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Major General
Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman,
BSP, ndc, psc

Executive Chairman



As we reflect on the achievements of 2024, I am pleased to acknowledge the significant progress BEPZA has made in driving Bangladesh's economic growth and development. These accomplishments stand as a testament to BEPZA's pivotal role in the nation's industrialization and our ongoing commitment to fostering an investment-friendly environment.

As the country's pioneering investment promotion agency, BEPZA has remained steadfast in its mission to attract both local and foreign investments. According to Bangladesh Bank statistics, BEPZA accounted for 29% of the country's total FDI in the financial year ending June 2024. This figure reflects the growing confidence of investors in our EPZs and BEPZA EZ. Despite various challenges, we successfully signed new investment agreements with 28 industries in 2024, a clear indication of the strong trust local and foreign investors continue to place on us.

Through a combination of export earnings, direct-indirect revenue to the national exchequer, and the wages paid by EPZ enterprises to their employees, BEPZA contributed a significant amount to the country's total GDP. This highlights the significant economic impact of BEPZA in fostering the overall growth and prosperity of the nation.

In our continued efforts to attract FDI, BEPZA has organized seminars in key markets, including China, and South Korea. These initiatives aim to highlight the numerous advantages of investing in our EPZs and EZ, and we are optimistic that they will further boost foreign investment in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is emerging as a global leader in green industrialization, starting with the achievement of the LEED Platinum certification by Vintage Denim Studio Limited of Ishwardi EPZ. Today, BEPZA proudly houses 26 LEED-certified factories, including 8 with the highest Platinum certification from the USGBC. I extend my gratitude to our investors for their support in promoting eco-friendly practices and green technologies, shaping a brighter, more sustainable future for our nation.

As we look ahead, I want to express my deep appreciation to our existing investors for their trust in BEPZA. I also encourage new investors to explore the numerous opportunities available in our zones and join us in fostering growth and success for Bangladesh.



Welcome to the 72nd edition of the BEPZA Bulletin, where we showcase the remarkable strides BEPZA has made in driving Bangladesh's economic growth. This issue highlights BEPZA's achievements in 2024, marking a year of record FDI share by EPZ enterprises, landmark investments, and significant contributions to the nation's exports and GDP.

BEPZA continues to play a pivotal role in attracting investment, with recent land lease agreements reflecting our growing influence on the international stage. The participation of BEPZA in an investment seminar in China further underscores our commitment to global outreach and positioning BEPZA as a key investment hub.

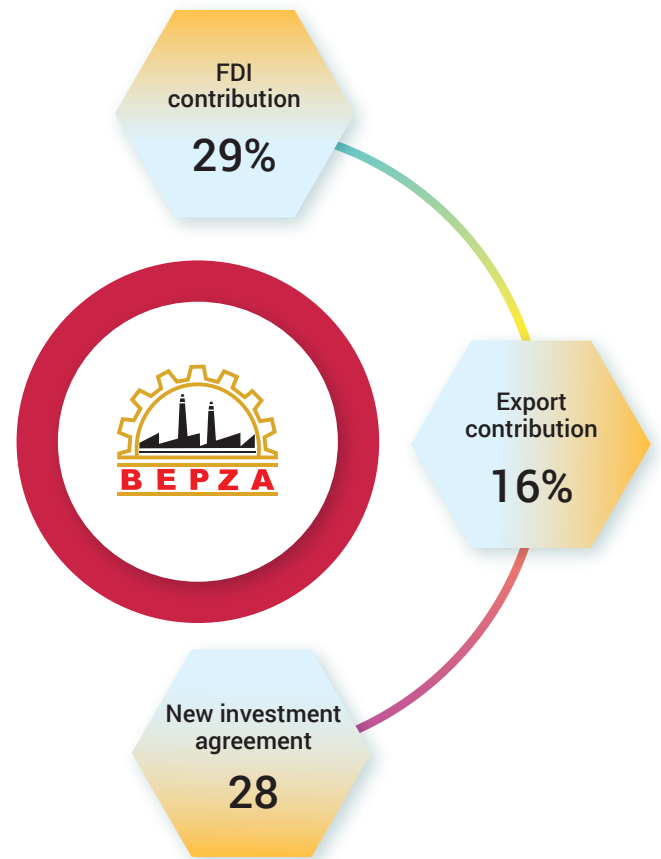
In addition to fostering investment, BEPZA is leading the way in green industrialization, promoting sustainable practices across its zones. This edition also focuses on BEPZA's exceptional financial standing, ranking among the top state-owned enterprises for its prudent management of financial risks and liabilities.

With insightful reports on dignitary visits and statistical overviews, this bulletin provides a comprehensive look at BEPZA's progress. I would like to thank our Executive Directors for their invaluable contributions to this issue, and look forward to continuing our journey towards even greater success.

BEPZA in 2024

Driving economic growth and development of Bangladesh

The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), the pioneering Investment Promotion Agency (IPA) of the country, has continued to play a pivotal role in driving Bangladesh's economic growth throughout 2024. Established 44 years ago with the goal of attracting investment, boosting exports, and generating employment, BEPZA has consistently delivered on its goals. In 2024, BEPZA's achievements reflect its ongoing success and significant contribution to Bangladesh's socio-economic development.



