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## Nation Set a New History to Celebrate Independence Day BEPZA proud as the part of 'Lakho Kanthe Sonar Bangla'

Bangladeshi nationals of all ages spontaneously joined the 'Lakho Kanthe Sonar Bangla' event to create history and set a new world record as over 2.54 lakh (over 254 thousand) people sang the national anthem 'Amar Sonar Bangla, Ami Tomay Bhalobashi' in chorus to celebrate the 43rd Anniversary of Independence Day at the national parade ground in the capital Dhaka on 26 March, 2014 at 11:20 am.

As part of this glorious moment Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority is proud to join this historical event. BEPZA pre arranged a programme to celebrate Independence Day with great of honour. 12,190 persons from Bangladesh EPZ Authority including workers and employees from enterprises of Dhaka EPZ and Adamjee EPZ; officers of BEPZA implicated themselves in 'Lakho Kanthe Sonar Bangla'.

Imbued with the spirit of patriotism, thousands of people led by Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina including Ministers, Secretaries, Members of Parliament, Freedom Fighters, Members of Armed Forces, BGB, RAB, Ansar, VDP personnel, Political Leaders, Intellectuals, Cultural Personalities, Teachers and Students, Business people, Labour Forces and different professionals poured at the national parade ground since the crack of dawn to chorus in the national anthem. The Prime Minister sang the national anthem in perfect harmony with thousands reawakening the spirit of independence in people particularly new generation.

Mentioning that the Bangalees are a nation always tends to creating new histories, the Prime Minister said that the singing of the national anthem, which ignites spirit of the war of liberation, among all the people of the country, became part of the global history and also added to the Guinness World Records. The Prime Minister urged all to rekindle the spirit of War of Liberation in people especially in young generation, saying our succeeding generations would carry forward the spirit to materialize the dream of martyrs of independence. Sheikh Hasina said Bangladesh was born for prosperity of her people and the nation would march forward to have its cherished goal. The Prime Minister added Bangladesh would certainly make its position amidst the world comity.

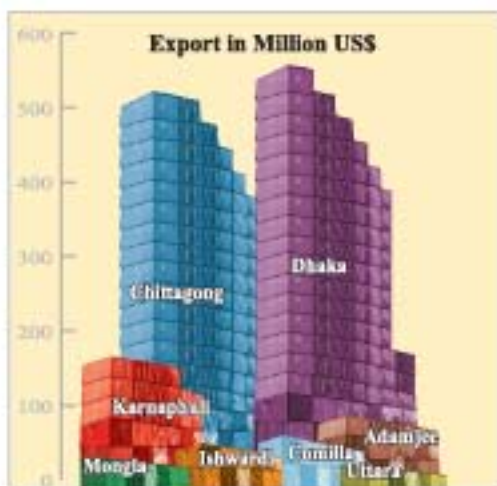
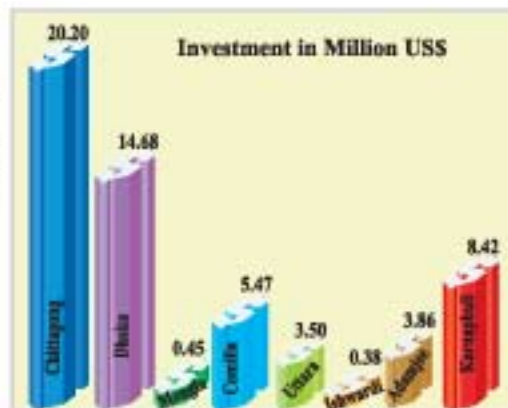
The giant event was open for all to chorus the national anthem, which was organized by Ministry of Cultural Affairs with cooperation of the Armed Forces Division. Before singing the national anthem finally, the participants wearing caps with red and green colour and weaving national flags in hands stood in the designated blocks and rehearsed the anthem for twice. Prime Minister also hold her voice in rehearsal and finally at 11:20 am all Bangladeshi Nationals sang 'Amar Sonar Bangla, Ami Tomay Bhalobashi' in full strength of mind. The Prime Minister extended her heartfelt thanks to the organizers of the event, participants and all Bangalees at home and abroad who have expressed their solidarity with this programme.



## Growth Trend in EPZs

### Investment Gained US\$ 56.96 M

US\$ 56.96 million have been invested in the 8 EPZs of the country during January-March, 2014. Of these total amount Chittagong EPZ gained US\$ 20.20 million followed by Dhaka EPZ US\$ 14.68 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 0.45 million, Comilla EPZ US\$ 5.47 million, Uttara EPZ US\$ 3.50 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 0.38 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 3.86 million and Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 8.42 million.

