



# THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER: TRADE & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND JAPAN



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# BANGLADESH JAPAN

## 50 YEARS OF ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Japan and Bangladesh have maintained friendly relations since February 10th, 1972, through economic and technical cooperation, cultural exchanges and mutual visits. Japan is a major development partner for Bangladesh, extending support to the efforts of Bangladesh for its economic and social development. In private economic sector, the bilateral relations are increasingly strengthened and diversified.

### ODA

**USD 6 BILLION**  
IN 4 YEARS

During PM Sheikh Hasina's 2014 visit, Japan-Bangladesh Comprehensive Partnership launched with Japan committing financial assistance.

In 2020 Bangladesh-Japan signed 41st Official Development Assistance (ODA) deal, involving Approximately \$3.2 billion for implementing 5 projects.

**BIGGEST BILATERAL DONOR**

Partnership for Development & Prosperity since 1972

### TRADE & INVESTMENT

**324** Japanese Companies Now Operating in Bangladesh

**411.51** 2020-21 FY  
MILLION USD  
Japan's FDI Stock in Bangladesh

**1183.64** 2020-21 FY  
MILLION USD  
EXPORT TO JAPAN

**79.54** 2020-21 FY  
MILLION USD  
REMITTANCE FROM JAPAN

**50**  
YEARS  
OF FRIENDSHIP

**2022**

50th Anniversary of the Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Bangladesh

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Japan reaching New Height with comprehensive Partnership (May 2019)

FREE AND OPEN  
INDO-PACIFIC

**2016**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Japan attending the outreach meeting of the G7 Ise-Shima Summit (May 2016)

PARTNERSHIP FOR QUALITY  
INFRASTRUCTURE

**2015**

**2014**

Prime Minister Abe's Visit to Bangladesh  
Launched "BIG-B" initiative between the two countries (September 2014)

**BIG-B**

**1991**

Megna Bridge (Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge) was constructed by Japan's Assistance

**1998**

Jamuna/Bangabandhu Bridge was constructed by Japan's assistance



**2002**

Japan signed the Agreement on Technical Cooperation to Bangladesh

**2014**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Japan  
Launched "Comprehensive Partnership" between Japan-Bangladesh (May 2014)

**COMPREHENSIVE PARTNERSHIP**

**START**

**1970s- 1980s**

Japan started to extend its support for agriculture and rural development in Bangladesh



**1973**

Japan dispatched JOCVs to Bangladesh for the first time

**1972**

Bangladesh opened an embassy in Tokyo, and Japan Opened an embassy in Bangladesh

**1971**

Bangladesh's Independence from Pakistan

# THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER

**THE FASTEST GROWING ECONOMY TILL 2030** **HSBC** 

In 1971, Bangladesh emerged as an independent secular people's republic in South Asia led by Bangladesh's Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. 50 years later on its golden jubilee, Bangladesh stands tall with a track record of unprecedented growth and prosperity under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. It is an economy on the rise that received Bloomberg's top 20 ranking sustaining high-growth rate in Asia in 2020. As the fastest growing economy in South Asia, Bangladesh keeps pushing forward graduating from a Least Developed Country to a Middle-Income nation.

Strategically located between South Asia and South-east Asia, Bangladesh is a significant market player ahead of its time and holds promising opportunities for investors around the world as a production and business hub. With the rapid increase of per capita income and growing purchasing power capacity of people, Bangladesh has become an attractive market. It has turned its large population into great resources, now enjoying a huge demographic dividend with 70 million workforce, 55 million youths and an unbeatable record of gender parity. It is time to witness and be a part of the story of "The Rise of the Bengal Tiger".

USD **426 BILLION** GDP  
DOUBLED IN LAST  
**6 YEARS**

There is a reason why it is called the land of

**ROYAL  
BENGAL  
TIGERS**

**BECAUSE WE ARE INDOMITABLE**





## A TALE OF TRANSFORMATION

# GROWING AS AN EXEMPLINARY ECONOMY

Bangladesh has risen from ashes. A long history of imperialism and oppression had forced the country to the edge of poverty and hardship. The country struggled and with the sacrifice of lives and blood of the masses, independence was attained in 1971 under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, an unparalleled great leader who united the whole nation to fight against oppression. Just recently, we have celebrated the 100th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Father of the Nation and the Golden Jubilee of independence of Bangladesh. Embracing the ideals of the Father of the Nation, Bangladesh has marked the 50 years of independence with an incredible transformation and has become an example of growth and development for the world. Bangladesh, once undermined by few, is now often being called the "Role Model of Development" or the "Development Wonder".

