



## Collaboration & Co-operation for Strengthening Trade and Economy

## From the Desk of the President



### Dear Colleagues and Friends of FBCCI

Please accept my warm greetings at the beginning. You know we are publishing E-bulletin every month and in pursuant to that tradition we are publishing the July 2024's E-bulletin. We hope this month's E-bulletin will give you chance to look into various activities and events of FBCCI took place during this month.

The Monthly E-bulletin brings out FBCCI's activities and related developments regularly- our views and positions on various issues of trade, commerce, and industry of the country. It provides feedback about our endeavors in various issues of business and trade across the country and beyond.

The month of July has been very eventful for business community and for Bangladesh. The Honorable Prime Minister H.E Sheikh Hasina visited China, from July 08 to 10, 2024, marking her first visit to the Asian giant in five years. During her visit, a number of bilateral trade agreements were signed between Bangladesh and China. As an entourage of the Honorable Prime Minister H.E Sheikh Hasina, the FBCCI

Business Delegation, led by its President Mr. Mahbulul Alam, also visited China. In Beijing, FBCCI delegation met the leaders of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and the China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC). They also attended a summit on Trade, Business and Investment Opportunities between Bangladesh and China, organized by BIDA and BSEC, on July 09, 2024 at Beijing, China.

Apart from this, on July 15, FBCCI and NBR (National Board of Revenue) jointly organized an awareness session on Bangladesh National Single Window (NSW) at FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka. This initiative aimed to create awareness among the business community about NSW System. Alongside this, FBCCI took initiative to establish Private Sector Emergency Response Team (PERT) in every district chamber. To this end, a workshop on District Chamber Assessment Tool and Private Sector Emergency Response Team (PERT) Management Guideline was held at FBCCI on July 16, 2024. This was conducted in association with the Ministry of Disaster Management

and Relief, Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) and FBCCI Safety Council.

On behalf of the business community, FBCCI arranged a meeting with the Honorable Prime Minister H.E Sheikh Hasina on 22 July, 2024, to exchange views on potential trade, business and policy issues those were of utmost necessity to the country. In continuation, FBCCI also participated in a follow-up meeting held at BIDA conference room on 28 July, 2024 to voice the concern of business community and to take stock of the prevailing economic situation in the country. In July, 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.

Looking back on the events of July 2024, it is evident that FBCCI remains dedicated to its mission of promoting and protecting the interests of the private sector by engaging in discussions with administration, political high ups, economists, and think-tanks of the country.

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,

**Mahbulul Alam**  
President, FBCCI

**FBCCI President visits China as an entourage of the Prime Minister Mr. Mahbubul Alam urges Chinese Business Community to Invest More in Bangladesh**



The FBCCI Business Delegation, led by its President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, visits China as an entourage of the Honorable Prime Minister H.E Sheikh Hasina on July 08, 2024.

During the visit FBCCI business delegation attended a summit on Trade, Business and Investment Opportunities between Bangladesh and China, organized by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) and Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) on July 09, 2024 at Beijing, China.

Honorable Prime Minister H.E Sheikh Hasina graced the event as the chief guest.

Among others, Prime Minister’s Private Industry and Investment Adviser Mr. Salman F Rahman, Finance Minister Mr. Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Mohammed Hasan Mahmud, Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mr. Md. Atiqul Islam, State Minister for the Ministry of Commerce Mr. Ahasanul Islam Titu, State Minister for the Ministry of Post, Telecommunication and Information Technology Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, State Minister for the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Mr. Nasrul Hamid, Chairperson of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Prof. Shibli Rubayat-UI Islam and a good number of business leaders attended the summit.

## FBCCI President met CCPIT and CCOIC Leaders at Beijing and emphasized on deeper economic cooperation



FBCCI likes to forge stronger trade, business and economic ties with China. Thus FBCCI wants more enhanced collaboration with Chinese counterpart such as the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and the China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC). FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam made this call during a meeting with the leaders of CCPIT and CCOIC, held on July 09, 2024 at the China World Summit Wing, Shangri-La Circle, Beijing.

During the meeting, the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam extended an invitation to the Chinese businessmen to invest in Bangladesh, emphasizing the array of facilities and incentives available for the foreign investors. Highlighting Bangladesh's robust infrastructural development, strategic location, and favorable business

policies, the FBCCI President assured the Chinese Business Leaders that Bangladesh offers a lucrative environment for investment and FBCCI will provide all kinds of support to the Chinese investors to facilitate their business in Bangladesh. The country specific (like Chinese) economic zones, tax exemptions, and skilled workforce are the key advantages that make Bangladesh a lucrative destination for Chinese investors.

