

## Bangladesh: A Fabulous Tourist Destination

Bangladesh has been in the news quite a bit of late, namely to do with the huge influx of Rohingya people fleeing the upheavals and brutal violence in Myanmar. However, much as the matter requires serious attention, not to mention aid and a resolve for those so desperately and tragically misplaced from their homeland and what you have is a wonderful and beautiful country still waiting to be discovered.

Marked by lush greenery and a myriad of waterways, tribal people, wildlife of various species as well as historical monuments, beaches and resorts, forests and scores of lovely picnic spots. Bangladesh is indeed a country of immense natural beauty - from one of the world's longest beaches, Cox's Bazar and the surf scene off its Sonadia Island to the abundant mangroves of the Sundarbans, which can easily be explored from the boutique eco resort of Panigam Resort to a country filled with attractions.

There is ample opportunity for tourists to go river cruising, rowing, angling, sea bathing, yachting, water skiing and even hiking. Or simply and gently taking in the country by walking and soaking up the atmosphere and local pleasures.

From the tranquillity of a boat trip on Sangu River to the colourful rituals of the tribal of the Chittagong Hill Tracts and from rich architectural beauty which is displayed throughout Bangladesh to the wealth of cultures and religions which have graced and criss-crossed these fertile lands ranging from the cradle of Buddhism and Islam to the temples and shrines of Hinduism and of course, the great remains of the Mughal Empire.

The country is an unmissable jewel of treats and yet, with the exception of diehard travellers, Bangladesh is still very much undiscovered.

With all this in mind and as an up and coming economy, Bangladesh needs to be very much on the Western tourist map and be promoted as a unique direct long haul destination offering an eclectic mix of beach holidays, eco, cultural/historical, special interest offerings for consumer or business traveller.

Hence, it is incumbent on those within our great nation of birth and on us, as part of the Bangladeshi diaspora, to ensure that Bangladesh is truly put on the map of the worldwide tourist trail and be deserving of recognition as a country that is a magnet of many and wondrous attractions.

## The UK Bangladesh Catalysts of Commerce & Industry (UKBCCI) announces the winners at its Business & Entrepreneur Excellence Awards 2017 and Gala Dinner:

The UKBCCI held its second Business & Entrepreneur Excellence Awards 2017 and Gala Dinner at the London Hilton Park Lane, on Sunday 15th October. Hosted by Jennie Bond, the English journalist and television presenter who had worked for fourteen years as the BBC's royal correspondent, the UK Bangladesh Catalysts of Commerce and Industry (UKBCCI) announced its full list of winners at the prestigious ceremony.

In the presence of over 800 guests, made up of dignitaries, VIPs, MPs and prominent members of the business community, the UKBCCI handed out the awards to a well-deserving list of nominees covering the spectrum of entrepreneurship. Amongst those attending the awards event were Chief Guest George Freeman MP, Currently Chair of the Prime Ministers Policy Board and Chair of the Conservative Policy Forum, His Excellency Mohammed Nazmul Quamrune, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the United Kingdom, Rushanara Ali MP – the most powerful Muslim women in Britain, the MP for Bethnal Green and Bow since 2010, Julian Knight MP, Amjad Bashir MEP, Paul Scully MP, Rt. Hon Stephen Timms MP, Anne Main MP, Andrew Stephenson MP, Ruzina Hasan, Director, Department of International Trade, John Biggs, Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets Council and Gary Newbon, Sky Sports Correspondent.

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

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## UKBCCI

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High Commissioner of Bangladesh to UK

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## We welcome our new Members:

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of **Dot Print UK Ltd**

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Director



**Mohammad S Rahman**  
Director

## Corporate Members



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## News & Events

### UKBCCI Chairman receives HSBC Export Excellence Awards



Seamark (BD) Limited was one of the winners of the 7th HSBC Export Excellence Awards, held at the Radisson Hotel in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 17th November 2017. The company won the Exporter of the Year – Traditional & Emerging Sectors.

Iqbal Ahmed OBE DBA, the company's Chairman & Chief Executive, received the award from the Honourable Commerce Minister, Tofail Ahmed in the presence of Her Excellency, Alison Blake, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh and the CEO of HSBC Bangladesh, Francois de Maricourt.

The excellence awards are in recognition of the winners contribution to exports and economic growth of Bangladesh and for promoting the country's brand "Produced in Bangladesh" on the global stage.

