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Milestone that Bangladesh
Crossed in **50** Years





Maj Gen Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, pec

Executive Chairman's Note

The year 2021 has been very important for Bangladesh, as it celebrates its Golden Jubilee of Independence. It is very heartening to see that Bangladesh has progressed remarkably in last 50 years. The country has improved its status from a “Basket Case” to an “Emerging Economy”. Under the able and dynamic leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is on the verge of graduating to an LDC in 2026. Indeed, the prompt and pragmatic actions by the Government have ensured the progressive growth of Bangladesh’s economy, even during the challenging situation of Corona Pandemic.

Bangladesh’s such success in economic development is the outcome of the visions of its Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who orchestrated the roadmap of economic growth and development of Bangladesh through industrialization and exports. Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), being the pioneer investment promotion agency in Bangladesh, is committed to ensuring that Bangabandhu’s dream of “Sonar Bangla” is realized through promoting investment, employment and export.

BEPZA is contributing remarkably to Bangladesh’s economic progress by promoting investment in diversified manufacturing sectors, boosting up exports and generating employment, especially for women. During its 40 years of journey, BEPZA has created and sustained a trusted partnership with its investors, both from home and abroad. Today, a total of 530 enterprises from 38 countries in BEPZA’s eight “Export Processing Zones (EPZs)” are contributing to almost one fifth of Bangladesh’s annual export.

We all know that COVID-19 has brought a massive shock to the global economy. Bangladesh is no exception to that. But the prompt and timely decisions and actions by the Government helped the country’s economy to recover quickly. Keeping the same pace, BEPZA could bring all EPZ workers under the vaccination programme at the shortest possible time, thus ensuring uninterrupted operations of its enterprises. This successful drive made a triumph in the field of export, investment and employment generation even during the pandemic.

With the vision of graduating to a ‘Upper Middle Income Country (UMIC)’ by 2030 and a ‘High Income Country (HIC)’ by 2041, the Government, led by Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, is looking forward to developing a strong, sustainable and diverse industrial sector in the country. The prudent decision made by the Government to establish BEPZA “Economic Zone (EZ)” and three more new EPZs will certainly bring new dimension to the path of modern industrialization.

BEPZA is constantly striving to increase its capacity by modernizing its working environment through automation and introducing “One Stop Service” for its investors. BEPZA is thankful to its existing investors for their trust on the Authority. BEPZA also welcomes new investors to choose EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone as the platforms to launch and grow their industries.

Editor's Pen

BEPZA bulletin, a quarterly journal, is one of the major publications of the authority. In this issue, we have illustrated important events, achievements and performance of BEPZA.

The nation is celebrating Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh as well as Victory Day. We also observe the occasion by taking oath which is colourfully covered in Exclusive page. Lead page is bannered with BEPZA: Trailblazer of modern industrialization in the development of indomitable Bangladesh.

The endeavour of the Hon’ble Prime Minister to bring more FDI in our country is highlighted in our National page, it also added the news of new Executive Chairman of BEPZA. Activities page is festooned with BEPZA’s investment promotional campaign in Dubai including EC’s visits in EPZs.

US\$ 31.17 M South Korean investment and more new investment focused in Investment page. Xtra page is decorated with Frame of Awards. Workforce page is showcased with Female Workers Dormitory, Pocket Gate for workers & WWA Election. Trade page accommodated with the news of ICD to be built near UEPZ, MoU between BEPZA & NBR and SROs. We adorned Business page with dignitaries’ visits. News on all EPZs are now under Vaccination Drive, Inauguration of KOICA Vision Centre & Investment Seminar are attached in Clippings page. Besides, Cumulative Performance, Towards Growth are also carrying in this journal.

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BEPZA: Trailblazer of Modern Industrialization in the Development of Indomitable Bangladesh



Bangladesh has come a long way since independence, crossing many milestones to reach where it is today. Under the leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman we got independent sovereign Bangladesh. His worthy daughter Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is now leading the nation to build a prosperous 'Sonar Bangla'. At 50, under her dynamic leadership, Bangladesh is now considered as the 'Role Model of Development'.

One of the major factors behind this development is definitely private sector industrialization. BEPZA, the pioneer investment promotional authority of the country, is playing a significant role in flourishing industrialization by leading from the front. 'BEPZA has been playing a momentous role in transforming Bangladesh's economy'- this statement of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina echoes the contribution of BEPZA in the overall progress of Bangladesh and thus assisting to fulfil the vision of becoming a developed nation by 2041.

BEPZA has shown tremendous success in the fields of investment, export, employment generation, product diversification, lifestyle modification, green industrialization etc in its journey of four decades. During this time, BEPZA has become a name of confidence to the investors of 38 countries.

BEPZA has sustained its contribution by providing the lion's share of economic output regularly. The EPZs under BEPZA is contributing around 20% of the total national export. Local & Foreign Direct Investment and employment of the enterprises in EPZs have been increasing significantly every year.

"BEPZA has been playing a momentous role in transforming Bangladesh's economy"
- Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

BEPZA has set an exemplary in women empowerment. Around two-third of the total workforce working in the EPZs are women. Now they can control over their lives and play an influential role in society as decision makers.

Establishment of EPZ has transformed the agro based lagging area into industrially developed region. Mongla, Uttara & Ishwardi EPZ has changed the landscapes of those areas and transformed into modern satellite town. Living standard of the people has been changed. They are now enjoying the facilities of the urban lifestyle.

