



Appointment of UK's New Prime Minister

THERESA MAY

The United Kingdom has elected a new Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative Party Theresa May.

On behalf of all our directors and members, UKBCCI would like to congratulate Mrs May on her appointment as well as to thank outgoing Prime Minister David Cameron for his valuable contributions, his guidance and strong handling of our country's affairs.

Though this may be a time for economic uncertainty after the referendum, we want to offer Mrs May our warmest congratulations and sincere greetings, as she begins her tenure as the Prime Minister of our great nation.



Message from UKBCCI President BAJLOOR RASHID MBE

With the referendum now decided, I wanted to share my thoughts with our members, colleagues and friends.

As I write this, after the few weeks of momentous events, we must cure the political crisis which exists in the UK. Only then will the government be able to offer clear direction and confidence. With this in mind, what I would like to see to begin with is much less 'red tape', perhaps the simplification of the UK's tax system, and at the same time, we need to continue to keep and attract big businesses who operate in the UK and encourage the necessary investment.

There also needs to be reassurance for workers and greater education and training.

It is heartening for me to say that UKBCCI was formed not just for the purpose of improving trade links between the UK and Bangladesh, but to also generate greater degrees of inward investment from countries around the world. Both the UK and Bangladesh have capacity to tap into other countries' growing economies and we at the UKBCCI should strive to play our part in facilitating that aspect.

Turning back to the referendum result, I can only hope that the tide of fear will be overturned by the will of our people. We must stand united against it and overcome any adversity that may lie ahead.

Though there is worry because of the turbulence the vote has had on our political situation, as business people we must stay calm and collected whilst the solution is worked out. This is uncharted territory for our nation, so we must play our part in adopting

a positive attitude, whatever your thoughts and voting behaviour may have been.

In life, faced with a personal challenge, do you give up, or do you find hope and a solution? Of course, most people face the challenge and do their best to overcome it. That is what we must do, embrace it and work as a 'national team'.

What we don't want to have is an atmosphere of doom and gloom.

One criticism I have of Great Britain though is the negative game some of our newspapers and media play. For too long they have adopted a 'bad news sells' mentality, with an avoidance to publicise success and positivity over and above squalid and bad news. The EU referendum was just another example of this.

We have much to be proud of. Just look at how we portrayed the nation at the London Olympics in 2012. Success was achieved magnificently from a country that has many shades of colour. Let's also not forget how patriotic we felt as the opening ceremony showed just how influential this small island has been through the centuries.

The fabric of the people is to face adversity, overcome it and ultimately improve the way we live - there lies our next challenge.

I have great faith that we will find our course and optimistic that Great Britain can change things for the better. Remember we have a history of this!

My Best Wishes to you all.



High Commissioner's PATRONSHIP OF UKBCCI

UKBCCI is pleased to announce that despite the former High Commissioner of Bangladesh H.E Mr. Md. Abdul Hannan, vacating his post, the Patronship which he bestowed upon UKBCCI in November last year, will continue under the role of any High Commissioner who replaces him.

"We are extremely honoured," said Bajloor Rashid MBE, President of UKBCCI and Iqbal Ahmed OBE, Chairman of UKBCCI, in a joint statement, "that the Patronship we received will continue regardless.

The UKBCCI couldn't be more proud and humbled to have the highest authority in the UK from Bangladesh give us the Patronship for our organisation. It has always given a huge boost to our directors and also all our members to strive to continue the work we do both in the UK and Bangladesh as well as to assist and encourage existing and new entrepreneurs. We are truly happy of this blessing."

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WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Regular:

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Obituary

Goyas Miah



UKBCCI would like to express our deepest condolences and sorrow for the passing of one of our members Goyas Miah.

Many of our directors were fortunate enough to know him. He was an active member of our community and we will always remember him with fondness and how much he contributed to help develop UKBCCI. His absence is strongly felt and his strength and input in UKBCCI will not be forgotten.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

FSB SETS OUT SMALL BUSINESS AGENDA FOR EU NEGOTIATIONS

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) is urging the government to ensure economic stability at this time of uncertainty. FSB outlines key tasks to government in the EU negotiations. Mike Cherry, National Chairman at the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), said to the UKBCCI and the wider business community:

“FSB will be the voice of smaller businesses in the EU negotiations, starting with Business Secretary Sajid Javid’s recent business summit. As soon as the EU Referendum results were clear, FSB called on the government and the Bank of England to provide economic stability, for small firms to get the confidence to continue to drive economic growth and create jobs.”

