



Accelerating the Business Through Policy Support

From the Desk of the President



Dear Colleagues and Friends of FBCCI,

It is my pleasure to extend warm greetings to each one of you as we embark on publishing our monthly E-bulletin for September 2023. It gives me a great sense of pride for being able to bring to your sight the FBCCI E-Bulletin on a monthly basis- a venture first of its kind by FBCCI.

The Monthly E-bulletin brings out FBCCI's activities and related developments on a regular basis, which reflects our views and positions on various aspects of trade, commerce, and industry in the country. It provides feedback about our organizational endeavors in upholding the interests of our members, engaged in various business sectors of the country.

The month of September has been an eventful month for FBCCI. We have had the privilege of engaging in numerous activities that have strengthened our commitment to

bolstering economic development, strengthening international relations, and engaging private sectors in different policy discourses.

This month also records our courtesy calls with respected ambassadors from countries such as Japan, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Vietnam, Turkey, and so on. FBCCI also had a fruitful discussion with the President of the National Assembly of Vietnam H.E. Mr. Vuong Dinh Hue in Dhaka. These interactions provided a valuable platform for us to discuss collaborative opportunities, share insights, and build stronger ties with these nations.

Our Board of Directors for the term 2023-25 are playing their role in advocating policies that safeguard the interests of the private sector. I had the honor of engaging in fruitful conversations with key stakeholders, including the Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser and former FBCCI President Mr. Salman F Rahman, the Foreign

Secretary of Bangladesh Mr. Masud Bin Momen, and the Governor of Bangladesh Bank Mr. Abdur Rouf Talukder. During the visit of French President H.E. Emmanuel Macron to Bangladesh, I had the pleasure of exchanging greetings and fostering stronger relations between our two nations. I strongly believe these discussions served as important catalyst in enhancing economic stability and promoting international cooperation.

Additionally, FBCCI hosted a Networking dinner in honor of the Japanese Delegation, held at a city hotel in Dhaka. This event provided an excellent opportunity for building business connections and strengthening trade relations between Bangladesh and Japan.

As we look back on the events of September 2023, it is evident that FBCCI remains committed to its mission of promoting and protecting the interests of the private sector by providing valuable insights, strengthening and creating opportunities, and connections that benefit our members.

Friends, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our members, partners, and stakeholders who continue to support FBCCI's endeavors. Together, we will shape a brighter and more prosperous future for our great nation.

Warm regards,

Mahbubul Alam
President, FBCCI

FBCCI President joined a dialogue on SME Development

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbulul Alam as the special guests joined the National Policy Dialogue on “Priorities for SME Development in Bangladesh” jointly organized by SME Foundation and International Labour Organization (ILO) on 03 September, 2023 at Parjatan Bhaban,

Agargaon, Dhaka.

Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Industries graced the event as the chief guest. Mr. Md. Ehsan-E-Elahi, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment; Ms. Gwyn Lewis, Resident Coordinator,

United Nations Bangladesh; Mr. Toumo Poutiainen, Country Director, ILO Country Office, Bangladesh; Dr. Md. Masudur Rahman, Chairpersons, SME Foundation; business leaders and distinguished guests were present among others.



FBCCI President met the ambassador of UAE



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbulul Alam paid a courtesy visit to the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to Dhaka H.E. Mr. Abdulla Alhmoudi on 04 September 2023 at the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

They both emphasized bilateral trade relations between Bangladesh and UAE and the way forward to strengthening the economic ties between the two countries.

FBCCI and Foreign Ministry will work jointly for trade expansion



Foreign Secretary Mr. Masud Bin Momen paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on 04 September, 2023 at FBCCI Icon,

Motijheel, Dhaka. During the meeting, they agreed to work together on trade expansion. FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Khairul Huda (Chopol), Ms. Shomi Kaiser,

Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Dr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni) and Directors were present at the meeting.



FBCCI unveiled its monthly E-Bulletin



For the very first time in its history, the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry -FBCCI, the apex trade organization of the country, unveiled its monthly E-Bulletin on a momentous occasion on Monday, September 4, 2023. Mr. Mahbubul Alam, the President of FBCCI, as the chief guest inaugurated the publication.