BEPZA believes in keeping its promise of ensuring a green and eco-friendly working environment in EPZs. BEPZA

always encourages EPZ enterprise to continue green practices. As a result, country found its first LEED Platinum Certified factory, Vintage Denim Studio Ltd., inside EPZ. This trend inspired other to establish green factory in the country which number have already crossed 150.

EPZs have also been making special contribution to the development of backward linkage and support industries of the country. The EPZs' enterprises have been playing a pioneering role in bringing modern and latest technology in the country.

BEPZA leads the way in product diversification through shifting its focus from traditional manufacturing to diversification of core items. EPZs enterprises are not only on garment based. Toothbrush to Coffin box, Bi-cycle to Golf items, Toy to Electronic parts, Lens to Optical products, Shoes to Fashion items, Travel goods to Camping products, Zipper to Automobile parts, - all necessary things of daily lives are produced in EPZs.

BEPZA has created a remarkable story of socio-economic development during the period of country's 50 years. The authority has also created a shining example of product diversification, women empowerment and urbanization through modern industrialization.



HPM Welcomes UK & French Investors to BD

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recently made official visits to few countries of the world. During this time, she attended international summit, Roadshow, chaired the 48-Nation Climate Vulnerable Forum's (CVF) and met the global leaders to promote business & bilateral relations.

'Grab Investment Opportunities of Bangladesh'

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on 4 November 2021 invited British investors to visit Bangladesh and be part of its developmental journey making the best use of the opportunities it is offering for investment.

The PM made this appeal during inaugurating a Roadshow titled "Bangladesh Investment Summit 2021: Building Sustainable Growth Partnerships" at London, UK. Joining the event virtually she said UK investors can take the opportunity to invest in special economic zones. She also urged the Non Residence Bangladeshi (NRB)



The Honourable Prime Minister inviting foreign investors to explore investment in Bangladesh

of UK to invest in Bangladesh and assured them to extend all-out support for safe investment.

'Woos French Investment in Bangladesh'

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina invited French businessmen to woo investment in Bangladesh as the country sits in a strategic location among major economic centres in the Indo-Pacific.

"French investment in Bangladesh is still modest compared to its global footprint. I invite French Investors to witness

first-hand the investment opportunities in Bangladesh." The Prime Minister made the call in a meeting with the business leaders of MEDEF International (the largest French employer federation) on 10 November 2021 during her visit in France.

Earlier, she along with French President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Jean Castex have agreed to take the bilateral relations to new heights. Mentioning France as Bangladesh's 5th largest export destination HPM Sheikh Hasina hoped to double the volume of bilateral trade by 2025.

Source: Dhaka Tribune & The Business Standard

Maj Gen Ziaur Rahman Joins as the 17th Executive Chairman of BEPZA



Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, psc joined BEPZA as its 17th Executive Chairman on 7 November 2021. He replaced Major General Md Nazrul Islam, SPP, ndu, afwc, psc, G.

Before joining BEPZA, Major General Zia was General Officer Commanding of 7 Infantry Division & Area Commander, Barishal Area. Prior to that, he served as the Defence Adviser of Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi, India.

In his illustrious military career, the General has held command, staff and instructional appointments of

various tiers. He commanded two artillery regiments, one artillery brigade and one infantry division.

Major General Zia has served as logistics, operational and intelligence staff officer at Unit, Brigade, Division and Army levels. He held the prestigious appointments of 'Instructor' at Bangladesh Military Academy and 'Directing Staff' at the Defence Services Command & Staff College, Bangladesh.

Major General Zia is alumni of Defence Services Command & Staff College of Bangladesh, Command & Staff College of Pakistan and National Defence College of Bangladesh. He served twice as United Nations Peacekeeper in Haiti and Sudan.

BEPZA Celebrates Sheikh Russel Day

BEPZA has celebrated Sheikh Russel Day 2021 as a part of nationwide celebration of birthday of Sheikh Russel, the youngest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Executive Chairman of BEPZA along with high officials placed a wreath at the portrait of Sheikh Russel at the BEPZA Complex premises, Dhaka on 18 October 2021.

A discussion meeting was held at BEPZA Executive Office marking the day. BEPZA Chief said, 'if Russel had alived, he could have been a world-renowned philanthropist.' High officials of BEPZA were present during this time.

The eight EPZs including BEPZA Economic Zone also observed the day in a same manner like the Executive Office.



Covid-19: All EPZs Now Under the Vaccination Drive

BEPZA has brought all EPZs under the Covid-19 vaccination coverage to face the challenges of a new normal world during the Covid-19 and post pandemic periods. Starting with Cumilla EPZ on 18 August 2021, BEPZA started vaccination drive in all EPZs at shortest possible time to help the country's economy turn around and remain resilient.

For ensuring a hassle free vaccination, the enterprises established booths inside their premises to vaccinate their own workers with the help of BEPZA and civil surgeons' offices. According to the latest data, Chattogram EPZ leads the way by vaccinating 95,744 workers followed by Dhaka EPZ 52,540. 2,87,043 nos of workers have already been vaccinated which is around 60% of the total workers. BEPZA is working to ensure vaccination for all the EPZ workers.

BEPZA always believes that workers come first and they are the utmost priority. So, vaccinating EPZ workers are extremely important as they are the country's economic backbone and work as front-line fighters.



