001, second term in 2009-2013, third term in 2014-2018 and the fourth term in 2019-2023.

Sheikh Hasina is the eldest of five children of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. She was unanimously elected as president of Bangladesh Awami League in 1981 in her absence while she was in forced exile since the assassination of her father and family. She finally returned home on May 17, 1981 ending her six years in exile.

Under her leadership, the country achieved tremendous success in socio-economic fronts. Sheikh Hasina's achievements include 30-year Ganges Water Sharing Treaty with India, the

Peace Accord on Chittagong Hill Tracts, construction of Bangabandhu Bridge, ensuring food security, increasing power production capacity manifold, GDP growth over 7%, resolving maritime boundary dispute with Myanmar and India, slumping poverty level to 22.4 percent which was 38.4 in 2006, adopting Land Boundary Agreement by Indian parliament resolving the 68 years long border dispute, raising per capita income to USD 3,062, building Padma bridge with own fund, sending Bangabandhu Satellite-1 in the orbit, constructing Metrorail, establishing Ruppur Nuclear Power plant, digitalizing Bangladesh, creating SEZs and ICT parks to empower business and more.

Sheikh Hasina was honoured with UNESCO's Houphouet-Boigny Peace Prize 1998; Pearl S Buck Award 1999; CERES Medal by FAO; Mother Teresa Award, MK Gandhi Award, Paul Harris Fellow, Indira Gandhi Peace Award 2009, Indira Gandhi Gold Plaque in Kolkata, Paul Haris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, Medal of Distinction in 1996-97 and 1998-99 and Head of State Medal in 1996-97 by the International Association of Lions Clubs, Global Diversity Award in the UK, two South-South Awards. UNESCO "Tree of Peace" award, United Nation's highest environmental accolade 'Champion of the Earth Award 2015' in policy leadership category, International Telecommunication Union's 'ICTs in Sustainable Development Award 2015' Global Women's Leadership Award 2018', Institute of South Asian Women's Lifetime Contribution for Women Empowerment Award 2019, SDG Progress Award by SDSN 2021, "the Voice of the Vulnerable" by the BBC and many more.



Waseqa Ayesha Khan MP

State Minister, Ministry of Finance

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

On March 1, 2024 Waseqa Ayesha Khan MP took oath as the State Minister of Finance of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. She has been representing Chattogram for the consecutive third Term in the Bangladesh Parliament and is a fourth generation public representative. Previously, she successfully served as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources. She also served as a member of two Financial Oversight Committees; in the Public Accounts Committee and in the Committee on Estimates, during the 10th and 11th National Parliament. She represented the Asia-Pacific Group for three years in the Bureau of Women MPs of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Waseqa Ayesha Khan MP was a Banker by profession, having held senior management positions in two well-known multinational banks spanning a career of 17 years.



Md. Shahriar Alam

Member of the Parliament (57 Rajshahi-6)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Md. Shahriar Alam, MP is a Member of Parliament and has been elected four times as a member of the National Parliament, consecutively in 2008, 2014, 2018 and 2023. Mr. Alam has successfully performed responsibilities as the State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from January 2014 to January 2019 and from January 2019 to January 2024. He is a Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Foreign affairs and was a Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Information and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Science & Technology. Mr. Alam has been actively representing the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in various international forums.



Aparajita Haque MP

Member of the Parliament
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Salman Fazlur Rahman is a renowned industrialist and social worker, popularly known as Salman F Rahman. He is the co-founder and vice-chairman of Beximco Group, a Member of Parliament and the Private Sector Industry and Investment Adviser to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Bangladesh Enterprise Institute. He is involved in news media and the sports sector as well. He previously served as the President of the SAARC Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Dhaka (MCCI), Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) and more.



Lokman Hossain Miah

Executive Chairman (Senior Secretary)
Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)

Mr. Lokman Hossain Miah was appointed as the Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) on Sept 4, 2022. Prior to this, he served as the Senior Secretary and Secretary of the Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Affairs, Secretary of Ministry of Textile and Jute, Divisional Commissioner of Khulna and other capacities and responsibilities in different ministries. He also served as Director of many different government boards and authorities. With a distinct career, he has earned numerous success and appreciation throughout his career.



Professor Shibli Rubayat-Ui-Islam

Chairman (Senior Secretary)

Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC)

Professor Shibli Rubayat-Ui-Islam has been serving as Chairman of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission since May 17, 2020. Professor Islam has been in the field of Finance, Banking and Insurance for more than two decades. He is a Professor of Banking & Insurance of the University of Dhaka. He served as Chairman of the Department, Director of MBA Program and the Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies. He was the Chairman of Sadharan Bima Corporation. Professor Islam has more than 16 research publications, 8 international conference papers and 3 textbooks. He has been appointed as a 'Visiting Professor' at Sichuan University in Chengdu, China. He has also served as Director of SME Foundation, Secretary General of "Switzerland Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SBCCI)" and Director of Community Bank Limited and Uttara Bank Limited.

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