



FBCCI Extended Office in Gulshan

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 October 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 visualises 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 October 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 discourse.

One of the highlights of this month was our courtesy calls with respected ambassadors from countries such as Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, European Union, and so on. FBCCI also had a fruitful discussion with the Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Ms. Maria Fernanda Garza in Dhaka. These interactions provided a valuable platform for us to discuss collaborative opportunities, share insights, and build stronger ties internationally.

FBCCI has long been a vital pillar of our nation's economic landscape. The present Board of Directors of FBCCI took over the charge for the term 2023-25 on August 14, 2023, with the huge mandate of the General Body (GB) Members. Our responsibility is to implement the commitments of the Board made to its constituencies.

The Board of Director for the term 2023-25 is committed to safeguard the interest of the private sector

through advocating policies. We're also focusing on ensuring a healthy environment for trade and business for our General Body Members and for all the Entrepreneurs. We already took several initiatives to facilitate our services to our General Body (GB) members within a short period of time. One of them is extending the FBCCI's office in Gulshan which will save valuable time of our members and other dignitaries. The Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser and former FBCCI President Mr. Salman F Rahman inaugurated the extended office in Gulshan on October 09, 2023. We also inaugurated the FBCCI Innovation and Research Center in October, 2023. I strongly believe these initiatives will serve as important steps in enhancing trade and business.

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

I 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

Honorary Consulate of Poland to Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President

Honorary Consulate of Poland to Bangladesh Mr. Jan Zacharewicz paid a courtesy call on the FBCCI President

Mr. Mahbubul Alam at FBCCI Icon, Dhaka on October 01, 2023. FBCCI Vice President Mr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath,

Directors and others business leaders were present at the courtesy meeting.



Coordination meeting of the FBCCI Secretariat held

A coordination meeting of the FBCCI Secretariat was held on October 01, 2023 at FBCCI Icon. FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam graced the meeting as the chief guest.

Among others, FBCCI Vice President Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, FBCCI Directors, Secretary General and officials were also present.



FBCCI Extended Office in Gulshan



The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), the apex trade organization of the country, extended its operations in Gulshan on October 09, 2023. Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser Salman F Rahman officially inaugurated the extended office of FBCCI at the Tower of Aakash on Gulshan Avenue in the capital.

FBCCI former president Mahbubur Rahman, Abdul Awal Minto, Mir Nasir Hossain, Kazi Akram Uddin Ahmed, Md. Jashim Uddin and other distinguished guests attended the inauguration

ceremony. FBCCI President Mahbubul Alam presided over the program.

While speaking as the chief guest, Salman F. Rahman highlighted the significance of this new branch office in Gulshan. He lauded the efforts of the current board in taking FBCCI's services to the doorsteps of businessmen. This initiative will play a vital role in supporting entrepreneurs and fostering business growth, Salman F Rahman added.

The govt. always gives special priority to FBCCI's recommendations

or proposals. As we're passing through a difficult time, I urged all the entrepreneurs to think out of the box in order to maintain economic growth. He urged businesses to increase production. He urged the FBCCI to pay more attention to the CMSMEs.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam said, the extended office in gulshan will further facilitate trade and business to the general Body (GB) Members.

The gulshan office is also set to facilitate and expedite crucial business interactions for local entrepreneurs, foreign investors,



ambassadors of different countries, and other dignitaries. This strategic move aims to streamline FBCCI's activities and foster stronger ties between the business community and international stakeholders.

FBCCI's activities were concentrated in Motijheel in the past, requiring foreign guests and ambassadors to spend a lot of time traveling to attend courtesy calls and bilateral meetings. The presence of a branch office in Gulshan is expected to accelerate FBCCI's initiatives, making meetings with ambassadors of different countries, foreign investors, and guests more time-efficient and convenient.

To bring FBCCI's support closer to its General Body (GB) members, the current board has also initiated plans to open branch offices in old Dhaka and Chittagong, in addition to the Gulshan branch office, Mr. Mahbulul Alam added.