Record FDI performance

Despite a nationwide decline in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in fiscal year 2023-24, BEPZA has maintained its competitiveness in attracting FDI. BEPZA's share of the country's total FDI reached an all-time high of 29%, demonstrating its growing importance as an investment destination and showcasing the trust of global and local investors.

Significant new investments

In 2024, BEPZA received a strong response from both local and foreign investors, signing new investment agreements with 28 companies, compared to 25 in 2023. The proposed investment for 2024 reached US\$ 568.5 million, up from US\$ 476.08 million the previous year. This achievement highlights BEPZA's effective investment promotion strategies and its ability to attract both local and foreign investors.

Substantial contribution to Exports and GDP

The role of BEPZA in boosting Bangladesh's export sector remains pivotal. In fiscal year 2023-24, BEPZA

accounted for approximately 16% of the nation's total exports. Furthermore, contributions of BEPZA to domestic revenue amounted to US\$ 1.25 billion, while the total wages paid to workers exceeded US\$ 1.36 billion. Collectively, these efforts contributed a significant amount to the GDP of Bangladesh, reflecting BEPZA's prime role in supporting the national economy.

Financial stability and responsible management

BEPZA's financial performance in 2024 reaffirmed its strong management practices. The authority topped the financial performance rankings among 101 State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and Autonomous Bodies (ABs) for the fiscal year 2021-22. For FY 2022-23, BEPZA once again led the rankings in managing financial risks associated with debts and liabilities, highlighting its commitment to responsible financial stewardship.

Automation and service innovations

BEPZA has embraced automation to streamline its services, further enhancing its efficiency. In 2024, BEPZA integrated its automation systems with the

Bangladesh Single Window (BSW), facilitating the exchange of export and import permit-related information. Additionally, BEPZA's system now shares information with the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding foreign expatriates in EPZs and connects with NBR's Asycuda World system to exchange information on EP/IP.

Inspiring with new projects

BEPZA initiated land development for two new EPZs in Patuakhali and Jashore districts. The authority has also found major proposed investment in BEPZA EZ, which is still under development stage. These projects are expected to drive economic growth in southern and southwestern regions of Bangladesh.

BEPZA's performance in 2024 has been nothing short of remarkable. By attracting significant investments, creating jobs, boosting exports, maintaining financial stability, and embracing innovations in service delivery, BEPZA has solidified its position as a leading force in Bangladesh's economic development.

BEPZA signs lease agreements with 9 companies

BEPZA EZ to house first-ever drone manufacturing industry in Bangladesh

BEPZA signed lease agreements with nine companies, totaling an investment of US\$ 209.83 million, during the period of October-December 2024. These agreements are expected to foster a diverse range of industrial activities, including the manufacturing of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), battery plates, zipper pullers, textiles from garment waste, and Readymade Garments (RMG).

First-ever drone manufacturing industry in Bangladesh

One of the notable agreements is with Sky Bees Limited, a Bangladeshi company that plans to invest US\$ 45.95 million to establish the country's first Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV, commonly known as drone) manufacturing industry in the BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ). This industry is expected to produce 7,314 units of UAVs annually, catering to various applications such as agricultural pesticide spray, fire fighting, emergency rescue, delivery of products and services, cinematography, and mapping. The project will create employment opportunities for 55 Bangladeshi nationals.

Battery plates manufacturing industry

Another significant agreement is with Bangladesh Prothoma Power Supply Ltd., a Chinese company that will invest US\$ 12.24 million to establish a battery plates manufacturing industry in the BEPZA EZ. The company aims to produce 208 million pieces of

battery plates per year, creating employment opportunities for 600 Bangladeshi nationals.

Zipper puller manufacturing industry

JIDALAI Co. Ltd., a strategic partner of the globally recognized zipper brand YKK, has signed an agreement to establish a zipper puller manufacturing industry in Adamjee EPZ. The Chinese company will invest US\$ 5.85 million to produce 70 million pieces of pullers annually, creating job opportunities for 189 Bangladeshi nationals.

Textile products from garment wastage

Xingchen Textile Co. Ltd., a Chinese company, has signed an agreement to invest US\$ 35.03 million in Mongla EPZ to produce yarn and woven fabrics by recycling garment wastage, commonly known as 'Jhut'. This environmentally-friendly initiative will provide jobs for 600 Bangladeshi nationals.



BEPZA Executive Chairman, along with high-ranking officials, witnessing the signing ceremony between BEPZA and Ding Yu (BD) Enterprise Ltd



Member (IP) of BEPZA and Managing Director of Sky Bees Limited exchanging documents in presence of BEPZA Executive Chairman

Composite textile industry

Bangladesh BaoRui Textile Co. Ltd has committed to investing US\$ 19.53 million in Mongla EPZ to establish a composite textile manufacturing unit. The Chinese company expects to create employment opportunities for 1505 Bangladeshi nationals to produce raw yarn, knitted fabric, and garments.

Another investment in textile industry

Bangladesh Boyang Textile Co. Ltd., a Chinese company, has signed an agreement to invest US\$ 38.45 million to establish a textile industry in Ishwardi EPZ. The company will create employment opportunities for 2,393 Bangladeshi nationals.