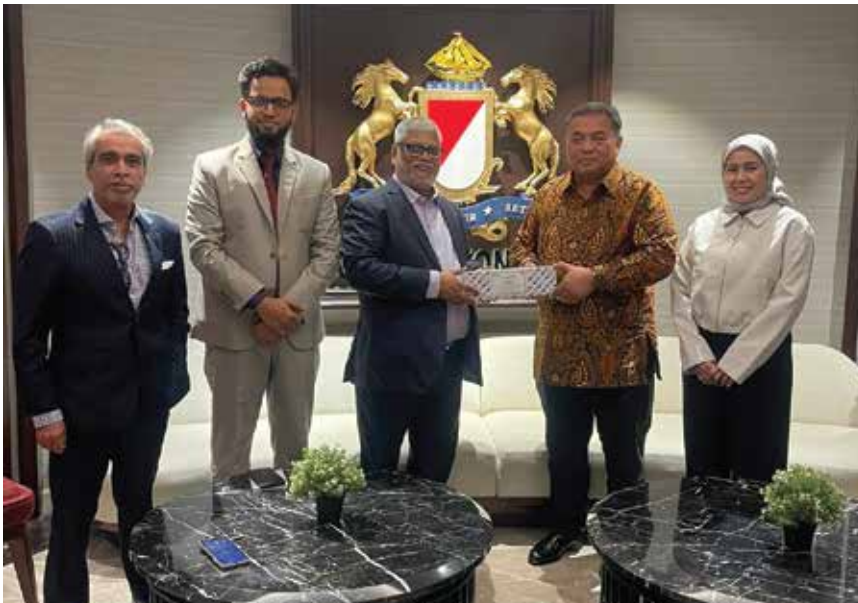
The FBCCI President stressed the potentials for future collaborations with the CCPIT and CCOIC in several sectors, including Information Technology, Garments, Textiles, Light Engineering, and joint research initiatives to explore market opportunities. FBCCI President also sought support from Chinese businesses for technology transfer.

During his speech, the Secretary General of CCPIT Mr. Sun Xiao appreciated the recent infrastructural development of Bangladesh. He highlighted CCPIT's work on building a global corridor to facilitate seamless trade and investment flows, reinforcing the mutual benefits of a strengthened economic partnership between China and Bangladesh.

Business Leaders of FBCCI, CCPIT and CCOIC reaffirmed their commitment for deeper economic collaboration, promising growth and prosperity for both Bangladesh and China.

Among others, FBCCI Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Rashadul Hossain Chowdhury (Ronni), Mr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, DCCI President Mr. Ashraf Ahmed, MCCI President Mr. Kamran T. Ahmad, Former Vice President Mr. Md. Habib Ullah Dawn, FBCCI Director Mr. Mohammad Ali Khokon, Mr. Dilip Kumar Agarwala, Former FBCCI Director Mr. Ghulam Mohammed Alomgir, Director General of CCOIC Mr. Xu Jinli, Director of CCPIT Ms. Zhu Yingmin, CCPIT Mr. Zhao Xin, and others were present at the meeting.

## FBCCI Senior Vice President met the Vice-Chairman of ICCI



FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly paid a courtesy call to Mr. Bernardino Vega, the Vice-Chairman for International Relations of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and

Industry (Kadin Indonesia) on June 10, 2024, at the Kadin office in Indonesia.

They had a fruitful discussion on bilateral trade and business between Bangladesh and Indonesia. FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly invited Indonesian investors to invest in Bangladesh. He also invited them to visit Bangladesh and explore business opportunities in the country.

Ms. Irawati Hermawan, Head of the Committee for ICCIA, D8, IDB and OIC Organisation, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN) was also present during the call.

## FBCCI and NBR jointly organized a Workshop on NSW

FBCCI and NBR (National Board of Revenue) jointly organized an awareness session on Bangladesh National Single Window (NSW) at FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka on July 15, 2024.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, as the chief guest, attended the session virtually.

Addressing the session FBCCI President put strong emphasis on speedily implementing National Single Window in order to simplify further import and export operations alongside expediting trade.

He said, size of the country's economy is expanding, the issue of implementing National Single Window is becoming more important. Hopefully, the NBR will implement the national single window within this year taking opinions from all the concerned stakeholders.

