# Business & Entrepreneur Excellence Awards 2016 Special Newsletter Issue 8

## **UK BANGLADESH CATALYSTS OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**



#### Iqbal Ahmed OBE Chairman

I am very proud of the fact that the inaugural UKBCCI Business & Entrepreneur Excellence Awards 2016 evening was a resounding success. I feel very honoured that the presence of diplomats, politicians and business leaders and of so many members and their

families and colleagues underlined the prestigious nature of the event and the esteem in which UKBCCI is held and demonstrated overwhelming support of our objectives to promote trade; entrepreneurship and best business practice.

It is against this background that the businesses and individuals featured in our awards can take pride. The commendations for each award highlighted the impressive achievements of the shortlisted businesses and individuals and the enormously difficult job faced by the judges.

All nominees can be proud that their achievements in innovation; entrepreneurship and leadership have been recognised in such a public and prestigious way. I congratulate the winners and commend all the nominees on their excellence and sincerely hope that many more achievers will be encouraged to seek nomination next year. Let us make the judges' job even more difficult.

It was particularly pleasing to associate the event with Apasen International and to use the occasion to raise funds to enable Apasen to continue its work with disabled, disadvantaged and vulnerable children in Bangladesh.

I would like to thank our panel of judges under Lord Bilimoria CBE DL for the exceptionally difficult job they were faced with in deciding on the winners and all of our sponsors without whose generous support the awards would not have been possible.

I would also like to thank all the staff at Madhu's and the Hilton, Park Lane for a job well done and all the artistes who provided such lavish and colourful entertainment.

Finally, special thanks to our President, fellow Directors, members and staff for their support and contribution.

# WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!



#### Bajloor Rashid MBE President

The inaugural UKBCCI Business & Entrepreneur Excellence Awards 2016, held at the London Hilton Park Lane on Sunday 20th November last year, were a tremendous success for our organisation.

After the formation of UKBCCI nearly three years ago, it was very much part of our vision that we not only

nurture and support entrepreneurs but reward them with recognition. After all, business is about reward – whether one reaps that through monetary means or recognition in the wider community, the latter was certainly what our awards were very good at achieving. The awards are more than just a celebratory event of handing out crests to the winners. It also has a hugely symbolic value. Often, where I have been part of other mainstream events and recognition from dignitaries has been for our great curry industry, I have maintained that the British Bangladeshi community is much more diverse than the restaurant sector. We represent all spheres of business and our awards have been a wonderful example of that.

Our nominees came from all sectors of the entrepreneurial sector. Not only were the best of the best recognised, but what the awards do is to also encourage more people to become entrepreneurs both in the UK and Bangladesh, which in turn benefits the respective economies - something at the core of the UKBCCI - as well as to enter our awards. From young entrepreneurs to inspirational ones, from established ones to lifetime achievers and from best new business to best product along with categories such as Business Woman of the Year to other ones, we truly covered the gamut of the business spectrum.

I would also like to take this opportunity to look to the future. The UKBCCI's ever increasing reputation and awareness of what entrepreneurs require, regardless of whether in the UK or Bangladesh, makes us keenly aware of how best to encourage and develop them. We will continue to do this and do it in a manner which is all-encompassing so that successful entrepreneurs aren't just champions of any one community, but champions and mentors for all. Lastly, no awards event takes place by itself. So, I want to extend my utmost thanks to our sponsors for helping to make the event a reality and of course all our guests. I also want to thank our Chairman Iqbal Ahmed OBE, all Directors and all the people and teams behind the scenes, too numerous to mention individually.

Our 2016 awards were an icing on the cake for everything that the UKBCCI has done to date. However, we continue forward buoyed by all the success we have achieved and the next awards event.

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#### **Associate Members**

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#### We Welcome Our New Members

**Corporate:** 

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Mohammad Shafiullah of Choice Accountancy Ltd

of Chef Online

Mohammed Munim Mohammed Nazim Uddin of NCL Tours

## **NEWS & EVENTS**

Mohammed Mahtabur Rahman (Nasir), Chairman and Managing Director of AI Haramain Group Visits **UKBCCI** 



Mohammed Mahtabur Rahman (Nasir), Chairman and Managing Director of Al Haramain Group of Companies, along with being the director of UKBCCI, visited the UKBCCI offices on 31st January. Present at the meeting, were the organisation's President Bajloor Rashid MBE, along with its Director of Financial Affairs, Nazmul Islam Nuru, as well as directors Oli Khan, Harun Miah and Abdul Quayum Khalique (Jamal).