“In this business summit, I will continue to push for immediate action to reassure small businesses so they can continue to trade and do business. Smaller firms need simple access to the single market, the ability to hire the right people, continued EU funding for key schemes and clarity on the future regulatory framework. This is crucial to ensure economic growth and job creation.”

One third of FSB members export or import, with the vast majority doing so with other countries within the single market. Access to the single market means access to 500 million potential consumers, more than 26 million businesses and is worth more than £9 trillion. The UK decision to leave the EU will impact smaller firms which directly import, export, but are also part of a supply chain. FSB is calling on the government for assurances that smaller firms can maintain access to the single market, and for steps to protect inward investment.

Smaller firms employ 15.6 million people, which make up 60 per cent of all private sector employment in the UK. Access to the right skills is a crucial requirement of smaller firms to ensure they can meet consumer demands and grow as a business. Over 30 per cent of FSB members are worried they do not have access to the right skills. Smaller firms need to be able to hire the right person for the job, and sometimes this means recruiting from overseas. While we must focus hard to upskill our UK workforce, including both academic and vocational skills, access to skilled

labour from the EU must remain in place in the medium-term. In addition, many UK small firms, the self-employed, consultants and freelancers want the right to work in the EU as they do now.

Directly and indirectly, many small businesses and that includes of course ones that are owned by UKBCCI members, have benefitted from EU funds, some channelled toward infrastructure and others toward local initiatives. FSB members want reassurance that all schemes remain fully-funded in the short-term and a full assessment of the future of EU-funded schemes takes place.

The government’s de-regulation drive has seen some success, but we now call for a stronger role for the Regulatory Policy Committee in terms of tax regulations and rules coming from the EU. government should now be setting out their approach to boost this drive to remove red tape. UK/EU law has been developed over the last 40 years and now needs to be disentangled, and government must provide clarity over what new regulation may be required.

Furthermore, FSB members in Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland and London are seeking assurances that their administrations are fully involved in all significant talks. It is vital that these talks relate to the industries of special importance in all nations of the UK. In addition, FSB members in Northern Ireland seek assurances that we will not see the reinstatement of Border controls between Northern Ireland and the Republic, nor when travelling to the rest of the UK. FSB members in Wales are also seeking assurances to safeguard structural funds for the most economically deprived areas. We are also speaking to our sister organisation in Gibraltar on their specific concerns.

Mike Cherry continued: “FSB will continue to be a constructive partner in these negotiations and push for swift clarity on these crucial questions. We will seek to ensure that the confidence of the UK’s 5.4 million small businesses, which is already at its lowest level since 2013, does not fall any further. The FSB will shortly discuss this issue with members from across the UK at our regional policy conference.”

UKBCCI Director Mohammed Mahtabur Rahman (Nasir)

APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF NRB BANK LTD



Mohammed Mahtabur Rahman (Nasir), the Chairman and Managing Director of Al Haramain group of companies, has been appointed the Chairman of NRB Bank Ltd in Bangladesh.

A seasoned businessman, Rahman’s group is headed up by Al Haramain perfumes and also

sister concerns like Al Haramain trading I.L.C., Oudh Al Haramain and Noor Al Haramain trading I.L.C. with associations with a host of organisations including being the Founder President of Bangladesh Business Council-Dubai, sponsor of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Bangladesh Islamia (pvt) school in Abu Dhabi and a host of others including being the Chairman of Al Haramain Hospital pvt, amongst others. UKBCCI would like to congratulate Rahman on his new post.