# BANGLADESH

## A DEVELOPED COUNTRY BY 2041

**USD 40 BN INVESTMENT** IN INFRASTRUCTURE TO  
SUPPORT **GROWTH**

**RECORD GROWTH OF FOREIGN RESERVE** DURING COVID  
YEARS

**HIGHEST COVID STIMULUS PACKAGES** IN SOUTH ASIA  
(ALMOST 5% OF GDP)

PIONEERS **BLUE GROWTH** IN THE BAY OF BENGAL

**2<sup>ND</sup> LARGEST** SUPPLIER OF **ONLINE WORKFORCE**

BANGLADESH HAS **ONE OF THE LARGEST DOMESTIC  
SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAMME**

A CENTER OF **REGIONAL** AND **GLOBAL** CONNECTIVITY

**55 MILLION** YOUTH POPULATION

UN PLANET 50 50 AGENT OF CHANGE  
CHAMPION OF THE EARTH

AMONG TOP 10 GLOBAL THINKERS IN DEFENSE AND  
SECURITY (FOREIGN POLICY MAGAZINE)

PRESIDENT OF CLIMATE VULNERABLE FORUM

VACCINE HERO AWARD

UN-SPONSORED SDG PROGRESS AWARD

WITSA EMINENT PERSONS AWARD



**THE LEADERSHIP**  
HONORABLE PRIME MINISTER  
**SHEIKH  
HASINA**

# EXEMPLINARY MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

**7%+**  
**AVERAGE**  
annual growth in  
the last decade.

**Satisfactory**  
Foreign  
exchange  
reserve

Per capita  
national income  
reached  
**US\$ 2,824,**  
which was  
**US\$860** in  
**2011.**

Non-resident  
**BANGLADESHIS**  
contribute  
significantly to the  
**ECONOMY** and  
the development  
of the country.

**Covid-19  
Resilience:**  
**Bangladesh is  
Best** in dealing  
with Covid in  
South Asia

The industrial  
sector makes up  
**31%** of the  
country's gross  
domestic product  
(GDP), most of  
which is coming  
from SMEs.

Readymade  
Garments  
Export  
**2nd in 2021.**

**3rd** largest  
producer of Rice  
**3rd** largest  
producer of  
vegetables  
**4th** largest  
producer of  
inland freshwater  
fishes.

Bangladesh to achieve  
**GDP OF USD 500BN BY 2026**  
and is likely to cross Hong Kong,  
Singapore and Malaysia, in the process.



**THE FASTEST  
GROWING ECONOMY**  
till 2030



One of the Top Four Fastest Growing  
**DIGITAL ECONOMIES**  
of the world.



**THE 28<sup>TH</sup>  
LARGEST ECONOMY**  
of the world in 2030



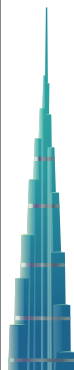
# INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