## Neela's Homes Managing Director and UKBCCI **Director Neela Farzana Hossain Awarded Fellowship** of RSA



UKBCCI Director and award winning Managing Director of Neela's Homes Ltd, Neela Farzana Hossain, has been awarded the Fellowship of The Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA). "I'm very happy and proud to have received this honour," said an elated Hossain."

It offers me great encouragement and to do more, not just for our community, but also for society as a whole." The RSA is a London-based, British organisation committed to finding practical solutions to social challenges. Its founding charter has been to 'embolden enterprise, enlarge science, refine art, improve our manufacturers and extend our commerce.'

## Former Bangladesh Ambassador to UN Meets with UKBCCI Directors



Meeting with Dr A K Abdul Momen, former Bangladesh Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations and the UKBCCI Directors, Iqbal Ahmed OBE, Chairman, Bajloor Rashid MBE, President, Azad Ali, Director of International Trade Affairs and M A Gani, Director.

## UKBCCI Chairman Iqbal Ahmed OBE Receives Trophy from Bangladesh Prime Minister



Chairman of UKBCCI Iqbal Ahmed OBE, receiving the National Export Trophy Award from Rt Hon Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina on 1st January 2017.

## H.E. Mr. Md. Nazmul Quaunine Appointed High Commissioner of Bangladesh



H.E. Mr. Md. Nazmul Quaunine, has been appointed the new High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the UK. He is a career diplomat and previously served as Bangladesh Ambassador of Bangladesh in Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He has also served at the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington D.C,

Bangladesh Permanent Mission to UN in Geneva and Bangladesh High Commissions in Islamabad, Pakistan and London in various capacities.

# Taj Stores Brothers Win Award for Who's Who



Brothers Abdul Quayum Khalique (Jamal), who is also a UKBCCI director, Abdul Khalique (Junel) and Abdul Muhith (Joynal), all three of whom own the internationally renowned Taj Stores in London's famed Brick Lane, were awarded one of the prestigious British Bangladeshi Who's Who 2016 awards at the gala dinner held on 17th of November at Meridian Grand in London. The brothers received their award from H. E. Mr Nazmul Quaunine, Bangladesh high commissioner to the UK, who was accompanied by Mohammed Shofiqul Islam, Country Manager of Biman Bangladesh Airlines UK and Ireland.

## UKBCCI Gives Welcoming Dinner for Showkat Aziz Russell



UKBCCI's President and directors hosted a welcoming dinner in honour of director Showkat Aziz Russell on 20th September 2016, at the renowned London Docklands Thai restaurant Kinkao. Russell, who is the Chairman and Managing Director of the Amber Group, was hosted by UKBCCI President Bajloor Rashid MBE along with directors Nazmul Islam Nuru, M A Rouf JP, Harun Miah, Abdul Quayum Khalique (Jamal), M A Gani, Anawar Babul Miah, Dr M G Moula Miah and Oli Khan. Also present were UKBCCI's corporate member Mohammed Munim and the Mayor of Brent Parvez Ahmed.

## UKBCCI Holds AGM for 2015 and 2016



The Annual General Meeting 2015 and 2016 (AGM) for the UKBCCI took place at the organisation's offices on 19th September. Those present included President Bajloor Rashid MBE and directors along with the members. Amongst the various matters discussed on the agenda, the UKBCCI reflected on its achievements and great success since its formation.

"2017 will be year when small business resilience is likely to be tested," Mike Cherry, National Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), tells UKBCCI



Running a small business and being your own boss can be one of the most challenging and most satisfying things you can choose to do. But as with any big decisions in life, it's not without its ups and downs. It's essential to be as prepared as possible - making sure you and your business are resilient to the changes going on around you and being ready to grab the opportunities as they arise.

