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FBCCI Delegation met Bangladesh Bank Governor

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Welcome to the latest edition of the FBCCI Monthly E-bulletin, your source for the pivotal initiatives shaping the future of trade and industry in Bangladesh.

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) remains steadfastly committed to its vision of a prosperous, resilient, and internationally competitive Bangladesh. Our activities this month clearly demonstrate our relentless efforts to reinforce trade facilitation, improve the investment climate, and ensure the business

You will come to learn about the crucial dialogue taken place between the FBCCI business delegation and the Governor of Bangladesh Bank, where we put forward recommendations to stabilize the financial system and boost economic activity, including measures to support export-oriented industries and SMEs. Simultaneously, our engagement at the 18th China-South Asia Business Forum (CSABF) highlighted Bangladesh's potential, inviting strategic foreign investment and technological collaboration to create a symbiotic

economic partnership. Furthermore, our focus on adaptive business resilience was underscored by the successful conclusion of the Multi-Hazard Management and Disaster Preparedness Training in Cox's Bazar, ensuring businesses can continue its productivity even in the face of adversity.

These varied engagements—from domestic policy advocacy to international outreach and capacity building—are the cornerstones of our commitment to fostering a more integrated, dynamic, and sustainable business environment.

We thank our members and partners for their continued support as we work together to propel Bangladesh towards its economic aspirations.

Md. Abdur Rahim Khan
Administrator, FBCCI

Meeting on the Market Prospects of Rice Bran Oil in Bangladesh



Sanwa Yushi Co. Ltd., a leading Japanese rice bran oil producer, has expressed a keen interest in importing crude rice bran oil from Bangladesh. This declaration of intent was made by Mr. Yozaemon Yamaguchi, Managing Director of Sanwa Yushi Co. Ltd., during a view exchange meeting held on October 06, 2025, at the FBCCI office, Motijheel, Dhaka.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Md. Alamgir, Secretary General of FBCCI, who presented a comprehensive report on the market potential, demand, supply chain, and investment prospects of edible oil in Bangladesh. Local business leaders associated with the rice bran oil industry were also in attendance.

During the session, Mr. Yamaguchi highlighted that rice bran oil meets 30-40% of Japan's edible oil demand, but domestic production falls short. He explicitly stated, we would like to procure crude oil from here (Bangladesh), citing the high Japanese demand.

Local industry representatives highlighted that rice is the primary crop and ample raw materials are available locally; the market prospects for rice bran oil are substantial. By increasing the production of rice bran oil, Bangladesh can significantly reduce edible oil import dependency, they added.

However, local producers voiced concerns that exporting crude oil could cause a raw material shortage domestically. Some opposed the crude export, while others proposed exporting both crude and refined oil to Japan.

In response, FBCCI Secretary General Mr. Alamgir called for Japanese investment and technological cooperation in the rice bran oil sector. He assured that FBCCI would provide every necessary support to Japanese company in establishing industry in Bangladesh.

The event was also attended by Former Director of FBCCI Mr. Abdul Haque, President of Bangladesh CNG Machineries Importers Association Mr. Md. Zakir Hossain (Noyon), Business Associate of Bangladesh Sudan Ginning Cotton Company Limited Mr. Gazi Mahmood Kamal, President of Bangladesh Rice Bran Oil Mills Association Mr. Md. Abdul Aziz, Former Additional Secretary (PRL) of the Ministry of Agriculture of Bangladesh Mr. Md. Zakir Hossain, Executive Vice President (Corporate Planning Department) of Sanwa Yushi Co. Ltd. Mr. Takaaki Yamaguchi, Head of International Affairs Wing of FBCCI Mr. Md. Zafar Iqbal ndc, Adviser of the FBCCI Safety Council Birg. Gen. (Retd.) Abu Nayeem Md. Shahidullah.

FBCCI Delegation met Bangladesh Bank Governor



A delegation of prominent business leaders from the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) held a pivotal meeting with the Governor of Bangladesh Bank, Dr. Ahsan H. Monsur. The meeting took place in the central bank's conference room on October 09, 2025.

The esteemed delegation comprised key figures, including Secretary General of FBCCI Mr. Md. Alamgir, former Vice Presidents of FBCCI Mr. Abul Kashem Haider, Mr. Nizam Uddin Rajesh, former President of BGMEA Mr. S M Fazlul Hoque, President of BGMEA

Mr. Mohammad Hatem, President of BTMA Mr. Showkat Aziz Russel, former Directors of FBCCI Mr. Abdul Hoque, Mr. Gias Uddin Chowdhury (Khokon), Mr. Abdul Wahed, Mr. Anwar Hossain, and Mr. Mohammad Jalal Uddin, President of the Bangladesh CNG Machinery Importers Association Mr. Md. Zakir Hossain (Noyon), General Secretary of the Bangladesh Supermarkets Owners Association Mr. Md. Jakir Hossain.

Business leaders made recommendations to the Governor of the Bangladesh Bank aimed at bolstering economic activity.

Key recommendations include- reduction of the interest rate to the single-digit; extension of the tenure of the committee established for restructuring businesses and financial systems of affected borrowers; establishment of a dedicated 'Point of Contact' in Bangladesh Bank to ensure rapid resolution of banking issues faced by export-oriented industries; provision of the facility for SMEs to open back-to-back LC without Bond License, etc.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Governor, Executive and higher officials of the Bangladesh Bank.

Md. Abdur Rahim Khan Appointed as FBCCI Administrator



Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim Khan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce has been appointed as the administrator of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).

