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Autumn in Two Nations: One Season of Friendship and Harmony, Bridging Korea and Bangladesh through Trade, Partnership and Shared Success.



Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry has been established in 2009 with the support and encouragement of the Embassy of Korea, KOTRA, and KOICA and incorporated as a trade organization in January 2010 under the Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh. The trade relationship between the two countries dates back to 1973 when Korea recognized Bangladesh as an independent sovereign country. Businessmen from both nations felt the need to establish a joint chamber for the promotion of trade and investment between the two countries.

KBCCI holds significant importance, as it is classified as an 'A' Category Member of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FBCCI).

The Objective of KBCCI is to promote, develop and facilitate trade activities between the business communities of Bangladesh and Korea. Also, to explore new areas of investment and encourage the establishment of Joint Ventures, Direct Investment, Technological Transfer, Market Expansion and Knowledge Exchange through Exhibitions, Seminars and Workshops. Moreover, KBCCI undertake steps to overcome any areas of difficulties and trade barriers, such as supporting and facilitating the Legal Counselling Services to Korean companies operating in Bangladesh.

The Vision of KBCCI is to accelerate economic prosperity of Korea and Bangladesh through development of infrastructure, trade and investment.

The Mission of KBCCI is the commitment to serve the business communities of Korea and Bangladesh in every step of promoting trade and investment for economic development with the valuable expertise of the honorable members from different business fields in both countries. Moreover, to uphold its dedication to social welfare and sustainable development, KBCCI is committed to carrying out various Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities, including Tree Plantation, Student Scholarship, Language Learning Grant, and Relief Activities.

In the year 2023, with the association of the Korean Embassy and KOTRA, KBCCI has celebrated the 50 years of bilateral relationship between Korea and Bangladesh by organizing several prestigious events, including Showcase Korea (an exhibition of Korean products), Korean Film & Food Festival, Korean Pop Concert, Korean Cup Golf Tournament and Children's Art Competition.

KBCCI plays a vital role in fostering the growth and development of economic ties and strengthening bilateral relations between Korea and Bangladesh through socio-economic development, culture, education, infrastructure, know-how transfer, trade, business migration, human resource exchange with skilled manpower development, capacity building, and many other areas in the days to come.



Message From The President

SHAHAB UDDIN KHAN

I am pleased to reflect on a productive and dynamic period for the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI). The year has been marked by stronger institutional engagement, expanded business networking, and renewed efforts to deepen trade and investment relations between Korea and Bangladesh.

A major highlight was KBCCI's participation in the Korea Import Expo (KOIMA) 2026 in Seoul with a 41 member business delegation. The delegation provided valuable opportunities for Bangladeshi businesses to explore new markets, connect with Korean companies, and develop potential trade and investment partnerships.

Another important milestone was our engagement in the high-level dialogue on the Korea Bangladesh Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with H.E. Yeo Han-koo, Trade Minister of the Republic of Korea. The discussion highlighted the importance of greater market access, investment facilitation, and reduced trade barriers for strengthening bilateral economic cooperation.

Our collaboration with the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) has been a valuable part of this journey. Working closely with BEPZA, KBCCI has sought to promote the investment opportunities available in the export processing zones and to encourage Korean companies to consider Bangladesh as a competitive and reliable manufacturing and investment destination. In the same spirit, KBCCI organized a seminar that brought together members, officials, and business leaders from both countries to share insights and explore practical avenues for cooperation, reflecting our commitment to turning dialogue into tangible business outcomes. As Bangladesh enters a new phase of economic development, KBCCI remains committed to supporting its members through business networking, policy advocacy, trade promotion, and international partnerships.

I sincerely thank the Board of Directors, members, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Embassy of Bangladesh to Korea, BEPZA, government agencies, partners, and stakeholders for their continued trust and support. Together, we look forward to building an even stronger and more prosperous Korea Bangladesh business partnership.

Message from the Director of Publication, Newsletter & Directory

Dear Esteemed Members,

I am pleased to share the continued progress of the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI) in strengthening institutional engagement, expanding business networking, and creating new opportunities for trade and investment between Korea and Bangladesh.

In June, KBCCI participated in the Korea Import Fair, showcasing Bangladeshi products and promoting bilateral trade. A major milestone was the signing of the Korea-Bangladesh CEPA, which will enhance market access, reduce tariffs, and boost investment and supply-chain cooperation.

We also welcomed the new Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh and congratulated our President, Mr. Khan, for his recognition by the Korean Foreign Minister. KBCCI remains committed to deepening economic cooperation and sustainable growth..

With sincere regards,

Million Park
Secretary General



Million Park

Editorial Note

Dear Valued Members,



Edward Kim

I hope this message finds you well. As we enter another month, I am pleased to see the continued progress, collaboration, and growing momentum within our business community.

The strength of KBCCI lies in the commitment of its members and the connections we continue to build. Your efforts, ideas, and dedication are contributing to stronger relationships and creating new opportunities across our business landscape. As we look ahead, I believe there is much more to achieve together. With continued cooperation and a shared vision, we can overcome challenges, embrace new possibilities, and further strengthen our collective impact.

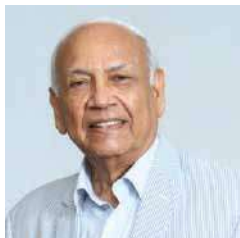
Thank you for your continued support and engagement. I look forward to sharing and celebrating many more achievements with you in the months ahead.

Warm regards,
Edward Kim
Editor, KBCCI



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KBCCI Holds Board of Directors Meeting

The 2nd Board of Directors Meeting of the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KBCCI) was held on Monday, 13 April 2026, at 6:30 PM at Gulshan Club (Darbar Hall), Level 2, Gulshan 2, Dhaka.

The meeting reviewed key organizational and business matters, including confirmation of the minutes of the previous Board meeting and preparations for the KBCCI delegation's participation in the KOIMA Trade Fair, held from 23–25 June 2026 in Seoul, Korea.

The Board also discussed the proposed MoU with Prime Bank Investment PLC, upcoming CSR initiatives and events, pending membership dues, and the enrollment of new members. The financial status of the Chamber was also reviewed. The meeting concluded with discussions on other matters with the permission of the Chair.

The meeting reflected KBCCI's continued commitment to strengthening its institutional activities, supporting its members, and promoting stronger Korea–Bangladesh business and trade relations.



Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, President of KBCCI; Mr. Million Park, Secretary General; Mr. Chaitanaya Kumar Dey Chayan, Past Director; and Mr. Syed M. Omar Tayub, Managing Director & CEO of Prime Bank Investment PLC, with senior officials from both organizations.

PBIL and KBCCI Enter Strategic Partnership to Advance Capital Market Access and Korean Investment Linkages

Prime Bank Investment PLC. (PBIL) and the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI) have entered into a strategic partnership to enhance capital market access for KBCCI members, facilitate Korean investment in Bangladesh, and develop financial solutions for the Bangladeshi diaspora in Korea.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed at the KBCCI office on 3 May 2026, in the presence of senior officials from both organizations, including Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, President of KBCCI, and Mr. Syed M. Omar Tayub, Managing Director & CEO of PBIL.

Under the partnership, PBIL will provide KBCCI members with investment banking and capital market services, including advisory, capital raising, portfolio management, and preferential access to PrimeInvest products. Both organizations will also explore opportunities to attract Korean FDI into Bangladesh and promote greater investment connectivity. The partnership will further focus on improving market accessibility, investor confidence, and private-sector collaboration to support sustainable economic growth.

Mr. Syed M. Omar Tayub said the collaboration will create new opportunities for investment and strengthen Korea–Bangladesh financial connectivity.

Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan highlighted Bangladesh’s long-term potential for Korean investors and emphasized the partnership’s role in connecting investors with the country’s capital market and broader investment ecosystem. The partnership marks another step toward strengthening bilateral investment cooperation and developing Bangladesh’s capital market.

Preparing for KOIMA-2026 KBCCI Delegation Meeting

In preparation for the KOIMA-2026 Trade Delegation to the Republic of Korea, KBCCI organized a delegation meeting on 8 June 2026 at Panasia Restaurant, Gulshan Club, Dhaka. The meeting brought together participating business leaders and delegates ahead of their visit to Seoul for the Korea Import Expo 2026.