### UKBCCI Director Farzana Hossain Neela receives IPRA Golden World Award 2017 in Sofia, Bulgaria



A proud British Bangladeshi family business, Neela's Home Ltd, wins 'Spice up Your Life' IPRA Golden World Award [www.ipra.org](http://www.ipra.org) 2017 at the International Ceremony in Sofia, Bulgaria on 13 October 2017.

Neela Farzana Hosain and her family are seen here collecting their IPRA Golden World Award.



## UKBCCI Chairman receives Honorary Doctorate



Congratulations to UKBCCI chairman Iqbal Ahmed OBE. On the 26th July he was graciously presented with the Honorary Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) Award at The Manchester Metropolitan University, during the Ceremony of Awards held at the Bridgewater Hall. The ceremony was attended by 2000 people and saw the presentation of 600 new graduates from the School of Business and Law.

## UKBCCI Awards Press Launch 2017



On 24th July, UKBCCI were proud to 'Press Launch' the second and what is now the annual UKBCCI Business & Entrepreneur Excellence Awards 2017 at Radisson Blu Edwardian, Canary Wharf, London. It was well received with an excellent turnout made up of the media, eminent business people, members and special guests. The Awards will be held on 15th October at the Hilton on Park Lane.

## UKBCCI Vice-President Appointed



Director Mr M A Gani has been selected as the new Vice President of UKBCCI. Everyone at UKBCCI would like to congratulate him and wish him all the best for his new position.



## UKBCCI Director has new key role at BCA

UKBCCI Director Mr Oli Khan was elected as the Secretary General of Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA) during the summer. UKBCCI would like to congratulate him and wish him all the best for his tenure at BCA.

## UKBCCI Meets with BEZA Delegation



The UKBCCI hosted a meeting at its offices with a delegation from the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) on 11th May, where the UKBCCI President Bajloor Rashid MBE met with BEZA's Executive Chairman Paban Chowdhury.

Discussions focussed on BEZA's endeavours to establish Economic Zones in potential areas of Bangladesh with a view to encouraging rapid economic development through diversification of industries and augmentation of employment, production and export.

"This is a great opportunity for our members in the UKBCCI to invest in these economic zones in Bangladesh," said President Rashid. "These zones offer a fantastic chance to invest over there and to reap the rewards of that investment in the best way possible. There are great incentive packages along with a one stop service not to mention all the logistics and amenities being available. I would urge everyone who wants to look for good investment opportunities in Bangladesh that they seriously consider what BEZA have to offer."

## The UKBCCI met with the Honourable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



The UKBCCI met with the Honourable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh His Excellency Md. Abdul Hamid on 27th April 2017 at the London Hilton Park Lane. Present from the UKBCCI were President Bajloor Rashid MBE along with directors including Barrister Anawar Babul Miah and Oli Khan. UKBCCI leaders & BCA (Bangladesh Caterers Association) leaders jointly presented a flower bouquet to His Excellency.



## UKBCCI Chairman Iqbal Ahmed OBE launches autobiography in London



Chairman of UKBCCI and a leading light of the Bangladeshi community Iqbal Ahmed OBE, launched autobiography at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, on 22nd February 2017.

The book, 'King Prawn', offers a fascinating insight into one of the UK's leading British Bangladeshi entrepreneurs and how he achieved his dream. It also offers inspiration and

advice for those wishing to walk a similar path to success. Attending the launch were various dignitaries and leading business people including: Lord Desai, John Blake, Lord Sheikh and Lady Sheikh Salma Ahmed, Lord Bilamoria, Baroness Pola Uddin, HE Bangladesh High Commissioner Nazmul Quanine, David Mowat MP, Former British High Commissioners, Dr David Cater, Stephen Evan CMG OBE and Community leaders.

The other photo shows Mr Ahmed in his capacity as UKBCCI Chairman, along with Bajloor Rashid MBE-UKBCCI President, and other UKBCCI Directors, who all attended the launch.

A proud moment for Mr Ahmed's family and friends who were there to witness the event.



### Announcing the Passing of Hajji Rais Miah

"On behalf of UKBCCI, I would like to extend my deepest condolences for Hajji Rais Miah who passed away in July.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un.

He was a member of UKBCCI, a kind and caring man, and was a very active part of our community. May Allah grant him the highest ranking in Jannah InshaAllah. We will keep him in our duas."

Bajloor Rashid MBE – UKBCCI President



### "Planning for your future is crucial", says independent financial advisor, Elliot Simberg

Spending one's future in financial security is something which is very important and one, which as an independent financial advisor, is close to my heart. Giving sound and proper advice along with achieving a trustworthy relationship with my clients knowing that they will reap the reward of how they have dealt with their finances is immensely satisfying.