Garment & tent accessories manufacturing industry

The Bangladeshi company MNC Accessories OPC has signed an

agreement to invest US\$ 5.86 million in Chattogram EPZ. They will employ 413 Bangladeshi nationals at their plant to produce garment & tent accessories and packaging items

Readymade Garments (RMG) industries

Two Chinese companies, Ding Yu (BD) Enterprise Ltd. and Chic Wings (BD) Lingerie Co. Limited, have signed agreements to establish RMG plants in BEPZA EZ. Ding Yu will invest US\$ 28.92 million to produce 50 million pieces of various RMG products, creating employment opportunities for 3135 Bangladeshi nationals. Meanwhile, Chic Wings will invest US\$ 18 million to produce 30 million pieces of brief, undergarments, slip, boxer, short, camisole, bra, and vest annually, employing 3000 Bangladeshi nationals.

Quick Look

Company Name	Country	Zone	Proposed Investment (in million US\$)	Proposed Employment (nos.)	Date of Signing
Sky Bees Limited	Bangladesh	BEPZA EZ	45.95	55	03.10.2024
JIDALAI Co., Ltd.	China	AEPZ	5.85	189	16.10.2024
Bangladesh BaoRui Textile Co., Ltd.	China	MEPZ	19.53	1,505	02.12. 2024
Bangladesh Boyang Textile Co., Ltd.	China	IEPZ	38.45	2,393	01.12. 2024
Bangladesh Prothoma Power Supply Ltd.	China	BEPZA EZ	12.24	3,010	10.12. 2024
Ding Yu (BD) Enterprise Ltd.	China	BEPZA EZ	28.92	3,135	23.12. 2024
Xingchen Textile Co. Ltd.	China	MEPZ	35.03	600	03.11.2024
Chick Wings (BD) Intimates Co. Ltd.	China	BEPZA EZ	18	3000	12.11.2024
MNC Accessories OPC	Bangladesh	CEPZ	5.86	413	24.11.2024

BEPZA Executive Chairman to Chinese investors **Explore golden opportunity in Bangladesh**



BEPZA Executive Chairman addresses participants at the seminar in China

Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), extended a warm invitation to Chinese investors to explore the golden opportunity of investing in Bangladesh.

"Come and explore a golden opportunity of investing in Bangladesh, a nation where potential meets performance, and partnerships lead to prosperity," said Major General Ziaur Rahman at the seminar titled "Investment opportunities in the EPZs and EZ of BEPZA," jointly organized by BEPZA and Ningbo Daxie Chamber of Commerce on December 16, 2024, in Ningbo, China.

The seminar was attended by around 120 people, including prospective investors, local media, investment analysts, and business lawyers. Major General Ziaur Rahman led a team from BEPZA, which included Md. Tanvir Hossain, Executive Director (Investment Promotion), Tarek Hossain, Director (Investment Promotion), and Ali Istiak Chowdhury, Director of BEPZA. The

team visited China as part of an official tour, which also included a visit to Vietnam.

During the seminar, Major General Ziaur Rahman highlighted the country's strategic location and dynamic economy, saying, "Bangladesh is strategically located at the crossroads of South Asia and Southeast Asia, offering seamless access to regional and international markets."

"Our vibrant population of over 180 million, predominantly young, educated, and highly skilled, ensures a robust workforce that can drive businesses to new heights."

The main attraction of investing in Bangladesh is that it is inexpensive and has an easily trainable workforce, he emphasized, adding that the minimum wage is the lowest in Asia.

The country's investment policies have been consistently liberalized to ensure a favorable environment for foreign investors. Moreover, BEPZA has been providing "One Stop Service" to its investors, making it easier for them to set up and operate industries in EPZs.

Major General Ziaur Rahman also outlined BEPZA's future plans, including the development of the BEPZA Economic Zone at Mirsharai, Chattogram. The establishment of three new EPZs in Jashore, Patuakhali, and Gaibandha districts is also underway, which are expected to be ready for investors by the end of 2025.

Mr. Cao Jun, Executive Director of the Ningbo Daxie Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the growing economic and trade cooperation between China and Bangladesh. He highlighted that China has been a vital partner in Bangladesh's development, with cooperation spanning from traditional industries such as jute and



BEPZA Executive Chairman and high officials during the seminar



Participants at the seminar engage with the presentation

leather to emerging sectors like the digital economy and environmental protection.

"We believe that the cooperation between China and Bangladesh will continue to flourish, bringing fruitful results for both nations," said Mr. Jun.

Ms. Cao Mu Zi, Secretary General of the Ningbo Daxie Chamber of Commerce, reiterated the importance of the seminar in facilitating greater understanding and cooperation between Chinese enterprises and Bangladesh. She emphasized the opportunity for Chinese investors to explore the benefits of the EPZs and Economic Zones in Bangladesh.

During the open discussion at the seminar, participants suggested launching direct flights between Dhaka and major commercial cities in China. They also advocated for the establishment of consular services in key Chinese business cities. Additionally, attendees called for a review of customs laws and regulations to make them more business-friendly and for simplifying the documentation process to facilitate smoother operations for investors.

Before visiting China, the BEPZA team visited a shoe factory in the Dai Dang Industrial Zone, Phu Tan Ward, Thu Dau Mot City, Vietnam on December 12, 2024. The visit aimed to learn about best practices in the industry and understand the existing rules, regulations, customs procedures, and more, which could be applied to enhance BEPZA's investment climate and operations.