Workers of CEPZ getting Vaccinated inside the EPZ premises



BEPZA Chief along with South Korean Ambassador observing KOICA Vision Center

KOICA Vision Center Starts in DEPZ

A vision center named KOICA Vision Center has been set up in Dhaka EPZ Hospital to boost eye health related treatment and services for the EPZ workers. BEPZA with the cooperation of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) set up this centre to provide better eye care services free of cost to the workers of Dhaka EPZ two days a week.

Ambassador of the South Korea to Bangladesh Lee Jang-keun along with Executive Chairman of BEPZA Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, psc inaugurated this centre on 18 November 2021.

Fire Drill in Cumilla EPZ



A worker of Cumilla EPZ putting out the fire during fire drill

Investment Seminar in Uttara EPZ

Uttara EPZ organized a seminar on investment opportunity in Uttara, Ishwardi, Mongla and BEPZA Economic Zone to attract local and foreign investment. Investors of Uttara EPZ and representatives of different sectors attended the seminar held on 22 December 2021.

Executive Director of Uttara EPZ Naheed Munshi informed the investors about the fiscal and non fiscal incentives along with other facilities services offered by BEPZA and welcomed the investors to avail these opportunities by investing in the EPZs and BEPZA EZ.

35 fire drills were arranged in different enterprises of Cumilla EPZ throughout the months of October-December to create awareness on fire, perform rescue in cases of emergencies, ensure safety in workplace and most importantly to subdue damage of life & property during fire. The workers of the factory learned practically how to use various types of fire extinguishers and prevent fire incident through this program.



Executive Director of Uttara EPZ conducting the investment promotional seminar

Special Official Notice

The designation of all General Managers of BEPZA Executive Office and EPZs has been changed as Executive Director from 15 December 2021 as per Government order.



Investment Promotional Campaign in Dubai

Explore the Potentiality of Investment in BD: BEPZA EC



Executive Chairman of BEPZA addressing in the Investment Promotional Seminar at Dubai Expo on 19 December

‘Bangladesh is winning combination with its competitive business friendly environment, low cost production base and availability of potential workforce that can give you best returns. Come and explore the potentiality of investment in Bangladesh specially in our EPZs.’ The Executive Chairman of BEPZA Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, psc made these comments in a seminar on 19 December 2021 held at "Expo 2020 Dubai" in UAE.

A 4 member Delegation led by the Executive Chairman, BEPZA participated in the Expo on 15-21 December 2021. Other members are Ali Reza Mazid, Member (Investment Promotion), Md. Tanvir Hossain, Executive Director (Investment Promotion) and Md. Khorshid Alam, Executive Director (Enterprise Services). The seminar titled ‘Investment opportunities in the EPZs of Bangladesh’ was arranged in the Bangladesh pavilion. Focussing the ongoing development of the country BEPZA Chief said the EPZs of Bangladesh have grown steadily keeping pace with the country’s development process.

Member (IP) said BEPZA has created a trusted partnership with investors during its successful journey of long 40 years. He thanked the participants and requested them to visit Bangladesh to have a look at the EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone as their next investment destination.

Prospective investors & entrepreneurs of different countries and members of foreign chambers participated in the seminar. Among others, Md. Abu Zafar, Bangladeshi Ambassador to UAE, Md. Sirazul Islam, Executive Chairman, BIDA were present during this time.

Dhaka EPZ:

Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman of BEPZA visited Dhaka EPZ on 18 November 2021. He visited CETP (Central Effluent Treatment Plant), BEPZA Public School & College.

CEPZ & KEPZ :

BEPZA Chief visited Chattogram & Karnaphuli EPZ on 23-25 November 2021. He visited some factories of the zones and monitored the ongoing development activities of Karnaphuli EPZ. He instructed all employees to work relentlessly for the betterment of the country.



EC's Visits in EPZs



Cumilla EPZ:

Major General Zia inaugurated the Security Barrack, X-ray and Pathology lab of Cumilla EPZ during his visit of the zone on 1 December 2021. Later, he visited BEPZA Public School & College, CETP and inspected the ongoing development works around the zone.



Mongla EPZ:

The Executive Chairman of BEPZA inaugurated Pathology Lab and Hospital Management System of Mongla EPZ Medical Centre during his visit on 29-30 December 2021. He also observed the working environment of a factory.



BEPZA EZ:

BEPZA Chief also visited BEPZA Economic Zone, Mirsharai, Chattogram to monitor the ongoing development work and instructed the officials to complete the work in time with dedication and professionalism.



ICD to Build Near UEPZ

‘Uttara EPZ is going to be connected with dual gauge railway and will be set up at Khairat Nagar railway station to increase imports and exports.’ The Minister, Ministry of Railways Md. Nurul Islam Sujon, MP made the comment during his visit at Uttara EPZ on 7 October 2021.

He said, ‘the import-export of UEPZ will be increased and the northern district Nilphamari will go one step forward in development after the completion of these works.’

Among others, Asaduzzaman Noor, MP and Ahsan Adelur Rahman, MP, Mohammad Faruque Alam, Member (Engr.), Executive Director (IC), UEPZ & high officials of Railways and local administration were present during this time.



Railways Minister discussing on rail connectivity & ICD establishment in UEPZ

BB Eases Rules for Foreigner’s Wages

Bangladesh relaxed regulations allowing foreigners working in the country including EPZs to repatriate most of their wages monthly and the remainder at year end to encourage them to send their incomes through official channels.