09-11 February, 2021  
**Dubai**



**375**  
BD participants  
**939**  
NRBs  
**470**  
Foreigners  
**1784**  
Session Total

Investor summit: Bangladesh capital markets



26 July, 2021  
**New York**



**434**  
BD participants  
**430**  
NRBs  
**235**  
Foreigners  
**1,099**  
Session Total

Investor summit: Bangladesh capital markets



28 July, 2021  
**Washington, D.C.**



**178**  
BD participants  
**152**  
NRBs  
**71**  
Foreigners  
**401**  
Session Total

Stakeholders meeting



30 July, 2021  
**Los Angeles**



**193**  
BD participants  
**72**  
NRBs  
**162**  
Foreigners  
**427**  
Session Total

Investor summit: Bangladesh capital markets



02 August, 2021  
**Santa Clara**



**222**  
BD participants  
**42**  
NRBs  
**162**  
Foreigners  
**426**  
Session Total

Us-Bangladesh tech investment summit



20 September, 2021  
**Zurich**



**74**  
BD participants  
**60**  
NRBs  
**65**  
Foreigners  
**199**  
Session Total

Investor summit: Bangladesh capital markets



# INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

22 September, 2021  
**Geneva**



Investor summit: Bangladesh capital markets

**74**  
BD participants  
**135**  
NRBs  
**29**  
Foreigners  
**238**  
Session Total

04 November, 2021  
**London**



Building sustainable growth partnership

**463**  
BD participants  
**459**  
NRBs  
**421**  
Foreigners  
**1343**  
Session Total

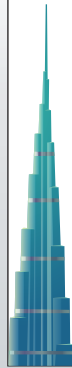
08 November, 2021  
**Manchester**



Investor summit: Bangladesh capital markets

**329**  
BD participants  
**199**  
NRBs  
**19**  
Foreigners  
**547**  
Session Total

09 March, 2022  
**Dubai**



Investment Flash Mob :  
Networking Dinner

**150**  
BD participants  
**70**  
NRBs  
**148**  
Foreigners  
**368**  
Session Total

10 March, 2022  
**Abu Dhabi**



Investment Flash Mob :  
Networking Dinner

**139**  
BD participants  
**59**  
NRBs  
**154**  
Foreigners  
**343**  
Session Total

06 March, 2023  
**Doha**



THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER:  
POTENTIALS OF TRADE & INVESTMENT IN BANGLADESH

**34**  
BD participants  
**116**  
NRBs  
**276**  
Foreigners  
**426**  
Session Total





# THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER

Read/download the presentation here



A presentation on  
50 Years of Bangladesh:  
The Rise of Bengal Tiger by  
**Professor Shibli Rubayat-UI-Islam**

# KNOW BANGLADESH



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Bangladesh Investment  
Development Authority

**BIDA One Stop Service (OSS) Portal**





Bangladesh's incredible development into the confident and proud partner today.

### His Majesty King Charles the Third

King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

We are looking for investment partners in Bangladesh to Develop the areas around their stations, because they will become an economic hub and a driver for the local community.

### Gordon Dickie

Chairman  
IM Power Group



The United Kingdom is perfectly placed to partner Bangladesh in achieving its Trade and Development ambitions.

### Penny Mordaunt, MP

Minister of State for Trade Policy  
United Kingdom

I think this is a very good opportunity for Foreigners to invest in Bangladesh.

### Rashid Alameri

Chief Executive Officer  
Mai AIDhafra Bottled Drinking water TWENTY2tm Group



I assume a conference like this is one small part of a broader strategy of being on the global radar screen and that would probably be something that I would make central as I thought about the next 20 years.

### Lawrence H. Summers

Former Secretary of the Treasury,  
Former President of Harvard University,  
Former Chief Economist of the World Bank



Bangladesh, which is located at a key point connecting Southeast Asia and Indian subcontinent and has successfully been achieving high economic growth in recent years, is a very attractive destination for Japanese business community.

**Yoshihide Suga**  
Former Prime Minister of Japan.

I've been very privileged to visit Bangladesh several times before the pandemic so I've witnessed firsthand how the sort of successful planned development of the economy has sort of developed especially around textiles and garments.

**Natalie Blyth**  
Global Head of Commercial Banking Sustainability at HSBC



With economic growth said to be over 7% for the next five years it is an economy that is not only ascending but in many ways it is outpacing its peers.

**Dr. Jose Vinals**  
Group Chairman  
Standard Chartered Bank

Bangladesh has been among the fastest growing economies in the world over the past decade and has made remarkable progress in reducing poverty and improving health.

**Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**  
WHO Director-General



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**UTTAM SINGH**  
Director  
Engineering Dimension Abu Dhabi, UAE

Promotion

**Bloomberg**



Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission

## WHY INVESTORS SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE

# NEW BANGLADESH

**As Bangladesh celebrates 50 years of independence, the country is a rising star for foreign investment, with strong growth, good infrastructure, an enhanced digital presence and a robust response to COVID-19. Looking forward, the country is building a sustainable and inclusive economy to provide more opportunities for everyone.**

Bangladesh's roaring growth was set back by the COVID-19 pandemic, yet it remains resilient and is set to outpace India and China in the coming years.

After expanding at an average rate of close to 7% per year in the decade leading up to the crisis, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicts growth will climb back towards 6% this year, compared to 3.8% in 2020.