UKBCCI Director Md Harun Miah Appointed Vice Chairman OF SHAHJALAL ISLAMI BANK LTD IN BANGLADESH

One of UKBCCI directors Md Harun Miah has been elected as the Vice Chairman of Shahjalal Islami Bank Ltd in Bangladesh. Businessman and established social worker, Harun Miah has long played a role in the field of social services. He is associated closely with many socio-cultural and social welfare organisations. Amongst



his several roles, he is one of the Trustees of the London Based Bangladesh Centre, Trustee of the Golapgonj Education Trust, Treasurer Al-Emdad Science & Technology Degree College, Donar Al-Emdad School & College and member of UK BATAA. Miah continues to have interests both in the UK and Bangladesh.

After Brexit, Take Charge of Your Business

SAYS ALEX LITTNER, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BOOST CAPITAL

With no one sure how long the UK's departure from Europe will take and those running small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), requiring quick control and stability, the best entrepreneurs can do is keep calm and carry

on. While chaos reigns, focus on what is within your control – your business operation, day-to-day processes, and plans for the future

Better cashflow management

The old adage cash is king has never been more true, so closely monitor what's coming into and out of the business, and make provision for financial shortfalls. Guaranteeing availability of working capital is of primary importance. Whether this is through bridging finance, employing the best payment practices and credit control, such as issuing invoices promptly or chasing debtors, always ensure your enterprise is well-funded.

Renegotiating with suppliers and securing supply chains

Now's the time to revisit suppliers' contract terms to see if better deals might be struck, or to protect the business against any possible price hikes, especially if partners are based in the EU. Investigate whether swapping to non-EU suppliers is a possibility, spreading your company's risk against cost changes.

Investing in plant or machinery

What business would want to spend money now? However, if your firm needs any expensive equipment in the medium term, it may be wise to do so. With inflation likely to rise, prices will creep up, from food and clothing through to technology and machinery, so it could pay to make big purchases soon, even if it means borrowing.

Reducing overheads

Whether it's swapping energy providers, wasting fewer raw materials, or renegotiating the rent on your business premises, it's sensible to revisit all company expenses to see what savings might be made. Keeping fixed costs down may prevent companies from having to retrench more drastically, but don't overreact.

Limiting damage for importers

Importers are likely to already feel the ill effects of the higher costs of materials. Secure forward contracts to fix the cost of international money transfers if this hasn't already been done. Expect the volatility of the pound to continue, and don't believe it can't fall further. In the current climate, everything is up for grabs, and caution should be your watchword. Short-term borrowing may be necessary to overcome the present fluctuations.

Seizing opportunity for exporters

For exporters, there is an upside to sterling's fall – their goods look cheaper. This may be offset by higher material costs imported from overseas, but there remains a serious opportunity for those who actively market their products to foreign countries. Look further afield, exploring options outside the EU. Also, if you do trade with foreign entities and are currently owed money in another currency, perhaps consider putting off collection until such time as the pound rallies. Even if you need to borrow to bridge the funding shortfall, the saving could be worth it.

Planning for growth

How can anyone think about business growth when so much remains uncertain, many will ask? But entrepreneurs and captains of industry are already saying disruption can create enormous opportunity for those with the guts and vision to act boldly. The previous recession demonstrated this well, with budget retailers booming as people looked for a bargain, and technology-related firms flourishing as new developments changed the way we all live and work. The UK retains its reputation for enterprise and great ideas generation, so there's the chance to exploit this continued desire around the globe for the quirky, distinctive, quality offerings of British companies.

Events

Rushanara Ali MP Attends UKBCCI TRADE AND INVESTMENT DINNER



Recently appointed by former Prime Minister David Cameron as the UK Trade Envoy to Bangladesh, Rushanara Ali attended a special Trade and Investment dinner event organised by UKBCCI, at the Copthorne Tara Hotel, in London's Kensington, on Wednesday 25th May.

The major event, which not only celebrated the new appointment of the MP, but also focussed on encouraging trade relations between the UK and Bangladesh, had amongst those attending the honourable chief guest His Excellency, the High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Mr Md Abdul Hannan. Also present were UKBCCI directors and

members, VIP guests and representatives from the media.

As the event's chief guest keynote speaker, the MP put emphasis on a burgeoning trade relationship between the UK and Bangladesh and said that this year alone had seen £2.3 billion worth of business transactions between the two countries with some 240 companies partaking in this.