Under the eased rules, Authorized Dealer (AD) banks now can remit up to 80% of foreigners' monthly net income instead of 75% according to a notification issued on 27 December 2021 by Bangladesh Bank.

"The remaining 20% of foreign nationals' net income will be remittable at the end of the financial year upon completion of income-tax assessment, supported by certificate issued by tax authority concerned," the notification says.

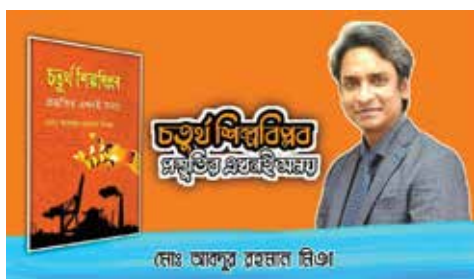
Source: *Financial Express*

30% Wastage Ceiling for RMG

The government has increased the maximum wastage rate in producing apparel items from raw materials to 30%. Earlier the maximum wastage rate was 16% in manufacturing garment items from yarns and fabrics.

From now, the maximum wastage rates will be 27% for basic items, 30% for specialized items and 4% for sweaters and socks, according to a circular issued by the Commerce Ministry on 19 December 2021. Source: *The Business Standard*

New Book on 4IR



‘Fourth Industrial Revolution: High time to Plan’-A book on technological impetus of the Fourth Industrial Revolution written by Md. Abdur Rahman Miah has been published recently.

The writer, working as Director (Admin & Law) of BEPZA, mainly focused the practical concept of 4IR including Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, Cloud Computing, Robotics etc in the book. He has also written 4 books and published few articles and research papers in different journals.



NBR Eases Bond Facilities for EPZ Investors

National Board of Revenue (NBR) has moved to undertake a new set of steps, including a revised deadline to process applications to avoid delays and harassment in availing bond facilities of EPZ investors. The customs department of the revenue board issued two directives in this regard on 17 November 2021.

The new directive limits processing time of exporters' applications regarding 25-types of bond related services from 2 to 17 working days. Besides, the list of documents, required to file with the application, have also been specified. According to the NBR order, the time limit for resolving an application for issuance of Bond License for EPZ factory will be nine days from now. Source : *The Business Standard*

BEPZA-NBR MoU to Expedite OSS



Member (IP), BEPZA & Member (Customs Policy & ICT), NBR exchanging documents

BEPZA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Board of Revenue (NBR) at BEPZA Complex, Dhaka on 7 October 2021 to ease of customs related services for the investors of EPZs. From now, the EPZ investors will get 21 types of customs related services easily through online.

In presence of the then Executive Chairman of BEPZA, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA Ali Reza Mazid and Member (Customs Policy & ICT) of NBR Syed Golam Kibria signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations.

As a result of signing the MoU, the investors will get various customs related services including issuance of bond registration, import-export customs permission, release of duty free import goods by hand carry, bond to bond transfer, inspection and clearance of export- import goods, container and cargo etc.

Exclusive

BEPZA Takes Oath on Victory Day to Make the Country a Prosperous Sonar Bangla

Milestone that Bangladesh Crossed in 50 Years



National Progress

Export Earning

FY1972-73	US\$ 34.84 crore
FY 2020-21	US\$ 3,875.83 crore

Foreign Direct Investment

1972	US\$ 90,000.00
2019	US\$ 3.61 billion

Poverty Rate

1973	89%
2019	20%

Industry

1973	313 nos.
2019	46,291 nos.

Satellite

1973	Nil
2018	1

57th Satellite owned Country



All level employees of BEPZA taking oath virtually keeping pace with the national oath taking ceremony administered by the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

16 December, Victory Day, the most precious day of the Bangladeshi people. 50 years back from now, on the day in 1971, Bangladesh was born as an independent country under the leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. At the cost of the supreme sacrifice of three million people and the honour of nearly half a million women we got this lovely land.

16 December 2021, 50th anniversary of the victory. The whole nation celebrated the Victory Day this year in a very festive mood. The celebration has added a new dimension coinciding with two giant celebrations- the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of our Independence.

BEPZA has celebrated the great victory remembering the valiant freedom fighters who fought and made the supreme sacrifice to free the country. Keeping pace with the national celebration, BEPZA has joined an oath taking ceremony virtually administered by Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the nation. Employees of all level of BEPZA took oath to make Bangladesh a prosperous Sonar Bangla carrying national flags.

8 EPZs under BEPZA and BEPZA Economic Zone also celebrated the glorious Victory Day with due solemnity and fervor and took part of this oath taking ceremony.

50 years into its independence, Bangladesh has many milestones to celebrate. The country is now well placed to strive for a poverty free and advanced economy by 2041. Today, Bangladesh is the 43rd country of the world in terms of size of the economy. Bangladesh's GDP today is about 411 billion dollars. Foreign exchange reserve of Bangladesh now over US\$ 46 billion and export earnings nearly US\$ 40 billion.

Besides, Bangladesh posits today on a global scale with the trend of its

more than 7% GDP growth per year, it is the 2nd largest RMG Exporter of the World, the largest troop contributor to the UN Peace Keeping Operation. We joined to the elite group of Satellite owned nations. The country now expands her sphere from 'Shirt-making' to 'Ship-building' industries.