While the pandemic-related shutdowns damped the domestic economy and prompted a sharp decline in exports of ready-made garments and a decrease in remittances from abroad, the IMF says a return to more normal global economic conditions should mean Bangladesh "quickly" reaches its previous growth rate. That puts it on track to become the 28<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world by 2030, a climb from 41<sup>st</sup> last year.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is implementing a strategy to tackle the pandemic by carefully balancing the need to protect people's lives with that of safeguarding their livelihoods. It is also rolling out vaccinations and prioritizing a green recovery. As it shifts to the next phase – striving to become a developed country by 2041 – the government seeks to build on its success in alleviating poverty, improving employment opportunities and fostering women's economic participation and empowerment.

The local consumer market is expanding as the middle and affluent classes grow and offer more disposable income. Combined with a relatively young and skilled workforce and a stable political outlook, this underscores reasons to be optimistic for the future.



# KNOW BANGLADESH

## CAPITAL MARKET REVIVAL

Trade and foreign investment potential are clear for all to see, attracting interest from international venture capital, private equity and impact funds.

New capital market products will help broaden the appeal. Products like Sukuk and Exchange Traded Funds offer scope to develop and expand the Bangladesh bond market, which is relatively small. Derivative products are also being introduced, making this an exciting place to be an investor.

What's more, the nation offers opportunities to participate in sustainable investment in emerging Asia, such as through the green bond market. Environmental, social and

governance concerns and attaining the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) are a focus for the government of Bangladesh. With nine of the world's top 10 green garment factories and 40 of the top 100 green industrial projects, the ready-made garment industry of the country is already leading the way.

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is actively promoting the country's investment opportunities around the world. Already, BSEC has successfully organized roadshows in the UAE, U.S. and Switzerland. Looking ahead to roadshows in the UK, it will hold the "Bangladesh invest summit 2021: Building Sustainable Growth Partnership" in London on November 4<sup>th</sup> and in Manchester on November 8<sup>th</sup>.



## EASING THE WAY

A number of other government initiatives are helping entice international finance and bolster investor confidence. And Vision 2041 sets out ambitious plans to transform many parts of the economy and revolutionize the way work and business are conducted.

For example, the development of infrastructure is being prioritized, with projects like Bangladesh's first Mass Rapid Transit System, connecting Uttara and Modjheel in Dhaka, and the construction of the Padma

multipurpose road-rail bridge. At the same time, Digital Bangladesh has overseen an exponential increase in internet penetration over the past decade alongside falling costs for internet access.

And, as home to the world's largest river delta, the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 is another key plank of the government's strategy: it aims to eliminate extreme poverty, create more jobs and bolster growth, while also increasing trade and strengthening food security.

## LOWERING BARRIERS TO BUSINESS

These positive factors suggest that Bangladesh deserves increased attention from international investors.

It currently has a low rate of foreign direct investment relative to its regional peers, attracting \$1.6 billion in 2019, compared with \$3.7 billion to Cambodia and \$2.8 billion in Myanmar. The improvements in access, taking down of regulatory barriers and reforms are set to pave the way for this ratio to improve.

In addition, Bangladesh is proud to offer the most liberal foreign direct investment regime in South Asia, underpinned by the work of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), which aims to smooth the path for investors.

While the country is among the top 20 for reform initiatives, according to the World Bank's Doing Business report, there is still room for improvement, underscoring the importance of BIDA's work.

As Bangladesh marches rapidly towards becoming an advanced economy, the potential for trade and investment is vast. The business-friendly government, skilled labor force, and focus on strategies aligned with the UN SDGs and environment-related targets, make it a force to be reckoned with.

Strong growth, infrastructure development and policy reforms underscore how enriched the opportunities are for foreign investors. This is the time to know Bangladesh better – and to invest in its future.




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# BSEC: THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER SOCIAL MEDIA




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@bsectheriseofbengaltiger1223](https://youtube.com/@bsectheriseofbengaltiger1223)



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# INVEST IN GROWTH INVEST IN BANGLADESH

As the next investment destination for the global investors, Bangladesh welcomes all the investors and investees in a simple and prompt platform. log in to the website to create your investor/investee profile to explore the opportunities, join the conversation and invest in Bangladesh.