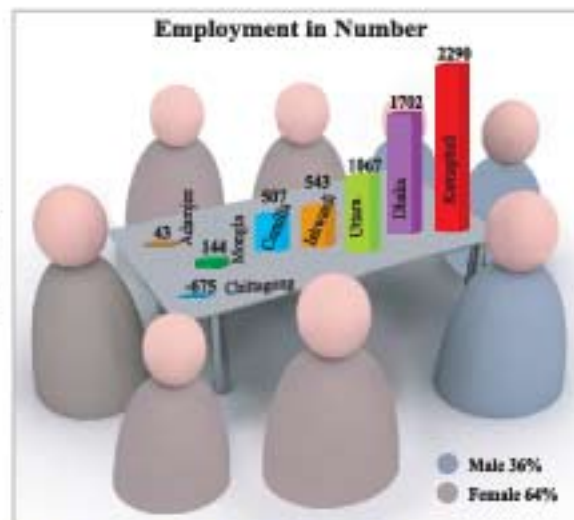


### Export Earnings US\$ 1410.93 M

The companies of EPZs have exported goods worth US\$ 1410.93 million during January-March, 2014. Export earnings from Chittagong EPZ stands at US\$ 515.05 million, Dhaka EPZ US\$ 553.88 million, Comilla EPZ US\$ 50.65 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 17.61 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 22.23 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 96.16 million, Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 145.87 million and Uttara EPZ US\$ 9.48 million.

### 6296 Manpower added

6296 Bangladeshi workers added in the operating industrial units of EPZs during January - March 2014. Among them 1702 persons added in Dhaka EPZ, 144 in Mongla EPZ, 507 in Comilla EPZ, 1067 in Uttara EPZ, 43 in Adamjee EPZ, 2290 in Karnaphuli EPZ and 543 in Ishwardi EPZ. No addition in Chittagong EPZ. Presently 3,84,644 labours are working in EPZs.



### From Publisher's Pen

We are delighted to publish 3rd issue of the BEPZA Bulletin & every time we are trying to present the journal in a new get up which will continue in future also.

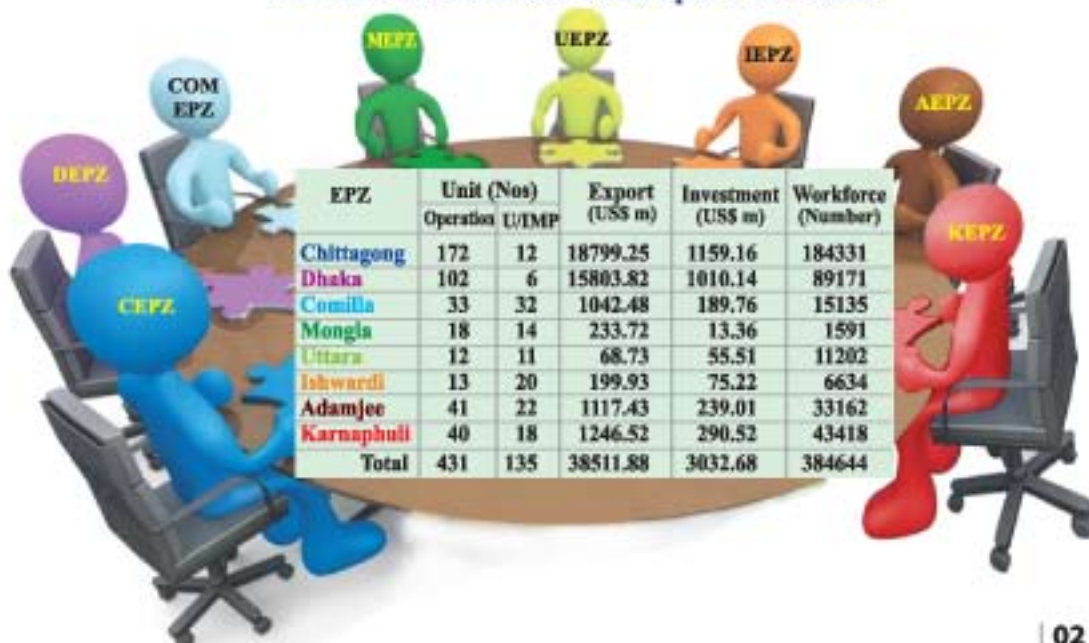
This issue contains great national event, growth trend, new investment, clippings, national issues, investment promotional campaign and overall scenario of EPZs.