Bangladesh has made a tremendous progress of women participation in productive sectors. About 33.5% of women work in the productive sector and currently contributing 34% in our GDP growth.

Source: FAO, EPB, World Fish & Department of Fisheries, Bangladesh Bank, BBS & Finance Ministry



National Achievements

Bangladesh has achieved middle income country status & on the verge of graduating as an LDC by 2026
The Country steps towards Digital Bangladesh

Development of Bangladesh has been ranked in the top 10 in 13 different sectors around the globe.

1st in Hilsa (Illish) production

2nd in RMG export & IT outsourcing And Jack Fruit & Jute Production

3rd in Vegetables & Freshwater Fish

4th in Rice Production

6th in Potato Production

8th in Remittance and Mango & Guava Production

9th in Tea Production

Economic Development

Per Capita Income
2021 US\$ 2254.00

GDP Growth Rate
2020-21 FY 5.47%

Food Production
2020 4.25 crore Ton

Revenue Increase
2020-21 FY Tk. 2,60,000.00 Crore

BEPZA Opens Female Workers' Dormitory in MEPZ

Mongla EPZ (MEPZ) has opened a dormitory for female workers, the first of its kind in the country's eight EPZs, to solve their accommodation problems.

Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman of BEPZA formally inaugurated the four-storied dormitory in Mongla EPZ on 30 December 2021. BEPZA has constructed the dormitory with an accommodation capacity of 1,008 female workers.

The dormitory, built on 3.08 acres of land and at a cost of Tk 26.27 crore, has 126 sleeping rooms with two storied bunk bed and a Dining Hall where 500 people can dine at a time. In addition, it is also equipped with other modern living facilities rooms like Indoor Games, Recreations Place with TV, Prayer or Community Space, two Child Daycare Center from 1st floor to 3rd floor including Playground.



BEPZA Executive Chairman inaugurating BEPZA's 1st Female Workers' Dormitory at Mongla EPZ

There is also generator service, Hygienic sanitation facilities and purified drinking water supply at the dormitory. In addition to security guards, a CCTV surveillance system is available to ensure full-time security and adequate manpower has been deployed to ensure other services.

The investors and workers thanked BEPZA for establishing the dormitory because it will help ease the workers'

commute-related troubles which would have a positive impact on productivity.

Executive Director of Mongla EPZ Mahbub Ahmed Siddiq, Executive Director (Security) of BEPZA Lt Col ASM Quamruzzaman along with other officials of MEPZ, investors & their representatives and workers of different industries were present at the inauguration program.

Pocket Gate for Workers in DEPZ



BEPZA Chief & ED (DEPZ) inaugurating pocket gate

Dhaka EPZ has opened a pocket gate in extension zone to make the entrance easier for the workers. Now the workers can enter into and exit from the zone avoiding the main gate which will save their time and money.

BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, psc inaugurated the pocket gate on 18 November 2021. Among others, Md. Abdus Sobhan, General Manager and high officials of Dhaka EPZ were present during this time.

WWA Election in 3 Industries of EPZs

Election held in 3 enterprises of Adamjee and Chattogram EPZ to form Workers' Welfare Association (WWA) during the period of October-December 2021.

The eligible workers of Canadian company Checkpoints Systems Bangladesh Ltd. and USA & Honkong owned T & S Buttons (Bangladesh) Ltd. of Adamjee EPZ elected their new representatives of WWA, on 9 and 15 November 2021 respectively. However, the workers of Young An Hat (BD) Ltd, a South Korean Cap manufacturing company of Chattogram EPZ, elected their representatives of WWA on 29 November 2021.



Workers casting their vote in a disciplined way

Training on Workers Related Issues

Chattogram EPZ arranged several trainings for the EPZ workers to raise their awareness on their rights & benefits according to Bangladesh EPZ Labour Act-2019 as well as to make the worker more focused and productive at their workplace.

Industrial Relations Department of CEPZ conducted the training sessions. The issues like provident fund policy, minimum wage, circular & relevant office order and lawful financial benefits of workers were discussed in the sessions.



South Korea to Invest US\$ 31.17 Million in AEPZ



Member (IP) of BEPZA & Acting Director of Kido Dhaka Ltd. signing the agreement along with new and outgoing Executive Chairman of BEPZA

South Korean company Kido Dhaka Co. Limited will establish a high end garments & sportswear manufacturing industry in Adamjee EPZ with an investment of US\$ 31.17 million.

BEPZA and Kido Dhaka Co. Ltd. signed an agreement on 8 November 2021 at BEPZA Complex, Dhaka.

Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA Ali Reza Mazid and Acting Director of Kido Dhaka Co. Ltd. Mr. Ahn, Young Dae (Joseph) signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations. Newly joined Executive Chairman of BEPZA Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, psc and outgoing Executive Chairman Major General Md Nazrul Islam witnessed the agreement signing ceremony.

This fully foreign owned company will produce annually 2 million pieces of cloths jacket, different type of jacket, vest, work-wear, coverall, hospital gown, protective cloths and PPE etc. with creating employment opportunity for 6040 Bangladeshi nationals.

Among others, Member (Engineering) Mohammad Faruque Alam, Member (Finance) Nafisa Banu, Secretary Md. Zakir Hossain Chowdhury, GM (Public Relations) Nazma Binte Alamgir, GM (Investment Promotion) Md. Tanvir Hossain, GM (Enterprise Services) Md. Khorshid Alam of BEPZA were present at the signing ceremony.