## Investor Signup

Find Your Investment Opportunity



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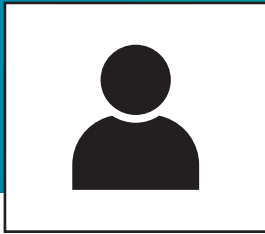
## Investor Signup

Find Your Investment Opportunity

**Create your Investor/Investee Profile**







## Investor Profile



\* Name

\* Email address

Country

\* Phone

\* Password

I hereby declare that the above information is true and correct

CREATE ACCOUNT

Already have an account? [Sing in](#)



## Investee Profile



Name

Email address

Country

Phone

Password

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# BANGLADESH CAPITAL MARKET

Bangladesh's capital market is currently dominated by equity instruments with the potential to expand its fixed income instruments and add derivatives instruments as well. According to the market classification of Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI), Bangladesh's capital market falls in the category of frontier markets - less advanced capital markets in the developing world.

## TWO STOCK EXCHANGES

**DHAKA STOCK EXCHANGE  
(DSE)**

**CHITTAGONG STOCK EXCHANGE  
(CSE)**

**BANGLADESH HAS  
LAUNCHED  
FIRST GREEN BOND,  
TO FINANCE  
ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY  
PROJECTS INCLUDING  
RENEWABLES\*\***

## INCENTIVES FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS:

- LIBERALISED INDUSTRIAL POLICY
- PRIVATE SECTOR-LED STRATEGY
- FOREIGN INVESTMENT IS PROTECTED
- 100% FOREIGN EQUITY IS ALLOWED
- PRESENCE OF UNRESTRICTED EXIT POLICY
- TAX HOLIDAY FOR 5-7 YEARS FOR 23 SELECTED SECTORS
- PRIVATE POWER COMPANIES TAX HOLIDAY FOR 15 YEARS
- ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCE (ADA)
- CONCESSIONARY DUTY ON IMPORTED MACHINERY
- NO VAT FOR IMPORTED CAPITAL MACHINERY AND SPARES
- AND MANY MORE...

BANGLADESH BOURSES SAW

**THE HIGHEST  
RETURN IN  
2020** AMONG ITS PEERS\*

\* The best performing indexes in the AAFF universe in December 2020 and May 2021

\* <https://www.pv-magazine.com/2021/04/12/bangladesh-launches-first-green-bond/>

# THE RISING STAR OF ASIA

One of the world's fastest-growing economies

Bangladesh, growing rapidly over a decade, is on its way to becoming the next Asian Tiger. Economic and political stability are driving its journey towards the future. Currently the 41st largest economy, Bangladesh will be the 25th largest economy by 2035.



7% average GDP growth in last five years



5.56% inflation in FY 2020-21



\$25 billion remittances, 6% of GDP



\$44 billion in Forex reserve, 8-9 months import coverage



\$2,227 per capita GNI in FY 2020-21, surpasses neighbors



Stable sovereign ratings by Moody's, Fitch and S&P



90% businesses express high confidence during COVID-19: survey

## CONNECTING KEY MARKETS

Currently the world's 7th most populated country, Bangladesh's stable growth has raised tens of millions to middle class and affluence (MAC) status. Besides being the location for a booming domestic market, Bangladesh is also strategic hub linking India, China and the ASEAN countries.

## YOUNG AND ENERGETIC

Bangladesh is powered by a rising youth population. Young Bangladeshis are fuelling a sharp rise in the labor force and supporting industrialization and consumption.

## EMPOWERING INFRASTRUCTURE

Bangladesh has implemented mega projects to accelerate the growth of industries and to take full advantage of its strategic location.

## INVESTMENT FOCUS

Bangladesh has the most liberal investment regime in the region, characterized by a wide array of facilities, attractive incentive policies and consistent reforms. Investment development is one of the 10 Special Initiatives of Bangladesh's Honourable Prime Minister.

**Tax Exemption, Reduced Taxation** available depending on industry type and locations

**Investment Protected** by Foreign Private Investment (Promotion & Protection) Act 1980

**100% Foreign ownership** is allowed in nearly all sectors

**No Restrictions** on issuing of work permits for foreign nationals

**Bonded Warehousing** facilities for export oriented industries

**Intellectual Property Right** is protected by law.

**Equal Treatment** of domestic and foreign investment

Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) with **30 Countries**

Double Taxation Treaties (DTTs) with **34 Countries**

Signatory of **4 Treaties** with Investment Provisions (TIPs) and **20 Investment Related Instruments** (IRIs)



918+

foreign & domestic  
companies registered



100000+

employment opportunities  
created



806+

domestic companies with  
proposed investment worth  
\$485 billion



112+

foreign companies with  
proposed investment worth  
\$226 billion

## Vision

To become a world class investment promotion agency for achieving economic progress.