Moreover, the FBCCI Innovation and Research Center has commenced operations at Hatkhola in the capital, aiming to establish FBCCI as a 'Centre of Excellence' for the country's business expansion, sustainable industrialization, and the ability to meet the challenges of the fourth industrial revolution (4IR), FBCCI president Mr. Mahbulul Alam opined.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Dr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, FBCCI Directors, business leaders, and other dignitaries were present at the program.

The FBCCI branch office in Gulshan -1, located at Tower of Aakash, Level-9, Plot-54, Road-132, Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka-1212, is equipped with a meeting room, a board of directors' lounge, a courtesy meeting room for foreign investors and ambassadors, the president's room, and office rooms.

The extended office is in full operation now.

FBCCI Vice President paid a courtesy call on Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank

Vice President of FBCCI and President of E-commerce Association of Bangladesh (e-CAB) Ms. Shomi Kaiser paid a courtesy call on the Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank Mr. Abu Farah Md. Nasser on October 02, 2023 at Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka. They had a fertile conversation on the development of the e-commerce sector.

FBCCI Vice President Ms. Shomi Kaiser said that the country's e-commerce sector is moving forward despite various challenges. Women's participation in this sector has increased at a significant rate than ever before. She also thanked Bangladesh Bank for their tireless support for the e-commerce sector.

Shomi Kaiser also said, 'We want to work at the policy level to enrich the country's e-commerce sector by expanding trade in the global market. In this case, cross-border e-commerce modification is very important.' As there are still some obstacles in the e-commerce sector, FBCCI will hold a policy summit with the Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh Bank, and related stakeholders to overcome these obstacles, she added. Furthermore, Shomi Kaiser urged Bangladesh Bank to consider raising the credit card limit, a request to which Bangladesh Bank responded positively, promising to review and potentially increase the limit later if needed.

Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank Mr. Abu Farah Md Nasser said that the e-commerce sector is still new in the context of Bangladesh. There is still a lot to do in this promising sector. He expressed optimism that the e-commerce sector will soon overcome all obstacles and play a supporting role in bolstering the economic and GDP growth of the country.

Among others, the Spokesperson of Bangladesh Bank Mr. Md. Mezbaul Haque (Executive Director), Director of e-CAB Mr. Mohammad Ilmul Haque, Mr. Khondoker Tasfin Alam, Chief Executive Officer of iSocial Limited Mr. Ananya Raihan were present at the meeting.



A fire safety drill was held at FBCCI Innovation and Research Centre



A fire safety drill was held at FBCCI Innovation and Research Center at Hatkhola organized by Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Bangladesh in corporation with FBCCI Safety Council and the Department of Fire Service and Civil Defence, Bangladesh on October 03, 2023. After the drill a discus-

sion meeting on fire safety and security was also held.

Senior Vice Chairman of FBCCI Innovation and Research Centre Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu presided over the discussion meeting. The Secretary of Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief Mr. Md Kamrul Hasan ndc

graced the event as the chief guest.

Among others, FBCCI Vice President and Convener of the Crisis Management Committee of FBCCI Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Directors of FBCCI, General Body Members, Secretary General and other dignitaries were present at the event.

First Meeting of the FBCCI Crisis Management Committee held

The first meeting of the FBCCI Crisis Management Committee was held on October 03, 2023 at FBCCI Hatkhola Bhaban in Dhaka. Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Vice President of FBCCI, presided over the meeting.

FBCCI Director Mr. Hafez Harun Mr. Mohd. Ishaqul Hossain Sweet, Hafez Hazi Mohammad Enayet Ullah, Mr. Md. Amir Hossain Noorani, Haji Md. Abul Hashem, Mr. Fakhorus Salehin Nahian, and other dignitaries were present at the program.



FBCCI President attended the award-giving ceremony

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbulul Alam attended the award-giving ceremony of the “Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujib Industrial Award 2022” organized by the Ministry of Industries on October 03, 2023, at the Osmani Memorial

Auditorium in Dhaka.

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A total of 12 industrial units in six categories get recognition for their contribution to the national economy and the industrial sector.

The Honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

H.E. Mr. Mohammed Shahabuddin graced the program as the Chief guest and handed over golden crests and certificates to the winners.

Hon'ble Industries Minister Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun presided over the

event. Among others, Agriculture Minister Mr. Muhammad Md Abdur Razzaque, State Minister for Industries Mr. Kamal Ahmed Majumder, Senior Secretary of the Industries Ministry Ms. Zakia Sultana, business leaders, and distinguished guests were present at the program.



FBCCI President paid a courtesy call on the Saudi Ambassador

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam paid a courtesy call on the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Bangladesh H.E Mr. Essa bin Yousef Al Duhailan on October 04, 2023, at the Saudi Embassy in Dhaka, signifying the importance of bolstering the economic ties between the two nations.

During their meeting, FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam and Ambassador Essa bin Yousef Al Duhailan engaged in a comprehensive dialogue aimed at boosting the bilateral trade relations between Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Ambassador H.E Mr. Essa bin Yousef Al Duhailan emphasized Saudi Arabia's strong commitment to expanding its economic footprint in Bangladesh. He acknowledged the significant progress made in recent years in bilateral trade and investment and underlined the need for sustained efforts to explore untapped potentials.



FBCCI President inaugurated the Health & Wellness Expo in Chattogram



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, as the Chief Guest, inaugurated the "2nd Health & Wellness Expo 2023" on 05 October 2023 at a hotel in Chattogram. The 2-day long expo was jointly organized by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I), India, and Mati-Ta Wellness & Hospitality, Chattogram, Bangladesh.

Among others, Mr. Arnab Basu, the President-Designate of BCC&I, Dr. Munal Mahbub, Director of the FBCCI and Chairman of the Mati-Ta wellness and Hospitality were present at the program.

FBCCI Vice President Ms. Shomi Kaiser extended warm wishes to the Daily Samakal

FBCCI Vice President Ms. Shomi Kaiser extended her warm wishes to the Daily Samakal on the occasion of its 19th anniversary on October 08, 2023 at the Times Media Bhaban in Tejgaon Industrial Area of the capital.

Ms. Shomi Kaiser graciously handed over a bouquet of flowers to the former FBCCI president and owner of the Times Media Limited Mr. A K Azad, and the Editor of Daily

Samakal Mr. Alamgir Hossain. FBCCI Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir and others were present at the moment.



FBCCI Innovation and Research Centre officially started its Journey

The FBCCI Innovation and Research Centre, a pioneering venture initiated by FBCCI, has officially started its journey on 01 October 2023. Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser Mr. Salman F Rahman as the chief guest inaugurated the Centre. This Initiative of FBCCI is aimed at addressing the challenges of the fourth industrial revolution and fostering growth in the private sector through research and policy support. FBCCI President Mr. Mahubul Alam, Former President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, and members of the Governing

Body of FBCCI Innovation and Research Centre were present at the inaugural program.

While speaking, Mr. Salman F Rahman emphasized using this Centre as a training institute and advised bringing top trainers from other countries such as India, Malaysia, Thailand, USA, etc. He also talked about "ToT" and shared his valuable ideas on building innovation, research, and training floors. Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin said that the FBCCI Innovation and Research Centre will accelerate the ongoing

progress of the country. He highlighted its mission to nurture skilled manpower and entrepreneurs across various sectors, including Agri-Business, Light Engineering, and Circular Economy.

Later on, the 2nd meeting of the Governing Body of FBCCI Innovation and Research Centre was held. Senior Vice-Chairman of the governing body Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu, Member of the body Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Abul Kashem Khan, Mr. Mohammad Ali Khokon, Mr. Shamim Ahmed, Ms. Nadia Binte Amin and others attended the meeting.



FBCCI President attended the Investors' Meet



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam attended the Investors' Meet preceding the upcoming 'Bihar Business Connect 2023' scheduled for December this year. The Investors' Meet was

organized by the Department of Industries of the Government of Bihar, India, and took place on October 08, 2023, at a city hotel in Dhaka.