▼ *Participants, along with BEPZA Executive Chairman and organizers, pose at the end of the seminar*



Vintage Denim Studio breaks the ground

BEPZA paves the way toward sustainable industrialization

Bangladesh has firmly established itself as a global leader in sustainable manufacturing, with the highest number of green factories in the world. The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) has played the pioneering role in driving green industrialization, with 26 LEED-certified factories within its EPZ enterprises, setting a high standard for environmental sustainability.

LEED Certification: A global standard for green buildings

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is a globally recognized rating system for green buildings. LEED certification evaluates energy efficiency, water conservation, air quality, and waste management. The certification has four levels: Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum, with Platinum being the highest achievement.

*Partial view of Vintage Denim Studio, country's first
LEED Platinum-certified factory* ▼

Vintage Denim Studio: A model for green industrialization in Bangladesh

Vintage Denim Studio Ltd., located in Ishwardi EPZ, made history in 2012 by becoming Bangladesh's first LEED-certified RMG factory. It was the first factory in an EPZ and in Bangladesh to receive LEED Platinum status, scoring an impressive 90 points. This achievement set the stage for other industries in the country to adopt sustainable practices.

The Ripple Effect: Other industries follow the path

Following Vintage Denim's example, a growing number of EPZ and non-EPZ industries have embraced sustainable practices, with several factories earning top-tier LEED certifications. Remi Holdings Ltd., located at Adamjee EPZ, achieved LEED Platinum certification in 2016, scoring the highest-ever points at that time. By utilizing natural daylight and solar energy, along with a



rainwater harvesting system, Remi Holdings has significantly reduced its carbon footprint and energy consumption.

Upgrading LEED certification status

The remarkable upgrade of M/s. Croydon Kowloon Designs Ltd. in Dhaka EPZ—from Gold in 2020 to Platinum status in 2024—further highlights BEPZA’s ongoing commitment to advancing green industrialization. This upgrade signifies not only a dedication to environmental sustainability but also a positive impact on the health and productivity of workers, enhancing the reputation of BEPZA’s green factories.

Long-term investment in sustainability

EPZ investors are demonstrating a commitment to sustainability, recognizing its long-term benefits. Green factories protect the environment, reduce pollution, and promote healthier workplaces, which leads to higher productivity. Despite the higher upfront costs, investors acknowledge the long-term savings and benefits of aligning with global sustainability standards.

Bangladesh: A global leader in green manufacturing

Bangladesh has reached a significant milestone in green industrialization, with EPZ industries playing a pivotal role. Currently, 62 of the world’s top 100 LEED-certified green factories are in Bangladesh, including 9 of the top 10. This progress is transforming Bangladesh into a global leader in green manufacturing, a journey that began with EPZ industries under BEPZA’s leadership.



Partial green view of Remi Holdings Ltd. of Adamjee EPZ

LEED certified enterprises of EPZs

EPZ	Name of the enterprises	Certification
Ishwardi EPZ	Vintage Denim Studio Ltd.	Platinum
	Renaissance Barind Ltd.	Gold
Chattogram EPZ	NHT Fashions Ltd.	Platinum
	Pacific Casuals Ltd.	Platinum
	Pacific Jeans Ltd	Gold
	Universal Jeans Ltd.	Gold
	Jeans 2000 Ltd.	Gold
	Pacific Workwears Ltd.	Gold
	Kenpark Bangladesh (Pvt) Ltd.	Gold
	Regency Garments Ltd.	Gold
Karnaphuli EPZ	Regency Three Ltd.	Gold
	Univogue Garments Company Ltd	Silver
	Kenpark Bangladesh Apparel (Pvt.) Ltd. (K-2)	Platinum
	Kenpark Bangladesh Apparel (Pvt.) Ltd. (K-3)	Gold
	Kenpark Bangladesh Apparel (Pvt.) Ltd. (K-5)	Gold
Adamjee EPZ	UHM Limited	Platinum
	Remi Holdings Ltd	Platinum
	Ananta Apparels Ltd	Gold
	Progress Apparels Bangladesh Ltd	Gold
	Universal Menswear Ltd.	Gold
	Ananta Huaziang Limited	Gold
	Epic Garments Manufacturing Co. Ltd	Silver
Dhaka EPZ	Croydon Kowloon Design Ltd.	Platinum
	Osman Interlinings Ltd.	Gold
Cumilla EPZ	Eastport Ltd.	Platinum
	Soorty Textile (BD) Ltd	Gold

BEPZA at 352nd Session of ILO



Md. Ashrafur Kabir, Member (IP) of BEPZA, and Md. Nazmul Islam Bhuiyan, Additional Executive Director (IR), participated in the 352nd session of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Governing Body as part of the Bangladesh delegation led by Asif Nazrul, Adviser of Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs.

During the session, held in Geneva, Switzerland from October 28 to November 7, 2024, the Law Adviser stated that Bangladesh has pledged to amend its labour law by March 2025 to align it with international standards and meet the 18-point demand of workers. He said a tripartite committee is currently working on possible amendments to the law, including easing trade union rules.

The Law Adviser also briefed the session on labour rights in the EPZs and the progress of the draft EPZ Labour Rules, and assured that the EPZ Labour Act will be reviewed with a set deadline of 2025.