That's why what I offer at the firm I'm based at – Vintage Wealth Management – my client relationships are of the best kind.

Vintage Wealth Management is a medium sized independent financial adviser firm (IFA) based in London. The company offers wide ranging services to both individual and corporate markets. Our clients range from individuals to companies employing up to 5000 people. Vintage Wealth Management Limited is a continually expanding, highly successful IFA practice.

Our clients include private investors, high net worth individuals, entrepreneurs and owner managed businesses, predominantly referred to us through our extensive range of

professional introducers.

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), Vintage Wealth Management has carefully nurtured an unrivalled reputation for imaginative solutions, first-class customer service and a commitment to the highest standards of honesty, transparency and integrity in a complex and crowded industry sector.

We think of ourselves as traditional advisers with modern, forward-thinking ideas. We have embraced the latest technological advances and coupled with the knowledge that our team are highly skilled and vastly experienced, we adhere to a programme of continual professional development so you can be sure that the service you receive is of the highest possible standard.

We offer a comprehensive range of services to our corporate clients including corporate finance, key person assurance, and shareholder and partnership protection and employee benefits, offered by an associated company Vintage Corporate Limited.

I have highlighted two areas that may be of particular interest

to you as business people, however, I would strongly recommend an initial consultation as planning is the essence of success.

#### **Keyperson Protection:**

It is common for a business to insure its premises, contents and stock. Now more companies are realising the implications of the loss of key personnel. Key people may not necessarily be owners of the business, but may instead be a manager, or an employee whose skills are crucial to the business. If you feel that the profitability of your business would suffer in the event of an employee dying, then he or she is a key person.

#### **Auto-Enrolment:**

This relates to recent government legislation designed to help workers save for their retirements. All eligible employees are required to be enrolled into a qualifying workplace pension scheme if they are not already in one. The employer is required to contribute a minimum of 3% of each employee's qualifying earnings by 2018. This 3% is to be met with a 5% employee contribution which satisfies the minimum 8% contribution target. By now, most employers have schemes in place, but it is important they are kept under review.

Individual clients will require advice in various areas such as savings and investment and cover in the event of death, critical illness or being unable to work for a long period of time. We also arrange residential, buy to let and equity release loans.

An ageing population has placed more pressure on the government with the state pension age being pushed further back and people having to work longer before they are able to claim their state pension entitlement.

Unfortunately many people fail to plan adequately for life after they finish work. However, Vintage Wealth Management can help you in planning for a more comfortable retirement.

At Vintage Wealth Management we offer a holistic approach to financial planning. At the first meeting we will collate information about you to enable us to formulate our recommendations. In essence we will help you plan your road map, showing where you are today, where you want to be in the future and provide the solution as to how you can achieve your objectives.

For further Information and to arrange an initial consultation please call Elliot Simberg on 020 8371 3111 or his mobile 07944 682 653. Email: [esimberg@vintagewealth.co.uk](mailto:esimberg@vintagewealth.co.uk)

Majority of businesses say that benefit from outside help

In the latest survey by global coaching team ActionCOACH, 19 out of 20 businesses responded that using a coach has made a positive difference to their business. This is consistent with the 2016 survey where 94% (as opposed to 2017 97%) cited a benefit. To underline the value business owners see, 95% said they would positively recommend using ActionCOACH to a friend.

Ian Christelow, Co-Founder of ActionCOACH UK said, "This year's survey of nearly 400 businesses benefiting from coaching, has reinforced our view that external expertise unquestionably drives growth. But what is also clear is that the type of coaching is critical. The ActionCOACH model has over 3,500 strategies and tactics driving business growth, all focusing on key areas of:

- Profit
- Systems
- People
- Plans & Measuring
- Delivery & Distribution

This is very different from simple periodic meetings with a mentor, which many people translate as coaching. Growing businesses have skills and knowledge gaps, and professional coaching identifies those gaps and addresses them through expert input to create value."

Group CEO for the ActionCOACH, ProfitPlus and Engage & Grow brands, Vic Ciuffetelli, added, "The survey shows professional coaching is becoming the norm for Business Champions, those business owners who take charge of their growth and development. Gone are the days when a business owner could simply rely on their own skills and talents, business today is moving at a much more hectic pace. ActionCOACH UK is at the forefront of this development and our team of coaches is ranked as the best in the world."