BEPZA has gladly expressed its solidarity to create a new history; as well as swollen with pride for involvement of world record to celebrate Independence Day which is highlighted in exclusive page. We would like to draw the attention of readers' eyes in Extra page titled Photo Talkiz which displays as live on BEPZA Annual Sports & Cultural Program.

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### Cumulative Scenario of EPZs upto March 2014





## Love to see more booming EPZs in Bangladesh: Vice President, WB

World Bank's Vice President loves to see more successful EPZs in Bangladesh to develop the economy of the country, especially on women empowerment. This was disclosed by Mr. Philippe Le Houerou, World Bank's Vice President for the South Asia region, during his visit in Bangladesh on last week of March, 2014 to understand the Bangladesh's development priorities.

As a part of this tour Mr. Houerou also visited Chittagong EPZ on 30 March, 2014. Bangladesh EPZ Authority briefed the World Bank Vice President regarding the overall success scenario of EPZs including labour management, compliance matters and women empowerment. He lauded the performance of Chittagong EPZ and the significant role of BEPZA for economic development of the country. Mr. Houerou went round D-Water Tech Ltd., United Power Generation & Distribution Co. Ltd. and Pacific Jeans Ltd. of Chittagong EPZ.



*Mr. Philippe Le Houerou, Vice President of World Bank along with Mr. Johannese Zutt, World Bank Country Representative went round Pacific Jeans Ltd. of Chittagong EPZ*

World Bank's Vice President expressed deep satisfaction over the peaceful investment friendly atmosphere prevailing in the zone and achievement of EPZs. He commented that success of BEPZA is an inspiration and example in this region. World Bank Country Representative Mr. Johannese Zutt accompanied the Vice President. Six members delegation keenly observed production system of the industries and praised operational activities of the zone.

## RMG Sector Database Launched

Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishment  
Ministry of Labour and Employment  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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The Labour Ministry has launched a website of the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments which contains database of readymade garment sector in line with the action plan for restoration of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), USA.

State Minister for Labour Mr. Md. Mujibul Haque inaugurated the website and factory database of the Labour Ministry on March 30. He hoped that the GSP facilities in the US market will be reinstated as the government has made a significant progress in the implementation of 16-point Bangladesh action plan.

The Labour Ministry, in cooperation with the International Labour Organization, has prepared the website ([www.dife.gov.bd](http://www.dife.gov.bd)) and database. Names and locations of the factories and number of workers of 3,497 garment factories have been included in the database. Mentionable that, on June 27, 2013, the US suspended the GSP for Bangladesh due to an insufficient improvement in worker rights conditions. Following suspension the US on 19 July 2013 put forward the 16-point Bangladesh action plan for reinstating the facilities.



*Executive Chairman, BEPZA visited YCL international Ind. Ltd. along with Chief Engineer, BEPZA & GM Mongla EPZ*

## Huge Scope of Investment & Job in MEPZ

Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, the Executive Chairman, BEPZA stated "Mongla EPZ has huge scope of investment and employment" during his visit in MEPZ on 22-2-2014. He directed the zone officials to work hard for developing the zone. BEPZA Chief also met with the investors of Mongla EPZ where he focused on maintaining harmonious relationship among BEPZA, investors and workers. Later on he went round YCL international industries Ltd. Rasa Industries Ltd, Pace Tobacco Industries Ltd. Executive Chairman also visited newly inaugurated factory VIP industries Limited of Mongla EPZ.

## 28 New Faces in BEPZA

BEPZA recruited 28 new officers and placed them in Investment Promotion, Engineering, Accounts and Administration Departments. BEPZA organized 7 days long orientation programme for newly appointed officers to introduce themselves with the departmental head and executive body and to get brief idea of BEPZA. During each session a new area of BEPZA was discussed to help the officers by learning about specific expectations. They also understood the scenario of the organization as well as more detailed information about specific content areas. At the end of the orientation programme BEPZA Chief Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan delivered his speech to them about professionalism, office responsibilities and so on.