Daying Plastics (BD) Ltd., a Taiwanese company Daying Plastics (BD) Ltd. will invest US\$ 3.00 million to set up a shoe accessories manufacturing industry in Cumilla EPZ. They signed a deal in this regard with BEPZA on 10 November 2021. 75 Bangladeshi nationals will get employment opportunities here.



Officials of BEPZA and Daying Plastics (BD) exchanging documents after signing agreement

Epic Apparels Co. Ltd., a China-India owned Epic Apparels Co. Ltd. will establish a RMG industry in Adamjee EPZ with an investment of US\$ 15 million.

Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA Ali Reza Mazid and Mr. Dinesh Gope Virwani, Managing Director of Epic Apparels Co. Ltd inked an agreement to this effect in Dhaka on 7 December 2021. The company will employ 3067 Bangladeshi nationals for producing annually 6.17 million pcs of Woven Tops and Bottoms.



Member (IP), BEPZA & MD, Epic Apparels exchanging documents

Karnaphuli RO Water Ltd., a Bangladeshi Company Karnaphuli RO signed an agreement with BEPZA on 17 November 2021 to set up a Water Treatment Plant in CEPZ. They will invest US\$ 3.39 million to treat annually 11250 cubic meter water with creating employment for 38 Bangladeshis.



South Korea to Increase Investment in EPZ and BEPZA EZ

“From the very beginning, South Korea is one of the leading foreign investors in EPZs. We will continue to hold our position as a major foreign investor by increasing South Korean investment in EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone.” South Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh Lee Jang-keun made these comments while visiting Dhaka EPZ on 18 November 2021.

BEPZA Chief Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, psc informed the Envoy that South Korean companies will find more opportunities in EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone as BEPZA makes strenuous efforts to improve business related facilities.

They discussed on some existing challenges & investment related issues and agreed to work together to expand cooperation to overcome the challenges. The Envoy visited two Korean companies in Dhaka EPZ during this time.



BEPZA Executive Chairman & South Korean Envoy going round the production floor of DEPZ

Japanese Ministry Representative Meets BEPZA Chief

The South Asian Regional Representative of Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry and Policy Director of JETRO, New Delhi Mr. Takuma Otaki, made a courtesy call on BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, psc, at the latter's office at BEPZA Complex in Dhaka on 11 November 2021.

BEPZA Executive Chairman requested Japanese investors through the Representative to invest in EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone during this time.

Among others, JETRO Country Representative Mr. Yuji Ando, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA Ali Reza Mazid and GM (IP) Md. Tanvir Hossain were present during this time.

Pakistani Envoy Visits Cumilla EPZ



Member (IP) of BEPZA handing over a crest to Pakistan Envoy

‘BEPZA is doing a tremendous job in managing and promoting various export processing zones. Their work is contributing to overall economic development of Bangladesh.’ The High Commissioner of Pakistan to Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Imran Ahmed Siddiqui made the comments during his visit at Cumilla Export Processing Zone on 18 October 2021.

Ali Reza Mazid, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA welcomed the Envoy and informed him on overall activities, operating procedures of BEPZA. He also highlighted BEPZA's contribution to national export and economy of the country.

Later, the Envoy along with Member (IP) went round a Pakistani and a Sri Lankan owned RMG company.

Visits in EPZs

1. Major General Sanjaya Thapa, Commandant of Nepal Army along with 40 Member delegation of Nepal High command and Management course visited Dhaka EPZ on 23 December 2021. Md. Abdus Sobhan, ED of Dhaka EPZ briefed about the activities, incentives and contribution of BEPZA to the national economy and operational activities of Dhaka EPZ. They expressed satisfaction after visiting two enterprises of the zone.

2. Mrs. Constanza Zaehring, Head of Mission and Charge d'affairs of Federal Republic of Germany in Bangladesh visited Chattogram EPZ on 30 November 2021. The ED of CEPZ Moshuiddin Bin Mesbah requested him to arrange investment seminar in Germany to attract more German investment in Bangladesh.

3. Md. Mostafa Kamal, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change along with Md. Ashraf Uddin, Director General, Department of Environment visited Cumilla EPZ on 10 December 2021. They inspected the CETP of Cumilla EPZ and suggested to monitor closely the activities of CETP.

4. Md. Nasir Uddin Ahmed, Inspector General of Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishment visited 4 factories of Uttara EPZ on 13-18 October 2021. He expressed deep satisfaction over the compliance standard maintained by the EPZ enterprises.

AWARDS IN A FRAME



3 EPZ Enterprises Win Green Factory Award



Enterprises of EPZs receiving Green Factory Award 2020

Three Industries of EPZs have achieved Green Factory Award 2020 in recognition of their contributions to make the environment livable and sustainable through their green initiatives. Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, as the Chief Guest, virtually presented the awards to the recipients on 8 December 2021. The Ministry of Labour and Employment introduced the award for the first time marking the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Remi Holdings Ltd.

A LEED Platinum- certified readymade garments manufacturing factory of Adamjee EPZ received Green Factory Award 2020. The factory gets the award for its efforts to reduce carbon emissions and commitment to a healthy and sustainable future. Remi was the top green factory of the world for a couple of years.