BEPZA settles arrears for workers of Kwun Tong Apparels



A worker of Kwun Tong Apparels receiving cheque from ED of AEPZ

BEPZA has paid outstanding dues to workers and employees of M/s. Kwun Tong Apparels Ltd., a closed factory located in Adamjee EPZ. Out of the 7,499 workers and employees of the company, 4,263 have received their dues as of December 2024. The remaining employees will receive their arrears in phases after the verification of required documents.

The payment process officially began on October 28, 2024. Mahbub Ahmed Siddiq, Executive Director of Adamjee EPZ, initiated the payment by handing over pay orders to 20 workers. Additionally, the dues of 1,005 workers and employees were paid via online banking on the same day. Notably, Kwun Tong Apparels Ltd. was closed on January 1, 2021, due to a lack of export orders. After a lengthy process, BEPZA successfully sold the factory through an auction.

USTR delegation visits KEPZ



On December 9, 2024, a delegation from US Trade Representative Office (USTR) led by Mr. Brenden Lynch, AUSTR for South and Central Asia visited Karnaphuli EPZ. They exchanged views with high officials of BEPZA on labour rights, existing benefits of EPZs' workers and labour law reforms. The delegation assured to extend their collaboration with BEPZA during this time.

Training on EPZ Labour Act



K.M. Mahbub-e-Sobhani, Executive Director of Mongla EPZ speaking at a training program on the "Bangladesh EPZ Labour Act 2019 and EPZ Labour Rules, 2022" organized by MEPZ. 50 line leaders and supervisors from operational enterprises participated in the training held on November 24-28, 2024.

WWA election



Md. Jillur Rahman, Executive Director of Karnaphuli EPZ observes the Workers Welfare Association (WWA) election of OFMA Camp Ltd. on December 23, 2024. During October-December period, r-pac Bangladesh Packing Co. Ltd. of Adamjee EPZ also arranged WWA election for their workers.

Cumilla EPZ meets journalists to discuss CETP operations



ED, Cumilla EPZ answering queries from local journalists regarding CETP

Cumilla EPZ organized a productive exchange of views with local journalists from both print and electronic media on November 19, 2024, at the BEPZA Zone Office in Cumilla EPZ. The meeting focused on the zone's performance and operations of the Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP).

Abdullah Al Mahbub, Executive Director of Cumilla EPZ, outlined the zone's contributions to investment, exports, and employment. He also highlighted the CETP's efficient operation in treating industrial waste, supported by a dedicated supervisory team from BEPZA and other stakeholders.

The session also featured insights from Abu Syeed Md. Anwar Parvez, Executive Director (Public Relations) of BEPZA, and Mussabbir Hossain Mohammed Rajib, Deputy Director of the Department of Environment, who addressed various questions from the journalists. Following the meeting, the journalists visited the CETP to observe the treatment process and its positive environmental impact.

BEPZA

Leads the Way in Financial Performance among SOEs

BEPZA has topped the financial performance rankings of 101 State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and Autonomous Bodies (ABs) for the fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23, based on its management of financial risks related to debts and contingent liabilities.

The Ministry of Finance's Monitoring Cell (MC) assessed the financial statements of these SOEs and ABs, evaluating their fiscal risk exposure under the Finance Division's guidelines. The analysis focused on key factors such as debt composition, asset composition, debt and equity composition, profitability ratios, liquidity ratios, and solvency ratios. Each entity was graded based on six ratios, with equal weight (5) given to each.

As part of the Public Financial Management (PFM) program, the Ministry of Finance released this report. BEPZA received an exceptional grade of 1.17 out of 5, reflecting remarkably low financial risk and positioning it as one of the safest SOEs. The analysis highlighted BEPZA's successful strategies in reducing financial risks and maintaining the stability of its debt service liabilities.

The report also praised BEPZA's strong financial management practices, including revenue generation and its ability to undertake government-backed projects while ensuring timely government loan repayment. This recognition underscores BEPZA's commitment to stability, financial health, and its role as a reliable and sustainable entity within Bangladesh's public sector.

Chinese business delegation visits BEPZA



A 6 member delegation of Chinese investors led by Mr. Wu Bin, General Manager of Jason Furniture (Hangzhou) Co. Ltd visited BEPZA on December 11, 2024 to explore the investment opportunities in the EPZs. Member (IP) Md. Ashrafur Kabir welcomed the investors and outlined the benefits of investing in EPZs and BEPZA EZ. Later, the delegates visited Chattogram EPZ and BEPZA EZ to observe the investment potentiality.

UEPZ and KEPZ hold meetings to accelerate OSS

To expedite One Stop Service (OSS) activities, Uttara EPZ (UEPZ) and Karnaphuli EPZ (KEPZ) organized meetings with focal points and representatives from various ministries on October 2 and November 13, 2024. These discussions focused on implementing the BEPZA OSS Rule 2019 effectively, with a key emphasis on providing timely services to support EPZ investors and improve business operations. Additionally, KEPZ held a session with investors, assuring them of seamless services through the OSS initiative.



ED, Karnaphuli EPZ speaking at the meeting with the investors

BEPZA honours pioneering officers at their farewell



Executive Chairman presenting farewell flower bouquet and farewell crest to the retiring EDs

BEPZA recently bid farewell to two pioneering officers, who leave behind a legacy of achievement.