She added that seven British universities had already opened campuses in Bangladesh and went to say that the "climate" was right in every sense for investment and forging ahead with trade with Bangladesh.

Compared by one of the UKBCCI directors, Barrister Anawar Babul Miah, the event was opened with an eloquent speech made by President Bajloor Rashid MBE, who presided over the event with further speeches given by Chairman Iqbal Ahmed OBE, UKBCCI director Jamal Khaliq, who extended his thanks to Rushanara Ali on behalf of all those who attended, Mayor of Brent Council Parvez Ahmed, Pasha Khandaker, President of the Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA) and Nobab Uddin, President London Bangla Press Club.

UKBCCI Hosts Meeting With The **BANGLADESH ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY**

With a delegation headed by Bangladesh's Honourable Land Minister Shamsur Rahman Sherif, the UKBCCI hosted a meeting with the Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority (BEZA), at the UKBCCI offices, in Hanbury Street, in June.

BEZA announced that it's seeking to establish about 100 "economic zones" in Bangladesh to promote exports and to meet the demand for local manufacturing products. This will be done it is hoped by BEZA setting up 100 economic zones in Bangladesh.

The Land Minister stated that there had never been a better time in Bangladesh for investment and the conditions and benefits being offered by the government – plus the fact that there is no tax levied on investors who invest within the economic zone.

Welcomed and chaired by Jamal Uddin Mokoddus, London Regional President of UKBCCI, also present at the event were Md Harunur Rashid, Project Director from the Bangladesh Prime Minister's office, the Bangladesh High Commission Commercial Councillor Sharifa Khan, community leaders, an assortment of media, and UKBCCI members and directors of the UKBCCI including Nazmul Islam Nuru, Rohema Miah, Oli Khan, Dr Moula Miah, Jamal Khaliq, Harun Miah and Barrister Anwar Babul Miah.



UKBCCI OBJECTIVES

- Provide more effective practical support and communications to existing and future entrepreneurs and to promote and improve the business environment in UK and Bangladesh
- Stimulate a vibrant economy within the community and produce a co-operative effort to enhance the overall quality of businesses that will enable them to reach their highest potential
- Work towards increasing the prosperity by facilitating the growth of existing businesses
- Create inward and outward investment between the UK and Bangladesh whilst addressing and promoting the establishment and improvement of the social, professional, civic, cultural and educational needs of the business community
- Create and support in all aspects the next generation of entrepreneurs, and continuing our past efforts of liaising and developing our relationship with the business community
- Help a wide variety of business communities to achieve a more sustainable performance model, encouraging and improving best practice standards
- Offer help and advice to small and medium size businesses on start-up and growth

Membership Benefits

Members will have the opportunity to develop an insight into effective market methods and connect directly with business leaders and key government officials. These individuals will offer their experience and knowledge so that members will be able to learn from those companies that are doing business in the marketplace. Members will be able to benefit from targeted sector matchmaking meetings that will potentially open doors for their business to trade and work with other companies.

Members will receive first-hand information, regarding those opportunities where key contacts can give tailored advice and aid to strengthen and improve their business in the UK and Bangladesh.

If you are a small or medium company, UKBCCI members will receive help and advice on start-up growth.

Members will gain access to numerous discounted and free services. Discounts will apply at:

- UKBCCI Conferences
- Networking Receptions
- VIP Lunches
- Business Briefings
- Exhibitions
- Trade Missions
- Offers for complimentary / reduced places at key trade-related events

A complimentary invitation to our members networking receptions plus updates via our newsletters and website.

Members will receive offers of help so that they can raise their company's profile across the broad spectrum of media, including a quarterly newsletter, sponsorship packages and if they are considering staging/ hosting an event.

Use of UKBCCI Logo – Use the 'proud to be a member' logo on your website with permission.

Business Information

International Conference for Bankers and Academics

20-21 July 2016, Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management, Dhaka, Bangladesh

<https://www.aabss.org.au/conference/icba-2016-dhaka>

Organized by the Australian Academy of Business and Social Sciences, the main objective of the International Conference for Bankers and Academics (ICBA) 2016 is to provide bankers/potential bankers with important training opportunities and academics with recent research directions in the fields of banking, business, and social sciences. This is a joint effort by the Australian Academy of Business and Social Sciences (AABSS), Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) and the Journal of Developing Areas (JDA) to promote current ideas that are important for global bankers and academics.