H.E. Mr. Pranay Kumar Verma, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh, Mr. Vivek Kumar Singh, Development Commissioner of the Bihar Government, Delegation members from Bihar (India), FBCCI Vice President Ms. Shomi Kaiser, FBCCI Directors, and distinguished guests were present at the occasion.

FBCCI had a fruitful discussion with the representatives of Qatar Airways and Singapore Airlines



FBCCI had a fruitful discussion with the representatives of Qatar Airways and Singapore Airlines on October 12, 2023, at the FBCCI Office in Motijheel, Dhaka. Both Qatar Airways and Singapore Airlines

have extended their generous support to the FBCCI community! From now on the Board of Directors, General Body (GB) members of FBCCI, and their families will enjoy exclusive discounts and special facilities when purchasing air tickets or traveling with these airlines.

FBCCI Vice President Dr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath Presided over the meeting, while FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain and Director Mr. Fakhorus Salehin Nahian joined the meeting virtually.

Higher officials from both Qatar Airways and Singapore Airlines were present at the meeting.

FBCCI President attended the 4th BLLISS- Bangladesh Leather Footwear & Leathergoods International Sourcing Show



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam attended the 4th BLLISS- Bangladesh Leather Footwear & Leathergoods International Sourcing Show held on 12 October 2023 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh H.E. Sheikh Hasina graced the event as the chief Guest.

Business Leaders paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President



The Chairman & Managing Director Meghna Group of Industries (MGI) Mr Mostafa Kamal & other business leaders paid a courtesy call on the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on October 31, 2023 at the FBCCI Office in Gulshan, Dhaka.

Gaibandha Chamber paid a courtesy visit to FBCCI President



A delegation from the Gaibandha Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) led by its President Mr. Md. Moksuder Rahman Shahan (Freedom Fighter) paid a courtesy visit to FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on October 12, 2023, at FBCCI Office

in Gulshan, Dhaka.

FBCCI Director Alhaj Azizul Hoque, Mr. Md. Niaz Ali Chisty, Senior Vice President of GCCCI Mr. Md. Tauhidur Rahman Milon, Vice President Mr. Md. Abdur Rashid, Khan Mohammad Said Hossin Jashim, Director of GCCCI Mr. Md. Mostak Ahmmed Ranju, Mr. Md. Abdus Sabur Sarkar, Mr. Md. Shahidat Doha Chowdhury, Mr. Md. Sameul Huda Sumel, Mr. Md. Hasan Mahmud Jony, Mr. Md. Ali Kawsar Sarkar Babul and other business leaders were present at the meeting.

FBCCI held a dialogue with key stakeholders of Jute Sector

FBCCI held a dialogue with key stakeholders of Jute Sector on October 12, 2023 at the FBCCI office in Gulshan to reviving the historic prominence of the jute industry, often referred to as Bangladesh's golden heritage.

Mr. Mahbubul Alam emphasized the significance of jute in Bangladesh's history and economic growth. He said that the golden fiber of jute is renowned and cherished globally. FBCCI will collaborate with entrepreneurs in the jute sector, as well as government and private sector stakeholders, to



address the industry's current challenges. Highlighting the industry's historical importance, the FBCCI President added, 'our jute industry has been a cornerstone of our economy, serving as a primary driver of foreign exchange

earnings. Even after the independence, the jute industry maintained its glory for several years. However, various factors have led to the gradual decline of this traditional industry. Initiatives are urgently needed to restore its former glory, he added.

FBCCI Director Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, Md. Abul Hossain, Alhaj Azizul Hoque, Md. Niaz Ali Chisty, Fakhorus Salehin Nahian, and leaders from

various jute associations and organizations, including the Bangladesh Jute Mills Association, Bangladesh Jute Goods Exporters Association, Bangladesh Jute Association, Bangladesh Jute Spinners Association, Bangladesh Diversified Jute Goods Producers, Exporters Association, National Skill Development Authority (NSDA), and Bangladesh Handicraft Manufacturers and Exporters Association (Banglacraft) were present at the meeting.