The meeting served as an important platform for delegates to introduce themselves, exchange information, and establish connections before travelling together as part of the KBCCI delegation. The Secretariat provided updates on the overall progress of the delegation and briefed participants on the preparations for the upcoming Korea visit.

Detailed discussions were held on the proposed activities, business engagements, and visit schedule, with an emphasis on maximizing opportunities for business networking, B2B meetings, market exploration, and engagement with Korean companies during the program.

The meeting also reviewed the status of payments, visa and travel documentation, invitation letters, and other administrative requirements to ensure that all participating delegates were adequately prepared. Members were encouraged to complete the necessary formalities within the required timeframe and remain closely coordinated with the KBCCI Secretariat.

The session concluded with a dinner, allowing delegates to interact in a more informal setting, strengthen relationships, and exchange expectations regarding the upcoming mission.

The preparatory meeting demonstrated KBCCI's strong organizational efforts to ensure the successful participation of its 41-member business delegation at KOIMA-2026 and to maximize the trade, investment, and networking opportunities arising from the visit to Korea.



ADVANCING BANGLADESH-KOREA TRADE: KBCCI DELEGATION TO KOREA IMPORT EXPO 2026

From 23 to 26 June 2026, a 41-member delegation from the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KBCCI) participated in the Korean Import Fair organized by the Korea Importers Association (KOIMA) in Seoul, South Korea. This mega event was organized by the KBCCI in collaboration with the Embassy of Bangladesh in Korea and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Bangladesh, with support from BGAPMEA and Banglacraft. During the three-day expo, the delegation conducted over 15 B2B meetings, connecting Bangladeshi businesses with Korean and international buyers. A total of 32 Bangladeshi companies showcased products from sectors including apparel, textiles, leather, jute, agro & processed foods, IT & AI solutions, and logistics, with strong participation from BGAPMEA.



KBCCI Showcases Bangladesh's Diverse Export Potential

The KBCCI delegation showcased a wide range of exportable products from Bangladesh, including ready-made garments and accessories, leather and casual footwear, jute and textile handicrafts, as well as food and agro-based products.

Building New Export Opportunities in Korea

The exhibition generated significant interest among Korean importers, and our delegates engaged in productive business meetings and direct export discussions. The event marked an important step toward strengthening bilateral trade relations and reducing the trade imbalance between Bangladesh and South Korea.



On 26 June, His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Toufiq Islam Shafiul hosted a reception for all delegates, joined by former Ambassadors to Bangladesh Mr. Lee Yun Young and Mr. Park Young-seek. During the reception, KBCCI President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan expressed his sincere gratitude to Ambassador Toufiq Islam Shafiul for his outstanding support and contribution in making this delegation tour a great success. This successful mission has opened new doors for trade, investment, and long-term economic cooperation between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea.

KBCCI President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan was invited as a guest at the inaugural ceremony alongside distinguished ambassadors and dignitaries. He also attended a high-level meeting with the Chairman of KOIMA Ms Yoon Young-mi together with other delegation members. The KOIMA Chairman highly appreciated the participation of such a large Bangladeshi delegation and encouraged further exploration of trade and investment opportunities in Bangladesh.

President Shahab Uddin Khan proposed organizing a "Showcase Bangladesh and Korea" exhibition under one umbrella, bringing together importers and exporters from both countries to promote trade, investment, and business partnerships.

The proposal was warmly welcomed, and it was suggested that a three-day exhibition and roundtable business forum be organized next year in Bangladesh during the autumn or winter season, with ministers, business leaders, and other distinguished guests participating.





KBCCI President, Mr. Khan, presenting a token of appreciation to H.E. Toufiq Islam Shatil the Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Republic of Korea

KBCCI Leads Bangladesh's Strong Participation at Korea Import Expo 2026, Strengthening Bilateral Trade and Investment

Seoul, Republic of Korea | June 2026: The Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI), in collaboration with the Embassy of Bangladesh in Seoul, successfully concluded Bangladesh's participation in the Korea Import Expo 2026, held at COEX Hall B, Seoul, from 23–25 June 2026. The three-day exhibition provided an excellent platform to showcase Bangladesh's export potential, strengthen business partnerships, and promote bilateral trade and investment between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea. The exhibition was inaugurated by Ms. Young Mi Youn, Chairman of the Korea Importers Association (KOIMA), alongside H.E. Mr. Toufiq Islam Shatil, ndc, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Republic of Korea, distinguished ambassadors, and international business leaders. The Bangladesh Pavilion was jointly inaugurated by H.E. Mr. Toufiq Islam Shatil and Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, President of KBCCI. Branded under the theme "Invest in Bangladesh: Advancing Trade and Investment Through Strong Bilateral Relations," the pavilion attracted strong interest from Korean importers, buyers, and visitors.

A 41-member business delegation, led by KBCCI President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, represented Bangladesh at the expo. During the three-day event, the delegation conducted more than 15 B2B meetings, connecting Bangladeshi businesses with Korean and international buyers.

A total of 32 Bangladeshi companies showcased products and services from sectors including apparel, textiles, garment accessories, leather goods, jute and eco- friendly products, handicrafts, agro and processed foods, IT and AI solutions, and logistics. The exhibition also featured strong participation from the Bangladesh Garments Accessories & Packaging Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BGAPMEA).

On the sidelines of the expo, the KBCCI delegation held a bilateral meeting with the KOIMA Chairman, where both organizations reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening trade cooperation and expanding business collaboration. The meeting built upon the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between KBCCI and KOIMA in September 2024 to promote bilateral import-export cooperation. Following the exhibition, the Embassy of Bangladesh in Seoul hosted a reception for the KBCCI delegation on 26 June 2026. During the reception, H.E. Mr. Toufiq Islam Shatil reaffirmed the Embassy's continued support for KBCCI and Bangladeshi businesses in promoting trade and investment with South Korea. The event was attended by senior Korean dignitaries, including former Ambassadors to Bangladesh and representatives of KOICA.

Expressing his satisfaction with the successful mission, Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, President of KBCCI, thanked the Embassy of Bangladesh, KOIMA, participating companies, and all stakeholders for their support, emphasizing KBCCI's continued commitment to expanding trade and investment opportunities between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea.

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KBCCI DELEGATION VISITS KOREA IMPORT EXPO 2026 AND EXPLORES KOREA'S HISTORIC LANDMARKS

The Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI) delegation's visit to the **Korea Import Expo 2026 in Seoul** was an important opportunity to strengthen business connections, explore new trade prospects and further enhance economic relations between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea.

As part of the delegation's visit to Korea, the members also had the opportunity to visit several of the country's prominent historical and landmark sites. These visits offered the delegates an opportunity to experience Korea's rich historical heritage and observe the remarkable blend of traditional architecture and modern development that characterizes Seoul.

A special aspect of these visits was the presence of **H.E. Mr. Park Young Sik, Former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh**, who accompanied the delegation. His presence provided the delegates with valuable insights into Korea and further enriched the experience of the visit.

The delegation visited notable locations in Seoul, including historic landmarks and prominent public spaces, while also capturing memorable moments together. The visits provided a welcome opportunity for delegates to spend time together outside the exhibition and business engagements and to experience some of the significant places that represent Korea's history and development.

The visit to Korea Import Expo 2026, combined with these landmark visits, made the KBCCI delegation's journey a meaningful and memorable experience. The delegation was able to engage with Korean businesses and explore commercial opportunities while also gaining a broader understanding of the country in which they were conducting their business mission.

The KBCCI delegation's participation in Korea Import Expo 2026 reflects the Chamber's continued commitment to **strengthening bilateral trade, investment and business relations between Bangladesh and Korea**.

The memorable photographs from the visit capture not only the delegation's participation in the Expo, but also the strong sense of friendship and cooperation that continues to connect the business communities of Bangladesh and Korea.



DMZ (Demilitarized Zone)

Members of the KBCCI delegation during their visit to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), gaining insights into one of the most significant historical and geopolitical sites on the Korean Peninsula.



Gyeongbokgung Palace

KBCCI delegation members at Gyeongbokgung Palace, Seoul, exploring one of Korea's most iconic cultural and historical landmarks and experiencing the heritage of the Joseon Dynasty.



Imjingak Peace Park / Imjingak

KBCCI delegation members at Imjingak Peace Park, taking a commemorative photograph while exploring an important site associated with Korea's modern history.