Career Fair Chittagong

1-2 August 2016, Hotel Agrabad, Chittagong, Bangladesh.

<http://10times.com/career-fair-chittagong>

This event showcases products like Engineering, Technology, Human Resource & Knowledge Management, Medicine, IT, Architecture, Designing, Fashion, Technical & Vocational Colleges etc. in the Education & Training industry.

Dhaka International Yarn and Fabric Show

31 August - 3 September 2016, Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

<http://www.cems-yarnandfabric.com/difs/>

The show will be a marketplace for textile business as well as presenting the latest fabrics and trends. The DIFS will be fully equipped with all ranges of textile products enhanced with the latest technology, will set a new definition of smart fabrics in order to satisfy the growing demand of the buyers.

Textech International Expo

31 August - 3 September 2016, Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

<http://textechonline.org/textechbd/>

This event showcases products like Textech is the biggest & oldest Textile Garment Technology & Machinery Expo of Bangladesh, Major investments in the textile & garment sector are happening in Bangladesh etc. in the Textile, Fabrics & Yarns industry.

Dye+Chem Bangladesh

31 August - 3 September 2016, Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

<http://www.cems-dyechem.com/dyechembd/>

This event showcases product from Chemicals & Dyes, Textile, Fabrics & Yarns, Environment & Waste Management industries.

SAI Computing Conference 2016

13-15 July 2016, ExCel London, UK

<http://excel.london/visitor/whats-on/sai-computing-conference-2016>

SAI Computing Conference is a research conference held in London, UK since 2013. The conference series has featured keynote talks, special sessions, poster presentation, tutorials, workshops, and contributed papers each year. The goal of the conference is to be a premier venue for researchers and industry practitioners to share new ideas, research results and development experiences in the areas of Computer Science, Electronics and Communication.

Pure London

24-26 July 2016, Olympia Grand, London, UK

<http://olympia.london/whatson/pure-london>

Pure London is the UK's largest gathering of fashion buyers. This is the most comprehensive women's wear event in the UK showcases footwear, accessories and ready to wear collections from over 1,000 mid to high-end brands and designers. Over 300 new brands from across the world are added to the show each season. New for 2016 the menswear collection debuts at Pure London and includes brands such as; Brancaccio C., Balmedor, Haber and Dasher and Shackleton.

You will be able to discover the hottest emerging brands, designers and trends as well as experiencing an outstanding seminar programme delivered and edited by industry experts which promises to create a focused and inspirational buying experience. You can also attend expert led seminars and workshops that cover a range of topics including ecommerce, Styling, Visual Merchandising and Forecasting the Future of Retail.

The International Conference Sustainable Development Business and Economics

1 - 3 August 2016

University of London, London, UK

<http://www.icttconference.com/15391940/london-business-economics-conference>

The conference will cover areas like business, marketing, buyer, retailer, consumer behaviour, sale management, promotion, accounting, banking management, e-business, e-commerce, e-marketing and e-banking.

The International Conference Sustainable Development Tourism Transport & Technology

1-3 August 2016, University of London, London, United Kingdom

<http://www.icttconference.com/14736531/london-tourism-transport-conference>

Organized by the ICBTS, the conference will cover areas like Tourism, Hospitality, Hotel, Leisure, Sport science, Transport, Logistics, Space Environment and aviation, Information Technology, Information science, Communication and Media, Data Mining, Internet and Worldwide Web, Social Science.

The Leading and Managing Change

29 August - 2nd September 2016

London, United Kingdom

<http://10times.com/leading-and-managing-change>

Organized by the Oxford Management Centre will, the conference will cover areas like Organisational Culture and change; Organisational Development (OD) and Work Psychology. It is a unique programme that provides a theoretical background, guidelines on best practice, and skills development in organisational change management processes.