## Mission

Attraction domestic and foreign investment in the private sector, providing improved services, effective coordination and creating an investment-friendly environment

## Our Services

### One stop Service (OSS)

The One Stop Services under BIDA shall ultimately serve as a single window and the only point of contact between the Government and investors for investment related services who are operating outside special economic zones established by BEZA, BEPZA and BHTPA.

### Doing Business

BIDA has been coordinating targeted reforms for the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business with technical assistance from the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

### Setting up in Bangladesh

BIDA offers investment roadmap for proprietorship & partnership and also for local and foreign limited companies.

### Aftercare

BIDA provides aftercare services to investors to support the smooth entry, operation and growth of businesses. Foreign and domestic industries and Branch/Liaison/Representative Offices registered with BIDA are eligible for BIDA's aftercare services.

## BIDA Mandate and Activities

- » Pre-investment counseling services
- » Registration and approval of private industrial projects
- » Approval of branch/liaison/representative offices
- » Visa recommendations, work permits for foreign nationals
- » Approval of royalty remittances, technical know-how, technical assistance fees
- » Facilitation of import of capital machinery and raw materials
- » Approvals of foreign loans and supplier credits
- » Aftercare facilities

## The Bangladesh Investment Development Authority

The Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) is the apex investment promotion agency (IPA) of Bangladesh which is responsible for helping foreign investors to set up investments in the country. BIDA promotes and facilitates private investment and advocates business-friendly policies. BIDA provides regulatory services including registration, approvals and recommendations.

# INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN BANGLADESH



Leather And Footwear



Light Engineering



Electronics Equipment



Plastics



Automobile



Motorcycle And Parts



Shipbuilding



Construction Materials



Infrastructure



Healthcare



Information Technology



Readymade Garments



Pharmaceuticals



Medical Equipment



Agribusiness



Jute And Jute Products

# THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER

## POTENTIALS OF TRADE & INVESTMENT IN BANGLADESH



Over the past decade, Bangladesh has witnessed a sustained economic growth at an average rate of 6.5%. Even during the pandemic, it has shown tremendous resilience and continued to grow at the rates of 5.2% in 2019-20 and 6.1% in 2020-2021 respectively. Bangladesh has come up as a growth leader not only in South Asia but also in the Asia.

The economy of Bangladesh is currently the 37th largest in the world in nominal terms, and 31st largest by purchasing power parity. Bangladesh has also been an incredible success story in the areas of health, education, women empowerment, infant mortality, life expectancy and poverty alleviation over the years, thereby reducing its economic vulnerabilities. With robust national growth and fast developments in various economic sectors, Bangladesh economy craves for huge long-term financing. Subsequently, its vibrant private sector is looking to the money market for harnessing its ever-growing equity needs.

Bangladesh stock markets witnessed the highest returns in 2020 among regional peers while its total market capital now stands at USD 61 billion, which is 16.8% of Bangladesh's GDP. With robust market growth and regulatory initiatives of the Bangladesh Securities Exchange Commission (BSEC), Bangladesh is now aspiring to become an emerging market for foreign portfolio investments. It is, therefore, no surprise that 25% ownership of Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd. is currently owned by the Shenzhen and Shanghai Stock Exchange consortium, as its strategic partner

BSEC is working relentlessly for the development of Bangladesh's capital market so as to make it the main source of long-term financing. It has undertaken several steps to develop the bond markets and have introduced new products, such as Sukuk, Exchange Traded Funds, Venture Capital, Private Equity and Impact Funds, which will open diversified investment windows. Shortly, BSEC is going to introduce derivative products in the capital markets which will, in turn, help manage the investment risks through hedging.

BSEC has planned to organize series of roadshows in different countries and cities throughout the world portraying Bangladesh and its capital market as an attractive place for foreign investment with lucrative returns. The roadshows would showcase the robust economic growth and investment potential of Bangladesh, available facilities, products and services for the NRBs and foreign investors. The first roadshow was successfully held in Dubai, UAE, the second roadshow took place in the USA at New York, Washington D.C., Silicon Valley and Los Angeles, from July 25 to August 3, 2021, the third roadshow was held in Zurich and Geneva of Switzerland from September 20 to September 22, 2021 and the fourth destination of the roadshow was London and Manchester in the United Kingdom from November 04 to November 08, 2021. Following that, the Roadshow was held in Dubai and Abu Dhabi on March 09 and 10, 2022, respectively. The last show was organized in Tokyo on 29th November 2022. The next destination of visit for the roadshow is Qatar. A delegation will visit Doha on 6th March 2023, to showcase Bangladesh and invite investment.