Mr. Mahbubul Alam said that the current Board is committed to building smart FBCCI. This e-Bulletin is an example of this journey. He mentioned that the E-Bulletin will serve as the image of the Apex trade body. All the activities of FBCCI including Policy Advocacy will be highlighted in this monthly publication. It will be sent to the concerned Ministries,

Secretariat, trade organizations, and strategic partners, and all the General Body (GB) Members of the FBCCI, he added.

Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni), Directors and officials were present at the inaugural ceremony.



FBCCI President met PM's Private Industry and Investment Adviser



FBCCI President Mr. Mahubul Alam paid a courtesy call on the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser Mr. Salman F. Rahman MP at the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority

(BIDA) office on September 07, 2023. They had a fruitful discussion on country's trade, Commerce, and business.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Mohammad

Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni), Mr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Directors and other business leaders were present at the courtesy call.



Ambassador of Vietnam paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President

Ambassador of Vietnam to Bangladesh H.E. Nguyn Manh Cuong paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on September 09, 2023 at the FBCCI

Icon, Dhaka. While, both emphasized on strengthening the bilateral trade and investment and minimizing the trade gap between two countries.

FBCCI Vice-President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni), Mr. Md. Munir Hossain and Directors were present at the meeting.



FBCCI calls for Japan's continued cooperation to build a Smart Bangladesh



Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Iwama Kiminori paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul

Alam on September 09, 2023, at the FBCCI office. While, FBCCI President calls for Japan's continued cooperation

to build a Smart Bangladesh. FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam said that Japan is the true and trusted partner for the development journey of Bangladesh. The relationship between Japan and Bangladesh has been strengthening for 50 years. Japan's contribution to various mega projects and infrastructure development in Bangladesh including the Metrorail, Airport Terminal, Meghna Bridge, and Matarbari Deep Sea Port are some examples which show the

commitment of the bilateral friendship. The Japanese Ambassador H.E. Iwama Kiminori expressed gratitude to Bangladesh for the cooperation and partnership in Japan's development activities for a long time. FBCCI Vice-President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarkar, Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni), and Director Mr. Kausar Ahmed were present at the program.

Turkey and Bangladesh to enhance bilateral trade



Bangladesh and Turkey have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral trade ties. This commitment was expressed during a courtesy meeting held at the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) office in Dhaka on September 10, 2023.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam and Turkish Ambassador to Dhaka H.E. Mr. Ramis Sen led the discussions, where they emphasized the deep-rooted friendship between the two nations

and their shared determination to bolster economic cooperation.

Mr. Mahbubul Alam said Bangladesh has recently embarked on the establishment of 100 special economic zones (EPZs) across the country, attracting both domestic and foreign investors. He encouraged Turkish investors to seize this opportunity, facilitating their entry into Bangladesh's vast consumer market and opening doors for exporting products manufactured in the labor-friendly environment of Bangladesh.

Turkish Ambassador H.E. Mr. Ramis Sen praised Bangladesh's remarkable development progress and expressed Turkey's keen interest in expanding trade relations. He extended an invitation to a business delegation led by FBCCI to visit Turkey, strengthening the bridge of collaboration between the two nations. FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarkar, Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni), Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, directors, and other dignitaries were present at the event.

BTCCI paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President

A delegation from Bangladesh-Thai Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BTCCI) led by its President Mr. Shams Mahmud paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on

10, 2023 at the FBCCI Icon, Dhaka. They talked on strengthening the trade relation and cooperation between Thailand and Bangladesh. FBCCI Vice-President Mr. Rashadul Hossain

Chowdhury (Ronni), Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Director Mr. Rejaul Kariem Rejnu CIP, Mr. Md. Rakibul Alam (Dipu), Mrs. Salma Hossain Ash, Mr. Amir Hossain Noorani were present at the meeting.



BSMA paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President

A delegation from Bangladesh Sweets Manufacturers Association (BSMA) led by its President Mr. Shri Madhab Chandra Ghosh paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on September 10, 2023 at the FBCCI Icon.

FBCCI Vice-President Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni), Secretary General of BSMA Mr. Md Aminur Rahman and Directors were present at the meeting.