Kenpark Bangladesh Apparel Private Limited (Kenpark Unit 2)

a LEED Gold-certified garments factory of Karnaphuli EPZ wins this prestigious award considering its outstanding performance in social, environmental and institutional compliances. The industry is constantly improving green efforts as part of environmental responsibility.

Vintage Denim Studio Ltd.

Readymade garments factory of Ishwardi EPZ is the country's first LEED Platinum-certified factory. The enterprise wins the Green Award 2020 for its endeavour to maintain a safe workplace from the very beginning. The industry also ensures sustainable development practices throughout the manufacturing processes including waste management, reducing air & noise pollution. *Source : Daily Star*

BEPZA Achieves FICCI Award



ED (ES) receiving FICCI award on behalf of BEPZA

BEPZA achieved a prestigious award for providing excellent services to the investors by making business friendly atmosphere in the EPZ as well as its contribution to the nations in FDI earnings. Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) conferred the award in a program in Dhaka on 21 November 2021.

On behalf of BEPZA, Md. Khorshid Alam, General Manager (Enterprise Services) received the award from President of FICCI Rupali Haque Chowdhury in presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser Salman F Rahman.

KEPZ Factory Gets Best Vendor Performance Award from **HAGGAR**

World Ye Apparels (BD) Ltd., an apparel manufacturing industry of Karnaphuli EPZ has achieved the 'Best Vendor Performance Award' from Haggar for the year 2021. The company was awarded in recognition of the highest level of manufacturing quality and customer service by their main buyer the USA based menswear brand Haggar.

Mentionable that, the enterprises of EPZs are producing diversified items of world-renowned brand. BEPZA has created an enabling productive environment which made them competitive globally.



Abdur Rahman Miah Gets 'Youth Volunteer Award 2020'

Md. Abdur Rahman Miah, Director (Admin & Law) of BEPZA awarded the 'Sheikh Hasina Youth Volunteer Award 2020' in the "Act of Bravery" category (National Stage) in recognition of his courageous and humanitarian work during the corona pandemic. He has a good reputation of doing voluntary work and already donated blood for 101 times.

Hon'ble State Minister for Youth and Sports Zahid Ahsan Russel officially handed over the crest to him at Dhaka on 30 December 2021. The Hon'ble President Md. Abdul Hamid virtually attended the program from Bangabhaban as the Chief Guest.



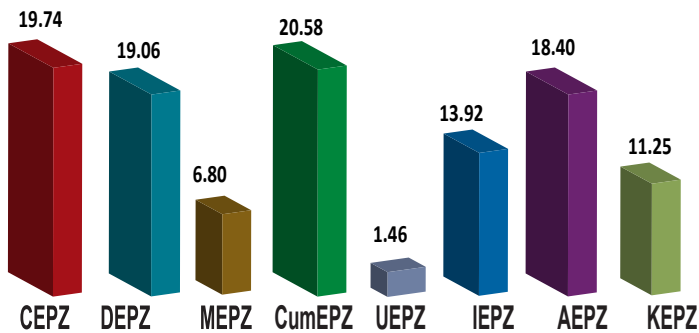
Abdur Rahman Miah receiving Youth Volunteer Award



Towards Growth

BEPZA has achieved positive growth in 1st Half of FY 2021-22 in terms of investment, export and employment against the APA target. BEPZA gained US\$ 194.20 million actual investment against the target of US\$ 150 million, exported goods worth of US\$ 4007.65 million against the target of US\$ 3350 million and also created employment opportunity for 43,032 Bangladeshi nationals though the target was fixed for 7500 Bangladeshis.

Investment in Million US\$



Gained US\$ 112.21 Million

US\$ 112.21 million have been invested in the eight EPZs of the country during October-December, 2021.

Of the total amount, Chattogram EPZ gained US\$ 19.74 million, Dhaka EPZ US\$ 19.06 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 6.80 million Cumilla EPZ US\$ 20.58 million, Uttara EPZ US\$ 1.46 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 13.92 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 18.40 million & Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 11.25 million.

Investment

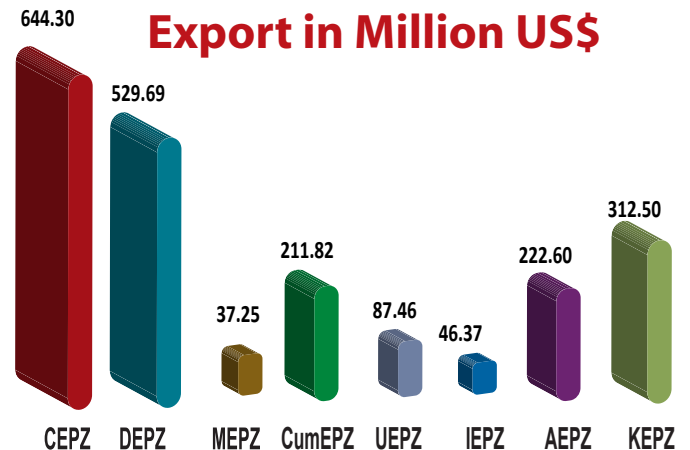
Earned US\$ 2091.99 Million

The enterprises of EPZs have exported goods worth US\$ 2091.99 million in the 2nd quarter of the current fiscal year.