Md. Ruhul Amin contributed 35 years of expertise to the organization, excelling in various roles throughout his career. He retired on December 31, 2024, as Executive Director (Maintenance), concluding a successful career that began in 1989 as an Assistant Engineer (Electrical).

Md. Ahsan Kabir, having served with distinction since 1992, also concluded a remarkable career in various roles at BEPZA. He started as an Assistant Manager in 1992 and retired on December 31, 2024, as Executive Director.

BEPZA expressed heartfelt gratitude for their significant contributions. Their accomplishments pave the way for the new generation to lead in Bangladesh's economic growth.

BEPZA holds EDs' conference to enhance operational strategies



BEPZA Executive Chairman, along with Members and Executive Directors, poses for a photo after the ED conference

BEPZA organized its Executive Directors' Conference on October 16-17, 2024, under the leadership of Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc. The conference aimed to refine operational strategies and strengthen the authority's capacity to attract investments. The two-day event brought together Members and Executive Directors from BEPZA's Executive Office, and Zones.

In his address, the Executive Chairman emphasized the need for innovative approaches to optimize operations and sustain investor confidence. Key discussions focused on enhancing infrastructure, improving service delivery standards, and creating a more competitive investment environment. The conference also included specific guidelines on the progress of the three upcoming new EPZs.



BEPZA welcomes new Member

Md. Imtiaz Hossain, an Additional Secretary of the Government of Bangladesh, has recently joined BEPZA as its new Member (Engineering) on December 17, 2024. He officially assumed the role of Member (Engineering) on December 17, 2024. With an extensive background in public service, he brings valuable experience to his new position.

Before joining BEPZA, Md. Imtiaz Hossain served as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Industries. He has also held prominent positions, including Member of the Mongla Port Authority and Secretary of the Space Research & Remote Sensing Organization. Throughout his distinguished career, he has served in various capacities across different ministries and field administrations.

Language training for EPZ officials



Uttara EPZ completed a four-month Chinese language course for officials on December 22, 2024, with a certificate awarding ceremony. Executive Director Md. Shariful Islam congratulated the participants. Meanwhile, Chattogram EPZ launched a three-month Chinese and Arabic training course for its officers on November 3, 2024, with Executive Director Md. Abdus Sobhan attending the inauguration.

Commerce Adviser & Special Envoy



On December 3, 2024, Sk. Bashir Uddin, Honourable Adviser to the Ministry of Commerce, and Lutfeq Siddiqi, Special Envoy to the Chief Adviser on International Affairs, visited the BEPZA Complex. During the visit, BEPZA Executive Chairman presented an overview of the activities of BEPZA, emphasizing EPZs' contribution to economic growth. Lutfeq Siddiqi stressed the need for faster services, collaboration among Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs), and an improved investment climate to attract more investments.

Secretary to the Chief Adviser's Office

Md. Saifullah Panna, Secretary to the Chief Adviser's Office visited Uttara EPZ on December 18, 2024. Md. Shariful Islam, Executive Director of the zone briefed him on BEPZA during this time. Later, he visited two enterprises and observed the production process.



BIDA & BEZA Executive Chairman



Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun, Executive Chairman of BIDA and BEZA, visited the BEPZA Executive Office on October 22, 2024, with senior officials from both authorities. A meeting was held during this time where it is focused on strategies to boost investment in Bangladesh, with a shared goal of enhancing the country's investment climate and positioning Bangladesh as a prime destination for investors.

DSCSC Delegation



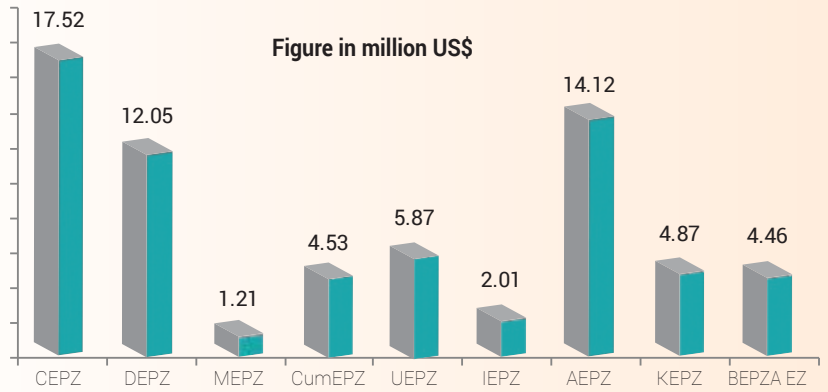
Executive Director of Chattogram EPZ, Md. Abdus Sobhan, poses with a group of delegates from the Defence Services Command & Staff College, part of a 357-member delegation, during their visit to Chattogram EPZ on November 10, 2024

TOWARDS GROWTH

BEPZA, the pioneer investment promotional agency of Bangladesh, has been playing a pivotal role in socio-economic development of the country through facilitating trade, investment and employment generation.

The authority has already demonstrated itself as one of the key players in the nation's economic growth. Here, we are highlighting the sector wise achievements of BEPZA during October-December 2024.