FBCCI President Mahbubul Alam & French President Emmanuel Macron exchanged greetings

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam and French President H.E. Emmanuel Macron exchanged greetings on September 10, 2023 during a dinner hosted by HPM H.E. Sheikh Hasina at the InterContinental Hotel in Dhaka.



FBCCI President joined an Award Giving Ceremony



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam joined the Award Giving Ceremony of the debate on Food Price Increasing and Global Situation jointly organized by the Directorate of National

Consumers Right Protection (DNCRP) and Debate for Democracy at the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC) auditorium at Tejgaon in the capital on 11 September, 2023. FBCCI President graced the event as the chief guest and handed over the prize to the winning team "Comilla Victorian Government College". Mr. A.H.M. Shafiquzzaman, Director General (Additional Secretary), DNCRP was present as the Special Guest. Journalists and distinguished guests were also present at the event.

FBCCI President joined “Policies and Partnerships for a Smart and Prosperous Bangladesh” dialogue

FBCCI President Mr. Mahubul Alam joined a high level panel discussion on “Policies and Partnerships for a Smart and Prosperous Bangladesh” jointly organized by European Union (EU) and Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh on 12 September, 2023 at Renaissance Dhaka Gulshan Hotel.

Mr. Salman F Rahman, Private Industry and Investment Adviser to Hon’ble Prime Minister graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir, Director, OECD Development Centre, OECD, Chaired the event. Among other, Hon’ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs of

Bangladesh Mr. Shahriar Alam, Hon’ble State Minister for ICT Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, Senior Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, European Union Ambassador to Bangladesh Mr. Charles Whiteley and distinguished guests were present at the discussion.



FBCCI President joined the Commonwealth Trade and Investment Forum Bangladesh -2023



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam attended the “Commonwealth Trade and Investment Forum Bangladesh -2023” organized by Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) in partnership with Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh and ZI Foundation on September 13, 2023 at Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka. Hon’ble Prime Minister of

Bangladesh H.E Sheikh Hasina graced the ceremony as the chief guest and presents the “Commonwealth-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Green Investment Award”.

Among others, Hon’ble Private Industry and Investment Adviser to the Prime Minister Mr. Salman F Rahman, Hon’ble Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen, Hon’ble State Minister of Foreign Ministry Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, High

Commissioner of Bangladesh to the United Kingdom Saida Muna Tasneem, President of SAARC Chamber and Former President of FBCCI Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) Mr. Lokman Hossain Miah, Strategic Advisor of the Commonwealth Countries and Beyond Mr. Zillur Hussain, CWEIC Chairman Mr. Lord Marland, business leaders and distinguished guests were present at the event.

FBCCI President joined “The Bangladesh Opportunity- Commonwealth Partnerships” dialogue



Mr. Mahbubul Alam, President of FBCCI, attended a session titled “The Bangladesh Opportunity- Commonwealth Partnerships” organized by Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) in

partnership with BIDA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, ZI Foundation on 13 September 2023 at hotel InterContinental, Dhaka. Among others, Mr. Salman F Rahman, Private Industry and Investment Adviser of

Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Professor Mr. Shibli Rubayat Ul Islam, Chairman of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), Mr. Zaved Akhtar, CEO of Unilever Bangladesh Ltd., Mr. Lord Marland, Chairman of Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC), Mr. Srinu Nagarajan, Managing Director of Asia, British International Investment Group (BII), were also present at the session.

Ms. Tanya Beckett, Broadcaster, BBC moderated the session.

First meeting of the FBCCI Finance Committee held



The first meeting of the FBCCI Finance Committee was held on September 13, 2023 at the FBCCI Icon. Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Vice President of FBCCI and Convener of the Committee chaired the meeting. Joint Convener of the committee Dr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Members Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni), Rtn. Engr. Mohabbat Ullah, Mr. Muntakim Ashraf, Mr. Sujib Ranjan Dash, Member Secretary of the Committee and Secretary General of FBCCI Mr. Md. Alamgir were present at the meeting.

The first Regular Board Meeting held



The First regular Board meeting of the Board of Directors of FBCCI for the term 2023-25 was held on September 16, 2023 at FBCCI Icon.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam presided over the meeting. FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni), Mr. Md. Munir Hossain and the Directors were present at the meeting.



