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FBCCI and CWEIC agrees to enhance trade between Bangladesh & CWC



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 February 2024. It gives me great pride 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 regularly, visualizing 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.

On February 29th, a fire swept through a multi-storey building

on Bailey Road housing eateries and other shops. Our deepest condolences to the families of the victims and those injured in the Baily Road fire tragedy. Our thoughts are with all affected families and businessmen by this tragic incident. We urge all the parties to ensure fire safety and other compliances in commercial buildings, as we don't want to see any more loses of lives in any tragic events.

The month of February has been eventful for FBCCI as well as for Bangladesh. In February, FBCCI also held fruitful discussions with ambassadors and other business dignitaries. These interactions provided a valuable platform for us to discuss collaborative opportunities, share insights, and build stronger ties internationally. 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 at home and abroad.

Our commitment to social responsibility remains the same. In line with past years, FBCCI initiated efforts to aid the vulnerable during winter, distributing blankets to those in need. We've distributed 50 thousand blankets nationwide through our chambers and Associations.

Looking back on the events of February 2024, 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



Seminar on Fire Safety Challenges and Mitigation Strategies for Bangladesh



The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and Electronics Safety & Security Association of Bangladesh (ESSAB) jointly organized a seminar on 'Fire Safety Challenges and Mitigation Strategies for Bangladesh' on February 3, 2024 at the FBCCI Auditorium in Dhaka.



FEDERATION OF BANGLADESH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan, MP, graced the seminar as the chief guest. The seminar was chaired by FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni), Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, FBCCI Directors, ESSAB President Mr. Niaz Ali Chisty, business leaders and other dignitaries were present at the seminar.



FBCCI President paid a courtesy call on Industry Minister

The FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam paid a courtesy call on the Hon'ble Minister of the Ministry of Industries, Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun MP on February 05, 2024 at Ministry of Industries in Dhaka.

Senior Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Md. Munir Hossain, Secretary General Md. Alamgir and others dignitaries were present at the meeting.





CWEIC eager to facilitate trade between Bangladesh and CWC: CWEIC Chairman



The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) will work more closely to enhance trade between Bangladesh and the Commonwealth countries. FBCCI invited CWEIC to help expand exports of textiles, pharmaceuticals, and agriculture goods to the commonwealth countries.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam made this invitation while hosting a dinner meeting on February 13, 2024 night in honour of Mr. Lord Marland, Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC).

Mr. Mahbubul Alam said, Bangladesh's collaboration with the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council, and engagement in the Commonwealth Business Forum, have enabled us to showcase the potential of Bangladesh's business sector, national development and prosperity. He said, the CWEIC can play a crucial role in opening doors for Bangladeshi products in global markets, particularly highlighting our strengths in textiles, pharmaceuticals, and agriculture.

We can collaborate in different sectors like Technology Transfer and Innovation, IT, Renewable Energy, Education and Skills Development and Vocational Training, Health

care and Pharmaceutical and access to finance for SMEs, Mahbubul Alam added.

The Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC)

Mr. Lord Marland praised the development of Bangladesh in recent years.

Mr. Lord Marland said, everyone is talking about Bangladesh's economic growth. I believe the country will be a 'Smart Bangladesh' by 2031, 10 years before the assumed time. CWEIC will work closely with FBCCI to further bolster the trade and Investment and explore the untapped potential between and the commonwealth countries, he added.

Among others, Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Md. Khairul Huda Chopol, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Strategic Advisor of Commonwealth Enterprise & Investment Council Mr. Zillur Hussain, FBCCI Director Mr. Sujib Ranjan Dash, Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir and dignitaries were present at the networking dinner.



FBCCI President met Agriculture Minister Dr. Md. Abdus Shahid



The FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam met the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister Dr. Md. Abdus Shahid on 13th February, 2024 at Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. They had a fruitful discussion on strengthening the agro-based economy.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir, Government officials and other dignitaries were present at the meeting.

Business delegation from U.S. Soybean Export Council met FBCCI President

A business delegation from U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC), led by it's Chairperson Mr. W. Stan Born met the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on February 12, 2024 at a city hotel, Dhaka.