# Bangladesh Travel and Tourism Delegation Meets with UKBCCI



The UKBCCI met with a delegation from the Bangladesh Tourism Board on 9th September 2016, to discuss the potential of promoting Bangladesh as a travel and tourism destination for visitors from the UK. Present from the UKBCCI were President Bajloor Rashid MBE along with directors including Jamal Uddin Mokoddus, Nazmul Islam Nuru, Anawar Babul Miah, Oli Khan, Saiful Alam, Farzana Hossain Neela, Jamal Khalegue and Harun Miah. The tourism delegation was headed by Nazrul Islam Chowdhury, MP, Member, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Civil Aviation and Tourism along with S. M. Ghulam Farooque, Secretary, Minister of Civil Aviation and also Bhubon Chandra Biswas, Director (Joint Secretary), Bangladesh Tourism Board as well other representatives. Present from the Bangladesh High Commission was Sharifa Khan, Commercial Councillor.

2017 will be year when small business resilience is likely to be tested but if you're prepared to adapt, there could be some great opportunities out there too.

The UK's decision to the leave the European Union and the resulting change of Government has created a huge amount of uncertainty. We now need to see this Government step up and provide some reassurance and stability so small firm can start planning ahead.

We've been working hard at FSB to make sure we understand the challenges and difficulties that our members are facing, given that Brexit is on the way. This year, we plan to push hard to ensure that the voice of small businesses is being listened to and heard. 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.

From now on, we'll be preparing for whatever Brexit may bring and make sure we are ready to take every opportunity to feed into and inform the government's plans. As an organisation, we will have a chance to discuss our hopes and figure out how we move forward, addressing the concerns of our members and advocating on their behalf. This will be the year where we will begin to understand what the exit from the EU will really mean.

We will seek to ensure that small businesses are getting the right support to take advantage of the wealth of opportunities coming our way.

## **UKBCCI Business & Entrepreneur Excellence Awards**

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#### London Hilton Park Lane (Sunday 20th November 2016)

The UKBCCI held its inaugural Business & Entrepreneur Excellence Awards 2016 in November last year and we could not have been more proud. It was a great moment for our organisation. Proving to be a culmination of everything that we have been working towards for nearly three years and recognising and celebrating entrepreneurs – not just new and established but also from all walks of life.



**Best New Business:** Majeda Clarke, Textile Designer and Weaver. From right Bilal Ahmed, Director IBCO Ltd. Extreme Left: Richard Harrington MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Dept of Work and Pensions and then Pasha Khondhakar, President of the Bangladeshi Caterers Association (BCA).



**Business Innovation:** Ordering Direct - Atique Alahi and Asik Alahi. Extreme Left: Rubia Bari, Miss Galaxy. Second Left Award Winner Atique Alahi, Co-Managing Director of Ordering Direct. Next: M A Ghani, Director UKBCCI. Extreme Right: Bulbul Islam, UK Partner for Radhuni and Director of Neela Homes Ltd.



**Contribution to the Industry Commercial:** Winner A.K.M. Fazlul Huq for his services to Accountancy Extreme left: Dr Rupa Huq MP. Next: A.K.M. Fazlul Huq. Next: Jayanti Modi, Managing Director of Gandhi Oriental Foods. Extreme right: Farzana Hossain Neela UKBCCI Director.



**Best Product of the Year:** Mountain Gold Tea from the London Tea Exchange - Sheikh Aliur Rahman. Extreme right: Sheikh Aliur Rahman, MD of London Tea Exchange and middle, Mohammed Munim of Chef Online. Extreme Left: Andy Street, former Managing Director of John Lewis Partnership.



**Contribution to the Industry:** Winner Zubair Hoque, Racing Driver. Extreme left: UKBCCI Director, Dr M G Moula Miah. Middle: Zubair Hoque. Extreme right: Aftab Bhati, Regional Director Cobra Beer Partnership for South of England.



**Inspirational Business Leader of the Year:** Anis A. Khan, MD & CEO Mutual Trust Bank Limited (MTB) & Chairman, Association of Bankers Bangladesh (ABB). Extreme left: Rt Hon Lord Bates, MP Minister for State, Department for International Business. Next: Saiful Alam, Director UKBCCI. Next: Anis Khan. Next: Damon Swarbrick, CEO, Kingfisher Beer Europe Ltd. Extreme right: Oli Khan, Director UKBCCI.