Mahbubul Alam said that with the implementation of the national single



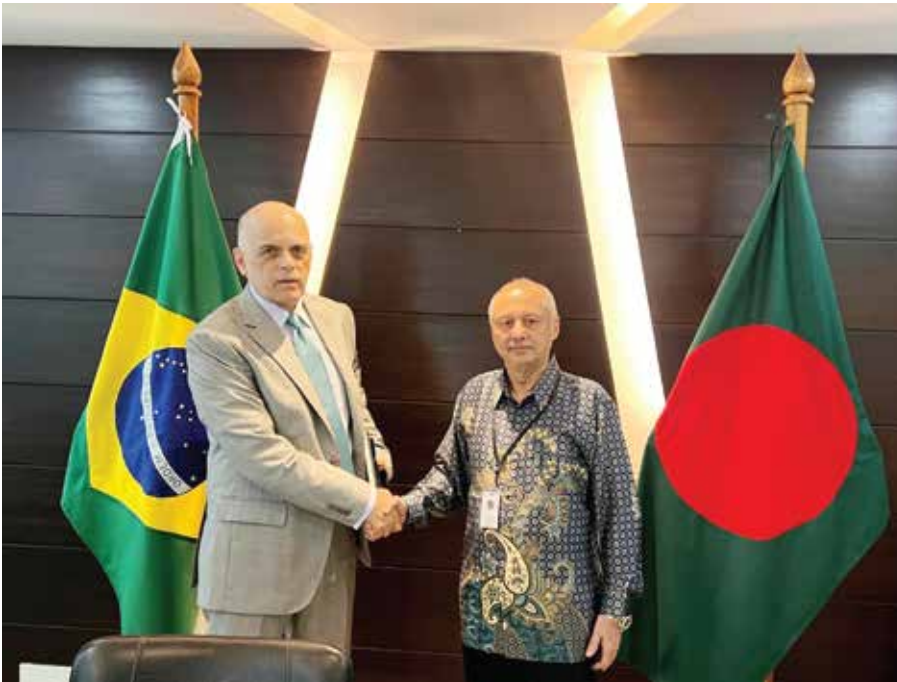
window, the revenue collection of the NBR would increase side by side the hassles of the businessmen would reduce.

He also said that the implementation of the National Single Window would reduce the operating cost of businesses as well as the business-friendly environment would be improved which would eventually expedite trade, business and economy.

Bangladesh national single window project director ABM Shafiqur Rahman said that so far some 19 agencies have been added to the system while the work on creating national single window portal has been completed which would be unveiled in December.

Among others, FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, FBCCI Directors, business leaders, were present at the program.

## FBCCI President met the Ambassador of Brazil in Dhaka



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam paid a courtesy call on the Ambassador of Brazil to Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Paulo Fernando Dias Feres on July 03, 2024, in Dhaka.

They had a fruitful discussion on bilateral trade and business between Bangladesh and Brazil. They both reiterated their commitment in bolster trade relations between the two nations.

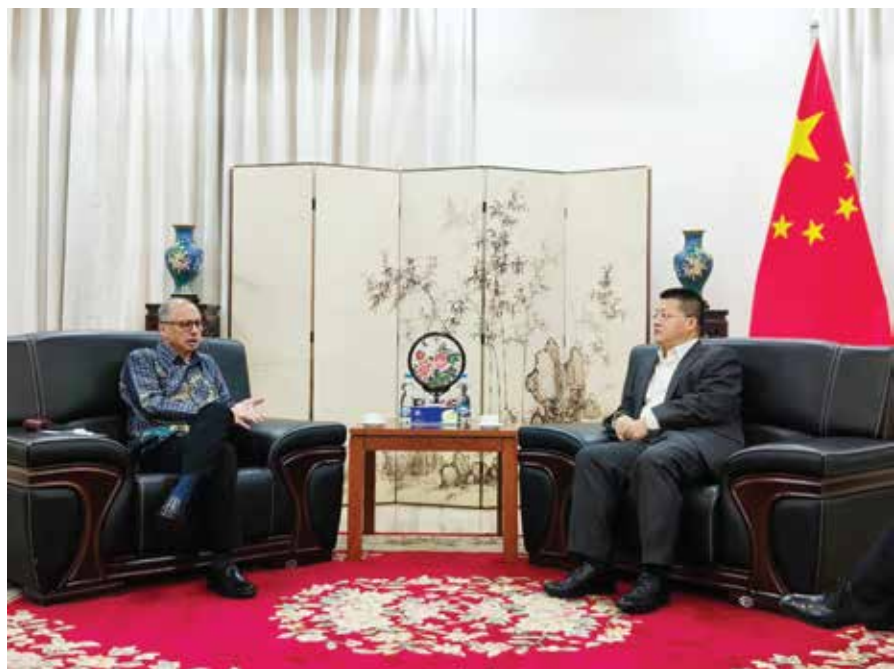
FBCCI Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir and other dignitaries were present at the call.

