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Bangladesh: New Rising Star in South Asia for FDI



Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed invited South Korean investors to come up with massive investment to help accelerate Bangladesh's economic growth ensuring equal benefits for both sides. 'We believe more Korean investments in our country will not only speed up the economic growth of Bangladesh but also equally benefit Korea,' he said while addressing an 'investment seminar' in Seoul during his visit in South Korea.

A 29-member Bangladeshi delegation led by Commerce Minister Mr. Tofail Ahmed visited South Korea to take part in 'Korea Foundation Programme' in the Republic of Korea (ROK) on 22, September 2014. He was accompanied by Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority along with other businessmen of the country i.e. Bangladesh Garments Manufacturer & Exporter Association (BGMEA) and Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industries (DCCI) etc. As a part of these 5 days long visit programme BEPZA Chief has participated several investment related meeting / seminar in Korea which was composed of several courtesy calls with high officials of Ministry, meeting with Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA), round table with Federation of Korean Industries and Korean Free Economic Zones.

In the meeting of Joint Business Roundtable which was organized by Korean Federation of SMEs (KBIZ) The Commerce Minister said that there is a vast demand of Bangladeshi products in South Korea and ROK and the country is agreed to import greater quantity of products from Bangladesh. Tofail Ahmed also uttered, "More Korean investment in Bangladesh would enhance export to ROK. The Korean investors can take the opportunities to invest in the EPZ, Private EPZ, Economic Zone and ICT Park.

South Korea has already offered duty-free access of some 4,802 products originating from Bangladesh to their market. So, Republic of Korea can import more Bangladeshi products by investing more in Bangladesh."

In this regards General Habib made a presentation where highlighting the investment potential and facilities provided by the government in EPZs. He briefed about the increasing success in investment, export and employment generation of BEPZA. In his speech he stated Bangladesh EPZs as the 'Bonanza for Investors' and said that investors from 72 South Korean running industries have invested US\$ 620.92 million in our EPZs. He also mentioned that 9 Korean factories are under implementation stages that are going to be operating very soon.

BEPZA Chief also delivered a presentation in a meeting with Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA). Major General Habib focusing on the investment facilities & services, labour wages, zone statistics, products and so on. He invited Korean investors to visit Bangladesh EPZs and see for themselves the facilities and incentives offered by the Bangladesh government mentioning that there is a saying that 'seeing is believing'.

Leader of the delegation along with the full team has attended a meeting with Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy. During the meeting, they discussed issues relating to export of more items and hiring more manpower from Bangladesh that will help reduce the wide trade gap between the two countries. They also talked about further Korean investment in Bangladesh.