**Restaurant of the Year:** Coriander at Hatch End. Extreme left: Salim Chowdhury, owner of Coriander. Next : Maggie Throup MP Next: Jamal Uddin Moke

Next : Maggie Throup MP. Next: Jamal Uddin Mokoddus, UKBCCI Director. Extreme right: Salim's brother-in-law Abdul Koddus.



Young Entrepreneur of the Year: Emon Ahmed, Senior Director, Stirling Ackroyd.

Extreme left: Rt Hon Mark Field MP. Next: Emon Ahmed with colleague. Extreme right: Sandra Dexter, National Vice Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses (FSB).



**Businesswoman of the Year:** Asma Khan, Darjeeling Express.

Extreme left: Asma Khan. Next: UKBCCI Director Azad Ali. Extreme right: M. A. Rouf, JP, Chairman, Mutual Trust Bank and Senior Vice President UKBCCI.



**Entrepreneur of the Year:** Nazim Uddin Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Extreme left: Paul Scully MP. Next: Mohammed Nobab Uddin. Next: Nazim Uddin. Extreme right: Bulbul Islam, UK representative, IFAD Group.



UKBCCI Directors' Choice Award: Dahlia Basar.

Extreme left: Jamal Khalique, UKBCCI Director. Next: John Biggs, Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets Council. Next: Dahlia Basar. Extreme right: Anawar Babul Miah, Director UKBCCI.



**UKBCCI Lifetime Achievement Award:** Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, Chairman/President - Rangs Group & Sea Resources Group. Extreme left: Bajloor Rashid MBE, President UKBCCI. Next: Iqbal Ahmed, Chairman UKBCCI. Next: Rushanara Ali MP. Next: Abdur Rouf Chowdhury and his wife. Extreme right: Chief Guest Rt Hon David Gauke MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

## **KEY SPEAKERS**



Bajloor Rashid MBE President UKBCCI



Iqbal Ahmed OBE Chairman UKBCCI



H.E. Mr. Md. Nazmul Quaunine High Commissioner of Bangladesh



Chief Guest Rt Hon David Gauke MP Chief Secretary to the Treasury



Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE DL Chairman, Cobra Beer Partnership



Rushanara Ali MP and Trade Envoy for Bangladesh

## GALLERY



Nazmul Islam Nuru UKBCCI Director of Financial Affairs









"It was an outstanding event. Many congratulations to you and your outstanding team on a spectacular event at the Hilton Park Lane. There was a tremendous atmosphere throughout and it ran like clockwork. It was a privilege for me to participate and for Cobra to be present. Thank you for your support, as always.

The UKBCCI Awards has got off to a flying start and I wish you every success going forward."

Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE DL, Awards Judge

























"Many thanks for inviting me to be a judge for your inaugural excellence awards. It was an honour and a privilege, and I was inspired by the achievements of all the candidates. My husband and I thoroughly enjoyed your well organised and fast paced event which presented a positive and dynamic picture of the Bangladeshi community.

The people nominated for the awards represented an incredibly wide range of entrepreneurship and it was especially encouraging to see so many young people."

## Dr Nazia Khanum OBE DL, Awards Judge



"Thank you very much for the great event and successful evening..., it was a great dinner and music, and venue."

## Dr Zoe Mandich, Awards Judge







"I am so happy and extremely grateful to UKBCCI for awarding me the Life Time Achievement Award with their love, respect and affection. It offers me a stimulus to me to realise my vision and mission in life. It is still a long way to fulfil my vision to do some good work for my country, people and the humanely at large. The idea in the back of my mind has always been that work is good provided the purpose is noble.

UKBCCI has bestowed tremendous responsibility on me to fulfil my desire to Rangs Group and its subsidiaries and peripheries to take it to a new height of progress for the prosperity of our people, the country and the humanity at large.

The presentation you have given me fills me with so much love, affection and blessings. Your whole awards function was gorgeous, magnificent and everyone whom I met there said that it was a memorable event."

> Abdur Rouf Chowdhury Chairman Rangs Group/Sea Resources Group

"I am delighted to have received the Product of Year Award at the inaugural UKBCCI Business & Entrepreneur Excellence Awards and Gala Dinner. Since its inception, the UKBCCI has taken the initiative in ensuring the growth of trade and industry in the UK and in Bangladesh, and it was an honour to be a part of such a spectacular event that brought together some of the most prominent business leaders and entrepreneurs.