Speciality & Fine Food Fair

4-6 September 2016, Olympia London, UK

<http://olympia.london/whatson/speciality-fine-food-fair>

Speciality & Fine Food Fair, incorporating Speciality Chocolate Fair, is the must-attend trade event with more than 800 producers showcasing thousands of new food and drink products. Attend the fair to discover the latest artisan trends, source new products, learn about new menu ideas and listen to industry experts in an action-packed programme of seminars. You'll have the chance to watch live cookery demonstrations at the Fine Food Live stage and hear industry experts speak at the Small Business Forum. What's more, the Business Mentoring Centre will host trade specialists giving free one-to-one business advice for your next venture.

Plus, Speciality Chocolate Fair, the UK's only dedicated trade event for fine and artisan chocolate, provides the perfect opportunity to source new sweet treats and discover innovative flavour combinations to incorporate into your menu or add to the shelves of your deli.

International Jewellery London

4-6 September 2016, Olympia National, London UK

<http://olympia.london/whatson/international-jewellery-london>

With the largest selection of jewellery specific exhibitors and leading, high-end manufacturers than any other UK trade event, International Jewellery London is your opportunity to select the best ranges from around the world. One visit will allow you to discover the latest collections for yourself and gain insight into the newest trends.

The show provides the ideal environment to network and trade in; it's inspirational and perfectly timed to source jewellery for the festive trading period and beyond. International Jewellery London is not just a trade show; the networking opportunities and social events that take place during the show are the icing on the cake.

Business Information

Bank on Business Expo

14 Sep 2016 Biggin Hill Airport, London, UK.

<http://www.bankonbusiness.co.uk/>

The expo, bringing together the larger business communities of both Bromley and Kent. Create greater exposure for your business at this years enhanced Expo....100+ stands and an exciting new Venue at London Biggin Hill Airport. Help us Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain week. Check-in to the Exclusive networking breakfast and enjoy refreshments, Free WiFi and Free parking throughout the day. Come along and join informative seminars, meet industry leaders and expand your business network and see your business fly.

Packaging Innovations

14-15 September 2016, Olympia Central, London UK

<http://olympia.london/whatson/packaging-innovations>

Packaging Innovations & Luxury Packaging London is the event for brand, marketing, creative and packaging professionals to meet with over 170 exhibitors from the packaging industry. Not only is it the opportunity to meet with leading packaging innovators, but the event also hosts a comprehensive seminar programme and conference making it a fantastic source of expertise and industry insight.

CIO Retail Summit

20 -21 September 2016, London, UK

<http://eu.cioretailsummit.com/>

The summit brings together C-level executives, technology analysts, innovative solution providers and IT thought leaders to discuss the critical technology issues currently affecting retail organizations. The event is an opportunity for participants to attend educational sessions, learning about new technology solutions and sharing successes, failures and new ideas in a comfortable, yet focused business setting. Formal and informal networking opportunities allow executives to connect and strengthen ties with past colleagues, while making new, critical business contacts.

Smart Summit London

21-22 September 2016

Olympia Conference Centre, London UK

<http://olympia.london/whatson/smart-summit-london>

The rise of digital technologies is transforming almost every aspect of modern life. A cluster of technological advances is changing how people live, work and play. Physical and virtual areas of our lives are increasingly becoming intertwined. More and more of our interactions are mediated by machines. This two-days conference and exhibition will cover the Internet of Things (IoT) ecosystem and its impact on the digital society. With 3 in-depth event tracks and over 160 leading speakers, no other IoT event covers the Smart Home, Smart Cities and Industrial Internet of Things in as much detail. Co-located with a joint networking exhibition, each track (summit) features over 20 unique and topical sessions – gain a unique insight from industry heavyweights and hear case study examples from major contributors. 100% Design

21-24 September 2016

Olympia Grand, London UK

<http://olympia.london/whatson/100-design>

The show will take place across two levels and benefit from natural light, grand architectural spaces, and five distinct sections; from Interiors to Design & Build through Kitchens & Bathrooms, Workplace and Emerging Brands.

The award-winning layout of the show is defined by four key industry sections; Interiors, Workplace, Kitchen & Bathrooms and Design & Build.