## FBCCI President met Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam paid a courtesy call to the Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Yao Wen on July 03, 2024, in Dhaka.

They had a fruitful discussion on bilateral trade and business between Bangladesh and China. They both reiterated their commitment to strengthen trade relations between the two countries.

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



## FBCCI President attended the View Exchange Meeting with Prime Minister



The business community, led by FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, attended the view exchange meeting with the Honorable Prime Minister H.E Sheikh Hasina at her office in Dhaka on July 22, 2024.

Addressing the meeting, Honorable Prime Minister H.E Sheikh Hasina assured the business community that the government will do whatever needed to help them run the businesses and factories properly.

The premier said that curfew will be relaxed gradually as the situation gets round in districts smoothly and fully. After the situation turns to normally curfew will be completely withdrawn.

Mr. Salman F Rahman, Honorable Advisor for Private Industry and Investment to HPM moderated the meeting.

On behalf of the private sector, the FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam reaffirmed his commitment to support government initia-

tives those help trade, business and economy of the country. He said, the private sector will always be with the government and work pro-actively to strengthen the national economy.

Mr. Mahbubul Alam said, the private sector feels secured under the leadership of Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He urged to government to take actions against the perpetrators, who committed the heinous terrorist acts of violence in the country.

Former FBCCI President Mr. A.K Azad, Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad, Mr. Shafiqul Islam Mohiuddin, Mr. Sheikh Fazle Fahim, Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Mr. Khairul Huda Chopol, Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Md. Munir Hossain, FBCCI Directors, General Body Members, business leader, and dignitaries were present at the discussion meeting.

## Business Leaders met Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser



FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, as the special guest, attended the view exchange meeting with the Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser Mr. Salman F Rahman on July 28, 2024 at Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), Dhaka.

State Minister for Commerce Mr. Ahsanul Islam Titu, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Mr. Nasrul Hamid and State Minister for Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak were present at the occasion.

Addressing the meeting, FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam said businesses need long-term support from the government to recover from damages caused during the quota reform protest. He also urged the government to fully resume activities in Chattogram and other ports.

Among others, FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Ms. Shomi Kaiser, Mr. Mohammad Anwar Sadat Sarker, Mr. Md. Munir Hossain, FBCCI Directors, business leaders and dignitaries were present at the meeting.

## FBCCI and CII met for Collaboration in Healthcare Sector in Bangladesh



A meeting titled, "Collaboration in Holistic Healthcare: Bangladesh & India" was held on July 15, 2024, at FBCCI Icon in Dhaka. Members of the visiting delegation from the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and FBCCI business leaders attended the meeting.

The CII delegation was led by Dr. Binu Kunnath, Director of Caritas Hospital & Institute of Health Sciences, Kerala, while FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr.

Md. Amin Helaly led the delegation of FBCCI. The Indian entrepreneurs highlighted the facilities and potential in health services available in Kerala.

During the meeting, FBCCI business leaders advocated for joint collaboration in establishing diagnostics and hospitals in Bangladesh, noting the significant number of people who travel abroad for healthcare treatment every year.

Among others, FBCCI Vice President Dr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Director Hafez Hazi Harun Or Rashid were present at the meeting.

Mr. Md. Alamgir, Secretary General of FBCCI moderated the discussion and highlighted the importance of private sector in the development discourse of Bangladesh. He urged ADB team to forge partnership with private

## Discussion Meeting between FBCCI and ADB on LDC Graduation



A discussion meeting was held between the FBCCI and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on potential policy actions regarding the LDC graduation at the FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka on July 14, 2024.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice President Mr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath, Director Mr. B M Shoeb, Former Directors, FBCCI Advisors, Chief Executive Officer of BUILD Ms. Ferdaus Ara Begum, Principal Public Management Economist of PSMG and Mission Leader of ADB Mr. Aminur Rahman, Director of Public Sector Management and Governance Sector (PSMG) of ADB Mr. Navendu Karan, Public Management Specialist of PSMG Mr. Muhammadi Boboev, business leaders and dignitaries were present at the meeting.