London Tea Exchange has a challenging year ahead and in 2017 we are looking at opening two additional stores, through which, we hope to have the largest collection of rear and premium teas in the UK.

We would like to thank the UKBCCI for the support they have given us and we look forward to working closely with them in the future."

> Sheikh Aliur Rahman Chief Executive, London Tea Exchange



"Thank you for my wonderful Best New Business award. I thought the Dinner event was incredibly well organised and a huge success. What a fantastic venue. My award was a complete surprise but actually means a lot to me, especially at the start of my fledgling business where professional recognition really matters. To be honoured in front of my peers and my family was a privilege and has given me huge encouragement in striving to make my business a success." Majeda Clarke

Textile Designer & Weaver







"I was really honoured being nominated for two categories for the UKBCCI awards. The panel of judges were made up of three eminent people who were leaders in their field.

The evening was really well organised- there was a great buzz in the room and it felt like I was attending a wedding in the Indian sub-continent as everyone was so elegantly dressed! When I heard my name called on the stage, I wish I had prepared a speech! It was a memorable moment accepting the award for the Businesswoman of the Year."

> Asma Khan Darjeeling Express











"I was delighted to be recognised for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year award by the UKBCCCI. As someone whose business portfolio ranges from restaurants to real estate, I know the value of the Bangladeshi business community coming together. Networking with my fellow Bangladeshis has always been a fruitful activity and this award has proven to be a real springboard into meeting new contacts in the community.

The awards ceremony itself was a fantastic evening and I would like to thank the organisers for such a professional and engaging evening."

> **Emon Ahmed** CEO, Stirling Ackroyd Legal



## **Objectives of UKBCCI**

- 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 cooperative 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 startup 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.

As our member, do you have any news about your business you feel we should be putting into our newsletter? Do please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

## **Business Information**

#### Indo-Bangla Automotive Show 2017

#### 2-4 Feb 2017

International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB), Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/automotive-show

The event showcases products manufactured by the members of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and members of Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA).

#### Krishitech Bangladesh

#### 13-15 Feb 2017

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/krishitech

Krishitech Bangladesh is a three day event being showcasing products like agri products, machinery, equipment, tractors, soil management, technology, seeds, water management and much more etc. in the agriculture and forestry industry.

## Bangladesh International Plastics, Printing & Packaging Industry Fair

#### 15-18 Feb 2017

Bangabandhu International Conference Center, Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/plasprintpack-industrial-fair A four day event displaying a wide range of products from plastics, plastic and rubber raw materials and auxiliaries, rubber, printing, packaging and much more.

#### Dhaka International Yarn & Fabric Show 15-18 Feb 2017

□ International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/dhaka-yarn-fabric-show 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.

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#### International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Communication Engineering (ECCE)

#### 16-18 Feb 2017

Best Western Plus Heritage, Chittagong, Bangladesh http://10times.com/ecce-chittagong

Organized by the Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology, the conference will cover areas like power systems and renewable energy, nanotechnology, electronics and control systems, intelligent computing and systems.

#### Asia Pharma Expo

#### 23-25 Feb 2017

International Convention City Bashundhara, Hall- 1 (Gulnaksha), Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/asia-pharma-expo

This event showcases products as well as showcasing huge export opportunities for Bangladesh, as among all 50 LDCs, Bangladesh is the only country which has a strong pharma manufacturing base in the medical and pharmaceutical industry.

## Dhaka Int'l Textile & Garment Machinery Exhibition

23-26 Feb 2017

Bangabandhu International Conference Center, Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/garment-machinery-exhibition The event is designed to be the trendsetter for the industry player to showcase new technology, state-ofthe-art equipment, materials and services. It's also an avenue for international suppliers and visitors to expand business to the lucrative market and accelerate Bangladeshi technological advances that will impart effective quality, high speed and competitive cost to gain that all important edge in textile and garments industry.

### **Powertech Bangladesh**

#### 02-04 Mar 2017

Bangabandhu International Conference Center, Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/powertech-bangladesh-expo This event showcases product from automotive, computer hardware and software, electronics and electrical goods, industrial products, hand, machine and garden tools, education and training industries.

### **International Poultry Show & Seminar**

02-04 Mar 2017

□ International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB), Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/poultry-show

The conference will cover areas like meat food, side menu, Korean food, noodles, kitchen equipment, utensils, health-related, seafood, soft drinks, desserts, sweets and agricultural products.