Chris Parker, Business Owner of Rhino Play, is a strong supporter of using professional coaching and endorses their view, "The business has become more efficient in so many ways. Our internal processes are improving from week to week and the company is growing just as fast. Working on lead generation, lead conversion and many other workshops has helped the company so much. Our new mission statement gives the staff a positive mindset in pushing the company forward and is allowing us to reach our goals that much quicker. Using coaching has allowed our company to structure and grow much faster than we thought possible."

It is not only growth that flows from business owners embracing qualified coaching. The survey indicates that 8 out of 10 businesses also see their owners enjoying a better work-life balance within 12 months of engaging with a coach.

Tony Selfart, Business Owner of Incredibility, describes his results from working with a coach, "Since joining ActionCOACH in 2009, I have seen my business grow almost 10-fold in turnover, and close to 4000% in profitability. My team has expanded from 2 people to 21 people, and I spend 2-3 hours a day in the business instead of 16 hours in the business. ActionCOACH has been a blessing to me and to my team as it has provided us with financial stability and freedom."



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Business & Entrepreneur Excellence

## Awards 2017

The London Hilton on Park Lane (15th October 2017)



**Life Time Achievement Award:** Latifur Rahman, Chairman, Transcom Ltd

From left: Bajloor Rashid MBE, President UKBCCI, Rouf Chowdhury Chairman, Rangs Group, Chief Guest George Freeman MP, Latifur Rahman, Iqbal Ahmed OBE DBA, Chairman UKBCCI and Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE DL



**Businesswoman of the Year:** Sony Sadaf Haroon

From left: Rohema Miah, Non-Executive Director, UKBCCI, Sony Sadaf Haroon, Farzana Hossain Neela, UK Partner Radhuni & Director UKBCCI, Ruzina Hasan, Head, Trade & Investment, British High Commission, Bangladesh



**Special Recognition Award:** Rushanara Ali, MP

From left: John Biggs, Executive Mayor of the Tower Hamlets Council, Rushanara Ali, MP, Pasha Khandaker, Former President BCA, Barrister Anawar Babul Miah, Legal Affairs Director, UKBCCI



**Entrepreneur of the Year:** Aliur Rahman

From left: Kamru Ali, Director UKBCCI, Aftab Bhati, Regional Director Cobra Beer Partnership for South of England, Aliur Rahman, Andrew Stephenson MP



**UKBCCI Directors Choice Award:** Ruqsana Begum

From left: Jamal Uddin Mokoddus, London Regional President, UKBCCI, Ruqsana Begum, Nazmul Islam Nuru, Finance Director UKBCCI & Gary Newbon, Sky Sports Correspondent



**Young Entrepreneur of the Year:** Ahzaz Chowdhury

From left: Abdul Khaliq Jamal, Director UKBCCI, Mohammed Munim of AMBER Group, Ahzaz Chowdhury, Rt. Hon Stephen Timms, MP





**Inspirational Business Leader of the Year: M A Mukit Miah**

From left: Jayanti Modi, Managing Director of Gandhi Oriental Foods, Harun Miah, Director UKBCCI, M A Mukit Miah, Baroness Pola Uddin



**Best Product of the Year: Naga King Pickles, Jad Chowdhury**

From left: Amjad Bashir, MEP, Bulbul Islam, UK Partner for IFAD and Director of Neelas Home Ltd, Jad Chowdhury, Syed Nahas Pasha, President, London Bangla Press Club



**Restaurant of the Year: Darjeeling Express, Asma Khan**

From left: Neel Kansara of KANSARAS, Oli Khan, Director, UKBCCI & Secretary General, BCA, Asma Khan, Rushanara Ali, MP



**Best New Business: British Bangladesh Fashion Council - Fokrul Hoque**

From left: Dr M G Moula Miah, Director, Convenor, Midlands Region, UKBCCI, Jan Knights, Square Mile Insurance, Julian Knights MP, Fokrul Hoque and others



**Business Innovation: Mahiul Muhammed Khan Muqit, Retina Surgeon**

From Left: Damon Swarbrick KBE, CEO, Kingfisher Beer Europe Ltd, Siddiqueer Rahman, Director UKBCCI, Mahiul Muhammed Khan Muqit, Anne Main MP



**Contribution to the Industry: Ordering Direct-Atique Alahi & Asik Alahi**

From left: Mustafa Kamal Yakub, President, Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA), Bilal Ahmed, Director, IBCO Ltd, Rohema Miah is receiving the awards on behalf of Atique Alahi and Asik Alahi, Paul Scully, MP