Md. Abul Hossain, Chairman of the Bangladesh Jute Mills Association and FBCCI Director, stressed the importance of establishing a Jute Sector Development Fund similar to the Export Development Fund (EDF) to protect the industry. He also emphasized that providing low-interest loans to the jute industry would encourage mill owners to diversify their product offerings and promote sales and exports in both domestic and foreign markets.

Myanmar Ambassador paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President



Ambassador of Myanmar to Bangladesh H.E Aung Kyaw Moe paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mahbubul Alam at the FBCCI office in Gulshan on October 14, 2023. FBCCI Vice President Shomi Kaiser, Directors and other dignitaries were present at that time.

Mr. Mahbubul Alam stated that trade between Myanmar and Bangladesh has a rich history, once boasting strong maritime trade relations from Chittagong to Yangon. However, several factors have contributed to a decline in trade activities between the two nations. Despite huge potential in various sectors for both countries, these opportunities remain largely

untapped. He emphasized that resolving existing issues, including the Rohingya Crisis, would be mutually beneficial for both nations on a commercial level. In addition, FBCCI President urged Myanmar to take steps to address the Rohingya Crisis, which continues to be a matter of great concern.

Ambassador Aung Kyaw Moe of Myanmar expressed his country's commitment to maintaining friendly relations with Bangladesh. Myanmar was among the first five nations to recognize Bangladesh in 1971. He emphasized Myanmar's keen interest in fortifying commercial ties between the two nations.

Furthermore, Ambassador Aung Kyaw Moe expressed Myanmar's interest in establishing direct flights between Myanmar and Bangladesh, facilitating easier travel and trade. He also mentioned the Myanmar government's ongoing efforts to collaborate with the Bangladesh government in addressing the Rohingya Crisis.

FBCCI organized a discussion meeting on non-Repatriation of export earnings and various customs and income tax issues



The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) organized a discussion meeting to discuss the non-Repatriation of export earnings and various customs and income tax issues. The meeting took place at the FBCCI's Gulshan office on October 14, 2023. The meeting was chaired by the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam.

FBCCI Former President Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam Mohiuddin, MP joined the meeting virtually. FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, BGMEA President Mr. Faruque Hassan, BTMA President Mr. Mohammad Ali Khokon, DCCI President Mr. Md. Sameer Sattar, MCCI President Mr. Md Saiful Islam, Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) President Mr. Omar Hazzaz, Vice President of BKMEA Mr. Fazlee Shamim Ehsan, and other business leaders were present at the meeting.

Australia Bangladesh Business Forum paid courtesy visit to FBCCI President

A delegation from Australia Bangladesh Business Forum led by its founding Director Mr. Abdul Khan Ratan paid a courtesy visit to the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on October 15, 2023, at the FBCCI Icon in Motijheel, Dhaka.

Welcoming the delegation, the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam emphasized the tremendous developments that Bangladesh has undergone



in recent years, with the private sector playing a key role in the nation's economy over the years. He urged the Australia Bangladesh Business Forum to collaborate in increasing trade between Bangladesh and Australia.

The delegation members highlighted the vast opportunities for Bangladeshi business entrepreneurs to engage in commerce with Australia, noting that

Australian investors are also eager to invest in Bangladesh. They identified garments, wheat, medical, ICT, tourism, hospitality, and education as potential sectors for business activities in Australia. The delegation urged FBCCI to assist in establishing robust connectivity between the two countries, facilitating the exchange of trade-related information.

FBCCI Vice President Dr. Joshoda

Jibon Deb Nath, Director Hafez Hazi Harun-Or-Rashid (CIP), Mr. Niaz Ali Chisty, Mr. Kausar Ahmed, Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir, Head of FBCCI International Wing Ambassador Mosud Mannan ndc, Australia Bangladesh Business Forum Director Mr. Nazmul Hasan, Mr. Mohammed Rahman, Business Development Director Mr. Peter Skeleparis and others were present at that time.