They discussed issues related to expanding trade and investment between United States and Bangladesh.

Among others, the USSEC Regional Director (South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa/Dubai, UAE) Mr. Kevin Roepke, Team



ALead of Bangladesh Mr. Khabibur (Kanchan) Rahman, President of IOWA SOYBEAN Association Mr. Suzanne Shirbroun and CEO Mr. Kirk Leeds, FBCCI Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir were present at the meeting.

PCCI President met FBCCI President



Mr. Md. Saiful Alam Swapon Chowdhury, President of Pabna Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) met Mr. Md Mahbubul Alam, President of FBCCI on 08 February 2024 at a city hotel, Dhaka.

Senior Vice President of PCCI Mr. Md. Ali Murtaza Biswas Soni was present at the meeting.



ADB interested in collaborating with FBCCI on logistics, tourism, IT, agriculture, SMEs,



A delegation from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) met FBCCI leaders on February 20, 2024, at FBCCI Icon in Motijheel, Dhaka.

The delegation includes Mr. Thiam Hee Ng, Regional Head of Regional Cooperation and Integration (South Asia); Mr. Soumya Chattopadhyay, Program Specialist at ADB; Mr. Satish Kumar Reddy, Trade Consultant at ADB; Mr. Firoz Ahmed, Consultant at ADB; Mr. Yesh Vardhan Agarwal from the SASEC Secretariat; and Mr. Bhuwan Agarwal, Transport Specialist at ADB. FBCCI and ADB expressed their mutual interest in collaborating on transportation and logistics, tourism, IT, local agriculture, SMEs, and skills development, among other sectors. Both sides anticipate mutual benefits from working together to develop these sectors in Bangladesh.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain. Director Mohd. Ishagul Hossain Sweet, Mr. Abu Morshed Chowdhury, Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir, CEO of FBCCI Innovation and Research Centre Mr. Bikarna Kumar Ghosh and other dignitaries were present at the meeting.

FBCCI hosts a consultative meeting on national economic issues

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam chaired the meeting on current national economy on 14 February, 2024 at FBCCI Gulshan office, Dhaka.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Ms Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Direcrtor Mr. Abul Kasem Khan, Former Senior Secretary of Finance Ministry Mr. Mahbub Ahmed, Former Additional Secretary of Finance Ministry Mr. Md. Zafar Iqbal, FBCCI Panel Advisors and FBCCI Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir were present at the Meeting.





FBCCI President paid homage to the martyrs of the 1952 Language Movement

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) Mahbubul President Mr. Alam paid homage to the of the 1952 martyrs Language Movement by placing wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in the early hours of February 21, 2024 marking the International Mother Language Day.

The FBCCI President stood in solemn silence for some time as a mark of profound respect to the memories of the language heroes.



Mayor of the Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mr. Md. Atiqul Islam, FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, were present among others.

Mahbubul Alam takes charge as the Chairperson of BUILD



February 05, 2024: Mr. Mahbubul Alam, President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), the apex trade organization of the country and the former former president of the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI), has taken over as the Chairperson of the Trustee Board of the Business Initiative Leading Development (BUILD) for the year 2024-25.

He succeeded Ms. Nihad Kabir, a senior advocate and a former president of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI). She was the Chairperson of BUILD in 2022-23. The transition took place today as the outgoing Trustee Board (2022-23), led by Nihad Kabir, handed over the responsibilities to the new board at the 33rd Trustee Board Meeting held at the BUILD Conference Room in Motijheel, Dhaka.

About BUILD: BUILD is a Public Private Dialogue Platform sponsored by Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry providing secretarial support to the Private Sector Development Policy Coordination Committee at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).





The meeting on formulating recommendations for National Budget 2024-2025

A discussion meeting held at FBCCI on February 4, 2024 aimed at formulating recommendations for the National Budget 2024-2025. FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam chaired the meeting.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, DCCI President Mr. Ashraf Ahmed, Former NBR Chairman Mr. Mohammad Abdul Majeed and other dignitaries were present at the meeting.