Imjingak

The KBCCI delegation at Imjingak, a symbolic site reflecting on the history, division, and hope for peace on the Korean Peninsula, also experienced the Imjingak Peace Gondola, the first gondola system crossing the Civilian Control Zone, offering aerial views of the Imjin River and military guard posts.



Starfield Library, COEX – Group Photograph

A memorable group photograph of the KBCCI delegation during their visit to Starfield Library at COEX, Seoul, highlighting the city's unique blend of culture, innovation, and modern urban architecture.

THANK YOU

— ♦ 2026 KOREA IMPORT EXPO ♦ —

Dear Valued Exhibitors,

Greetings from the Korea Import Expo 2026 Secretariat.

First of all, we would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you for participating in Korea Import Expo 2026.

Your participation and the outstanding products and services you showcased greatly contributed to the success of this year's exhibition. We truly appreciate the time and effort you dedicated to making KIE 2026 a meaningful international business event.

We hope the exhibition provided valuable opportunities to connect with Korean buyers, discover new business partners, and expand your presence in the Korean market. We also hope that the meetings and networking opportunities during the exhibition will lead to successful collaborations and long-term business relationships.

The KIE Secretariat will continue striving to support successful business exchanges between global suppliers and Korean buyers while creating an even more valuable exhibition platform in the years to come.

Thank you once again for being part of Korea Import Expo 2026. We sincerely hope to welcome you back to the next Korea Import Expo.

Thank you.

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KBCCI PARTICIPATES IN HIGH-LEVEL KOREA-BANGLADESH CEPA ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION



Roundtable discussion with H.E. Han-Koo Yeo, Minister for Trade of the Republic of Korea, and senior MOTIE officials on strengthening Bangladesh–Korea trade and investment relations.

The Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI) participated in a high-level roundtable discussion organized by KOTRA with Mr. Han-Koo Yeo, Minister for Trade Negotiations of the Republic of Korea, on 3 August 2026 at the Renaissance Hotel, Dhaka. The meeting brought together senior officials from the Korean Ministry of Trade, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, KOTRA, FICCI, and KBCCI to discuss the future implementation of the Korea–Bangladesh Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).



KBCCI President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, accompanied by KBCCI Advisor Mr. Mostofa Kamal, Secretary General Mr. Million Park, Director Mr. Edward Kim, and Mr. Shahriar Kamal, joined H.E. Mr. Yeo Han-koo, Minister of Trade of the Republic of Korea, and other distinguished guests at a high-level roundtable discussion organized by KOTRA.



Productive discussions between Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, President of KBCCI, and H.E. Han-Koo Yeo, Minister for Trade of the Republic of Korea

Leading the KBCCI delegation, President Shahab Uddin Khan emphasized that the signing of CEPA marks the beginning of a new era in bilateral economic cooperation. In his remarks, he highlighted that Bangladesh seeks not only expanded trade but also long-term partnerships in investment, technology transfer, skills development, and sustainable industrial growth. He noted that the true success of CEPA will be measured by the investments it attracts, the businesses it creates, and the employment opportunities it generates for both countries.

During the discussion, KBCCI presented five priority agenda items, including the early implementation of CEPA, improving the investment climate, strengthening Bangladesh as a regional manufacturing and supply chain hub for Korean industries, promoting human capital development and technology transfer, and organizing sector-specific outreach initiatives to maximize the benefits of the agreement. The roundtable concluded with a shared commitment from both public and private sector stakeholders to work closely together to ensure the successful implementation of CEPA, paving the way for stronger trade, increased investment, and deeper economic cooperation between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea.

Following the roundtable discussion, Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, President of KBCCI, joined the official dinner hosted by Hon'ble Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muqtadir, MP, in honour of H.E. Mr. Han-Koo Yeo, Minister for Trade of the Republic of Korea, at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka





KBCCI Advisor Mr. Mostofa Kamal and President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan present flowers to the newly appointed Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh.



KBCCI LEADERSHIPS MEET NEWLY APPOINTED KOREAN AMBASSADOR

On 12 May 2026, KBCCI Advisor Mr. Mostofa Kamal and KBCCI President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan paid a courtesy visit to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Bangladesh to meet the newly appointed Ambassador of Korea to Bangladesh, H.E. Kim Ji-joon.

During the meeting, the KBCCI leadership warmly welcomed the Ambassador and presented him with a flower bouquet as a gesture of friendship and goodwill. The discussion focused on strengthening Korea–Bangladesh trade and investment relations and exploring new opportunities for business cooperation between the two countries.

The meeting reaffirmed KBCCI’s commitment to fostering stronger economic ties and closer collaboration between the Korean and Bangladeshi business communities.



KBCCI Board of Directors presenting a flower bouquet to H.E. Kim Ji-joon, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh, during the dinner hosted by KBCCI on 18 May 2026.

KBCCI HOSTS DINNER IN HONOUR OF THE AMBASSADOR OF KOREA

On 18 May 2026, the Board of Directors of the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KBCCI) hosted a special dinner in honour of H.E. Kim Ji-joon, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh.

The dinner brought together the Ambassador and the KBCCI Board of Directors in a warm and cordial setting, providing an opportunity for meaningful interaction and an exchange of views on the evolving Korea–Bangladesh economic partnership.

During the evening, discussions highlighted opportunities to further strengthen bilateral trade and investment, encourage greater Korean investment in Bangladesh, and promote business-to business cooperation between the two countries. The KBCCI leadership also emphasized the Chamber’s role in facilitating stronger engagement between Korean and Bangladeshi businesses and supporting initiatives that contribute to sustainable economic cooperation.



The gathering reflected the strong goodwill and growing relationship between KBCCI and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Bangladesh. It also reaffirmed the Chamber’s commitment to working closely with the Embassy and relevant stakeholders to deepen commercial ties and explore new avenues of cooperation in the years ahead.



KBCCI stakeholders with H.E. Kim Ji-Joon, celebrating stronger Korea–Bangladesh trade and business ties.

KBCCI HOSTS RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO BANGLADESH

The Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI) hosted a grand reception in honour of H.E. Mr. Kim Ji-Joon, the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh, on 20 July 2026 at Hotel Amari, Dhaka.

In his address, Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, President of KBCCI, reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to further strengthening bilateral trade, investment, and economic cooperation between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea. Welcoming the newly appointed Ambassador, he expressed his confidence that Ambassador Kim's tenure would usher in a new chapter of enhanced bilateral relations and deeper economic partnership between the two friendly nations.



KBCCI President, Mr. Khan delivering his speech at the Reception Program



President of KBCCI presenting crest to the Ambassador H. E. Kim Ji-Joon



Sr. Vice President of KBCCI, Mr. Jahangir Saadat delivering his speech



Audience at the Reception Ceremony


Edward Kim, Director of KBCCI
delivering his speech

Million Park, Secretary General
of KBCCI, delivering his speech

The event was graced by Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Secretary (Bilateral), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, as the Guest of Honour. The reception was also attended by ambassadors and high commissioners from various countries, senior government officials, distinguished members of the diplomatic corps, prominent business leaders, and members of KBCCI. In his keynote address, H.E. Mr. Kim Ji-Joon highlighted the long-standing friendship between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea. He remarked, "Bangladesh has the potential to achieve, in an even shorter period, the level of economic development that the Republic of Korea attained over the past 70 years." He further underscored the importance of expanding bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, technology transfer, and joint ventures to foster long-term economic prosperity for both countries.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam highly appreciated the steadily growing economic and commercial relations between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea. He emphasized the need to further expand bilateral cooperation through industrialization, technology transfer, investment promotion, and human resource development, while commending KBCCI for its significant contribution to strengthening economic ties between the two countries.

On behalf of KBCCI, commemorative crests were also presented to H.E. Mr. Kim Ji-Joon and Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam in appreciation of their valuable contributions to fostering stronger Bangladesh–Korea relations.

The evening concluded with a networking dinner. Under his leadership, KBCCI has continued to play an active role in advancing bilateral trade and investment through business delegations, trade fairs, high-level dialogues, networking programs, and close cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and relevant government and business institutions.



H.E. Mr. Kim Ji-Joon, the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh, presents the prestigious Certificate of Merit, conferred by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, to Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, President of the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI).