*BEPZA Chief delivered speech to the 28 newly recruited officers in the orientation programme at Executive office*

## Revised Electricity Tariff

EPZ	Tariff
Chittagong, Dhaka, Comilla, Adamjee, Uttara, Ishwardi, Mongla	Tk. 8.06 / kwh (Flat Rate)
Karnaphuli	Peak Tk. 10.26 / kwh, Off Peak Tk. 7.29 / kwh



*BEPZA Chief inaugurated sports of DEPZ School & the Special Guest Mrs. Sabina Rahman Khan distributed prizes to the winners*



## DEPZ School Sports

The Annual Sports Event of BEPZA Public School & College, DEPZ was held on 02-3-2014. Principal, Lt Col ABM Asaduzzaman, psc (Retd) welcomes Mrs. Sabina Rahman Khan the Special Guest and Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, Executive Chairman, BEPZA as the Chief Guest. Mr. Ashraful Kabir, General Manager, Dhaka EPZ was present in the program.

On this event, BEPZA Chief delivered a speech focusing to buildup character, face the challenges and make the students capable for competitive world. Later, Mrs Sabina Rahman Khan distributed prizes to the sports winners. Presently 1800 Students are taught by 42 Teachers in this school.

## JETRO Satisfied on AEPZ

Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) expressed satisfaction over the congenial investment climate prevailing in EPZ. This was disclosed by Ms. Nahoko Sako, Deputy Representative, JETRO, Dhaka during her visit in Adamjee EPZ on 23-01-2014. Mr. Md. Mehboob Ali, GM, Adamjee EPZ briefed the delegation about package of incentives offered by BEPZA; later the team tour around the zone.



*Meeting held between GM, Adamjee EPZ and JETRO delegation*



## Bangladesh among 10 new Emerging Countries

Bangladesh is one of the 10 countries that are set to take over as emerging economies from the powerful BRICS nations, says a French credit body report. The Coface (Compagnie Française d'Assurance pour le Commerce Extérieur) said that 5 emerging economies of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) are slowing down sharply as they struggle with growing pains. The report entitled "Coface identifies 10 emerging countries hot on the heels of the BRICS," said that average economic growth by the BRICS this year would be 3.2% points less than the average in the last 10 years. But at the same time, other emerging countries are accelerating their development. Coface has identified the 10 new emerging economies into two groups. Bangladesh is in the second group with Tanzania, Zambia, Kenya and Ethiopia. The first comprises Peru, the Philippines, Indonesia, Colombia and Sri Lanka, which it named the PPICS. According to the head of country risk at Coface, Julien Marcilly, said that in 2001 "the quality of governance in Brazil, China, India and Russia was comparable to that of Bangladesh, Tanzania, Zambia, Kenya and Ethiopia today." Mentionable that, the 10 "new emerging countries" currently accounted for only 11% of the world population where as the BRICS had accounted for 43% of the population in 2001. (Source: <http://www.coface.com> & Dhaka Tribune dated 28.3.14)



## Feeder Service Hits on Ctg-Mongla Route

Bangladesh Shipping Corporation kicked off a container feeder service on 15 February 2014 between Chittagong and Mongla ports to provide quicker transport for import and export cargo. The route opens as an alternative to the much congested highways, a longstanding impediment to efficient trade. A container vessel, MV Banglar Shikha, left Chittagong port at 10am for Mongla.

It was BSC's first ever feeder service between the country's two sea ports against growing demand for quick transport for foreign trade containers from the south-western region to the premier sea port in Chittagong. Trade goods will be assessed by the customs at the Mongla port so that the stakeholders save time in Chittagong.

## EU extends GSP for BD

The European Union (EU) has extended the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) up to 2017 for Bangladesh which came into effect from January 1, 2014.



Developing 90 countries including Bangladesh will enjoy duty free export facilities to Europe for all goods except arms. EU confirmed this matter to the Ministry of Commerce through a letter recently. Concerned business groups, who are beneficiaries of the GSP facilities, have expressed their satisfaction.

After suspension of GSP facilities by the US government on 27-6-2013 due to an insufficient improvement in worker rights conditions, the businessmen were very much tensed about the GSP facilities of EU. But by this extension their anxiety has removed. Meanwhile, from the 90s, Bangladesh started to get the GSP facility from EU. This facility has been extended few times earlier which is now extended up to 2017. EU cancelled the Generalized System of Preferences facilities for 20 countries that have recently turned into high income country from the middle income country.