Newly appointed Commercial Counsellors of Bangladesh met FBCCI President



Newly appointed Commercial Counsellors and First Secretaries (Commercial) appointed in different missions of Bangladesh, made a courtesy call on the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on February 19, 2024 at FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Md. Amin Helaly, Vice-President Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarkar, Md. Munir Hossain, Secretary General Md. Alamgir were present at the meeting.

During the call, FBCCI President urges the Commercial Counsellors for playing strong role to diversify export products and capture new markets in different countries of the world. He also urged to play active role to bring foreign investment in Bangladesh especially in Special Economic Zones.



Sri Lankan Entrepreneurs paid courtesy visit to FBCCI Secretary General

A business delegation from the Sri Lanka paid a courtesy visit to FBCCI Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir on February 19, 2024.

The delegation includes Dr. Upendra Pieris, Chief Executive Officer, Orel IT; Mr. Bandula Dissanayake, Vice President - Strategic Business; and Mr. Batan Biswas, VD, Biswas Group. FBCCI Panel Advisor Mr. Syed Sadat Almas Kabir and other dignitaries were present at the meeting.





Nepalese business delegation met FBCCI President



A business delegation from Nepal, led by Mr. Arun Raj Sumargi, Vice President of the Bangladesh Nepal Chamber of Commerce (BNCCI), and accompanied by the President of the Makawanpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Nepal, Mr. Krishna Kumar Gupta paid a courtesy visit to

Mr. Mahbubul Alam, President of FBCCI, on February 29, 2024, at FBCCI Icon in Dhaka.

During the meeting, they engaged in fruitful discussions aimed at enhancing bilateral trade between Bangladesh and Nepal.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, along with directors and other business leaders from both Bangladesh and Nepal were present at the program.

Doa Mahfil to commemorate FBCCI Director Late Mohabbat Ullah

FBCCI hosts a Doa Mahfil to commemorate Late Mohabbat Ullah, Director, FBCCI on 18 February, 2024 at FBCCI office, Motijheel, Dhaka.

FBCCI Prersident Mr. Mahbubul Alam, Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, FBCCI Directors, General Body Members, Business Leaders and other dignitaries were present at the Doa Mahfil.





FBCCI President attended the inaugural ceremony of Dhaka International Tourism Fair- 2024



The FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam attended the inaugural ceremony of 19th Dhaka International Tourism Fair- 2024 and Biman Dhaka Travel Mart 2024 on 08 February 2024 at a city hotel, Dhaka.

Mr. Md. Atiqul Islam, Mayor, Dhaka North City Corporation graced the occasion as the chief guest.



FBCCI President addressing the opening ceremony of Biman Bangladesh Travel & Tourism Fair



The FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, as special guest, attended the opening ceremony of the 12th

Biman Bangladesh Travel & Tourism Fair (BTTF)-2024 organized by Tour Operators Association of Bangladesh (TOAB) on February 01, 2024 at BICC, Dhaka.

Mr. Muhammad Faruk Khan, Minister, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism inaugurated the fair.

Among others, Secretary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism Mr. Md. Mokammel Hossain, TOAB President Mr. Shiblul Azam Koreshi, business leaders and other dignitaries were present at the event.

FBCCI President attended the BCCCI-ERF Journalism Award



Mr. Mahbubul Alam, President of FBCCI, attended the BCCCI-ERF JOURNALISM AWARD jointly organized by Bangladesh China Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCCI) and Economic Reporters Forum (ERF) on 4 February, 2024 at a city hotel, Dhaka.

Mr. Ahasanul Islam (Titu), State Minister, Ministry of Commerce graced the program as the chief guest.

Mr. Yan Hualong, Minister Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of China to Bangladesh; Mr. Gazi Golam Murtoza, President, Bangladesh China Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCCI); Mohammad Refayet Ullah Mirdha, President, ERF; Mr. Abul Kashem, General Secretary, ERF; Mr. Al Mamun Mridha, Secretary General, BCCCI; business leaders and other dignitaries were present at the program.