The show also features specially commissioned editorial hubs across the floors. Topped off by the critically acclaimed talks with the programme running across the four days of the show, 100% Design is a diverse, inspirational design experience.

Exhibitors are carefully selected, reflecting the show's focus on design quality, innovation and relevance to the architecture and design community. These companies and products, alongside a comprehensive roster of the best media and specialist industry partners, contribute to make 100% Design an essential

New Scientist Live

22 -25 September 2016 , Excel London, UK

<http://excel.london/visitor/whats-on/new-scientist-live>

New Scientist Live is a festival of ideas and discovery. Rooted in the biggest, best and most provocative science, New Scientist Live will touch on all areas of human life. The show will feature immersive zones covering Cosmos, Brain & Body, Earth, and Technology. For four days, New Scientist Live will be like no other place on earth.

The National Wedding Show

23 -25 September 2016, Olympia National, London UK

<http://olympia.london/whatson/national-wedding-show>

Try, buy, book and hire everything you need for your special day at the ultimate day-out for the whole bridal party. With over 300 wedding specialists from bridal boutiques and florists to jewellers and photographers, this event is the ultimate wedding shopping experience. A day's visit will save you months of planning stress and leave you with endless ideas and inspiration for your big day. From trying on and buying your dream dress from the thousands on offer, to hiring your venue, ordering your cake, booking your photographer, choosing your stationery and lots more, it is the only show for brides-to-be.

Take Away Innovation Expo 2016

27-28 September 2016, Excel London, UK

<http://excel.london/visitor/whats-on/takeaway-innovation-expo-2016>

Takeaway Innovation Expo is the event to help you boost profits, build your brand and grow your business and it's completely free to attend.

This event is the perfect vehicle for businesses that want to be up-to-date with technology, food and drinks trends, marketing, new ideas and everything you need to take your takeaway or restaurant business to the next level.

There are over 85 free seminars, 200 exhibiting suppliers, free master classes, expert advice areas, interactive features, national scale networking and much more.

Restaurant Interior Design Show

27-28 September 2016, Excel London, UK

<http://excel.london/visitor/whats-on/restaurant-interior-design-show>

The Restaurant Interior Design show is the UK's largest and most comprehensive event specifically aimed at restaurant, bar and café interior designers.

This brand new show will deliver the foremost in ideas, inspiration and creativity to food and drink establishment owners, architects, designers, and other industry professionals from across the country, and caters for individuals either looking for start-up inspiration, or to reinvent their establishment, or interior design professionals seeking the opportunities available in this specialist market.

Street Food Live

27-28 September 2016, Excel London, UK

<http://excel.london/visitor/whats-on/street-food-live>

Street Food Live is Europe's largest exhibition for street food vendors looking to start or grow their business. The Show offers the market leading suppliers presenting the most innovate street food solutions, as well as a fantastic schedule of seminars by inspirational successes and industry experts to bring you up to speed on the fastest growing food sector in the UK.

Ecommerce Expo

28-29 Sep 2016, Olympia National- London, UK

<http://ubm.ecommerceexpo.co.uk/exhibit/>

The expo connects buyers and suppliers of ecommerce technology and services through the UK's largest vendor marketplace, high quality thought leadership and networking. The event covers all aspects of the online transactional process – from marketing, web-platforms and payments through to delivery and customer service. Over 5000 ecommerce professionals attend each year from B2C and B2B, SME and enterprise across all vertical sectors including retail, travel & leisure, financial services & transport.

Food Entrepreneur Show

28 -29 Sep 2016, ExCel London, United Kingdom.

<http://www.foodentrepreneurshow.co.uk/>

This event showcases products like society and why restaurant/ takeaway owners should be integrating etc. In the Business Services, Food & Beverage industries etc. in the Business Services, Food & Beverage industries

Technology for Marketing

28 -29 September 2016, Olympia National, London UK

<http://olympia.london/whatson/technology-marketing>

Technology for Marketing (TFM) is the premier event for marketers to source, understand and maximize the use of technology-powered marketing.

Quite simply, it aims to help you, your teams and your business answer the following key questions:

- How do you identify the marketing technology you need?
- How do you source that marketing technology?
- How do you implement it for maximum impact?
- How do you develop the skills to use it?
- How do you structure your teams to take advantage of the benefits and the future?