EU Ambassador paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President



Mr. Charles Whiteley, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Md. Mahbubul Alam on 16 October 2023 at FBCCI office in Gulshan.

FBCCI President Mahbubul Alam expressed his gratitude to the EU for their support

during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also conveyed his sincere appreciation to the EU for providing Bangladesh an additional three-year transition period to enjoy EBA facilities till 2029. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's diplomatic relations with the European Union, underscoring the enduring commitment

to friendship between the two regions, said Mahbubul Alam. He called upon the EU to ensure that the proposed carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) considers the needs of developing countries like Bangladesh to secure GSP+ status.

EU Ambassador to Bangladesh H.E. Charles Whiteley conveyed his greetings and best wishes to Mr. Mahbubul Alam on his presidency of FBCCI. He reiterated the EU's commitment to enhancing bilateral relations between Bangladesh and the European Union.

Among others, FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Directors and other dignitaries were present at the call.

Former President of FBCCI Sheikh Fazle Fahim paid courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam



Former President of FBCCI Sheikh Fazle Fahim made courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on 16 October 2023 at FBCCI office in Gulshan in the capital.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Directors were present at that time.

FBCCI Former President Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad made courtesy call on President Mr. Mahbubul Alam

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FBCCI Vice President Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Munir Hossain, Directors were present at that time.



Chandpur Women Chamber paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President



A Delegation from Chandpur Women Chambers of Commerce & Industry (Chandpur WCCI) led by its President Ms. Monira Akter made a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on 16 October 2023 at FBCCI office in Gulshan in the capital.

FBCCI Vice President Ms. Shomi Kaiser was present at the call.

ICC president paid a courtesy call on the FBCCI President

The president of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Ms. Maria Fernanda Garza paid a courtesy visit to the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on October 16, 2023 at the FBCCI's Office in Gulshan, Dhaka.

They had an insightful and fruitful discussion on international trade and arbitration. Both FBCCI and ICC reiterated their commitment in strengthening the ties.

Former FBCCI President and the President of ICC Bangladesh Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, Former FBCCI President Mr. Mir Nasir Hossain, FBCCI Vice



President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Directors and other dignitaries were present at the meeting.

FBCCI President joined the Inauguration of National Furniture Fair



17, 2023 at ICCB, Dhaka. Hon'ble Commerce Minister, Mr. Tipu Munshi MP was the Chief Guest at the Ceremony.

Among others, Mr. A. H. M. Ahsan, Vice Chairman & CEO of the (EPB), Dr. K.M. Akhtaruzaman, President of Bangladesh Furniture Exporter Association and Director of FBCCI, Mr. Selim H Rahman, Chairman of BFSMS, Mr. Eliyas Sarkar, Secretary General of BFSMS, Alhaj Sheikh Abdul Awal, Vice President of BFSMS were present at the program, among others.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, as Special Guest, attended the Inaugural Ceremony of the 18th National Furniture Fair-2023 organized by Bangladesh Furniture Shilpa Malik Samity on October

The first meeting of the FBCCI International and Media Affairs Committee held

The first meeting of the FBCCI International and Media Affairs Committee was held on October 17, 2023, virtually. FBCCI Vice President and Convener of the committee Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni) presided over the meeting.

Member of the committee and Director of FBCCI Mr. Nizamuddin Rajesh, Rtn. Engr. Mohabbat Ullah, Syed Md. Bakhtiar, Mrs. Salma Hossain Ash, Mr. Fakhorus Salehin Nahian, Head of FBCCI International Wing Ambassador Mosud Mannan, Head of



PR & Communications Mr. Tanzid Basunia, and other officials were present at the meeting.

FBCCI President joined a dialogue on Bangabandhu Tunnel in Chattogram



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbul Alam, as Chief Guest, attended a roundtable dialogue on “Bangabandhu Tunnel: A leap towards Vision 2041” organized by the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCCI) on October 21, 2023.

The dialogue was chaired by the President of CCCI Mr. Omar Hazzaz.