The 1st meeting of FBCCI Standing Committee on Export



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam attended the meeting as the chief guest.

The 1st meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Export was held on February 04, 2024 at FBCCI office, Dhaka.

Senior Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Director Syed Md. Bakhtiar, Mr. Kazi Belayet Hossain, Director in-Charge of the Committee Ms. Salma Hossain Ash, Chairman Mr. Mehedi Ali, Co-Chairmen and Members of the committee were present at the meeting.

FBCCI Standing Committee Meeting on Ports & Shipping

The 1st meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Port and Shipping was held on February 04, 2024 at FBCCI, Dhaka.

Senior Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Md. Amin Helaly graced the meeting as the chief guest.

Chairman of the committee Mr. Tarafder Md. Ruhul Amin, Director-In Charge Mr. AM Mahbub Chowdhury, FBCCI Director Mr. Syed Md. Bakhtiar,



Co-Chairman of the committee Mr. Ahmed Shakhawat Selim Chowdhury, committee members and business leaders were present at the meeting.

FBCCI Senior Vice President joined a seminar at FIRC



Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Senior Vice President of FBCCI, attended a seminar titled "Artificial Intelligence: It's Potential and Challenges in Bangladesh Perspective" organized by FBCCI Innovation & Research Centre (FIRC) on 5 February, 2024 at FBCCI Haatkhola Building.

The seminar was chaired by the Principal Coordinator (SDG Affairs) of the Prime Minister Office Mr. Md. Akhtar Hossain and co-chaired by the Senior Vice Chairman of FIRC Mr. Mostofa Azad Chowdhury Babu.



FBCCI President addressing the round table discussion on BAJUS Jewellery Summit



The FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam attended a round table discussion titled, 'Jewellery Industry's Contribution and Investment Prospects in Economy' organized by Bangladesh Jeweller's Association (BAJUS) on the occasion of BAJUS Jewellery Summit- 2024 on 9th February, 2024 at ICCB, Dhaka.

Skill Development is essential for Smart BD: Senior Vice President of FBCCI



Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, the Senior Vice President of FBCCI, as special guest, attended the certificate and award giving ceremony of the "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman National Skill Competition- 2023" on February 10, 2024 at Biniyog Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka.

The event was organized by the National Skill Development Authority (NSDA). Mr. Md. Tofazzel Hossain Miah, Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office graced the ceremony as the chief guest.

FBCCI President attended the Flower Festival 2024 in Chattogram

Mr. Mahbubul Alam, President, FBCCI, attended the Flower Festival 2024 at the DC Park in Chattogram. Hon'ble Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Hasan Mahmud graced the event as the chief guest.





FBCCI Standing Committee meeting on Foreign Investment



The standing committee meeting on Foreign Investment was held on 12 February, 2024 at the FBCCI office in Motilheel, Dhaka. Mr. Mahbubul Alam, President of FBCCI graced the meeting as the chief guest.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Director In-Charge of the committee and FBCCI Director Mr. Abul Kasem Khan, Chairman of the committee Mr. Mohammed Wahid Rayhan Itekhar

Mahmud (Rasel), Director Hafez Hazi Harun-Or-Rashid. Mohd. Ishagul Hossain Sweet, Md. Amir Hossain Noorani, Co-Chairmen and members of the committee were present at the meeting.

Officials from Emirates Airlines met FBCCI President



The Officials of the Emirates, a popular airlines company based in the United Arab Emirates, paid a courtesy visit to

the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on February 12, 2024 at the FBCCI's Office in Gulshan, Dhaka.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, FBCCI Director Mr. Sujib Ranjan Dash, Secretary General of FBCCI Mr. Md. Alamgir, Sales Manager of Emirates Bangladesh office Mr. MM Rahman Javed. and business leaders were present at the meeting.

BFFIA President paid courtesy call on FBCCI President

Leaders of Bangladesh Fresh Fruits Importers Association (BFFIA) led by its President Mr. Serajul Islam paid a courtesy call on FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam on February 12, 2024 at the FBCCI's Gulshan office, Dhaka.