First Meeting of Law and Policy Reforms Committee held



Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Convenor of the Committee and Vice President of FBCCI Chaired the Meeting. Among others, FBCCI Director Mr. Md. Muntakim Ashraf, Mrs. Hasina Newaaz, Mr. Sujib Ranjan Dash, Mr. Md. Ali Hossain Shishir, Dr. Azam Khan Noman, Mr. B.M. Shoeb, Mr. Md. Rezaul Islam Milon, Mr. Mohd. Ishaqul Hossain Sweet, and Ms. Salma Hossain Ash were present at the meeting.

The first Meeting of the Law and Policy Reforms Committee of FBCCI for the term

2023-2025 was held on 16 September 2023 at FBCCI Icon, Dhaka.

BMAMA paid courtesy call on FBCCI President



A delegation from Bangladesh Motorcycle Assemblers and Manufacturers Association (BMAMA) led by its president Mr. Matiur Rahman paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on 16 September, 2023 at FBCCI Icon, Motijheel, Dhaka.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Director Mr. Mohammad Nizam Uddin, Dr. Munal Mahbub, Mr. Kausar Ahmed, Mr. Fakhorus Salehin Nahian, Mr. Mohammad Fayazur Rahman Bhuiyan, FBCCI General Body Members and business leaders were present at the meeting.

BRPFTA paid courtesy call on FBCCI President



A delegation from Bangladesh River Pump Fuel Trade

Association (BRPFTA) led by its President Mr. Md. Rakib

Hassan Sohel paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on September 16, 2023 at the FBCCI Icon, Motijheel.

Among others, FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Director Mr. Mohammad Nizam Uddin, Dr. Munal Mahbub, Mr. Kausar Ahmed, Mrs. Salma Hossain Ash, Mr. Abu Murshed Chowdhury, FBCCI General Body Members and business leaders were present at the courtesy meeting.

Barishal Chamber paid courtesy call on FBCCI President

A delegation from Barisal Chamber of Commerce and Industries paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on 16 Sep,

2023 at FBCCI Icon, Motijheel, Dhaka. FBCCI Vice President Mr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat

Sarker, Directors, FBCCI General Body Members and business leaders were also present at the meeting.



FBCCI President met Bangladesh Bank Governor



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbulul Alam paid a courtesy visit to the Governor of the Bangladesh Bank Mr. Abdur Rouf Talukder on September 18, 2023, at the Board Room of Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka.

Both FBCCI President Mr. Mahbulul Alam and the Bangladesh Bank Governor Mr. Abdur Rouf Talukder reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate closely for the continued economic devel-

opment and prosperity of Bangladesh.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr.



Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank Mr. Kazi Sayedur Rahman, Mr. Abu Farah Md.

Nasser, Spokesperson Mr. Md. Mezbaul Haque, and others were present during the meeting. The meeting served as a plat-

form for productive discussions and collaborative efforts aimed at advancing the economic well-being of Bangladesh.

Chief Manager of IFIC Bank, Federation Branch paid a courtesy call on FBCCI Vice President

Ms. Taslima Akter Chief Manager and Ms. Hasina Akhter Senior Customer Service Manager of IFIC Bank, Federation Branch paid a courtesy call on FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol on September 18, 2023 at the FBCCI Icon, Dhaka.



FBCCI-BMCCI will work together on skilled manpower export to Malaysia



Bangladesh-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BMCCI) paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr.

Mahbubul Alam on September 19, 2023, at the FBCCI Icon in Dhaka. While, The FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam

opined to work jointly with BMCCI to facilitate the export of skilled manpower to Malaysia, a significant labor market for Bangladesh. FBCCI Director Hafez Hazi Harun-Or-Rashid (CIP), Mr. Mohammad Nizam Uddin, BMCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Sabbir Ahmed Khan, Vice President Mr. Jamilur Rahman, BMCCI Secretary General Mr. Md. MotaHER Hoshan Khan, Director Mr. Mamunur Rahman and others were present at the meeting.