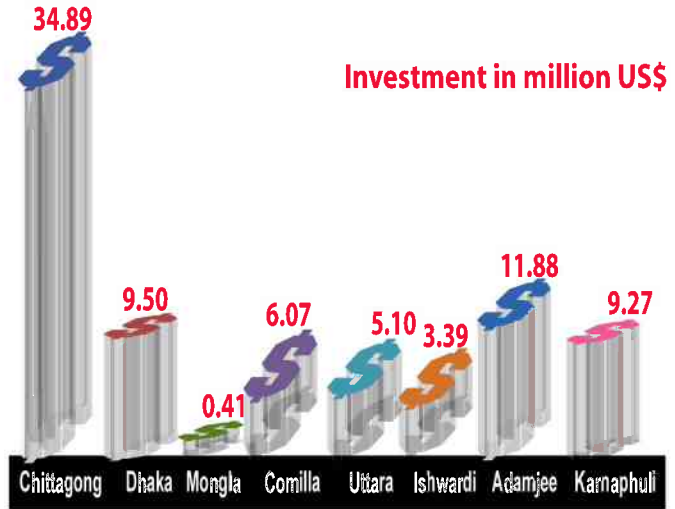
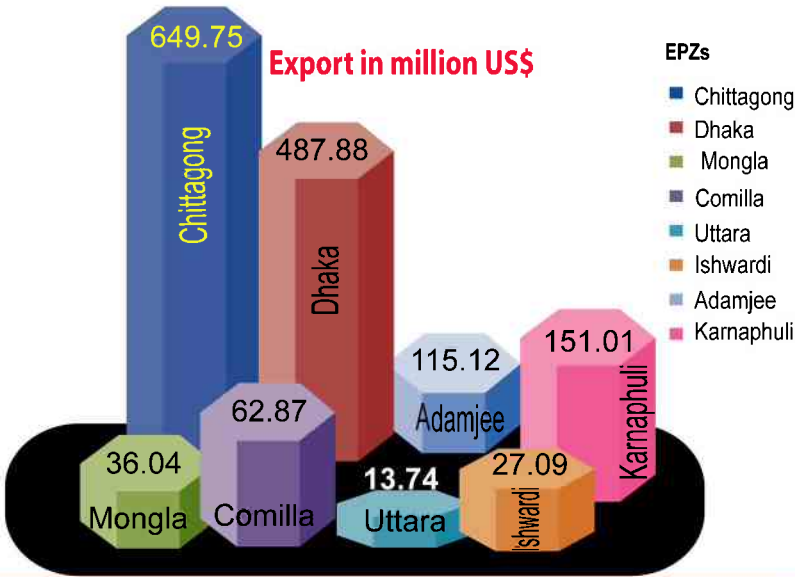
As a part of this tour the Bangladeshi team went around the Free Economic Zone of Sejong city and they discussed about the overall scenario and key business of FEZ with its authority. They also tour around SAMSUNG Innovation Museum in Suwon.



Growth Trend

Export Earnings US\$ 1543.53 m

The enterprises of EPZs have exported goods worth US\$ 1543.53 million during July-September, 2014. Export earnings from Chittagong EPZ stands at US\$ 649.75 million while that of Dhaka EPZ US\$ 487.88 million, Comilla EPZ US\$ 62.87 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 36.04 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 27.09 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 115.12 million, Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 151.01 million and Uttara EPZ US\$ 13.74 million.



Investment Gained US\$ 80.51m

US\$ 80.51 million have been invested in the 8 EPZs of the country during July-September, 2014. Of these total amount Chittagong EPZ gained US\$ 34.89 million followed by Dhaka EPZ US\$ 9.50 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 0.41 million, Comilla EPZ US\$ 6.07 million, Uttara EPZ US\$ 5.10 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 3.39 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 11.88 million and Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 9.27 million.

Publisher's Pen

We are glad to present the 5th issue of BEPZA Bulletin, this is one of the most important publications of BEPZA which is circulated at home and abroad and has become a useful source of data for different stakeholders of Bangladesh EPZ Authority.

In every issue we try to give a short brief about various matters related to investment, employment, export of EPZ for the last three months. The main lead and sub-lead stories focuses on round table dialogue between BD-ROK, Dhaka-Tokyo ties and International Investors Forum. It comes with the regular pages like economy, national, clippings, trade, workforce, investment describing new industries beginning with BEPZA along with different matters and new get up.

This issue also carries news of appreciation by foreign delegates, launching of computer lab in DEPZ School and training for BEPZA crew. We have tinted the exclusive page on saga of 3 EPZs including various diversified items produced in those EPZs which have enriched the product basket of our country. In addition readers will get a different taste in X'tra page which spotlight on overseas promotional drive. Workforce page is highlighted present status of WWA as well as draft of the EPZ labour act.