Senior Vice-President of BFFIA Mr. Mohammed Kamal, Secretary General of FBCCI Mr. Md. Alamgir and business leaders were present at the meeting.





FBCCI Standing Committee on Rehabilitation of Sick Industries



The 1st meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Rehabilitation of the Sick Industries was held on February 13, 2024 at FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

President of FBCCI Mr. Mahbubul Alam graced the meeting as the chief guest.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Director-in Charge of the committee Mr. Md. Rejaul Kariem Rejnu, FBCCI Director Mr. Abu Motaleb, Hafez Hazi Harun-Or-Rashid, Former Director Dr. Ferdousi Begum, Mr. Nazibur Rahman, Co-chairmen and members of the committee were present at the meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the committee Mr. Sadeque U Chowdhury.

FBCCI Leaders met the State Minister for Women and Child Affairs

Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Vice President of FBCCI paid a courtesy call on Simeen Hussain (Rimi), Hon'bal State Minister, Ministry of Women and Child Affairs on 13 February, 2024 at State Minister's office in Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

Among others FBCCI Director Mr. Kausar Ahmed, Mr. Md. Niaz Ali Chisty, Ms. Tasfia Jashim were present at the meeting.



FBCCI Standing Committee Meeting on Income Tax



FBCCI Standing Committee Meeting on Income Tax was held on 15 February, 2024 at the FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka. FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly joined the meeting as the chief guest.

Among others FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Director In-Charge of the committee and FBCCI Director Mr. Tapan Kumer Majumder, FBCCI Director Hafez Hazi Harun-Or- Rashid, Alhaj Azizul Hogue, Mr. Kausar Ahmed, Mr. Md. Amir Hossain Noorani, Syed Md. Bakhtiar, Chairman of the committee and Former President of the ICAB Mr. Mohammed Humayun Kabir, Co-chairmen and members of the committee were present at the meeting.





FBCCI Standing Committee meeting on Trade & Investment in African Countries

The 1st meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Trade & Investment in African Countries was held on February 15, 2024 at FBCCI's office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

President of FBCCI Mr. Mahbubul Alam, graced the meeting as the Chief Guest. The meeting was chaired by Honorary Consul of Uganda to Bangladesh and Chairman of the standing committee Mr. Abul Hossain.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Africa) A.F.M. Zahidul Islam, Former Ambassador of



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Bangladesh to Kenya Mr. M Mr. Md. Alamgir, Head of Inter-Wahidur Rahman, FBCCI Direc- national Wing Ambassador tor Mr. Abu Motaleb, Hafez Mosud Mannan, Committee Hazi Harun Or Rashid, Mr. Kausar Co-Chairmen, and other busi-Ahmed, Secretary General Mr. ness dignitaries were present at the meeting.



FBCCI Standing Committee meeting on Healthcare, Private Medical College & Hospital and Nursing Management



The 1st meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Healthcare, Private Medical College & Hospital and Nursing Management was held on February 17, 2024 at FBCCI's Office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

President of FBCCI Mr. Mahbubul Alam graced the meeting as the Chief Guest.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Director in-Charge of the committee Dr. Priti Chakraborty, Chair

man of the committee Mr. M A Mubin Khan, FBCCI Director Hafez Hazi Harun Or Rashid, Alhaj Azizul Hague, Syed Md. Bakhtiar, Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir, Co-Chairmen and members of the committee were present at the meeting.



FBCCI President attended the inaugural ceremony of the Fire Safety Expo



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam attended the inaugural ceremony of the three day long International Fire Safety and Security Expo 2024 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC) in the capital on February 17, 2024. Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser Mr. Salman F Rahman graced the event as the chief quest.

Among others, Director General of Fire Service and Civil Defense Brigadier General Md Main Uddin, FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, BGMEA President Mr. Farooq Hassan, ESSAB President Mr. Niaz Ali Chishty, FBCCI Directors and other dignitaries were present at the event. FBCCI has extended full support to this exhibition.