KBCCI President Honoured with Prestigious Certificate of Merit



Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, President of the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI), has been honoured with a prestigious Certificate of Merit conferred by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, in recognition of his significant contribution to strengthening Korea-Bangladesh relations. The certificate, signed by H.E. Mr. Cho Hyun, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, was formally presented to him by H.E. Mr. Kim Ji-Joon, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh.

As President of KBCCI, Mr. Khan has worked steadily to bring the business communities of the two countries closer together. Under his leadership, the chamber has served as a platform where Korean and Bangladeshi entrepreneurs, investors, and industry leaders can meet and explore new opportunities across sectors such as manufacturing, trade, technology, and infrastructure. By promoting Bangladesh as a reliable investment destination, he has helped raise the confidence of Korean companies in the country.

He has also advocated for expanding bilateral trade and supported the diplomatic activities of the Republic of Korea in Bangladesh. Working closely with Korean diplomatic missions, he has helped strengthen mutual understanding, trust, and friendship between the two nations.

The Certificate of Merit is a significant achievement for Mr. Khan and a source of pride for KBCCI. KBCCI congratulates him on this well-deserved honour and remains committed to promoting stronger economic and commercial ties between the two countries and facilitating meaningful engagement between their business communities.

BUILDING STRONGER BRIDGES WITH GLOBAL PARTNERS



KBCCI President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan with distinguished business leaders, government representatives, and other stakeholders at Japan Business Day 2026, held on 30 March 2026.

KBCCI President Attends ABCCI Strategic Trade Dialogue:

KBCCI President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan attended a high-level Networking Reception and Strategic Trade Dialogue organized by the Australia Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ABCCI) .



KBCCI President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan with the leadership of the Australia Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ABCCI) and distinguished guests at the Networking Reception and Strategic Trade Dialogue.

Strengthening Business Ties with Canada

KBCCI President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan shared a cordial moment with H.E. Mr. Ajit Singh, High Commissioner of Canada to Bangladesh, during a seminar bringing together representatives from the business and diplomatic communities.

KBCCI President Mr. Khan with H.E. Mr. Ajit Singh, High Commissioner of Canada to Bangladesh, sharing a cheerful moment.





KBCCI President Attends **ACOTE GROUP** Office Inauguration

KBCCI President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan attended the inauguration ceremony of the new office of ACOTE Group, founded and led by its CEO & Founder, Mr. Edward Kim, who also serves as a Director of the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KBCCI).

The occasion marked an important milestone in ACOTE Group's continued growth and business operations in Bangladesh. Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan congratulated Mr. Edward Kim and the ACOTE Group team on the opening of their new office and wished them continued success in their future endeavors.





BANGLADESH'S BILATERAL CHAMBERS TO UNITE UNDER NEW UMBRELLA BODY

A meeting was held on 12th September to finalize the formation and governance structure of the Bangladesh Bilateral Chambers of Commerce & Industries (BBCCI), a new organization set to unite Bangladesh's bilateral chambers of commerce under a single institutional platform.

To be headquartered at MMK Akash Avenue in Gulshan 2, Dhaka, BBCCI aims to strengthen cross-border trade relationships and provide a coordinated, unified voice for bilateral chamber advocacy across the country.



Bilateral chamber representatives at the 12 September meeting to finalize the formation and governance of BBCCI.

The meeting was attended by representatives from several bilateral chambers, including:

- Humayun Rashid – Bangladesh Philippines Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BPCCI)
- Md. Anwar Shahid – Bangladesh Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BMCCI)
- Md. Anwar Shawkat Afser – Latin America Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LABCCI)
- Syed Monzoor Hossain – Australia Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ABCCI)
- Mohammad Ershad Hossain Rana – France Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCIFB)
- Shabbir Ahmed – Bangladesh Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BMCCI)
- Shahab Uddin Khan – Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KBCCI)
- K.M. Obaidur Rahman – Australia Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ABCCI)

The move signals a broader push to consolidate Bangladesh's bilateral chamber ecosystem into a more organized and influential body on the national trade landscape.



SEMINAR ON NAVIGATING THE NATIONAL BUDGET 2026–2027: OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS AND INVESTORS

9th Sep. 2026 | 3:00 PM | Hotel Sheraton | Banani, Dhaka



Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Dhaka, 9 September 2026: The Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI) organized a seminar titled “Navigating the National Budget 2026–2027: Opportunities for Business and Investors” at Hotel Sheraton, Banani, Dhaka, bringing together senior government officials, diplomats, business leaders, Korean companies, investors and KBCCI members.

H.E. Mr. Kim Ji-joon, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Mr. Md. Moazzem Hossain, Member, National Board of Revenue (NBR), and Mr. Nahian Rahman Rochi, Executive Member, Invest Bangladesh, attended as Special Guests.

Welcoming the participants, Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, President, KBCCI, highlighted how changes in tax, VAT, customs duties and import policies directly influence business costs, investment decisions and future planning. He reaffirmed KBCCI’s commitment to strengthening Bangladesh–Korea economic relations through greater trade and investment, joint ventures, technology transfer and industrial cooperation.

The keynote presentation, “Finance Act 2026 Unveiled: Analysis of Key Tax, VAT, Customs & Regulatory Changes,” was delivered by Mr. Snehashish Barua, FCA, ACA (ICAEW), who provided a practical analysis of the major fiscal and regulatory changes and their implications for businesses and investors. The Special Guests also shared valuable perspectives from the NBR and Invest Bangladesh.

In his address, Ambassador Kim Ji-joon focused on transforming the momentum of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) into tangible joint-venture manufacturing and foreign investment. He highlighted key priorities, including a level playing field for formal investors, a more investment-friendly tariff structure, integrated industrial clusters, predictable JV incentives, easier visa and work-permit procedures for foreign experts, stronger digital connectivity among customs, ports, banks and tax authorities, and effective investor aftercare supported by reliable energy supply.

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"Navigating the National Budget 2026–2027: Opportunities for Business and Investors" — KBCCI's seminar brought policymakers and Korean investors together to unpack the budget's impact on business. (L–R) Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, President, KBCCI; H.E. Mr. Kim Ji-joon, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh; Mr. Nahian Rahman Rochi, Executive Member, Invest Bangladesh; Mr. Md. Moazzem Hossain, Member, NBR; Mr. Snehashish Barua, FCA, ACA (ICAEW); and Mr. Do-Kee Park (Harry), CEO, KBCCI.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Do-Kee Park (Harry), CEO, KBCCI, followed by a networking session. The seminar reaffirmed KBCCI's continuing role as a bridge between policymakers and the private sector, facilitating meaningful dialogue, creating new opportunities for businesses and investors, and further strengthening the longstanding economic partnership between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea.





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KBCCI President Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan and delegation members, including South Korean investors and representatives from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, in dialogue with BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Mohammad Moazzem Hossain, ndc, afwc, psc, G, MPhil and other executive members & officials.

KBCCI MEETS WITH BEPZA TO EXPLORE EXPANSION OF KOREAN INVESTMENT IN BANGLADESH'S EPZS

A delegation from the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KBCCI) met on September 17, 2026, with the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) at the BEPZA Complex to discuss expanding South Korean investment across the country's export processing zones. The KBCCI delegation, led by its President, Mr. Shahab Uddin Khan, included South Korean investors and representatives from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Bangladesh. The delegation was received by BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Mohammad Moazzem Hossain, ndc, afwc, psc, G, MPhil, along with Md. Tanvir Hossain, Member (Investment Promotion), and other senior BEPZA officials.



BEPZA Executive Chairman Maj. Gen. Mohammad Moazzem Hossain presents a crest to KBCCI President Mr. Khan after the meeting.

Welcoming the delegation, the BEPZA Executive Chairman outlined the authority's recent achievements and the range of enhanced services now available to investors. He noted that South Korea remains one of the leading sources of investment in BEPZA's zones, with 60 South Korean-owned enterprises currently in operation and seven more under implementation.

KBCCI President, Mr. Khan proposed BEPZA to organize a roundtable stakeholder meeting involving Invest Bangladesh, the National Board of Revenue (NBR), the National Security Intelligence (NSI), and other relevant stakeholders to make investment and related procedures faster and smoother for South Korean investors. The BEPZA Executive Chairman welcomed the proposal and agreed to explore arranging such a meeting in October 2026.