TFM does this through providing you with:

- a marketplace of over 100 technologies, products and services
- education, thought leadership and training
- experiential content where you can get hands-on with tech
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UKBCCI Link Project

UK-Bangladesh Catalyst of Commerce and Industry (UKBCCI) is now focused on working together with both the British and Bangladesh governments, businesses, educational institutions and the relevant government bodies to respond to the many national challenges that currently exist and to develop more leadership, management and entrepreneurs in the various fields of health and social care, education, management, hospitality, pharmaceuticals, RMG garment and textile manufacturing, trade and export and much more.

As we know, alongside initiative and courage doing business requires connections with the right people. UKBCCI is currently developing a programme that will enhance the way in which businesses can grow, communities can flourish, and individuals can get more out of life through a programme aptly called the UKBCCI Link Project.

For some, it's because they want a chance to shape the future, and drive forward a new era of change. For others, it's because of the way that we encourage them to get the best out of themselves. As a group of NRBs that are successful in various sectors of the UK and Bangladesh, we are looking to impart our knowledge and success for the benefit of the business community by operating an internship and apprenticeship service to the non-resident Bangladeshi professionals in the UK and vice versa.

In fact, many of the world's largest multinational corporations rely on international graduates to compete in the global market. We know that you will appreciate the difference that an internship can make and we would very much like to explore and secure ways to make that happen.

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Year Wise Remittance Flow from UK (million US \$)

Year	Target	Achievement	% of Achievement over target	Growth	Total Export of Bangladesh	UK Export as % of Total Export
2007-08	1,500.00	1,469.28	97.95		14,110.80	10.41
2008-09	1,695.00	1,603.41	94.60	9.13	15,565.19	10.30
2009-10	1,795.90	1,652.73	92.03	3.08	16,204.70	10.20
2010-11	1,834.53	2,231.98	121.66	35.05	22,924.38	9.74
2011-12	2,555.65	2,639.31	103.27	18.25	24,287.70	10.87
2012-13	3,160.82	2,973.74	94.08	12.67	27,018.26	11.01
2013-14	3,590.66	3,143.99	87.56	5.73	30,500.00	10.31
2014-15	3,475.00	3,438.56	98.95	9.37	31,198.45	11.02
2015-2016 (Jul-May)	3,750.00	3637.96	100.00		30,664.21	11.86

Source: Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh

Year Wise Remittance Flow from UK (million US \$)

Year	Remittance from UK	Annual Growth (%)	Total Remittance to Bangladesh	UK as % of Total
2006-07	886.90		5,998.47	14.79
2007-08	896.13	1.04	7,914.78	11.32
2008-09	788.85	-11.97	9,689.26	8.14
2009-10	827.25	4.87	10,987.40	7.53
2010-11	889.60	7.54	11,650.32	7.64
2011-12	987.45	11.00	12,843.43	7.69
2012-13	991.59	1.22	14,461.14	6.86
2013-14	901.23	-9.11	14,228.26	6.33
2014-15	812.34	-9.86	15,316.90	5.30
2015-16 (Jul-May)	758.62		13465.29	5.63

Inward and outward foreign direct investment flows, annual, 2003-2011

YEAR ECONOMY	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Bangladesh	792	666	1,086	700	913	1,136	136.94	191.35	180.7

Inward and outward foreign direct investment flows, annual, 2003-2015

Year	Total FDI Flow to Bangladesh	FDI from the UK	FDI from UK as % of Total	
2003	350	116	33.14	
2004	460	106.2	23.09	
2005	845	111.9	13.24	
2006	792	127.6	16.11	
2007	666	140.2	21.05	
2008	1,086	138.5	12.75	
2009	700	207.3	29.61	
2010	913	105.68	11.58	
2011	1,136	116.32	10.24	
2012	990.04	136.94	13.83	
2013	1,599	191.35	11.97	
2014	1526.70	180.98	11.85	
2015	2235.39	300.8	13.46	2nd largest

Source: Bangladesh Bank and UNCTAD

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