# Bangladesh Enters into Guinness Record

BEPZA swollen with pride for 4.78% involvement in 'Lakho Kanthe Sonar Bangla'

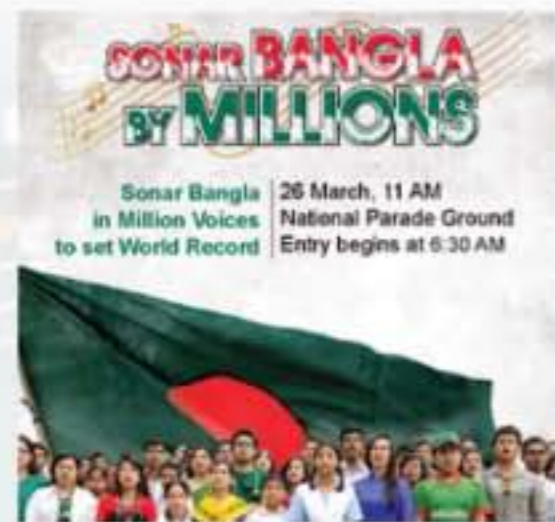


Over 254 thousand people sang the national anthem in chorus to celebrate Independence Day by creating a new history which titled as Lakho Kanthe Sonar Bangla. Our nationalism and patriotism are already well known to the world by this event. A large number of people stood on the roads and pavements outside of the parade square and many others in all levels of people places across the country for 10 minutes to express solidarity with the new history of Bangladesh enter into Guinness Record. The headcount and real-time recording of the singing of the chorus by every individual were done digitally on the spot by a crew of the London-based organization of recognizing world-level records. The authorities of the Guinness World Records observed the full event. This event recorded in Guinness book on the basis of their report.

It was a Guinness Book Records Programme of singing the national anthem together by highest number of people in any part of the world in which more than 2.54 lakh people participated. BEPZA swollen with pride as 4.78% involvement in this Guinness Record. All together 2,54,681 people chorused the national anthem; of them 12,190 persons from BEPZA and EPZs enterprises whole heartedly joined in this great event. Among the participants 11623 workers & 482 staffs of the EPZ's enterprises, 85 officers from Dhaka and Adamjee EPZ spontaneously took part with the spirit of patriotism in the Lakho Kanthe Sonar Bangla event to create history.

## Participant Enterprises from Dhaka & Adamjee EPZ

- Daeyu (BD) Ltd.
- Epic Garments Ltd.
- Experience Clothing Ltd.
- Grameen Knitwear Ltd.
- Goldtex Garments Ltd.
- Goldtex Ltd.
- Hoplun Group
- Lenny Fashion Ltd.
- Paddocks Jeans Ltd.
- Ring Shine Textile Ltd.
- Redpoint Jacket Ltd.
- SG (wicus) Ltd.
- Shanta Group
- South China Ltd.
- Softex Sweater Ltd.
- Youngone Group
- DNV Clothing Ltd.
- Epic Garments Mfg. Co. Ltd.
- Kwun Tong Apparels Ltd.
- Simba Fashions Ltd.
- Supreme Smartwear Ltd.
- Universal Menswear Ltd.
- Beka Garments Textiles (BD) Ltd.
- Scandex Knitwear Ltd. (Unit-2)



The efforts of more than 2.5 lakh people finally paid off as Bangladesh has been listed in the Guinness World Records for an event where the largest number people sang the national anthem together. The Guinness authority has stated: "The most people singing a national anthem simultaneously numbers 254,537 and this was achieved by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh (Bangladesh) at the National Parade Ground in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 26 March 2014."



## New Labour Law for EPZ Approaching Shortly

A complete and separate labour law for EPZ is being prepared in consistent with the regulations of ILO and in conformity with international standards, so that workers of EPZs enjoy the same as collective bargaining rights as other workers in the country. BEPZA and other related departments are working for finalizing the act. The new labour law for EPZ's will definitely improve the security and compliance matters; which will be approaching soon.

The draft of this act has been prepared by a high level Committee headed by Senior Secretary of PMO. BEPZA Chief called a series of meeting with interrelated bodies to get opinions from all concerned, such as EPZ's Investors and Leaders of WWA. Some inter-ministerial meetings among concerned ministries & agencies have also been held on this matter. The committee has finalized the draft law entitled the "Bangladesh EPZ Labor Act, 2014" It is expected to be vetted by Law Ministry and sent to the Cabinet Division for approval and then it will be placed in the parliament.