## Bangladesh Innovation & Development BIID Expo & Green Summit

#### 02-04 Mar 2017

Bangabandhu International Conference Center, Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/biid-expo-green-summit The event showcases products like sustainability, environment protection, green materials, energy savings, green financing, safety, eco products equipment and technology and much more in the building construction, environment and waste management industries.

## Agro Machinery & Seed Expo

#### 9-11 Mar 2017

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/agro-machinery-seed-expo This event showcases products like agricultural equipment, tillage machinery, irrigation and harvest machinery, to that of tools, pumps and motors associated with this field in the chemicals and dyes, agriculture and forestry, plant, machinery and equipment industries.

## Dairy & Poultry Expo

9-11 Mar 2017

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/dairy-poultry-expo-dhaka This event showcases products like breeder farms, breeder systems, broiler breeder and layer, broiler equipment, broiler farms, bulk trucks, capping machinery associated with this field in the agriculture and forestry, and business services industries.

#### Beverage Foods & Technology Expo 9-11 Mar 2017

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh

http://10times.com/beverage-foods-technology-expo This event showcases products like cleaning, grading and milling technology for grains, cereals, rice, pulses, spices and oil seeds, packaging machinery and equipment for grains, cereals, rice, pulses, and spices and oil seeds, to that of bakery products and inputs associated with this field in the food and beverage industry.

## **Dhaka Auto Parts Show**

#### 23-25 Mar 2017

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh http://10times.com/dhaka-auto-parts-show This event showcases products from manufacturing

This event showcases products from manufacturing, fabrication, repair and the maintenance industry.

## **Dhaka Bike Show**

30 Mar-01 Apr 2017 International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh http://10times.com/bike-show-dhaka This event showcases products from the automobile and motorcycle industry.

## **Recruitment Agency Expo**

1 – 2 Feb 2017
 Olympia Central, London
 http://olympia.london/whatson/recruitment-agency-expo
 With hundreds of products, an extensive seminar

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programme and some the industry's leading suppliers on hand, this is an event for all recruitment professionals.

### A Taste of Marketing

2 Feb 2017

The Wenta Business Centre, Watford, Watford, WD24 7ND

https://www.businessevents.org.uk/en/eventsearch/ This workshop helps you understand your market, ensure you have the tools to find your market, and then suggests the best methods to target them.

## Leadership and Management Training

6 Feb 2017

Manchester, Salford, M50 2EQ https://www.business-

events.org.uk/en/events/leadership-and-management-tr aining--3/

This leadership and management training course is designed to help you to gain more confidence by showing you exactly how to achieve your goals and keep your priorities in order.

## **Property Success Conference**

7 Feb 2017

Holiday Inn London- Kensington, Wrights Lane, London, W8 5SP

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/property-successconference-2017-2017-tickets-29886246568?aff=es2 A one day exclusive event to demonstrate how to invest in property in 2017 with the latest strategies.

### The Lush Summit

#### 8 Feb 2017

Tobacco Dock, Wapping Lane, London, E1W 2SF https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-lush-summit-tickets-31282639216?aff=es2

Activists, campaigners and like-minded people. It will bring together charities, speakers and grassroots organisations from around the world and give them a platform to talk about their work.

### **Pure London**

12 – 14 Feb 2017

Olympia Central, London

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

### In House Recruitment Expo

#### 21 – 22 Feb 2017

#### Olympia Central, London

http://olympia.london/whatson/house-recruitment-expo Designed for in house recruitment leaders and teams responsible for sourcing and recruiting candidates, the show aims to provide a national platform to network with peers, understand best practise and find support in achieving organisational objectives in the sourcing and resourcing process.

### **London Forex Show**

#### 24 Feb 2017

Novotel London West, 1 Shortlands, London, W6 8DR https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-forex-show-2017tickets-11003879901?aff=es2

One-day event and exhibition, dedicated to supporting active traders and helping you maximise profit and improve your trading returns. With FX Workshops, live trading demos, free seminars, panel sessions, an interactive exhibition and speakers from around the world.

### Women in Leadership

#### 7 Mar 2017

London Central, London, W2 2EA https://www.business-events.org.uk/en/events/womenin-leadership/

This inspiring leadership and management training course has been created especially for women at work and will show you how to get the best performance from yourself and others.