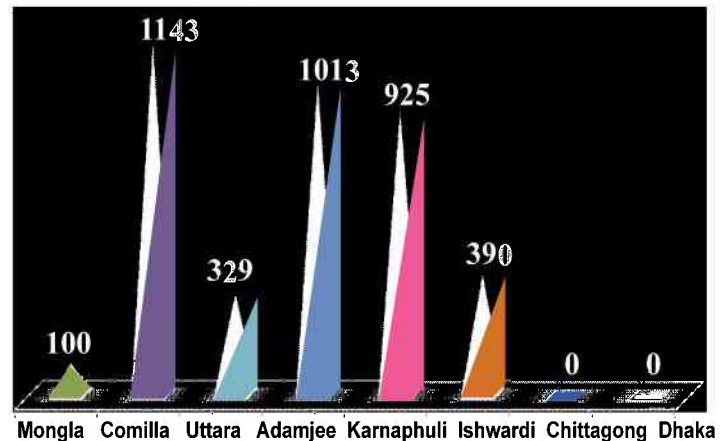
We are thankful to our zones including IP Department for their esteemed support and nice cooperation. This journal has been published by the supervision and collective efforts of Public Relations Department.

PRD

3900 Manpower added

3900 Bangladeshi workers added in the operating industrial units of EPZs during July-September, 2014. Among them 100 in Mongla EPZ, 1143 in Comilla EPZ, 329 in Uttara EPZ, 1013 in Adamjee EPZ, 925 in Karnaphuli EPZ and 390 in Ishwardi EPZ. No addition in Chittagong and Dhaka EPZ.

Employment in Number





New Dimension on Dhaka- Tokyo Ties



PM Sheikh Hasina warmly received Japanese PM Shinzo Abe in Bangladesh on 6 September, 2014

Japan emphasized on more investment in Bangladesh during Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's a two-day official visit in Dhaka on 6-7 September, 2014 throughout the discussion of bilateral issues. Bangladesh and Japan aspire to widen their relationship under the framework of a Comprehensive Partnership that stresses flows of technology and capital between the countries. Mr. Shinzo Abe accompanied by his wife Akie Abe and a delegation of over 150 members together with a 50-member high-level business team to shared their plans for investment in the country including in infrastructure, finance, garments, healthcare, food, and safe water supply.

PM of Bangladesh said the relationship would move ahead based on the "comprehensive partnership" that they launched in last May when she visited in Tokyo. Sheikh Hasina urged the Japanese businessmen to make more investment in Bangladesh especially in high-tech manufacturing, as the country is offering the maximum scopes for foreign investors. She said, "We expect Japanese investment in high-tech manufacturing like automobiles and microprocessors. We have also adopted Public Private Partnership (PPP) policy for building infrastructure projects". She also uttered that Bangladesh was working towards establishment of an Exclusive Economic Zone only for Japanese investors. "We have investment potentials in the sectors like textiles, leather, petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, shipbuilding, agro-based industries, light engineering and electronics, telecommunications and IT" she mentioned. In this connection, the Prime Minister said that the Joint Bangladesh-Japan Public Private Economic Dialogue which has just concluded its first meeting has suggested various measures to facilitate Japanese investment in Bangladesh. PM of Bangladesh expressed "I am confident that the Japanese industrialists would come forward to take full advantage of our prevailing investment opportunities." At the end of the tour, Shinzo Abe termed it a "special year" for Dhaka-Tokyo ties as he said both sides have entered "a new level of cooperation" (Source : BSS)



To observe the national mourning day in a befitting manner a 'Doa and Milad Mahfil' was organized by Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority in Dhaka at its Executive Office on 15 August, 2014. BEPZA arranged this programme in respect of the 39th martyrdom anniversary of the great Architecture of Independence and the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members who embraced martyrdom.

Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority along with Sayed Nurul Islam Member (Investment Promotion), Khandakar Akhtaruzzaman Member (Engineering), AKM Mahbubur Rahman Member (Finance), Md. Shawkat Nabi, Secretary, General Managers of different departments including high officials and all levels of officers and employees of BEPZA attended the prayer program.


Eight Export Processing Zones under Bangladesh EPZ Authority which are located in different parts of the country these are Dhaka, Chittagong, Mongla, Uttara, Karnaphuli, Adamjee, Ishwardi and Comilla EPZs. They also arranged a Doa and Milad Mahfil to observed the National Mourning Day in a befitting manner on 15 August.