Investment

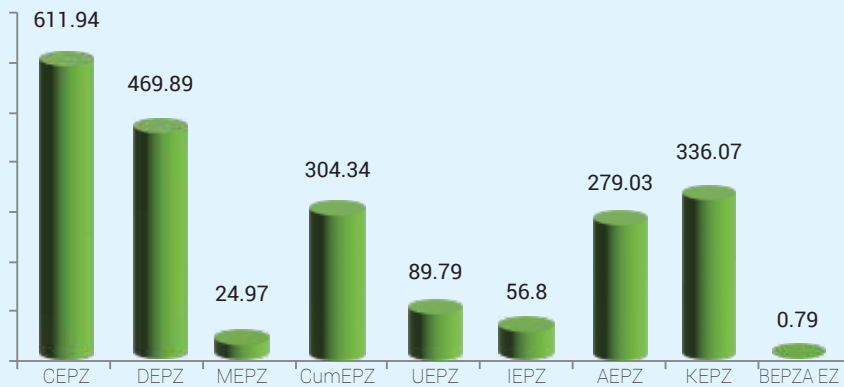


Investment Gained US\$ 66.64 Million

US\$ 66.64 million have been invested in the 8 EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone during October-December 2024. Of the total amount, Chattogram EPZ gained US\$ 17.52 million, Dhaka EPZ US\$ 12.05 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 1.21 million, Cumilla EPZ US\$ 4.53 million, Uttara EPZ US\$ 5.87 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 2.01 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 14.12 million, Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 4.87 million and BEPZA EZ US\$ 4.46 million.

Export

Figure in million US\$



Export Earned US\$ 2173.63 Million

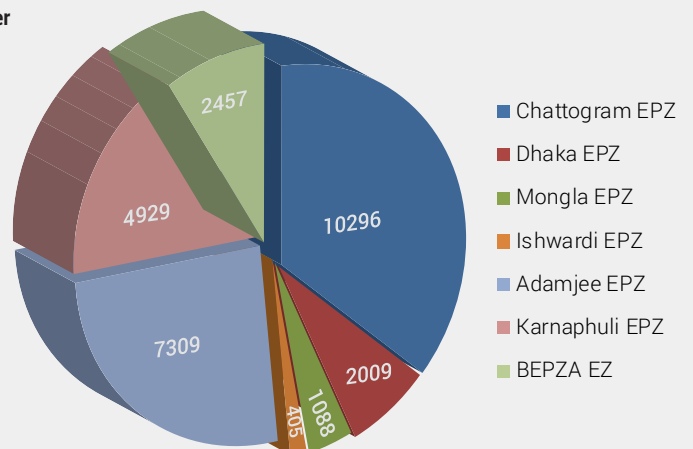
The enterprises of EPZs and BEPZA Economic zone have exported goods worth US\$ 2173.63 million during the second quarter of the FY 2024-25. Export earnings from Chattogram EPZ stands at US\$ 611.94 million while that of Dhaka EPZ US\$ 469.89 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 24.97 million, Cumilla EPZ US\$ 304.34 million, Uttara EPZ US\$ 89.79 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 56.80 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 279.03 million, Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 336.07 million and BEPZA EZ US\$ 0.79.

New Job for 28,493 Bangladeshi Nationals

28,493 Bangladeshi nationals got employment opportunity in the operating industrial units of EPZs and BEPZA EZ during October-December 2024. Among them, 10296 in Chattogram EPZ, 2009 in Dhaka EPZ, 1088 in Mongla EPZ, 405 in Ishwardi EPZ, 7309 in Adamjee EPZ, 4929 in Karnaphuli EPZ and 2457 in BEPZA EZ. No addition in Cumilla & Uttara EPZ.

Employment

Figure in Number

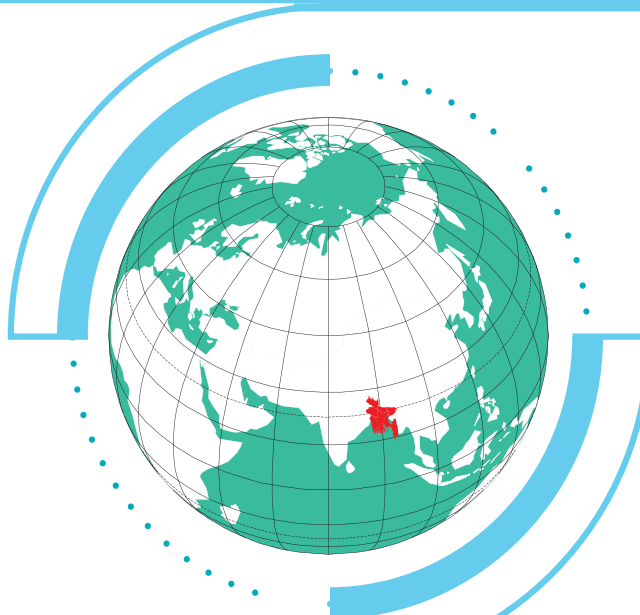


EPZ	Unit (Nos)		Export (US\$ m)	Investment (US\$ m)	Workforce (Number)
	Operation	*U/ Imp			
Chattogram	144	9	43,848.91	2,147.76	1,80,211
Dhaka	84	4	36,977.52	1825.18	82,095
Adamjee	48	12	9276.48	787.44	71,493
Cumilla	48	6	6774.37	600.65	49,022
Karnaphuli	42	7	12130.13	751.86	77,029
Ishwardi	22	16	1868.70	272.42	18,570
Mongla	34	7	1293.31	241.69	11,143
Uttara	24	8	2742.85	259.07	32,228
BEPZA EZ	3	39	1.37	28.23	2594
Total	449	108	114,913.64	6914.30	524,385