The Executive Chairman invited South Korean investors to consider large-scale investment in BEPZA's newest zone, the BEPZA Economic Zone, and specifically highlighted opportunities in the Jashore and Patuakhali Export Processing Zones. He pointed to South Korean investors' existing positive experience with BEPZA's investment climate and service quality as a strong foundation for further expansion, and detailed several initiatives BEPZA has undertaken to better serve Korean businesses.

In response, delegation members commended BEPZA's role in advancing Bangladesh's economic development and thanked the authority for its continued support. The representative of the South Korean Embassy proposed the establishment of a dedicated "Korean Desk" at BEPZA to streamline investment activities and communication for South Korean investors.

South Korean investors also raised several operational challenges facing their businesses, which the BEPZA Executive Chairman committed to addressing promptly.



KBCCI delegation, South Korean investors and the representatives of the Korean Embassy in Bangladesh with the BEPZA Executive Chairman and senior officials during a meeting on boosting Korean investment in Bangladesh's economic zones.

BANGLADESH-KOREA RELATIONS

A New Chapter in Economic, Technological, Cultural and Business Cooperation

The relationship between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea is entering an important new phase. Recent developments in **August 2026**, particularly the conclusion of negotiations on the Bangladesh-Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and a major new Korea-funded Artificial Intelligence initiative, have created fresh opportunities for trade, investment, technology transfer and business cooperation.



CEPA: Opening New Opportunities

On **4 August 2026**, Bangladesh and Korea reached an agreement in principle on the conclusion of negotiations for the **Bangladesh–Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)**. The agreement represents a significant milestone in bilateral economic relations and provides a broader framework for market access, investment and economic cooperation.

For Bangladesh, CEPA comes at a strategically important time as the country prepares for its graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) category. For Korean businesses, Bangladesh offers a growing consumer market, an expanding industrial base and an increasingly important position in regional supply chains. **For KBCCI, the priority is now implementation.** The Chamber will work to help businesses convert the opportunities created by CEPA into concrete trade, investment, joint ventures and long-term commercial partnerships.

A Major Step Forward in Artificial Intelligence

Another important recent development is Korea's growing support for Bangladesh's technology and human-resource development.

On **25 August 2026**, Bangladesh and the **Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)** signed a **US\$13 million project** to foster innovative technology experts with a focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI). The 2026–2029 initiative will support advanced AI education, applied research, innovation and stronger cooperation among academia, government and industry. This initiative reflects an important evolution in Bangladesh–Korea cooperation—from development assistance towards **knowledge, skills, innovation and technology partnership**. KBCCI sees significant potential for Korean and Bangladeshi companies to cooperate in **AI, ICT, electronics, advanced manufacturing, renewable energy and digital transformation**.



Culture: Strengthening People-to-People Relations

The global rise of Hallyu, or the Korean Wave, has significantly influenced Bangladeshi youth, particularly in music, entertainment, fashion, food, skincare and language learning.

K-pop, led by global artists such as BTS, BLACKPINK and PSY, has developed a strong following among Bangladeshi young people. Its distinctive music, choreography, fashion and positive messages around happiness, peace and personal wellbeing have contributed to its popularity, with social media playing a major role in spreading Korean content.

K-dramas and Korean films have also gained widespread popularity. Productions such as Crash Landing on You, Reply 1988, Goblin, Squid Game and Parasite have introduced Bangladeshi audiences to Korean storytelling and lifestyle. Many young viewers have become interested in **learning the Korean language and pursuing education or employment opportunities in Korea.**

Korean food, particularly ramen and related products, has become increasingly popular among younger consumers in Bangladesh. Similarly, Korean skincare and beauty products have attracted significant interest, although concerns remain regarding misleading advertising and unrealistic beauty standards. Importantly, the Korean Wave has also encouraged positive social engagement. Bangladeshi K-pop fans have organised cultural events, music and dance competitions, community activities and charitable initiatives inspired by their favourite artists.

Overall, Korean culture has become an important part of contemporary youth culture in Bangladesh. Rather than simply consuming Korean entertainment, many young Bangladeshis are using their interest in Hallyu to learn languages, explore educational and professional opportunities, build communities and participate in social activities.

The Korean Wave therefore represents more than entertainment—it has become a growing bridge for cultural understanding and people-to-people relations between Bangladesh and Korea.

KBCCI: Strengthening Business-to-Business Cooperation

As the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KBCCI), our role is to bring the private sectors of Bangladesh and Korea closer together and create practical opportunities for trade and investment.



A major highlight of KBCCI's activities in 2026 was the participation of a 41-member KBCCI business delegation at the Korea Import Expo (KOIMA Expo) 2026 in Seoul. The delegation provided Bangladeshi businesses with an important platform to showcase their products, explore the Korean market and establish direct connections with Korean buyers, importers and business partners.

The delegation also engaged with the Korea Importers Association (KOIMA) and participated in business networking and B2B meetings, strengthening institutional and commercial ties between the two countries. These initiatives reflect KBCCI's commitment to B2B matchmaking, investment facilitation, market access, technology partnerships and joint ventures. The Chamber also continues to maintain close engagement with the Korean Embassy, KOTRA, KOICA, KOIMA, relevant government agencies and business organisations in both countries.

Our objective is clear: to move from dialogue to implementation, from business connections to partnerships, and from opportunities to measurable economic outcomes.



Bangladesh Stall at the KOIMA Expo 2026, Seoul, Korea.

Looking Ahead

The conclusion of CEPA negotiations and the launch of the Korea-supported AI initiative demonstrate that Bangladesh–Korea relations are expanding well beyond traditional trade. The next phase should focus on **investment, technology transfer, advanced manufacturing, skills development, digital transformation and diversified exports.**

As the President of KBCCI, I believe that the Chamber can play a pivotal role in transforming the strong friendship between Bangladesh and Korea into **greater investment, innovation, employment and shared prosperity.** The future of Bangladesh–Korea relations should not only be about trading with each other—it should be about building together.

Mr. Million Park
Secretary General, KBCCI.



A New Era in Bangladeshi Frozen Food Processing: Farmed, Packaged and Exported in a Controlled Environment with Full E-Traceability



KBCCI member TotalFood Processing Pvt. Ltd. is contributing to the transformation of Bangladesh's frozen food processing sector through a controlled, traceable and value-added farm-to-market model. With its UK market heritage, state-of-the-art processing facility, organised farmer network and growing engagement with international markets including Korea, TotalFood is demonstrating how Bangladeshi seafood can move beyond commodity exports toward higher-value, sustainable and traceable products.

Bangladesh has a distinctive Prawn farming story with the potential to become a national identity in global seafood markets. Approximately 276,492 hectares of coastal brackish-water farming support millions of livelihoods and exports. At its heart is a polyculture system where Bagda (Black Tiger), Galda and native white fish are naturally farmed. Bagda has received Geographical Indication (GI) recognition, creating a "Bangladeshi Black Tiger Prawn" identity. Bangladesh can differentiate its prawns through origin, natural farming, sustainability, quality and traceability. With farm-to-market traceability and an uninterrupted cold chain, we believe this heritage can become a compelling Bangladeshi prawn story. To advance this vision, we are implementing a sustainable value-chain model involving 650 registered farmers, with support from Monterey Bay Aquarium, ILO and Khulna University.

This progress received important national recognition on 16 August 2026, when TotalFood received the National Fisheries Gold Award 2026 for its contribution to Bangladesh's fisheries processing sector. The milestone reflects the importance of strengthening the fisheries value chain through responsible sourcing, processing and value addition.

For TotalFood Processing Pvt. Ltd., this shift toward value-added food processing is increasingly important. The company's journey builds on food-market experience through its UK-based TotalFood operation, established in 1996, before expanding into Bangladesh. Its state-of-the-art factory, commissioned in 2024 with 60 metric tonnes/day capacity and 2,500 metric tonnes of frozen storage, connects sourcing, processing, freezing, storage and export.

At the heart of this model is an inclusive supply chain built around organised farmer groups across southwestern Bangladesh. TotalFood supports farmers through registration, mapping, training, water and soil testing and shrimp-health support. Its naturally farmed Black Tiger Prawns are produced under natural conditions, with little or no artificial feeding and without antibiotics, supporting a proposition built around sustainable, responsibly sourced and carefully processed seafood.