### The Harmony Bridge Linking Workers-Management-Owners The Key Strength of EPZs



The Executive Chairman, BEPZA presided over a meeting with the EPZ's Investors regarding implementation of new labour law

## BEPZA & WWA



Open discussions between Executive Chairman, BEPZA & Leaders of WWA at Dhaka EPZ

### Open Discussions

BEPZA always tries to maintain peaceful working environment in the zone by strictly monitoring the factory working conditions, workers' rights & compliance issues. BEPZA arranges meetings regularly with workers to get feedback on their different issues. As a part of this, BEPZA recently organized such two open discussion meetings in Chittagong & Dhaka EPZ lead by BEPZA Chief Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan. He discussed various issues including the new upcoming labour law with the Leaders of Workers Welfare Association.

### Election

Ospinter Garments Ltd. of Dhaka EPZ has been completed referendum to formulate WWA and Executive Committee Election of EOS Textiles Mills Ltd. of DEPZ also done after expiration of the duration of previously elected committee in March, 2014. Furthermore, referendum of 07 enterprises of Chittagong, Adamjee and Karnaphuli EPZ have been finished and 05 industries of CEPZ, 01 each industry of AEPZ & KEPZ have already over their election in last 3 months. As on 31-3-2014 the total no. of industries eligible for WWA is 385 out of 429 operational industries.



BEPZA Chief addressed to the leaders of WWA at Chittagong EPZ



The Executive Chairman, BEPZA received cheque from Chief Operating Officer, Brandix Casualwear (BD) Ltd.

## Brandix Donates Ambulance to Com EPZ MC

Brandix Casualwear Bangladesh Ltd., a Sri Lankan garment industry of Comilla EPZ has donated an ambulance to Comilla EPZ Medical Center as a part of their corporate social responsibility. Mr. Shane Baldsing, Chief Operating Officer of Brandix Casualwear company handed over the cheque of Tk. 2275,000 to Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, the Executive Chairman, BEPZA on 20.2.14 to buy the ambulance. Nevertheless, the company has done the repair and renovation work of female medicine ward of Comilla Medical College as CSR activities.

## Live on Annual Sports & Cultural Event of BEPZA Family



BEPZA has celebrated its Annual Sports and Cultural Event for BEPZA family in Golf Club, Savar on 8 March, 2014. Mrs. Sabina Rahman Khan and Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, Executive Chairman, BEPZA graced the occasion as the Special Guest and Chief Guest. They inaugurated the event releasing a bunch of balloons in the sky & by carving a creamy decorative cake.

BEPZA completed a month long indoor games for this event and arranged outdoor sports in the spot. In the 1st part of this event there were various games where BEPZA's officers, staffs and their family members participated cheerfully. The event was followed by a delicious lunch and in the 2nd part attractive raffle draw; a colourful mind blowing cultural programme was impressive which entertained the audience. Bangladesh Army's 9 Infantry Division Chief Lt. General Chowdhury Hasan Suhrawardi, ndc, psc, enjoyed it and enlightened the cultural programme.



Mrs Sabina Rahman Khan distributed prizes among the sports winners and raffle draw conquerors. In the closing speech BEPZA Chief thanked everybody & organizers for the success of this event. Mr. Md Shawkat Nabi, Secretary, BEPZA was the Convener of the BEPZA Annual Sports & Cultural Programme.



In the same way, Dhaka EPZ organized this Annual event where Mrs. Sabina Rahman Khan and Executive Chairman inaugurated the programme as a Special & Chief guest. As well as Chittagong, Comilla, Adamjee, Mongla, Uttara, Karnaphuli and Ishwardi EPZ celebrated their Annual Sports and Cultural Programme.





## Beginning with BEPZA

### US\$ 10 M investment in HK-BD garments accessories unit



Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, Executive Chairman, Mr. Khandakar Aktaruzzaman, Member (Engineering), Mr. AKM Mahbubur Rahman, Member (Finance), Mr. Md. Shawkat Nabi, Secretary, Mr. AZM Azizur Rahman, General Manager (Investment Promotion), Mrs. Nazma Binte Alamgir, General Manager (Public Relations) and Mr. Md. Nurul Haque, General Manager (Enterprise Service) of BEPZA were present at the signing ceremony of BEPZA & Euro-A Zipper Co. (BD) Ltd. on 6.3.2014.

Hong Kong-Bangladeshi joint venture unit M/s. Euro-A Zipper Co. (BD) Ltd. will invest US\$ 10 million for establishing a garments accessories industry in Adamjee EPZ. This company will produce annually 22 million pcs Zipper, 20 million pcs Metal Button and 2 million pcs Buckle. Euro-A Zipper Company will create employment opportunity for 1318 Bangladeshi nationals. An agreement to this effect signed between Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority and M/s. Euro-A Zipper Co. (BD) Ltd. in Dhaka on 06-03-2014. Mr. Sayed Nurul Islam, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA and Mr. Wang Lap Ronny Ng, Chairman of Euro-A Zipper Co. (BD) Ltd. signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations.