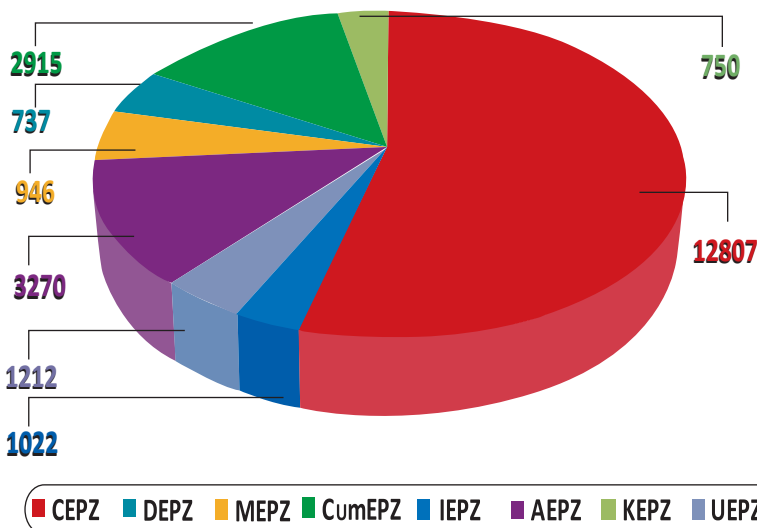
Export earnings from Chattogram EPZ stands at US\$ 644.30 million while that of Dhaka EPZ US\$ 529.69 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 37.25 million, Cumilla EPZ US\$ 211.82 million, Uttara EPZ US\$ 87.46 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 46.37 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 222.60 million and Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 312.50 million.

Export

Export in Million US\$



Employment in Nos.



New Job for 23659 Bangladeshi

23659 Bangladeshi nationals got employment opportunity in the operating industrial units of EPZs in October-December, 2021.

Among them 12807 in Chattogram EPZ, 737 in Dhaka EPZ, 946 in Mongla EPZ, 2915 in Cumilla EPZ, 1022 in Ishwardi EPZ, 3270 in Adamjee EPZ, 1212 in Uttara EPZ and 750 in Karnaphuli EPZ.

Job



Cumulative Scenarios

EPZ	Unit (Nos)		Export (US\$ m)	Investment (US\$ m)	Workforce (Number)
	Operation	*U/ Imp			
Chattogram	153	12	36,760.64	1,900.84	1,68,016
Dhaka	92	7	31,445.07	1,642.92	73,411
Cumilla	46	7	4,345.31	482.50	42,855
Mongla	32	8	889.52	97.21	8,165
Uttara	24	5	1,736.10	218.85	32,122
Ishwardi	20	17	1,203.96	184.71	14,736
Adamjee	47	14	6,369.33	631.58	56,717
Karnaphuli	39	5	8,517.41	661.00	76,292
Total	453	75	91,267.34	5,819.61	4,72,314



* Under Implementation

Famous Brand Made in EPZs



Product



Garments	136
RMG Accessories	89
Textile	33
Knit & Other Textile	24
Footwear & Leather	24
Electronic & Electricals	20
Tent	14
Plastic Goods	14
Service Industries	10
Metal Products	9
Terry Towel	8
Chemical and Fertilizer	5
Agro Produces	5
Jute Products	5
Cap	5
Luggage	5
Paper Produces	3
Furniture	2
Power Industry	2
Toys	2
Yarn	2
Fishing Reel & Golf Items	1
Miscellaneous	35

Investor

Bangladesh	140	Indonesia	3
South Korea	71	Spain	2
China	55	UAE	1
Japan	30	Italy	1
Hong Kong, China	26	France	1
Taiwan, China	25	Belgium	1
India	20	Ireland	1
UK	18	Ukraine	1
USA	13	Thailand	1
Sri Lanka	7	Marshall Island	1
Canada	6	Romania	1
Malaysia	5	Australia	1
The Netherlands	5	Malta	1
Germany	4	Cayman Island	1
Pakistan	4	Mauritius	1
Singapore	3	Korea RP	* U/ Imp
British Virgin Island	3	St. Kitts & Nevis	* U/ Imp

BEPZA

Beacon of Investment

Core Strength of EPZs

Workers-Management-Owner Synergy

Peaceful Working Environment

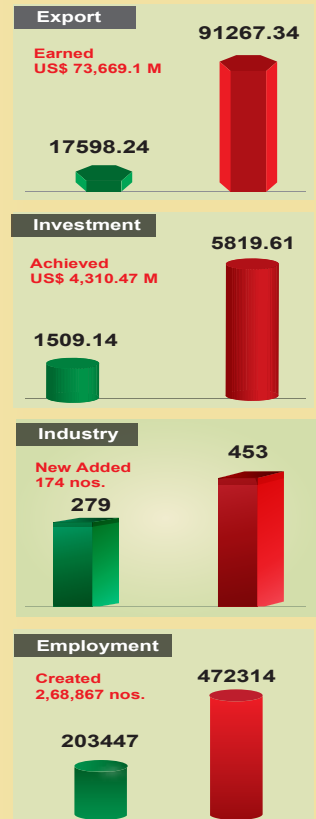
Industry Friendly Atmosphere

Congenial Investment Climate

Ease of Doing Business

Collaborative Teamwork

Success of BEPZA (2009-2021)



Upto December-2008 Upto December-2021



- 8 EPZs
- 1 EZ
- 3 Proposed EPZs

BEPZA 40 Years of Trusted Partnership with Investors

Committed to Provide Services with -

Experience

Dedication

Professionalism

BEPZA Welcomes Investors from all over the World

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