Executive Chairman, Members & all officers of BEPZA attends the prayer on 15 August, 2014



Kuwait Army lauds the activities of BEPZA

 Lieutenant General Mohammed Khaled Al-Khadher, psc, Deputy Chief of Staff, Kuwait Army lauded the production system, international standard products and the operational activities of EPZs during his visit in Dhaka EPZ on 17 August, 2014.

Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc, the Executive Chairman of BEPZA welcomes the delegation. He briefed General Khaled about the overall scenario of BEPZA. General Habibur uttered that Kuwait is very good friend and long-standing development partner of Bangladesh.

Later the delegations went round two garments industries Youngone Hi-Tech Sportswear Industries Ltd. of South Korea and Tigerco Ltd. of Belgium. General Khaled keenly observed the production system of the factory and impressed to see the international brand products. He praised the investment friendly congenial atmosphere prevailing in the zone and hope that the goods produced in the EPZs of Bangladesh will make a better position in the world market.



Executive Chairman of BEPZA welcome Dy Chief of Staff, Kuwait Armed in Dhaka EPZ

China eager to invest more in EPZ

China wants to expand investment and business in the EPZs of Bangladesh. This was expressed by Mr. Cao Zhicong, Deputy Director General of Bureau of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation of Guangzhou Municipality, China. A 19-member delegate led by Mr. Cao visited Chittagong EPZ on September 26, 2014.



Mr. Ahsan Kabir, General Manager of Chittagong Export Processing Zone briefed the delegation on various matters as well as incentives offered by BEPZA for the investors. Later on they visited Chinese company New Era Fashions Mfr. (BD) Ltd. and expressed their satisfaction to see the peaceful working environment.



Participants learning from the Instructor of AVA on camera operation during Photography Course

Photography Course for BEPZA Crew

BEPZA and Academy of Visual Arts (AVA) has jointly organized a basic photography course for its officers who are representing their respective zone. Under the supervision of Public Relations Department this two-day course took place at BEPZA Executive Office on 24-25 September, 2014. Mr. Nasir Mahmud, Senior Photographer of Bangladesh Television & Photo Journalism Specialist was the resource person of this training program.

This course focused on camera operation technologies, camera practice, better photography tips and digital photography software including client's needs and how to preserve photographs. This was arranged with a view to capture overall photography's of EPZs' special programs or any national events for publicity.

BEPZA Launch Computer Lab in DEPZ School

To become the active partner of 'Digital Bangladesh', BEPZA has streamlined its school activities by introducing computer lab in BEPZA Public School & College, DEPZ. Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman of BEPZA inaugurated the computer lab in BEPZA Public School & College, DEPZ on 13 August, 2014.

This initiative has been taken by BEPZA Chief as a part of implementing Government Digital Bangladesh plan. In the speech General Habib said, the use of information and communication technology has been playing a pivotal role in the 21st century due to globalization. The government has declared the "Vision 2021" which targets establishment of a resourceful and modern country by 2021 through effective use of ICT. He also added, 'Initially the lab has been equipped by 18 new computers to facilitate modern information technology for 2042 students.



BEPZA Chief inaugurates the computer lab in BEPZA Public School & College at DEPZ



international **INVESTORS FORUM** BANGLADESH 2014



PM: Reap benefits from liberal Investment Policy

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged foreign investors to take advantage of the country's open and favorable regulatory regime, skilled workforce and strategic location in Asia to expand their businesses during the inauguration of 'International Investment Forum-2014' organized by the Board of Investment on 17 September in Dhaka. "The government of Bangladesh is committed to stay on its upward course to attract FDI and maintain investment friendly environment for our economic development, select Bangladesh for making investment", she added.

Prime Minister uttered, the existing eight EPZs have so far attracted \$3.2 billion while the present government is committed to expanding the future potential for private investment zones, taking huge strides in the "Digital Bangladesh" process such as simplifying the investors services including entry process through online systems for registration of investment projects, companies registration, TIN, land, intellectual properties.

