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RE-ACTIVATION OF CANADA BANGLADESH BUSINESS COUNCIL



Board of Directors and CBBC members with H.E. Rafique Ahmed Khan, High Commissioner of Bangladesh.

The Canada Bangladesh Business Council (CBBC) was established in 1990 with the goal of promoting commercial relationship between Canada and Bangladesh. It is a non-profit, non-partisan, members supported organization which provides a forum for discussion of key economic, commercial and other issues of interest to Canadian companies currently involved or planning to do business in Bangladesh. Since its inception, the council did not have enough resources to carry out its operation. In early 2004, the Council opened its activities under new set of Board of Directors.

On April 16, 2004 CBBC has started its activities by an inauguration ceremony with the reception of newly appointed High Commissioner for Bangladesh to Canada, H.E. Rafique Ahmed Khan.

Bangladesh Single Country Trade Show, 2004



Bangladesh Trade Show, Toronto, Canada held from June 14-16, 2004. The first ever single country trade show in Canada was organized by Export Promotion Bureau of Bangladesh and locally co-organized by Bangladesh High Commission of Canada, Trade Facilitation Office of Canada. With the presence of Hon. Senator Mac Herb, Mr. Alan Tonks, MP, Ms. Maria

Minna, MP, H.E. Rafique Ahmed Khan, High Commissioner for Bangladesh to Canada and Mr. Mir Sha-buddin Mohamed, Vice Chairman of Export Promotion Bureau, the show was inaugurated. The Canada Bangladesh Business Council was the local co-coordinator of the event. With tremendous logistic support of CBBC, the show was professionally organized, well-publicized and successful.

Including 80 trade delegates from different trade organization of Bangladesh, there were 39 companies from different sector participated in the trade show.

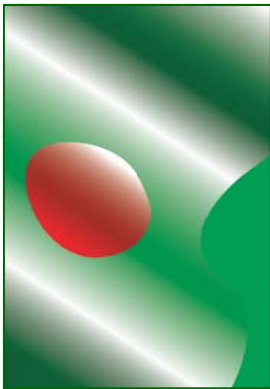
Apparel was the main sector, accompanied by Jute, Leather products, Silk and Textile Fabrics, Handicrafts, Ceramics, Frozen Fish, By-cycle etc were displayed in the exposition.

Presence of buyers were remarkably high and the show was successful with spot order of US\$ 5.5 million and potential future order of US\$ 9.5 million by the participated companies.



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Meeting with Bangladesh High Commissioner



CBBC's officials met Bangladesh High Commissioner to introduce Canada Bangladesh Business Council and discuss about how to develop trade relationship between Canada and Bangladesh.

Mr. Moniruz Zaman, Executive Vice Chairman, Mr. Mohammed Sawkat Hossain, Vice Chairman and Mr. Monir Khan, General Secretary were present at the meeting.

Participation at the FOBAC, 2004

To celebrate Canada Day, on July 1, 2004, Bangladesh Association of Toronto, Ontario organized FOBAC in Toronto. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Maria Minna, MP and Hon. High Commissioner for Bangladesh to Canada.

To encourage Bangladesh community to integrate with Canadian mainstream activities, Canada Bangladesh Business Council has actively supported the initiative and participated at the event.



Participation at the TEA SHOW

To promote Bangladeshi products in Canada, CBBC has participated in Tea Show in Toronto organized by Tea Association of Canada. The show was co-coordinated by Bangladesh High Commission, Ottawa. The officials of CBBC were hosting the visitors by offering Bangladeshi tea, which was highly appreciated for its *unique natural flavour*.

Although Bangladeshi tea has good potential in Canadian market, but due to short supply in Bangladesh, it is not being promoted in Canada, include North America.

CBBC had participated another similar event in Ottawa as well.

Gala Dinner for Trade Show Delegates



There were about 120 representatives of company and trade organization participated Bangladesh Trade Show, 2004. Canada Bangladesh Business Council hosted a gala dinner for the delegates at Forum Banquet Hall.

The chief guests of the dinner were Hon. Rafique Ahmed Khan, High Commissioner for Bangladesh to Canada and Mir Shahbuddin Mohammed, Vice chairman of EPB. Mr. Moe Irshad and Mr. Rezaur Rahman, the founders of CBBC, were present in the event.

During the speech session, one plaque was given to CBBC for excellent co-ordination of the trade show. Another plaque was given to Mr. Mohammed Sawkat Hossain for his over all performance to organize the trade show.

With the presence of local business people, the dinner was excellent and glorious. Professional presentation of

Introduction of CBBC at Canadian High Commission, Dhaka



January 2005, during a business trip to Bangladesh, CBBC's Vice Chairman, Mr. Mohammed Sawkat Hossain met with Mr. Morotza R. Tarafdar, Senior Commercial

Officer of Canadian High Commission for Bangladesh. He was accompanied by Mr. Salauddin Asadullah, COO of Aftab IT (Canada) Ltd.

To improve Canadian trade in Bangladesh, various trade related issues were discussed.

Mr. Tarafdar mentioned about formation of Canada Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Bangladesh. He also invited to attend the **Canadian Show Case**, organized by Canadian High Commission in Brac Center, Dhaka. To represent CBBC, Mr. Hossain attended the show case and met all other high officials of Canadian High Commission and discussed about CBBC's objectives and goal.

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CBBC: Your Trade Linkage Between Canada and Bangladesh

Seminar on Investment Opportunities in Bangladesh

On September 09, 2005, CBBC has organized a seminar on opportunities to own Public Enterprises of Bangladesh. The seminar was presented by Mr. Enam A. Chowdhury, Chairman of the Privatization Commission of Bangladesh accompanied by Mr. Md. Manirul Islam, PS-1 to Prime Minister and Mr. Md. Didarul Ahsan, Director General of Prime Minister's office of Bangladesh. Ms. Laurie D'Souza of Ontario Exports Inc. (trade agency of Ontario Trade Ministry), Ms. Basanti Majumdar, Professor of McMaster University was speaker of the event.

All the speakers explained the opportunities for Bangladeshi expatriates on investment opportunities in Bangladesh.

CBBC has given an application to the delegates addressed to the Prime Minister to set up a permanent office to offer **Consular Service and Commercial Wing** of Bangladesh High Commission in Toronto.



Board of Directors and members of CBBC with Mr. Enam Ahmed Chowdhury

At a glance of other events:

- ❖ Signed Memorandum of Understandings with Jute Association of Bangladesh.
- ❖ Signed Memorandum of Understandings with Manikgonj Chamber of Commerce.
- ❖ Presented the manual of Canadian Anti-Money Laundering Regulations to Mr. Anisuzzaman Ahmed, President of Banker's Association of Bangladesh at an event organized by Wall Street Exchange (Canada) Inc.
- ❖ Formal introductory meeting with various departments and agencies of federal and provincial government.
- ❖ Signed MOU as Collaborator with the International conference (Dhaka) organized by McMaster University.



Mr. Anis Karim, Regional Manager Asia Pacific of Export Development Canada, Mr. Mamunur Rahman Khalili, First Secretary (Commercial) of Bangladesh High Commission, Ottawa, Mr. Monir Khan, General Secretary of and Mr. Mohammed Sawkat Hossain, Vice Chairman of CBBC



CBBC's Executives with President of Bangladesh Jute Association and President of Manikgonj Chamber of Commerce

Welcome New Corp. Members :

- Export Development Canada
- Ontario Exports Inc.
- Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership
- Haque and Sons Ltd. (Bangladesh)

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