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## KEY SPEAKERS

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**Bajloor Rashid MBE**  
President UKBCCI



**Iqbal Ahmed OBE DBA**  
Chairman UKBCCI



**HE Mr. Md. Nazmul Quaunine**  
Bangladesh High Commissioner to UK



**Lord Karan Bilmoria CBE DL**  
Chairman, Cobra Beer Partnership



**George Freeman, MP**  
Chief Guest



**M A Gani**  
Vice President UKBCCI

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## GALLERY

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*"It was a privilege for me to have been a judge. The nominees and the award winners were truly inspirational - not just an inspiration to the Bangladeshi community in the UK, but to the whole of the UK and Bangladesh. The first awards last year were a resounding success and you have set a very high bar - many congratulations on having not only matched last year but raised the bar even higher!! It was a wonderful opportunity to promote the UK Bangladesh collaboration on so many fronts".*

**Lord Bilimoria CBE, DL**  
Awards Judge



*I have been meaning to ring and say a very big thank you for your invitation and a great event you had organised. It was run very beautifully and was a very enjoyable evening to attend and above all receive a plaque from UKBCCI. I hope with Allah blessing we can do more for your vision of making UKBCCI the very best centre of excellence for businesses and start-ups.*

**Dr Zoe Mandich**  
Awards Judge







*"I would like to congratulate you for hosting an outstanding event on 15th October 2017 at the London Hilton on Park Lane. The guests, including the many Members of Parliament, Bangladesh High Commissioner and other dignitaries, together with the Bangladeshi business community, were impressive indeed.*

*I must also compliment the flawlessly conducted programme, which was professional but had a personal touch. The opening address encapsulated the spirit of the UKBCCI Business & Entrepreneur Excellence Award 2017.*

*Thank you once again for honouring me with the Lifetime Achievement Award."*

**Latifur Rahman**

Chairman -Transcom Group

UKBCCI - Lifetime Achievement Awardee



*"It was wonderful to be part of the events for the UKBCCI Gala Dinner. It was a truly wonderful evening. Well done again to all the nominees, winners and to the organisers"*

**Ruzina Hasan**

Head, Trade & Investment

Department for International Trade

British High Commission, Bangladesh









## 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 raising 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

### 23rd Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF) 2018

01-31 January 2018

Sher-E-Bangla Nagar in Dhaka, west side of Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC)

<http://www.ditf-epb.gov.bd>

The fair is being organised by the Export Promotion Bureau of Bangladesh in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce.

The main objectives of DITF would be to exhibit a broad range of Bangladeshi products including textile & garments, leather & leather goods including footwear, machinery and equipments, pharmaceuticals, carpets, chemical & allied products, cosmetics & beauty aids, dairy products, electrical & electronic items, food stuff, gift & novelty items, handicrafts, household appliance, furniture, building materials, sports goods, sanitary wear, toys, stationary, watches, clocks, jewellery, plastic products etc. This would help foreign sellers and buyers to explore new business opportunities in Bangladesh and also establish direct and fruitful business contacts with their Bangladeshi counterparts. Besides this, foreign exhibitors would also have the opportunity in showcasing their products to the Bangladeshi customers.

### GRAMENTECH Bangladesh 2018

24-27 January 2018

International Convention City, Bashundhara, Dhaka.

<http://garmentechdhaka.com>

GARMEN TECH Bangladesh 2018 will showcase the latest global technology in apparel manufacturing bringing it closer to the door steps of the RMG makers in the country who are in search for solutions in technology related to improving Productivity, Quality, Compliance & Value Addition – the key challenges to be addressed to match the competition and retain the leadership position in the global arena.

### Asia Pharma EXPO 2018

8-10 February 2018

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka Bangladesh

<http://asiapharma.org/ape/index.php>

APE 2018 – the 10th international exhibition on COMPLETE pharma manufacturing technologies is the proven platform to business with Bangladesh. It is also a great learning platform for all the entrepreneurs aspiring to join in the growth of pharmaceutical industry in Bangladesh.



## **DTG the 15th Dhaka Int'l Textile and Garment Machinery Exhibition**

8-11 February, 2018

BICC - Bangabandhu International Conference Centre

<https://www.bangla-expo.com/dtg>

DTG showcases new technology, state-of-the-art equipments, materials and services, as well as an excellent avenue for international suppliers and visitors to expand business to the lucrative market.

## **Bangladesh Cotton Association (BCA): Global Cotton Summit-2018**

23 & 24 February, 2018

Hotel Radisson Blu Water Garden, Dhaka.