Nepal could be a source of Clean Energy for Bangladesh: FBCCI President



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam said that Nepal could be a good source of clean energy for Bangladesh. He made this call during a discussion meeting with the members of the delegation from Nepal held on September 19, 2023 at

FBCCI Icon in the capital. The Nepalese delegation was led by the Director General (Joint Secretary) of the Department of Industry of the government of Nepal Mr. Baburam Gautam. FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Dr. Joshoda Jibon

Deb Nath, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Directors, Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir, and Head of International Wing Ambassador Mosud Mannan among others, were present at the meeting.

BPMRA paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President



A delegation from Bangladesh Plastic Moulding Machine & Recyclean Associations (BPMRA) led by its President Haji Mahammad Jahangir Adel paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on 19 September, 2023 at FBCCI Icon, Motijheel, Dhaka.

FBCCI Directors Hafez Hazi Harun-Or- Rashid (CIP), Mr. Mohammad Nizam Uddin, FBCCI General Body Members and business leaders were present at the meeting.

RCCI paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President

The New Board of Directors of the Rangpur Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI) led by its President Mr. Md. Akbar Ali paid a courtesy visit to FBCCI President Mr. Mahubul Alam on 19 September 2023 at FBCCI Icon, Motijheel, Dhaka.

FBCCI Director Mr. Mohd. Ishaqul Hossain Sweet, RCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Abu Hena, RCCI Directors Mr. Md. Rezwatul Karim, Mr. Md. Rezaul



Islam, Mr. Md. Shamsur Rhaman Koyel and other business leaders were present at the meeting.

BRAMA paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President



A delegation from the Bangladesh Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Merchants Association (BRAMA) led by its President Mr. Mohammad Asaduzzaman paid a courtesy

call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahubul Alam on 19 September 2023 at FBCCI Icon, Motijheel, Dhaka. FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain

FBCCI Director Mr. Mohd. Ishaqul Hossain Sweet, Hafez Hazi Harun-Or-Rashid (CIP), BRAMA Director Mr. Omor Faruk, and other business leaders were present at the meeting.

BISSA paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President



A delegation from the Bangladesh Iron Scrap Suppliers Association (BISSA) led by its President Mr. Sheikh Mohammed Azhar paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on 19 September 2023 at FBCCI Icon, Motijheel, Dhaka. FBCCI Directors Hafez Hazi Harun-Or-Rashid (CIP), Mr. Mohammad Nizam Uddin, and other business leaders were present at the meeting.

SBCCI paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President

A delegation from the Switzerland-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SBCCI), led by its President, Engr. Abdur Rashid, paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Mahbubul Alam, President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), on September 19, 2023, at the FBCCI Icon in Motijheel, Dhaka.

During the meeting, the two parties engaged in constructive discussions regarding the means to bolster bilateral trade relations between Bangladesh and Switzerland. President Mr. Mahbubul Alam extended a warm invitation to Swiss investors to explore opportunities in Bangladesh, particularly within the country's 100

economic zones. Both the FBCCI and SBCCI reiterated their commitment to collaborate towards advancing the economic development of Bangladesh. FBCCI Director Mr. Mohd. Ishaqul Hossain Sweet, Hafez

Hazi Harun-Or-Rashid (CIP), SBCCI Secretary General Mr. Saad Omar Fahim, SBCCI Director Mr. Sontosh Chandra Nath, Mr. Mohammad Abul Hasnat, and other business leaders were present at the meeting.



Bangladesh can be the trade hub for ASEAN, South Asia and South East Asian countries: FBCCI



Dr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Vice President of FBCCI paid a courtesy call on Mr. Vuong Dinh Hue, President of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on September 22, 2023 at the Hotel InterContinental in Dhaka. “Bangladesh can be the trade hub and bridge of business between the ASEAN, South Asian and South East Asian countries”, Dr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath opined during the call.

Dr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath said, ‘Both Vietnam and Bangladesh are not only historically connected by our common struggles for right to Sovereignty; as nations we are resilient, perseverant and dynamic.

This year marks the Golden Jubilee of Diplomatic ties between our two countries.’

Among others, FBCCI Vice President Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam H.E. Mr. Nguyen Manh Cuong, Secre-

General of FBCCI Mr. Md. Alamgir, Head of the International Wing Ambassador Mosud Mannan ndc and other business dignitaries from both Bangladesh and Vietnam were present at the program.