## H.E. SHEIKH HASINA

Honorable Prime Minister  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

### Chief Guest of the Summit

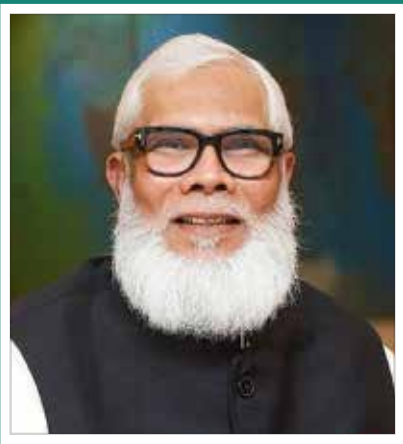
H.E. Sheikh Hasina, the Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, assumed office on 7 January 2019 for the fourth time after her party Awami League-led grand alliance won the 11th Parliamentary elections. Earlier, she served as Prime Minister in 1996-2001, 2009-2013 and in 2014-2018. Sheikh Hasina was the Leader of the Opposition in the 4th, 5th and 8th Parliaments.

Sheikh Hasina is the eldest daughter of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Sheikh Hasina was unanimously elected as president of Bangladesh Awami League in 1981 while she was in forced exile since the assassination of her father and family. She finally returned home on May 17, 1981 ending her six years in exile.

Bangladesh achieved tremendous success in socio-economic fronts during her tenure. Sheikh Hasina's achievements include 30-year Ganges Water Sharing Treaty with India, the Peace Accord on Chittagong Hill Tracts, construction of Bangabandhu Bridge, ensuring food security, increasing power production capacity manifold, GDP growth over 8%,

resolving maritime boundary dispute with Myanmar and India, slumping poverty level to 22.4 percent which was 38.4 in 2006, adopting Land Boundary Agreement by Indian parliament resolving the 68 years long border dispute, raising per capita income to USD 2,227, raising forex reserve over USD 48 billion, building Padma bridge with own fund, sending Bangabandhu Satellite-1 in the orbit, leading Bangladesh's graduation to developing country from LDC, establishing Ruppur Nuclear Power plant and more.

Sheikh Hasina was honoured with UNESCO's Houphouet-Boigny Peace Prize 1998; Pearl S Buck Award 1999; CERES Medal by FAO; Mother Teresa Award; MK Gandhi Award; Paul Harris Fellow; Indira Gandhi Peace Award 2009; Indira Gandhi Gold Plaque in Kolkata; Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, Medal of Distinction in 1996-97 and 1998-99 and Head of State Medal in 1996-97 by the International Association of Lions Clubs, Global Diversity Award in the UK, two South-South Awards. "Tree of Peace" by UNESCO, United Nation's highest environmental accolade 'Champion of the Earth Award 2015' in policy leadership category for her forefront role at home and abroad to face the adverse impacts of climate change. The International Telecommunication Union gave her the 'ICTs in Sustainable Development Award 2015' for her outstanding contributions in spreading information technology in the country. Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been conferred with 'SDG Progress award' for Bangladesh's steady progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the UN sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).



### **Salman Fazlur Rahman, MP**

Private Industry and Investment Adviser  
to the Hon'ble Prime Minister

Salman Fazlur Rahman is a renowned industrialist and social worker, popularly known as Salman F Rahman. He is the co-founder and vice-chairman of Beximco Group, a Member of Parliament and the Private Sector Industry and Investment Adviser to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Bangladesh Enterprise Institute. He is involved in news media and the sports sector as well. He previously served as the President of the SAARC Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Dhaka (MCCI), Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) and more.



### **Masud Bin Momen**

Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary), Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ambassador Masud Bin Momen is the Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) of Bangladesh. He joined as Foreign Secretary on 31 December 2019. Prior to his appointment as the Foreign Secretary, he served as Bangladesh's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Bangladesh's Ambassador to Japan, Ambassador to Italy and Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP) and International Fund for Agricultural Development. He was the Director-General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka and was responsible for matters related to South Asia, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Human Rights and the United Nations.