## Social Media training course

#### 10 Mar 2017

The Business and Technology Centre, Stevenage, Stevenage, SG1 2DX

https://www.business-events.org.uk/en/events/socialmedia-training-course/

Are you all of a Twitter and confused on how social media can be used effectively for your business? The world is changing and love it or loathe it, social media is a powerful online marketing tool. This workshop will help you understand how social media can help increase customers to your business.

# 11th International Banking and Finance Forum

#### 22 Mar 2017

Cass Business School, 106 Bunhill Row, London, EC1Y 8TZ

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/11th-internationalbanking-finance-forum-tickets-30850397369?aff=es2 The conference will cover such topics as Brexit and the financial services sector, opportunities in FinTech, innovation, social investment, green finance and regulation, along with the role of financial services in spurring economic growth. It will also cover cybersecurity and the financial services industry as well as corporate and SME financing.

### **Conflict Management Training**

#### 29 Mar 2017

Manchester, Salford, M50 2EQ

https://www.business-events.org.uk/en/events/conflictmanagement-training/

Conflicts within professional teams are inevitable and could even be beneficial at times, but only if properly managed. Some managers do not manage conflict very well or may even make it escalate.

This one-day training course in Conflict management teaches participants how to handle conflict situations and difficult people.

## **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 ourknowledge 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.

## **USEFUL LINKS**

- Bangladesh High Commission in UK: 28 Queens Gate, London SW7 5JA Telephone (switchboard): 020 7584 0081 Fax: 020 7581 7477 E-mail: bhclondon@btconnect.com www.bhclondon.org.uk
- British High Commission in Bangladesh: British High Commission Dhaka United Nations Road, Baridhara Dhaka - 1212, Bangladesh, P O Box 6079, www.gov.uk/government/world/organisations/ british-high-commission-dhaka
- UK Trade & Investment (UKTI): UKTI, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ uk-trade-investment
- Get Finance Support from UK Export Finance: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-exportfinance

- Startups:
  6-8 Cole Street, London SE1 4YH, www.startups.co.uk
- Federation of Small Business
  2 Catherine PI, London SW1E 6HF, www.fsb.org.uk
- The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI)
   60, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
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   El: fbcci@bol-online.com, URL: www.fbcci-bd.org
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## Year Wise Export Target and Achievements from UK (million US \$)

Year	Annual Target	Achievement	Growth (%)	Total Export of Bangladesh	UK Export As % of Total Export
2007-08	1500.00	1469.28		14110.80	10.41
2008-09	1695.00	1603.41	9.13	15565.19	10.30
2009-10	1,795.90	1,652.73	3.08	16,204.70	10.20
2010-11	1,834.53	2,231.98	35.05	22,924.38	9.74
2011-12	2,555.65	2,639.31	18.25	24,287.70	10.87
2012-13	3,160.82	2,973.74	12.67	27,018.26	11.01
2013-14	3,590.66	3,143.99	5.73	30,500.00	10.31
2014-15	3,475.00	3,438.56	9.37	31,198.45	11.02
2015-16	3,750.00	4,017.60	16.84	34,241.82	11.73

Source: Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh

## Year Wise Export Target and Achievements from UK (million US \$)

Year	Remittance from UK	Annual Growth (%)	Total Remittance to Bangladesh	UK as % Total
2006-07	886.90		5998.47	14.79
2007-08	896.13	1.04	7914.78	11.32
2008-09	788.85	-11.97	9689.26	8.14
2009-10	827.25	4.87	10987.40	7.53
2010-11	889.60	7.54	11650.32	7.64
2011-12	987.45	11.00	12843.43	7.69
2012-13	991.59	1.22	14461.14	6.86
2013-14	901.23	-9.11	14228.26	6.33
2014-15	812.34	-9.86	15316.90	5.30
2015-16	863.28	6.27	14931.16	5.78
July - Dec 2016	328.60		6166.85	5.33

Source: Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh

## Inward an outward foreign direct investment flows, annual, 2003-2015

Year	Total FDI Flow to Bangladesh	FDI from the UK	FDI from UK as % of Total
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 (Jan-Jun)	2,235.39	300.8	13.46

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