### Tri Venture apparels plant in KEPZ

Hong Kong, American & Bangladeshi tri venture plant M/s. SOS Outfitters Ltd. will establish a readymade garment plant in Karnaphuli EPZ. This company will invest US\$ 6 million to produce annually 11.52 million pcs of various woven and knit garment such as Cargo Pants, Dress, Shirt, Jacket, T-shirt, Polo Shirt, Brief / Boxer, Shorts, Lingerie, Tank Top. SOS Outfitters industry will create employment opportunity for 1992 Bangladeshi nationals. An agreement has been signed between Mr. Sayed Nurul Islam, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA and Mr. Mohammed Shahid Kaiser, Managing Director of M/s. SOS Outfitters Ltd.



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BEPZA & Kin Selection Company exchanged documents after signing agreement, the Executive Chairman Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc, Mr. Khandakar Aktaruzzaman, Member (Engineering), Mr. AZM Azizur Rahman, GM (IP), Nazma Binte Alamgir, GM (PR) of BEPZA were present in the programme.

### Chinese leather goods factory to invest US\$ 13.64 M in UEPZ

Chinese owned company M/s Kin Selection Products Manufacture (BD) Ltd. is going to set up a leather goods factory in Uttara EPZ. This company will invest US\$ 13.64 million for setting up their plant with annual production capacity about 7.9 million pcs of various leather items such as Wallets, Hand Bags, Purse, Belts, Cosmetics Bag, Stationery Sets, Key Chain, Travel Tab, Evening Bag, Clutch Bag, Ring Key Case, ID Lanyard, Wristlet, Pouch and Brief Case. Kin Selection Company will create employment opportunity for 6000 Bangladeshi nationals. Mr. Sayed Nurul Islam, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA and Mr. Chow Chi Ho, Managing Director of Kin Selection Products Manufacture (BD) Ltd. signed the lease agreement on behalf of their respective organizations on 13-02-2014.



## Investment Promotional Campaign in South East Asia



Executive Chairman of Bangladesh EPZ Authority met with Chairman, Board of Investment, Sri Lanka on 24.3.2014

Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, Executive Chairman of BEPZA visited Sri Lanka & Indonesia in between 21-30 March, 2014 to take part in several meetings. He was accompanied by General Manager (Investment Promotion) Mr. AZM Azizur Rahman and Manager (Investment Promotion) Mr. Abdullah Al-Mahbub.

In Sri Lanka, the team attended meeting with Hirdaramani Group, Board of Investment, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and Joint Apparels Associations Forum (JAAF). While in Indonesia, the team took part in some important meetings and seminars with

BKPM (Investment Coordinating Authority), Chairman of APINDO (Employers Association of Indonesia), BIFZA (Batam Indonesia Free Zone Authority) and KADIN (Indonesian Chambers of Commerce and Industry).

In those meetings Executive Chairman of BEPZA highlighted the EPZs of Bangladesh as Asia's Low Cost Production Base. Fruitful discussions were held in those meetings on matters of mutual interest i.e. attraction of investment. They also exchanged views on workers management, trade facilities, zone management etc.

Both Sri Lankan & Indonesian investors expressed their utmost satisfaction regarding their existing investment in the EPZs of Bangladesh. They informed that other entrepreneurs were also looking forward to invest in EPZs of Bangladesh. Especially, Indonesian investors showed keen interest to set up textile, footwear & backward linkage industries in the EPZs of Bangladesh.



Discussion between BEPZA Chief and Vice Chairman, KADIN (Indonesian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) on 29.3.2014