### **Professor Shibli Rubayat-UI-Islam**

Chairman (Senior Secretary)

Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC)

Professor Shibli Rubayat-UI-Islam has been serving as Chairman of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission since May 17, 2020. Professor Islam has been in the field of Finance, Banking and Insurance for more than two decades. He is a Professor of Banking & Insurance of the University of Dhaka. He served as Chairman of the Department, Director of MBA Program and as the Dean of Faculty of Business Studies. He was the Chairman of Sadharan Bima Corporation. Professor Islam has more than 16 research publications, 8 international conference papers and 3 text books. He has been appointed as a 'Visiting Professor' at Sichuan University in Chengdu, China. He has also served as Director of SME Foundation, Secretary General of "Switzerland Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SBCCI)" and Director of Community Bank Limited and Uttara Bank Limited.



### **Lokman Hossain Miah**

Executive Chairman (Senior Secretary)

Mr. Lokman Hossain Miah has been appointed as the Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) on Sept 4, 2022. Prior to this, he served as the Senior Secretary and Secretary of the Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Affairs, Secretary of Ministry of Textile and Jute, Divisional Commissioner of Khulna and other capacities and responsibilities in different ministries. He also served as Director of many different government boards and authorities. With a distinct career, he has earned numerous success and appreciations throughout his career.



### **H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed**

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan

H.E. Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed joined the Bangladesh Civil Service in 1986 and served in different capacities in Bangladesh, both in the field administration and in the Ministries/Divisions, before he was promoted to the rank of Secretary in 2017. He carried out his duties as the Secretary of the Ministry of Food for about two years until December 2019 and then was appointed as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Bangladesh in Tokyo. During his 33-year long career he spent more than 20 years at the Finance Division and developed himself as an expert on public financial management. During his tenure there, he played a key role in numerous national budget preparations and was closely involved with various initiatives related to financial management reforms.



### **SHAIKH YUSUF HARUN**

(Senior Secretary)

Executive Chairman

Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA)

Shaikh Yusuf Harun has taken over the charge of the Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) on July 7, 2021. Prior to that he discharged his duties with a distinguished career spanning over three decades during which he held various high level positions including Senior Secretary at the Ministry of Public Administration, as Secretary at the Medical Education & Family Welfare Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Additional Secretary at Appointment, Promotion & Deputation (APD) wing of the Ministry of Public Administration for more than two years. He acquired dexterity in Human Resource Management by working at this pivotal post of Civil Service. Moreover, he worked for more than three years as Director General at Prime Minister's Office. During this time, he had the opportunity to work on industry, health & agriculture sector, non-government organization,



Program Venue



27th April 2023

The Westin Tokyo

**TOKYO**



## THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER: TRADE & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND JAPAN

Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) and Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) are going to jointly organize a Summit on **“Trade & Investment Opportunities between Bangladesh and Japan”** on April 27, 2023 at the Westin Hotel Tokyo, Japan. **H.E. Sheikh Hasina**, Honorable Prime Minister, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh has given her kind consent to grace the event as the chief guest.

Your kind presence on this occasion is cordially requested.

**April 27**

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Venue : The Westin Tokyo  
Date & Time : April 27, 2023, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

10.30 AM - 11.00 AM : Guest Arrival, Registration & Networking

**INAUGURAL SESSION**

11.00 AM - 11.05 AM : Welcome speech by the Chairman, JETRO  
11.05 AM - 11.07 AM : Speech by the Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan  
11.07 AM - 11.10 AM : Speech by the Japan Ambassador to Bangladesh  
11.10 AM - 11.30 AM : Key Note Presentation by the Chairman, BSEC  
11.30 AM - 11.35 AM : Speech by Special Guest from Japan  
11.35 AM - 11.55 AM : Speech by the Chief Guest - HPM  
11.55 AM - 12.00 PM : Signing of MoU

**BUSINESS SESSION**

12.00 PM - 12.05 PM : Speech by the Executive Chairman, BIDA  
12.05 PM - 12.30 PM : Panel Discussion and Q&A  
12:30 PM - 12:40 PM : Presentation by BSEZ  
12:40 PM - 12:45 PM : Speech by FBCCI Chair  
12:45 PM - 12:50 PM : Presentation by BASIS  
12:50 PM -12:55 PM : Speech by Special Guest from Bangladesh  
12:55 AM - 01:00 PM : Closing remarks by the EC, BEZA



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