The value-added opportunity is clear. Its portfolio includes Crunchy Breaded Popcorn Prawns, Golden-Crisp Breaded Butterfly Prawns, Breaded Prawn Bites, Crispy Prawn Balls, Fried Fish, Fish Patties, Fish Kebabs and Fish Cutlets, alongside Mozzarella Cheese Sticks and Breaded Onion Rings. The company develops recipes, specifications, formats and packaging to customer requirements, serving demand for convenient seafood in markets such as Korea along with Europe and US market while moving Bangladesh beyond commodity exports.



The Bangladesh–Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), signed on 4th August 2026, creates a platform for deeper cooperation and market opportunities for Bangladeshi seafood and processed foods. Under the agreement, Bangladeshi seafood can enter South Korea at zero tariff, compared with the previous 20% import duty.

TotalFood's Korea engagement dates back to 6 March 2024, when it exported Black Tiger Shrimp with Mozzarella Cheese to HEIM Corporation in Busan. The shipment showed how Bangladeshi seafood could be combined with value-added ingredients for international markets. Its philosophy, "A new era in Bangladeshi frozen food processing: farmed, packaged and exported in a controlled environment with full e-traceability - organic, ethical, quality controlled", captures this direction.

The opportunity extends beyond shrimp. With its UK market heritage, state-of-the-art factory, farmer partnerships, inclusive supply chain, ERP-enabled traceability, sustainability practices and value-added capabilities, TotalFood illustrates how Bangladesh can capture and retain more value within the country. From responsible farming and farmer engagement to modern processing and global market access, the journey from farm to world represents not only TotalFood's direction, but a potential new chapter for Bangladesh's seafood industry.



ADN Telecom: Bangladesh's Integrated Connectivity Partner, Transforming Progress Across Multi Dimensions of National Development

ADN Telecom is the flagship company of ADN Group, built on a fully integrated foundation of connectivity, data center and cloud, security, IP communication, IoT, and managed digital services. Its nationwide network, technical licences, and diversified service portfolio allow it to serve individuals, businesses, institutions, and entire industries under one dependable roof.

From a connectivity provider constructing the nation's digital infrastructure, to a comprehensive technology and digital transformation partner shaping the manner in which the nation lives, operates, and competes. This evolution constitutes the foundation of the brand's central proposition — Transforming the Experience.

Transformation Across Multiple Dimensions

Social Transformation — Connecting People, Communities & Opportunities

ADN Telecom's connectivity underpins affordable access to information, digital communication between families and institutions, remote learning, telemedicine, digital public services, and smart, connected communities. In moments of emergency, that same network becomes a lifeline — carrying warnings, coordination, and reassurance when they matter most. Its reach into underserved areas steadily narrows the distance between urban opportunity and rural potential.

The social journey: Disconnected → Connected → Empowered → Included.

Economic Transformation — Connecting Businesses to Growth

For enterprises, ADN provides the connectivity, cloud adoption, data centre infrastructure, cybersecurity, IP telephony, IoT, and remote-work foundations that turn a local operation into a scalable, competitive, globally connected business. Data-driven decision-making and robust disaster recovery keep that growth resilient, while international connectivity opens doors that geography once closed.

The economic journey: Connectivity → Productivity → Innovation → Competitiveness → Economic Growth.

Digital Transformation — Enabling the Digital Bangladesh Ecosystem

As an infrastructure partner to the country's digital evolution, ADN's connectivity, data centre, cloud, security, IoT, IP telephony, Wi-Fi, satellite, and managed services form the digital foundation modern institutions now build on.

- From Physical to Digital
- From Manual to Automated
- From Local to Global
- From Reactive to Intelligent
- From Traditional to Connected

Industrial & National Transformation — Connecting the Critical Ecosystem

Banking, manufacturing, education, healthcare, government, retail, FMCG, logistics, aviation, hospitality, energy, media, telecommunications, SMEs, and large enterprises all move on the same invisible backbone. ADN's infrastructure rarely announces itself — it simply carries the information, transactions, and services that keep the country's critical ecosystem functioning.

Future Transformation — Connecting Bangladesh to Tomorrow

IoT, smart cities, cloud computing, AI-ready infrastructure, cybersecurity, satellite connectivity, next-generation networks, and intelligent automation define what comes next. ADN Telecom's role is to help organisations prepare for that future rather than simply react to it — connecting Bangladesh not just to the present, but to what it can become.

Across the social, economic, digital, industrial, and future-facing dimensions outlined above, a single pattern emerges: ADN Telecom's value lies not in the infrastructure it operates, but in the outcomes that infrastructure enables. Its connectivity brings underserved communities into the fold of information and opportunity; its cloud, data centre, and security services give businesses the confidence to scale and compete; its digital foundation supports institutions moving from manual to intelligent operations; its network quietly underpins the critical sectors that keep the national economy functioning; and its forward-looking investments in IoT, AI-ready infrastructure, and next-generation connectivity prepare Bangladesh for a future still taking shape.

Taken together, these five dimensions describe more than a service portfolio — they describe a company whose growth is structurally aligned with the country's own development trajectory. As Bangladesh continues its transition toward a more connected, digitally enabled, and globally competitive economy, ADN Telecom's role as an integrated technology partner positions it not merely to participate in that transition, but to help define its pace and direction.

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Economical and Environmental impact : Battery rickshaws to come under licensing system

Muhammed Rezaul Karim

Managing Director

Traffic Tech Logistics Ltd.

This recent timely steps by the government's concern ministry is undoubtedly a demand of the people and having huge Socio-Environmental Impact:



"By coupling municipal licensing requirements with off-grid renewable energy standards, Bangladesh's newly enacted solar-charging policy for electric three-wheelers serves as a dual-purpose intervention to mitigate power grid vulnerability and accelerate green transportation."

If we analyze the total scenario it is actually related to 5 institutions as mentioned below :

Under the regulatory oversight of local City Corporations and Municipalities(1)—rather than the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA)—the licensing and registration of electric rickshaws and auto-rickshaws are strictly contingent upon full compliance with statutory operational standards. Most notably, reliance on solarpowered charging infrastructure(2) is mandatory; failure to comply will incur administrative fines, immediate rejection of registration applications, and non-renewal of operating licenses. Furthermore, eligible applicants are required to remit all prescribed registration and renewal fees alongside a valid fitness certificate. This certification must be issued by either the Automobile Department of BUET(3) or a district-level Polytechnic Institute(4) and bear the formal countersignature of the Traffic Police(5) prior to submission to the designated municipal authority.

Now the question is how we can accomodate all these 5 institutions to work smoothly together. Do related departments have such technological and managerial skill, infrastructure, manpower, capabilities and funds ? Can you make the process simple ?

My comment – Yes, Of course. "Why not adopt a decentralized, station-centric framework? I propose that we first issue operational licenses to solar charging stations under the private entrepreneurship scheme directed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Based on each station's verified charging capacity, the Ministry can set a specific quota for the minimum and maximum number of e-rickshaws a station can service. Subsequently, City Corporations or Municipalities can issue an equivalent number of vehicle registrations and licenses tied specifically to those approved charging stations.

To ensure operational compliance, technical experts from BUET's Automobile Department or local Polytechnic Institutes could conduct weekly or monthly site audits, providing necessary maintenance and driver training facilities.

Furthermore, station operators would be required to equip every registered e-rickshaw with a GPS tracking device to monitor speed and ensure compliance with dedicated lane usage. Centralizing accountability at the charging station level streamlines the entire monitoring ecosystem, eliminating direct financial expenditures for the government. Under this model, the state acts purely as a regulatory body protecting the environment, generating green jobs, and fostering a skilled workforce. To evaluate feasibility, we could launch one or two pilot projects with initial technical support facilitated by KOTRA through the KBCCI."

Key Strategic Strengths :

Streamlined Compliance: Tracking a smaller number of fixed charging hubs is far more efficient than attempting to enforce compliance on thousands of individual drivers.

Self-Sustaining Public-Private Partnership: Leveraging private entrepreneurship shifts the capital burden off government budgets while creating market incentives for green infrastructure.

Closed-Loop Regulation: Tying vehicle registration limits directly to verified solar generation capacity prevents grid overload before it happens.





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Three Consecutive Years. Three Prestigious Accolades. One Clear Vision: Dhaka Bank – Empowering Bangladesh's Exporters and SME Ecosystem for a New Era of Global Trade.