The post was vacant for around 2 months since Mr. Md. Hafizur Rahman, Former Administrator vacated the post on September 10, 2025.

The interim government has appointed Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim Khan as the Administrator of the FBCCI vide Ministry of Commerce, circular no: 26.00.0000.000.156.35.0016.21.68 dated October 27, 2025 under Section 17 of the Trade Organizations Act, 2022.

Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim Khan is working as head of the export wing at the Ministry of Commerce in Bangladesh. He also worked as the Director General of the Public Private Partnership Authority (PPP).

According to the circular, Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim Khan will conduct a free and fair election within 120 days from joining FBCCI and shall hand over the responsibilities to the newly Elected Body.

FBCCI Secretary General attended the 18th China-South Asia Business Forum

Mr. Md. Alamgir, Secretary General of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), addressing the 18th China-South Asia Business Forum (CSABF) in Yuxi, Yunnan, China, on October 15, 2025.

The Forum functions as a pivotal institutional platform designed to significantly enhance bilateral and multilateral economic cooperation between China and South Asian nations, bringing together government representatives, business leaders, and stakeholders. It focuses on accelerating trade liberalization,



promoting mutual investment, and establishing consensus on key initiatives to improve regional connectivity. It is instrumental in fostering a more integrated, resilient and prosperous business environment across the region.

In his address, the Secretary General of FBCCI stated, from the Belt and Road Initiative to breakthroughs in AI, 5G, health technology, fintech, and green innovation, China has shown the world how to build and harness new productive forces at scale. China is a role model to the South Asian nations. As Bangladesh charts its own path, we invite our Chinese counterparts and investors to deepen engagement with us through joint ventures in advanced manufacturing, R&D collaborations, and pioneering projects in renewable energy and climate-resilient infrastructure.

FBCCI's vision is of a partnership that goes beyond the trade was highlighted by the FBCCI Secretary General. A symbiotic relationship, where China's technological leadership and economic scale are merged with Bangladesh's strategic location and youthful talent pool to generate shared prosperity, is sought. Chinese investment in sectors like renewable energy, automobiles, ICT, light engineering, and fintech is encouraged in Bangladesh.

A key highlight of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the China

Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Commercial Legal Service Center and the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry Center for Mediation. The MoU establishes a cooperative framework for enhancing commercial legal services, mediation, and dispute resolution aimed at building business confidence and fostering sustainable regional integration.

The FBCCI delegation, notably including Mr. Md. Abdur Razzaq and Mr. Nuruddin Ahmed, General Body Member of the FBCCI, also participated in the forum.

FBCCI-Led Multi-Hazard Management and Disaster Preparedness Training



FBCCI and the safety cell of Cox's Bazar Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CBCCI) successfully conducted a comprehensive training program on

Multi-Hazard Management and Disaster Preparedness with the participation of business community in Cox's Bazar.

The initiative comprised a

three-day training course and a two-day refresher program for previous participants, focusing on Disaster Preparedness, Business Continuity, and Multi-Hazard Management to ensure the continuation of business activities and minimize casualties and asset damage during crises.

The concluding ceremony, held at the Green Nature Resort and Suites, on September 25, 2025. Brigadier General (Retd.) Abu Nayeem Md. Shahidullah, Advisor to

FBCCI, graced the event as the chief guest.

In his address, Brigadier General (Retd.) Abu Nayeem Md. Shahidullah emphasized the critical necessity of preparation and coordinated action to maintain business operations and mitigate losses during disasters. He stressed that effective disaster management requires the active participation of the private sector, not just the government. He urged the participating business representatives to implement the knowledge and skills gained, stating that every organization must play a responsible role to reduce damage and sustain business continuity, ultimately benefiting both commercial entities and society as a whole.

The training program, organized under the "Bangladesh Preparedness Partnership" (BPP) project led by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, was chaired by Mr. Abu Morshed Chowdhury, President of the Cox's Bazar Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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Mr. Md. Manzur Kader Khan, Program Coordinator of the FBCCI Safety Council, highlighted the various activities

of the BPP project. He extended gratitude to the Gates Foundation for their financial assistance and the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) for their technical support. He also expressed appreciation to the District Relief and Rehabilitation Office, the Fire Service and Civil Defence, the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments, and all training participants.

Other notable attendees at the ceremony included Mr. Shubimal Barua (ADPC Representative), Mr. Mukim Khan (CBCCI Safety Cell Member), Mr. Md. Shakawat Hossain (Capacity Building Specialist, FBCCI Safety Council), and Engineer Nayeem Islam (IT Officer).

Multi-Hazard Management and Disaster Preparedness Training in Kurigram

The FBCCI Safety Council and Safety Cell of the Kurigram Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) successfully concluded a three-day training program on Disaster Preparedness, Business Continuity, and Multi-Hazard Management in Kurigram.

The training aimed to ensure business continuity and minimize the loss of life and assets during



disasters. It was held under the Bangladesh Preparedness Partnership (BPP) project. Participants included members of the Private Sector Emergency Response Team.

Mr. BM Kudrat-E-Khuda, ADC (General), Kurigram, graced the closing ceremony as the chief guest on October 22, 2025. He emphasized the government's focus on pre-disaster preparation and the

critical role of private sector involvement.

He also assured the integration of the Emergency Response Team into District Administration activities.

Alhaj Abdul Aziz, President of KCCI, chaired the event. Mr. Md. Manzur Kader Khan of the FBCCI Safety Council acknowledged support from the Gates Foundation

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