A networking dinner in honour of Japanese Business Delegation held



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam joined a networking dinner in Honour of Japanese Business Delegation hosted by FBCCI on 26 September, 2023 at a city hotel.

Foreign Affairs Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam graced the event as the chief guest. Among others, Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Ambassador

of Japan in Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Iwama Kiminori, Distinguished Fellow of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Directors of FBCCI, Former Presidents, business leaders and distinguished guests were present.

A seminar on Regional Connectivity Development held



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, as a special guest, joined a seminar titled "Toward Improving Regional

Connectivity and Realizing the Establishment of Industrial Value Chains in Bay of Bengal Region, including

Bangladesh and Northeast India" organized by the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh on September 27, 2023 at a city hotel.

Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, as the Chief Guest, was present and delivered the keynote speech at the seminar. Earlier, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh H.E. Mr. IWAMA Kiminori at his opening remarks welcomed the distinguished guests.

FBCCI President joined 11th AGRO Bangladesh Expo



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam joined the inaugural ceremony of 11th AGRO Bangladesh Expo 2023 organized by Bangladesh Agro-Processors' Association (BAPA) on September 28, 2023 at ICCB, Dhaka.

Hon'able Minister for Ministry of Industries Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun MP graced the event as the chief guest. Amongst others, Mr. M. Anis Ud Dowla, Chairman, ACI Group; Mr. Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, Chairman and CEO, PRAN-RFL; Syed Muhammad Shoib Hasan, Former Vice President, BAPA; Mr. Md. Iqtabul Hoque, General Secretary, BAPA; business leaders and distinguished guests were present at the event.

BLMTEA paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President



A delegation from Bangladesh Lunggi Manufacturers, Traders and Exporters Association (BLMTEA) led by its President Mr. Mohammed Helal Miah paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on September 10, 2023 at the FBCCI Icon office.

First meeting of FBCCI Procurement Committee held



First meeting of FBCCI Procurement Committee was held at FBCCI Icon, Motijheel, Dhaka on September 18, 2023.

Convener of the Committee and Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath Chaired the Meeting. FBCCI Director Engr. Mohabbat Ullah, Mr. Mohd. Ishaqul Hossain Sweet, Mr. Md. Amir Hossain Noorani, Secretary General of FBCCI Mr. Md. Alamgir were also present at the Meeting.

FBCCI President inaugurated Hotel Grand Taj

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam attended the inaugural ceremony of the Hotel Grand Taj on 09 Sep,

2023 at Paltan, Dhaka. General Secretary of the Jatiya Press Club Mr. Shyamal Dutta, business leaders and

distinguished guests were also present at the event.



FBCCI delegation visits Mexico as entourage of the Hon'ble Commerce Minister



FBCCI delegation led by Vice President Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni) joined the Fact-Finding Mission to Mexico on September 25-28, 2023 in Mexico. Other members of the delegation are FBCCI Director Ms. Priti Chakraborty, Mr. Md. Niaz Ali Chisty, and General Body member Mr. Mohammed Khorshed Alam. They joined the mission as an entourage of the Hon'ble Commerce Minister of Bangladesh Mr. Tipu Munshi MP.

Dr. Joshoda Jibon Debnath awarded D.Litt by The Thames International University



FBCCI Vice President Dr. Joshoda Jibon Debnath has been awarded the Doctorate of Literature (D.Litt) in Banking and Finance by

The Thames International University of France. Due to his bold presence and contribution to the economy this award is being given, The Thames International University informed by a letter on 14 September, 2023.

Dr. Joshoda Jibon Debnath a visionary entrepreneur is playing a leading role in the field of Digital Economy by taking strategic and innovative steps along with the Government.

He started journey as a Founder and Managing Director of Technomedia Limited in 2001 as an ICT based company. Expanded business in banking sector with

the distributorship of Systemedia Division of NCR Corporation (USA) since 2005.

Technomedia Limited provides ATM booths, Note Sorting Machines, Note Binding Machines, Banking Software, Online Check Clearing Software and Security Services to banks across the country. The company provides about 70% of country's total ATM services.

Dr. Debnath has received multiple awards, including the Bangabandhu Industrial Award and CIP recognition from the Government of Bangladesh.

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