Second meeting of the FBCCI Finance Committee held

The second meeting of the FBCCI Finance Committee was held on October 23, 2023, at the FBCCI Icon, Dhaka. Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Vice President of FBCCI and Convener of the Committee chaired the meeting.

Members of the Finance Committee and Senior Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, FBCCI Director Mr. Tabarakul Tosaddek Hossain Khan Tito,



Mr. Sujib Ranjan Dash, Rtn. Engr. Mohabbat Ullah, Mr. Nizamuddin Rajesh, Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Shahriar, Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir, and others were present at the meeting.

2nd Emergency Meeting of the FBCCI Board of Directors held



The second Emergency Meeting of the FBCCI Board of Directors was held on October 23, 2023 at FBCCI Gulshan Office in Dhaka. FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam Chaired the meeting.

Bangladesh Egg Producers Association paid courtesy visit to FBCCI President

The president of the Bangladesh Egg Producers Association Alhaj Taher Ahmad Siddiqui paid a courtesy visit to the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on October 23, 2023 at the FBCCI's Office in Gulshan, Dhaka.

FBCCI Directors Mr. Md. Ali Hossain (Shishir), Mr. Mohammad Fayazur Rahman and other dignitaries were present at the meeting.



The CEO of Gaan Bangla Television paid courtesy visit to the FBCCI President



The Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer-CEO of Gaan Bangla Television Mr. Kaushik Hossain Taposh has paid a courtesy visit to the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on October 23, 2023 at the FBCCI's Office in Gulshan, Dhaka.

FBCCI Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir was present at the meeting.

The Chairman of Galaxy Group paid a courtesy visit to the FBCCI President

The Chairman of Galaxy Group Mr. Taufiq Uddin Ahmed has paid a courtesy visit to the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on October 23, 2023 at the FBCCI's Office in Gulshan, Dhaka.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Director Mr. Md. Ali Hossain (Shishir), Mr. Mohammad Fayazur Rahman and other dignitaries were present at the meeting.



FBCCI President attended the Round Table Discussion on "Transitioning Tax Compliance to Digital Platform"



on October 30, 2023 at the Hotel Westin in Dhaka.

Among Others, Mr. Masrur Reaz, Chairman and Founder of Policy Exchange Bangladesh, Mr. Fahim Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer-Pathao Inc., Ms. Farah Kabir, Country Director of Action Aid Bangladesh, Mr. Md. Kausar Alam, FCCA, ACA (ICAEW), FCS, FCMA, Secretary of ICMAB, Mr. M. Masud Rana FCA, DMD and CFO of BRAC Bank Limited were Present at the discussion.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, as Chief Guest, Attended the Round Table Discussion on "Transitioning Tax Compliance to Digital Platform" organized By SMACIT Limited.

A meeting on Smart Bangladesh Network held

A meeting on Smart Bangladesh Network was held at the FBCCI 's extended office in Gulshan on 31 October, 2023. FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Business Leaders and Distinguished Guests were present at the meeting.

Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Former Chief Coordinator of SDG Affairs of the PMO attended at the meeting as the chief guest.



First meeting of the Advisory Panel of FBCCI held



and entrepreneurs, media personalities. The purpose of this advisory panel is to advise FBCCI on various important issues including economy, trade, and business. Therefore, the first meeting of the FBCCI New Advisory panel was held on October 31, 2023 at the FBCCI Office in Gulshan.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam presided over the meeting.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Khairul Huda Chopol, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Directors and the newly formed Panel Advisors were present at the meeting.

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) formed an Advisory Panel for the period 2023-25. The advisory panel consists of retired government officials, academicians, economists, researchers, businessmen

The Managing Director of Sea Resources Group paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President

The Managing Director of Sea Resources Group Mrs. Romana Rouf Chowdhury paid a courtesy call on the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on October 31, 2023 at the FBCCI Office in Gulshan, Dhaka.

FBCCI Panel Advisor Mr. Mostafa Kamal, Mr. Ashraf Haque Chowdhury and other dignitaries were present at the call.



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