By Dhaka Bank PLC. | Member, Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry

The Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI) works hard to strengthen trade ties between the two countries. In this effort, trade finance and banking play a vital role. As a proud member and a leading financial institution, Dhaka Bank PLC. has achieved something remarkable: it has won a third straight award from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). This is a major milestone for the regional banking sector.

This achievement clearly shows Dhaka Bank's strong commitment to making trade easier, strengthening supply chains, and supporting small and medium enterprises (SMEs). These are exactly the areas that matter most for deepening economic cooperation between Bangladesh and South Korea.



A Triple Crown from ADB

For three years in a row, Dhaka Bank has been honored at the ADB Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program (TSCFP) Awards. Here is the timeline:

2024 – Leading Partner Bank in Bangladesh: At the 10th TSCFP Awards Dhaka Bank was recognized for its outstanding contribution to ADB’s trade finance program. This award confirmed the bank’s strong operations, efficient trade processing, and high compliance standards.

2025 – Momentum Award: At the 11th TSCFP Awards, Dhaka Bank won the “Momentum Award.” This recognized the bank’s rapid growth and ability to adapt quickly to changing global trade conditions. It also praised the bank for expanding its trade finance services and using digital tools in supply chain financing.

2026 – Leading SME Trade Bank: This latest award highlights Dhaka Bank’s exceptional work in financing SMEs—the backbone of Bangladesh’s export industries, especially ready-made garments and textiles. These sectors are crucial for trade with Korea. The award will be presented on September 8, 2026, at the 12th TSCFP Awards dinner in Singapore, held alongside the Global Trade Review Asia Conference.

Supporting Growth and Bilateral Trade

Bangladesh is now in a historic transition as it prepares to graduate from Least Developed Country (LDC) status. At this time, empowering SMEs is more important than ever. Many local SMEs are suppliers to Korean joint ventures in Bangladesh’s Export Processing Zones (EPZs). By offering these businesses easy access to trade finance and risk protection, Dhaka Bank helps them integrate smoothly into the global supply chains of Korean companies.

The bank’s success comes from its close partnership with ADB, which allows it to share risks and offer competitive financing. This helps importers and exporters reduce the risks of cross-border trade and ensures money flows freely between Dhaka, Seoul, and other global markets.

In addition, Dhaka Bank has invested heavily in digital systems. These systems speed up trade documentation, shortening the time it takes for exporters to get their products to market. This gives Bangladeshi businesses a real edge when competing with regional rivals like Vietnam in the Korean market.

Looking Ahead

Dhaka Bank’s three consecutive awards are not just a reflection of past success—they are a promise for the future. As Bangladesh and South Korea move closer to signing a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), Dhaka Bank is ready to act as a financial bridge. The bank will continue to align its services with national goals, attract foreign investment, and support the businesses that drive the Korea-Bangladesh partnership.

As a committed member of KBCCI, Dhaka Bank thanks its stakeholders, clients, and the ADB for their trust. The bank looks forward to sharing its experience and expertise with fellow members, contributing to the shared prosperity of both countries.

BANGLADESHI STUDENTS Make Their Mark in KOREA

Between March and September 2026, Bangladeshi students strengthened their presence in Korean education, with new scholarships, university partnerships and growing interest from Korean institutions. The Korean Embassy estimates that around 1,500 Bangladeshi students are studying in Korean universities, most of them on scholarships, and the number keeps rising.

The early part of the period was about selection. For the 2026 Global Korea Scholarship for graduate degrees, interviews were expected on 8-10 March, with final results announced at the end of June. Competition was keen, as the embassy track offered only seven places and the university track twenty.



Key milestones for Bangladeshi students in Korea, March–September 2026 April brought a notable success for Bangladesh Maritime University. Five Bangladeshi students won fully funded KOICA scholarships, four of them from BMU, ahead of candidates from BUET and MIST. They will study naval architecture at Changwon National University, a field closely tied to Korea's shipbuilding strength.

Korean universities were also looking toward Bangladesh. Sungshin Women's University ran a recruitment mission to Nepal and Bangladesh from 2 to 8 May, interviewing more than 60 prospective students.

In August, North South University hosted the Korean Cultural Exchange Festival on 24 August and signed an MoU with Hanseo University, opening the way for student exchange.

Students already in Korea describe a demanding but rewarding experience. Undergraduates at Sejong University told The Daily Star that the scholarships are real and the path is open, though they stressed the need to invest in Korean language study. In September, the next round began, with applications for the 2027 GKS undergraduate scholarship open from 15 to 30 September. These achievements show Bangladeshi youth building skills that can serve both countries. For a chamber like KBCCI, such graduates are a bridge for future trade, technology and investment ties.



Bangladeshi Teenager Wins **OUTSTANDING AWARD** *at World Water Challenge in Korea*

A 19-year-old researcher from Bangladesh, Zabar Zarif Akhtar, has received international recognition at the World Water Challenge, held during Korea International Water Week 2026 in Daegu from 9–11 September.

Organised by the Korea Water Forum with the Korean Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment as a partner, the event brought together around 12,000 researchers, government officials and water-sector professionals. This year's theme was “Water, Energy, AI: Securing Our Future.” Among global applicants, only eight teams reached the final, with two receiving Outstanding Awards. Zarif was recognised for UrbanSentinel, an AI- and machine-learning-based system designed to monitor urban water supply networks. Unlike cloud-dependent systems, UrbanSentinel operates directly on the device, allowing it to function offline during floods and other infrastructure disruptions.

Zarif works as a research assistant at the Institute of Appropriate Technology, BUET, which supported his research. He has also participated in the Stockholm Junior Water Prize in 2024 and 2025 and has contributed to NASA's Great Lunar Expedition for Everyone (GLEE) mission.

A graduate of Bogura Cantonment Public School and College and St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, Zarif hopes to pursue higher education in engineering and eventually contribute to policy-making alongside research.

At a time when Bangladesh and Korea are strengthening cooperation in technology, AI and sustainable development, KBCCI congratulates Zarif on this remarkable achievement and wishes him continued success in his studies and research.

Bangladesh Steps Up FDI Drive with New Mobilisation Incentive

Invest Bangladesh has outlined a new incentive mechanism and a US\$1.3 billion prospective foreign-investment pipeline as part of its 180-day plan to strengthen infrastructure, investment facilitation and investable opportunities.

1.25%	US\$1.3bn	>US\$400m	US\$100m
proposed incentive on eligible foreign equity mobilised	prospective FDI pipeline	at investment-decision or implementation stage	South Korea in the prospective pipeline

A new incentive for FDI mobilisation

According to a Daily Star report, Invest Bangladesh has prepared guidelines for a scheme under which eligible individuals would receive an incentive equal to 1.25% of the foreign equity they mobilise for investment in Bangladesh. A dedicated portal is scheduled to go live on 15 October 2026.

Where the pipeline is coming from

China: US\$600m **Middle East:** US\$300m
United States: US\$200m **South Korea:** US\$100m

By sector, renewable energy and ICT lead with US\$300 million each, followed by healthcare and textiles at US\$200 million each. Invest Bangladesh stressed that these are prospective investments at different stages, not funds already disbursed.

Investment facilitation

The agency reported progress across 20 initiatives in 14 of the 16 workstreams announced under its 180-day plan. Invest Bangladesh itself has begun operations following the merger of BIDA, BEZA and the Public-Private Partnership Authority. BanglaBiz has also introduced a three-day Business Starter Package.

Infrastructure & opportunity pipeline

Reported priorities include the Laldia Container Terminal, the Chinese Economic and Industrial Zone, negotiations for a 15-year operations and maintenance lease at New Mooring Container Terminal, development of Mongla Economic Zone, 24-hour operations at Chattogram Port and the planned launch of Dhaka Airport's Third Terminal by the end of 2026.

Other initiatives include a proposed Chattogram free-trade zone, a public-private partnership solar project in Feni, a third floating LNG terminal targeted for 2028, the Hotel Shaibal tourism PPP, blue-economy development and nationwide investment mapping.

Why this matters for Korea-Bangladesh business

South Korea's US\$100 million position in the prospective pipeline highlights an immediate opportunity for deeper investor engagement. The report also notes progress toward a Bangladesh-South Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. For Korean companies exploring Bangladesh, the combination of investment facilitation, infrastructure projects and sector-specific opportunities could create additional channels for partnerships and market entry.