273 investors from 21 countries attended the forum aimed at attracting investment in potential sectors by offering investment opportunities and incentives by the government. BEPZA also participated at the investment forum because success story of EPZs made BEPZA as a brand in the global economic market. ((Source, UNB)



Prime Minister addresses the inauguration of International Investors Forum

Bangladesh most attractive investment destination

Bangladesh is now the most attractive and potential destination for investment in Southeast Asia as it has a stable gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate over 6 percent for the last one decade. Dr. Gowher Rizvi, PM's Foreign Affairs Adviser made this comment while presenting the keynote paper at the second Bangladesh Investment Summit, Asia, on September 4, 2014 in Singapore.

"Bangladesh is truly moving forward and proving herself as the most vibrant and potential destination for investment in Southeast Asia", he said. Dr. Rizvi lamented that there are so many issues to promote Bangladesh, but those are not getting the due focus. A good number of investors along with financial institutions from Bangladesh attended the summit. (Source: Financial Express)



Changes in GPT won't affect BD's exports to Canada

Canada will continue the duty-free and quota-free (DFQF) facility for Bangladeshi products which started in 2004. Changes in Canada's General Preferential Tariff (GPT) will not affect Bangladesh since duty-free access facility for the products of least developed countries remains intact. Canadian parliament has recently decided to keep the facility continued in the coming days.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed made the disclosure at a seminar styled as 'Innovation and Agriculture' at a Hotel in Dhaka on 20 August, 2014. Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Heather Cruden also assured regarding this matter. "Nothing will change for Bangladesh. Duty-free access for LDCs will remain as it has been," said Cruden. As an LDC, Bangladesh is unaffected by these changes since it is eligible for duty-free access under the LDC tariff," she said.

Canada gives duty-free or preferential status under GPT to 175 developing countries, including Bangladesh. It reviewed the GPT facility this year when 72 countries, including China and India, were barred from the facility.

Mentionable that, last year Bangladesh exported goods worth US\$ 1 billion to the Canadian market, of which \$912 million came from the readymade garment products. Woven garment accounted for around 55 percent and knitwear 45 percent of the earnings.

(Source: Daily Sun and web site)



Japan wants effective workable one-stop service

Vice President of Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JBCCI) Salahuddin Kasem Khan said that, an opportunity has come for Bangladesh to build a strategic partnership with Japan, a country which is again looking at Asian and South Asian countries as investment destinations. Japanese investment to China has dropped by nearly 45 percent in the last 11 months which is a huge change as well as a chance for Bangladesh.

The business leader said, Japanese investors want 'one-stop service' in true sense which must be 'effective and workable'. Japanese investors are open to almost all the sectors for investment in Bangladesh. They're including all parts, right from backward linkage to textiles sector.

The Japanese investors prefer Dhaka and Chittagong regions for their investments. They also consider Sylhet and Khulna regions for their investment. In the past, Vietnam chooses Korea as strategic partner and there has been a monumental change in the Vietnamese economy.

Bangladesh must seize the opportunity to build a 'strategic partnership' with Japan through fulfilling their 'expectations' in terms of investment facilities that will help Bangladesh reach a higher economic development trajectory.

(Source: UNB)

Exclusive



Saga of Three EPZs Producing Diversified Items



One of the missions behind the setting up of EPZs in the country is diversification of export. BEPZA is relentlessly working for fulfilling this mission by sanctioning new projects of diversified items rather than traditional one. Though Uttara, Ishwardi & Mongla EPZ is lagging behind from other five EPZs in the perspective of export, employment and investment but these three EPZs are leading from the front in the field of product diversification. Various diversified items like bamboo made coffin, wig & fashion hair, toy, optical frame & sunglass, various leather goods like luggage, all kinds of bag, wallet, belt etc., tent, sleeping bag, lead acid battery, jute cloth & jute bag, cigarette & cigar along with traditional garments item are being produced in these three EPZs.

Bamboo Made Coffin: A factory in Uttara EPZ named Oasis Transformation Ltd. is producing this exceptional item by Bangladeshi workforce using mainly local raw materials. This UK based company has invested US\$ 0.034 million.