FBCCI Standing Committee on Global E-Commerce



The 1st meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Global E-Commerce was held on February 18, 2024 at FBCCI's Office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

President of FBCCI Mr. Mahbubul Alam graced the meeting as the Chief Guest.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Director in-Charge of the committee Syed Md. Bakhtiar, Chairman of the Committee Mr. Muhammad Abdul Wahed Tomal, FBCCI Directors, Co-Chairmen and members of the committee were present at the meeting.





FBCCI Standing Committee on Customs & Vat

The 1st meeting of the FBCCI Committee Standing Customs & Vat was held on February 27, 2024 at FBCCI's Office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

President of the FBCCI Mr. Mahbubul Alam graced the meeting as the chief quest.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Director in-Charge of the Committee Dr. Munal Mahbub, Chairman of the Committee A.K.M. Akther Hossain.



FBCCI Director Hafez Hazi FBCCI Noorani, Syed Md. Bakhtiar,

Panel Advisors, Harun Or Rashid, Alhaj Azizul Co-Chairmen and Members of Hoque. Mr. Md. Amir Hossain the committee were present at the meeting.



The meeting of FBCCI Budget Expert Committee



A meeting of the FBCCI Budget Expert Committee (2023-2025) was held on 27 February 2024 at FBCCI Icon in Motijheel, Dhaka.

Dr. Muhammad Abdul Mazid, Former Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh and Former Chairman of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) joined the meeting as the Chief Guest.

FBCCI Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Members of the Committee, government officials, entrepreneurs, and other dignitaries were present at the meeting.



FBCCI Vice President joined a seminar on Business Innovation: Prospects and Challenges

FBCCI Vice President Ms. Shomi Kaiser, as Special Guest, attended a seminar on "Business Innovation: Prospects and Challenges" and MoU Signing Ceremony between FBCCI Innovation and Research Centre, RISE BUET & CIDAUK on 27 February 2024 at FBCCI Building at Hatkhola, Dhaka.

Mr. Md. Shamsul Arefin, Secretary, ICT Division, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.





FBCCI Senior Vice President attended the Safety Excellence Award by ESSAB



FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly attended the Safety Excellence Award-2024 and closing ceremony of

the 9th International Fire Safety and Security Expo 2024 organized by ESSAB, on February 19, 2024 at BICC, Dhaka.

Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs of Bangladesh graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Among others, Senior Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Former FBCCI President Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, ESSAB President and FBCCI Director Mr. Niaz Ali Chishty, ESSAB Board of Directors and business leaders were present at the ceremony.



FBCCI Senior Vice President attended the pre-networking Dialogue on Marinetech Expo-2024

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, as special guest, attended the pre-networking dialogue of the 6th International Marinetech Bangladesh Expo-2024 on 19 February 2024 at BICC, Dhaka.

Rear Admiral (Retd) Md. Khurshed Alam, Secretary (Maritime Affairs Unit), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh graced the event as the Chief Guest.

Among others, FBCCI Director Syed Md. Bakhtiar and other dignitaries were present at the program.





Private sector is ready for the Challenges & Opportunities of LDC: FBCCI Senior Vice President



Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Senior Vice President of FBCCI as Special Guest, attended the seminar on LDC Graduation of Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities organized by Bangladesh Plastic Goods Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BPGMEA) on February 25, 2024 at BPGMEA Conference Room Dhaka.

Dr. Ahmed Munirus Saleheen, Chairman (Senior Secretary), Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission graced the seminar as the Chief Guest.





FBCCI Standing Committee meeting on Power, Energy & Utilities

The 1st meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Power, Energy and Utilities was held on February 18, 2024 at FBCCI's office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam graced the meeting as Chief Guest.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, Director in-Charge of the Committee Mohammed Riyadh Ali, Chairman of the Committee Mr. Humayun Rashid, FBCCI



Director Hafez Hazi Harun Or Alamgir, Co-Chairmen and Rashid, Former Director Engr. members of the committee Ghulam Mohammed Alomgir, were present at the meeting. FBCCI Secretary General Md.