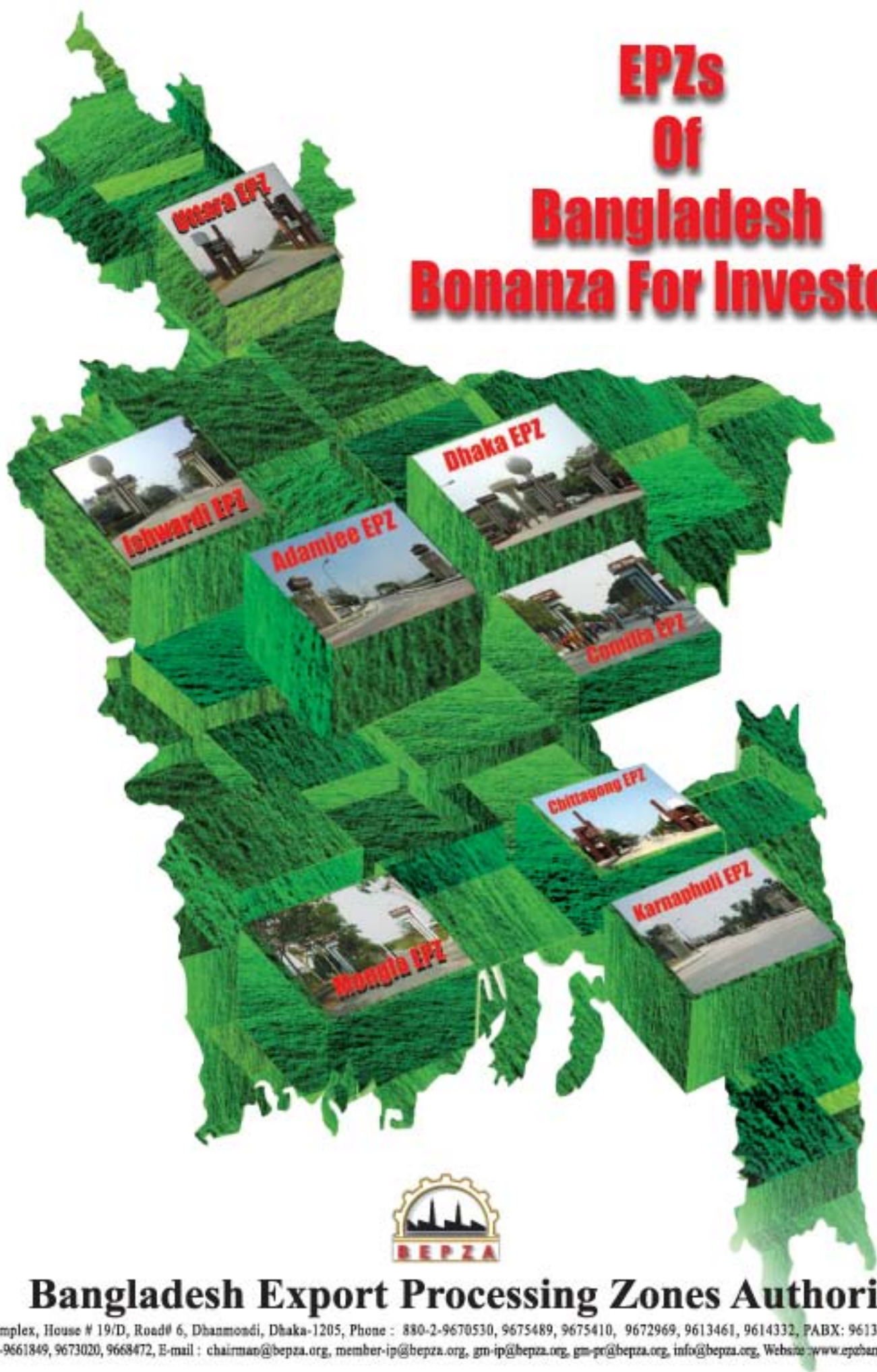
### Country Wise ← Number of Enterprises → Products Wise



Bangladesh	128	Garments	104
S. Korea + N.Korea	74	Garments Accessories	82
China+Hong Kong	50	Knitt & Other Textile	41
Japan	25	Textile	39
Taiwan, China	25	Footwear & Leather	29
India	21	Terry Towel	18
USA	17	Electronics & Electrical	16
UK	18	Plastic Goods	14
Malaysia	9	Metal Products	13
Pakistan	7	Agro Products	9
Sri Lanka	6	Tent	8
Germany	6	Service Oriented Industries	7
The Netherlands	5	Cap	5
Canada	5	Chemical	5
Italy	5	Furniture	3
British Virgin Island	5	Rope	2
Singapore	3	Power Industry	2
France	3	Paper Products	2
Indonesia	2	Fishing Reel & Golf items	1
Spain	2	Sports Goods	1
Denmark	2	Toys	1
Belgium	1	Miscellaneous	29
Ireland	1		
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Panama	1		
Sweden	1		
Marshal Island	1		
UAE	1		
Romania	1		
Thailand	1		
Australia	1		
Malta	1		
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Cayman Islands	1		



# EPZs Of Bangladesh Bonanza For Investors



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