[www.globalcottonsummit.org](http://www.globalcottonsummit.org)

The Summit will showcase the best practices of Bangladesh cotton industry which was resulted in becoming the largest cotton importer in the world. We are projecting on import of 7.7 million bale by the year 2021. In order to get maximum benefit and output from the local cotton industry, this global summit committee will invite industry experts from all over the world to participate in Open Floor Discussions, Business Sessions, Business Matchmaking with global partners and showcase the progress Bangladesh have made in the cotton industry.

This Summit will focus on crafting partnership opportunities between Bangladeshi Spinners, Traders, Agents, Growers, Ginners, Controllers with the International Associations, Merchants and stake holders.

We are expecting 500 delegates from home & abroad to attend. During the two days, there will be selections of presentations. Refreshments and Lunch will be served on both days. BCA will provide an excellent opportunity for networking to delegates. A GALA DINNER followed by Cultural show will be held on the concluding day i.e. February 24, 2018 in the Celebration Hall of Hotel Radisson Blu Water Garden. For details kindly visit Summit website. [www.globalcottonsummit.org](http://www.globalcottonsummit.org) or mail us [officer@baneladercotton.org](mailto:officer@baneladercotton.org)

## **Bangladesh Non Woven Expo 2018**

15th - 17th March 2018

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka

Bangladesh

<https://www.tradeindia.com/TradeShows/71462/Bangladesh-Non-woven-Expo-2018.html>

This is a common platform for non woven industry players be it - non-woven fabrics manufacturers, traders, distributors, machinery suppliers, non woven converters, raw material suppliers of non woven industry, top buyers of non woven industry, research institutes, renowned associations, government bodies to provide more innovative solutions, identify new business opportunities and create an environment congenial for growth. It is an excellent platform to display, promote and create awareness which will be beneficiary to the non woven industry.

## **Agro Chem Bangladesh EXPO 2018**

21st -24th March 2018

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka

Bangladesh

<https://www.tradeindia.com/TradeShows/67118/Agro-Chem-Bangladesh-Expo-2018.html>

This event showcase for the Agricultural Chemical based products and service industry. It will reveal to the country, the rapid developments in the industry as well as new technology components. The neat layouts of the show provide ample opportunity to the consumers of the industry to see the latest offerings in the market as well as to the business visitor to carry out networking in a highly enabled environment. This will be a perfect platform for Manufacturers & Suppliers to

showcase their agricultural chemical products/ services Sector and the Expo will assemble agents, distributors, importers, trading companies, wholesalers, retailers, business representatives, of course the consumers and other bulk purchasers from global scale.

## **Poultry & Livestock Bangladesh EXPO 2018**

21-24 March 2018

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka

Bangladesh

<http://ceims-foodagro.com/poultrybd>

This event showcases of the Poultry, Dairy, Livestock & Aquaculture based products and service industry. This event will be a perfect platform for Manufacturers & Suppliers to showcase their Poultry & Livestock products/ services and the Expo will assemble agents, distributors, importers, trading companies, wholesalers, retailers, hotels, business representatives, restaurants and of course the consumers as well as other bulk purchasers from around the world.

## **Bangladesh Denim EXPO**

9th & 10th May 2018

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka

Bangladesh

<http://www.bangladeshdenimexpo.com>

This event showcases products like laundry and washing equipments, auxiliaries, dyes specialty chemicals, to that of denim fabrics, and garments associated with this field etc. in the Apparel & Clothing, Lifestyle & Fashion industries.

## **11th Meditex Bangladesh 2018**

3rd-5th May 2018

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka

Bangladesh

<http://ceims-meditex.com/meditexbd>

This will be the biggest meeting place ever held in Bangladesh for Buyers and Suppliers of Medical / Surgical / Healthcare / Hospital Equipments and will also provide an interactive platform for Exhibitors to generate business through displays / direct interaction and will enhance the synergy effect and attract top level professionals from the Industry thus improving technology, focus and visitors of the expo.

## **TEXTTECH Bangladesh International EXPO 2018**

12th - 15th September 2018

International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka

Bangladesh

<http://texttechonline.org/texttechbd>

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## UKBCCI LINK PROJECT

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- British High Commission in Bangladesh:**  
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[www.gov.uk/government/world/organisations/britishhighcommission-dhaka](http://www.gov.uk/government/world/organisations/britishhighcommission-dhaka)
- UK Trade & Investment (UKTI):**  
UKTI, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET  
[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uktradeinvestment](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uktradeinvestment)
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