FBCCI Senior Vice President attended a session on Investment and Trade opportunities in the Fire Safety sector



FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly attended a technical session on 'Investment and Trade

opportunities in the Fire Safety Sector of Bangladesh' hosted by the Electronics Safety and Security Association of Bangladesh (ESSAB) on February 18, 2024 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka.

Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, Minister, Ministry of Industries, graced the event as the chief guest.

Among others, ESSAB President and FBCCI Director Mr. Niaz Ali Chishty, Former ESSAB President Mr. Md. Motaher Hossain Khan was present at the program



FBCCI Senior Vice President attended the AGM of Bangladesh Chemical **Importers and Merchants Association**

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, as the chief guest, attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Bangladesh Chemical Importers and Merchants Association on February 18, 2024 in Dhaka.

Among others, FBCCI Director Mr. B. M. Shoeb, Former Director Md. Shaheen Ahmed, President of Bangladesh Chemical Importers and Merchants Association Mr. Mazakat Harun, and other dignitaries were present at the program.





FBCCI Standing Committee meeting on Tour, Travel and Hospitality Industry



The 1st meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Tour, Travel and Hospitality Industry

was held on February 28, 2024 at FBCCI's Office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

President of the FBCCI

Mr. Mahbubul Alam graced the meeting as the Chief Guest.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, FBCCI Directors, Director in-Charge of the Committee Mr. Abu Murshed Chowdhury, Co-Chairmen and Members of the committee were present at the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by the Chairman of the Committee and Former President of TOAB Md. Rafeuzzaman.



FBCCI Standing Committee Meeting on Hotel & Guest House



The 1st meeing of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Land Port, Border Trade, Transit & Transshipment (Land ports of Sylhet Division) was held on February 29, 2024 at the FBCCI Icon in Motijheel, Dhaka.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam graced the meeting as the chief guest.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Director in-Charge of the Committee and FBCCI Director Mr. Falah Uddin Ali Ahmed, FBCCI Directors,

Co-chairmen and Members of the Committee, and dignitaries were present at the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by the chairman of the committee Ahmed Shakhawat Selim Chowdhury.



FBCCI President addresing the closing ceremony of the 28th Dhaka International Trade Fair



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam attended the closing ceremony of the 28th Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF) 2024 on February 20, 2024 at Bangabandhu Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center at Purbachal in Dhaka.

Mr. Ahsanul Islam (Titu), Hon'ble State Minister for Commerce graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest.

Among others, Commerce Secretary Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh were present at the ceremony.

FBCCI Senior Vice President attended the inaugural ceremony of DTG Fair

FBCCI Senior Vice President attended the inaugural ceremony of 18th Dhaka Intl. Textile & Garments Mechinaries Fair 2024

Mr. Md Amin Helaly, Senior Vice President of the FBCCI attended the opining ceremony of 18 th Dhaka International Textile and Garments Machineries Fair -2024 organized by Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) on 1 February, 2024 at International Convention Centre, Bashundhara, (ICCB)Dhaka.

Mr. Salman F. Rahman MP, Hon'bal Adviser to the Prime Minister for Private Industry and Investment graced the ceremony as the chief guest.



Among others, Executive President of BKMEA Mr. Mohammad Hatem, President of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) and Director of FBCCI Mr. Mohammad ali Khokon, Vice-presidents of BTMA, business leaders and dignitaries were present at the ceremony.

FBCCI Standing Committee meeting on Land Port, Border Trade, Transit & Transshipment



The 1st meeing of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Land Port, Border Trade, Transit & Transshipment (Land ports of Sylhet Division) was held on

February 29, 2024 at the FBCCI Icon in Motijheel, Dhaka.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam graced the meeting as the chief guest.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Director in-Charge of the Committee and FBCCI Director Mr. Falah Uddin Ali Ahmed, FBCCI Directors, Co-chairmen and Members of the Committee, and dignitaries were present at the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by the chairman of the committee Mr. Ahmed Shakhawat Selim Chowdhury.



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