"This plan supports the government's vision of an investment-led economy, more jobs and stronger local capabilities."

KOREA–BANGLADESH CEPA

A New Chapter in Economic Cooperation

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Korea and Bangladesh have reached an agreement in principle on a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA). While Seoul's industry ministry described the development as a CEPA framework, Bangladeshi media reported that the two countries signed the agreement on 4 August 2026. The full text has not yet been published, and some details remain to be clarified. Negotiations were reportedly completed within six months through continuous efforts, despite similar trade agreements often taking 10–20 years.

The CEPA could mark an important expansion of Bangladesh–Korea economic relations, traditionally centered on textiles. It is expected to encourage broader industrial cooperation, investment and technology transfer. Korean companies could establish manufacturing facilities in Bangladesh to serve both the Korean and global markets. The country's large young workforce also makes Bangladesh an attractive production base. The agreement is expected to support foreign direct investment (FDI) and technology transfer in high-value sectors such as semiconductors, information technology, shipbuilding, ship recycling and light engineering. Bangladesh's major exports to South Korea include ready-made garments, home textiles, leather products, footwear, pharmaceuticals, jute products, frozen foods and ceramics, while imports mainly include iron and steel, industrial machinery, electrical equipment, plastics, chemicals and paper products.

CEPA covers a wide range of areas, including trade in goods and services, investment, rules of origin, customs procedures, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade, digital trade, intellectual property and economic cooperation. It also includes cooperation in infrastructure, manufacturing, textiles, halal industries, digital transformation, energy, supply chains and the clean economy. Technology transfer, skilled professional mobility, skills development, worker welfare and knowledge exchange are also expected to strengthen bilateral cooperation.

Under the reported framework, Bangladesh will open 95 services sub-sectors for South Korea, while South Korea will provide access in 111 services sub-sectors across the four modes of supply. More than 4,000 Bangladeshi products already receive duty-free access to South Korea under APTA and WTO provisions for least-developed countries. The CEPA is expected to provide preferential or duty-free access to a significant share of Bangladeshi exports, while Bangladesh will also provide increased market access to Korean goods.

By reducing tariff barriers for products such as garments, footwear, leather goods and light engineering products, CEPA could improve the competitiveness of Bangladeshi manufacturers and create opportunities to become long-term suppliers to South Korean brands. It may also help Bangladesh's export-oriented industries prepare for stricter global requirements related to due diligence, eco-design and carbon emissions through Korean technology and investment.

There is considerable scope for Bangladesh to move up the value chain, particularly in man-made fibres (MMF), functional and technical textiles, where South Korea has strong global capabilities. Cooperation in renewable energy, advanced manufacturing, infrastructure, shipbuilding and digital transformation could further support Bangladesh's industrial development.

Services and digital trade are also expected to create opportunities for Bangladesh in IT-enabled services, professional services and other knowledge-based sectors. However, Bangladesh will need to strengthen its domestic capabilities to benefit fully from these opportunities. Expertise in trade economics, international trade law, investment, customs, standards, rules of origin and digital regulation will be increasingly important. Effective coordination among the Ministry of Commerce, NBR, Bangladesh Bank, BIDA and other relevant agencies will also be essential.

Unlike a traditional Free Trade Agreement (FTA), CEPA covers a much broader range of areas, including services, investment, digital trade, intellectual property, customs cooperation, government procurement, competition policy and the movement of professionals. This makes it a deeper form of economic integration. For Bangladesh, the next challenge will be ensuring that the benefits of the agreement are supported by domestic reforms and stronger productive capacity. The negotiations have reportedly concluded on the main content, with technical matters and follow-up procedures remaining before formal signing and entry into force.

Realizing the full commercial potential of CEPA will require improvements in Bangladesh's domestic supply capacity. The agreement could become an important milestone as Bangladesh prepares for graduation from LDC status and seeks greater export diversification and global competitiveness. Bangladesh's ambition to become a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 will require sustained economic growth, investment and productivity improvements.

The CEPA could provide Bangladesh with new opportunities for investment, innovation and industrial growth, but success will depend on policy reforms, institutional cooperation and a business-friendly environment. Domestic regulatory reform and greater market openness may remain challenging due to bureaucratic and stakeholder resistance.

The full agreement is expected to be made public so that businesses and other stakeholders can better understand its provisions and long-term benefits. The agreement will come into force after both countries complete their respective parliamentary procedures.



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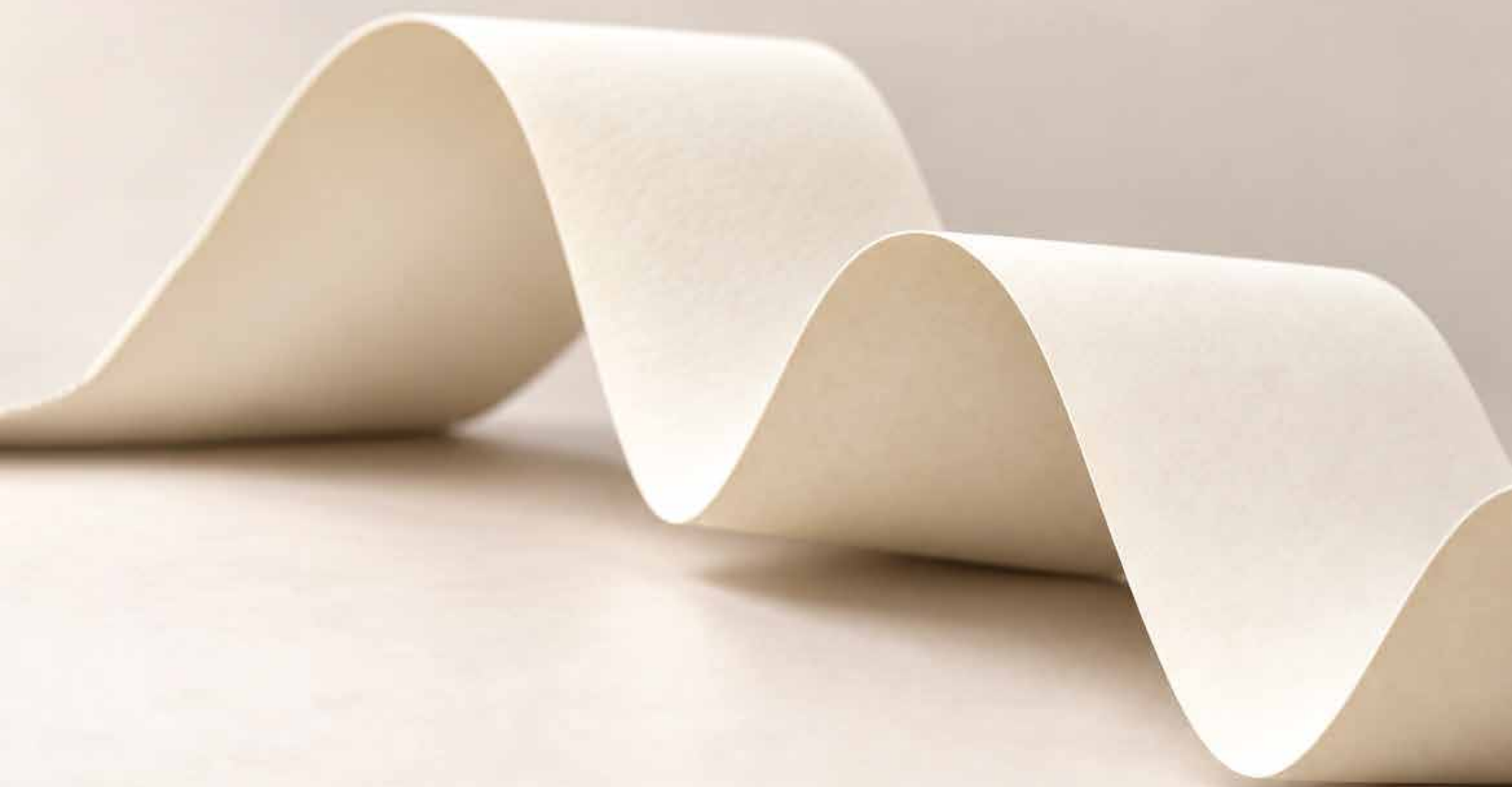


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