## Workshop on District Chamber Assessment Tool & PERT Management Guideline



A workshop titled “District Chamber Assessment Tool and Private Sector Emergency Response Team (PERT) Management Guideline” was held at FBCCI on July 16, 2024. In association with the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), the day-long workshop was organized by the FBCCI Safety Council.

Senior Vice-President of FBCCI Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief Mr. K M Abdul Wadud and Technical Lead of APDC Dr. Mona Chhabra Anand, as the Guest of Honor, were present at the workshop.

FBCCI Vice-President Dr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath chaired the inaugural session of the workshop.

Among others, FBCCI Director and Co-convenor of the FBCCI Crisis Management Committee Mr. Niaz Ali Chisty, FBCCI Secretary General Mr. Md. Alamgir, Advisor of the FBCCI Safety Council Brig. Gen. (retd) Abu Nayeem Md. Shahidullah and other dignitaries were present at the workshop.

## FBCCI Standing Committee Meeting on Ayurvedic and Homeopathic Medicine



The first meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on 'Ayurvedic & Homeopathic Medicine' was held on July 02, 2024, at the FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, as the chief guest, virtually joined the meeting.

Chairman of the committee and President of Bangladesh Herbal Products Manufacturing Association Dr. Alamgir Mati chaired the meeting.

FBCCI Senior Vice-President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly and the Director-in-Charge of the Committee Ms. Priti

Chakraborty also spoke at the meeting.

Among others, FBCCI Director Mr. Khandaker Ruhul Amin, Hafez Hazi Harun-Or- Roshid, Mr. Alhaj Azizul Hoque, Mr. Kausar Ahmed, Mr. Md. Niaz Ali Chisty, Haji Md. Abul Hashem, Co-chairman and other dignitaries were present at the meeting.

## First Meeting of FBCCI Standing Committee on Food and Food Safety



The 1st Meeting of FBCCI Standing Committee on Food and Food Safety was held on July 03, 2024 at FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, as the chief guest, joined

the meeting virtually. Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of Bangladesh Restaurant Owner's Association Mr. Imran Hassan chaired the meeting.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr.

Md. Amin Helaly was also joined the meeting virtually. Among others, Director In-Charge of the Committee Mr. Khandaker Ruhul Amin, FBCCI Director Hafez Hazi Harun-Or-Rashid, Md. Niaz Ali Chisty, Co-chairmen and members of the committee were present at the meeting.

## FBCCI President attended the Inaugural Ceremony of Jewellery Machinery Expo

FBCCI President Mr. Mahbubul Alam, as the chief guest, attended the inaugural ceremony of the first International Jewellery Machinery Exhibition Bangladesh 2024, organized by Bangladesh Jeweller's Association (BAJUS) on July 04, 2024 at International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB).

Among others, FBCCI Former President Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad, FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Chairman of Bashundhara Group Mr. Ahmed Akbar Sobhan, and other dignitaries were present at the inaugural ceremony.



## FBCCI Standing Committee Meeting on Hide & Skin, Leather, Leather Goods and Artificial Leather



The First Meeting of the FBCCI Standing Committee on Hide & Skin, Leather, Leather Goods and Artificial Leather was held on July 06, 2024 at FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka.

Chairman of the Standing Committee and Former Director of FBCCI Mr. Shaheen Ahmed chaired the meeting.

FBCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Director In-Charge of the Committee Mr. Md. Saiful Islam spoke at the meeting.

Among others, FBCCI Director Hafez Hazi Harun-Or-Rashid, Mr. Azizul Haque, Co-chairmen and members of the committee were present at the meeting.

## Preparatory meeting on Australia Bangladesh Business Expo 2024



A preparatory meeting was held at FBCCI on upcoming Australia Bangladesh Business Expo 2024 on July 14, 2024. The Expo is going to be held on 3rd and 4th October, 2024 at International Convention and

Exhibition Centre, Sydney, Australia, organized by the Australia Bangladesh Business Forum (ABBF).

The meeting was chaired by the Vice President of FBCCI Mr. Joshoda Jibon Deb Nath.

Among others, the President of the Australia Bangladesh Business Forum (ABBF) Mr. Abdul Ratan Khan, Mr. Nuruzzaman, Chairman, FBCCI Standing Committee on Trade Fair and Foreign Delegation, FBCCI Secretary General Md. Alamgir, business leaders and dignitaries were present at the meeting.

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