Cumulative Scenario

* Under Implementation

Bangladesh	144
China (Including Hong Kong, Taiwan)	108
South Korea	61
Japan	29
India	19
UK	19
USA	17
Canada	10
Sri Lanka	7
The Netherlands	6
Malaysia	5
Pakistan	3
Indonesia	3
Germany	2



British Virgin Island	2
Spain	2
Singapore	1
UAE	1
France	1
Belgium	1
Ireland	1
Ukraine	1
Thailand	1
Marshal Island	1
Romania	1
Australia	1
Cayman Island	1
Malta	1

Investor

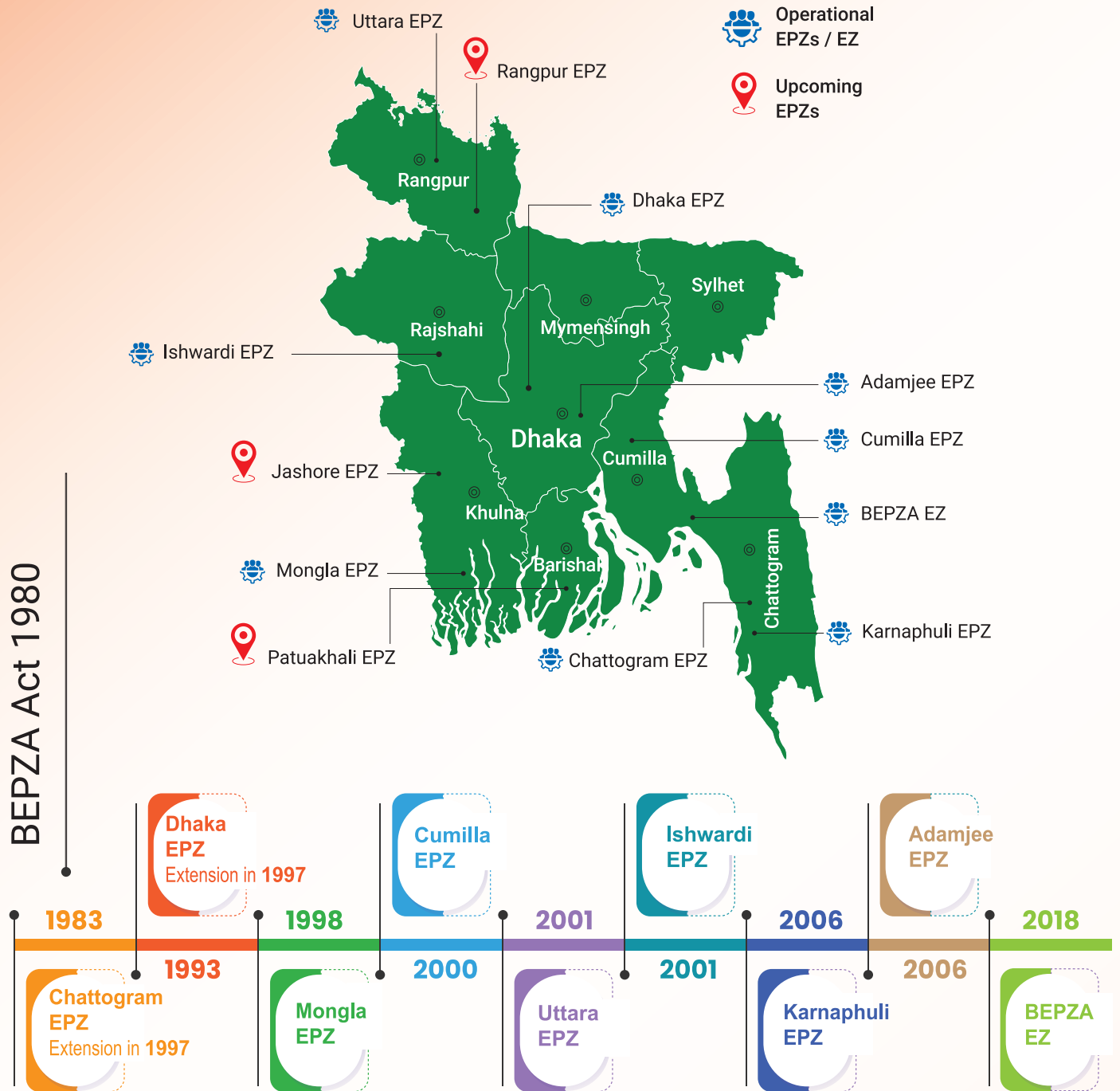
Garments	151
RMG Accessories	83
Textile	38
Electronic & Electrical Products	17
Tent and Camping Items	16
Service Oriented Industries	13
Leather Products	12
Plastic & Rubber Products	12
Light Engineering Products	11
Yarn	11
Paper Products & Printed Materials	11
Cap, Wigs and Cosmetic Products	10
Footware	10



Agriculture Products	7
Chemical Products	7
Footware Accessories	5
Bag & Luggage	4
Rope, Jute & Jute Goods	4
Bicycle & Bicycle Accessories	2
Furniture & Wood Products	2
Toys & Collectible Items	2
Medical & Medical Related Products	1
Jewelry and Handicrafts	1
Miscellaneous	19

Product

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