Cigarette & Cigar: Indian company Pace Tobacco Industries (BD) Ltd. of Mongla EPZ produces Cigarette & Cigar. They have invested US\$ 0.63 million. 117 local people have been employed here.

Wig & Fashion Hair: Chinese owned Evergreen Products Factory (BD) Ltd. of Uttara EPZ, MGL Company BD Limited of Ishwardi EPZ and YCL International Industries Limited of Mongla EPZ are producing wig and fashion hair using the skills of local people. These three factories have invested US\$ 22.75 million. Total 7075 people are working here.

Leather & Travel Goods: Chinese owned Ventura Leather ware MFY (BD) Ltd. of Uttara EPZ produces Hand Bags, Wallets and Belts; Indian VIP Industries Bangladesh Private Ltd. of Mongla EPZ is manufacturing luggage & Bags and South Korean A & A Travelling Goods Bangladesh Ltd. is producing fashions bag, business bag, school bag, back pack, shoulder bag, outdoor bag etc. in Ishwardi EPZ. These 3 factories have Invested US\$ 13.56 million and 2025 people are working here.

Toys: Bangladeshi workers are producing collectible items and Toys Model Car, Motor Bikes, Toy Tanks, Toy Planes etc. in a Chinese company Sonic (Bangladesh) Ltd. of Uttara EPZ which has invested US\$ 12.23 million.

Battery: Bangladesh - Marshal Island joint venture company Rahimafrooz Globatt Ltd. is manufacturing lead acid battery in Ishwardi EPZ with the help of 445 Bangladeshi workforce. It has the highest production capacity in South Asia which also achieved national export gold trophy in 2010-11FY. This diversified product maker has invested US\$ 22.68 million.

Optical Frame & Sunglass: Mazen (Bangladesh) Industries Ltd., another Chinese company of Uttara EPZ, produces optical frame & sunglasses which also rich the series of diversified items of EPZ by 1098 Bangladeshi skilled workers with an investment of US\$ 10.93 million.

Tent, sleeping bag: 334 energetic Bangladeshi workers are producing Tent, Canopy, Bag, Sleeping Bag, and Back Pack in Chinese company Tianye Outdoor (BD) Co. Limited of Ishwardi EPZ. This company has invested US\$ 0.58 million.

Various Agro products: Mongla EPZ has accommodated eight agro based industries which are manufacturing betel nut and other agro products.

Uttara EPZ	Ishwardi EPZ	Mongla EPZ
Established: 2001	Established: 2001	Established: 1999
Running factory: 13	Running factory: 15	Running factory: 16
A Type: 06 (FDI) China-4 Hong Kong-1 UK-1	A Type: 06 (FDI) China-2 Japan-2 South Korea-2 India-2	A Type: 07 (FDI) India-2 China-2 India-Thailand-1 India-UK-1 China-Thailand-1
B Type: 01 (Joint Venture) Bangladesh & China	B Type: 01 (Joint Venture) Bangladesh & Marshall Island	B Type: 04 (Joint Venture) Bangladesh-India-3 Bangladesh-Italy-1
C Type: 06 Bangladeshi	C Type: 08 Bangladeshi	C Type: 05 Bangladeshi
Under implementation: 08	Under implementation: 06	Under implementation: 10
Products: Garment, Garment Accessories, Sweater, Wig, Toys, Coffin, Optical Frame & Sunglass, Hand Bag, Wallet, Belt, LDPE & HDPE Film Roll etc.	Products: Garment, Garment Accessories, Tent, Battery, Traveling & Leather Goods, Wig, Plastic Goods etc.	Products: Garment Accessories, Jute Products, Metal Products, Agro products, Luggage & Bag, Wig, Cigarette & Cigar etc.



CBA Formation

Formation of Workers Welfare Associations (WWA) in EPZ factories is an ongoing process. Till September 30, 2014 BEPZA has arranged referendums in 291 enterprises. Out of them 217 voted for Yes and 74 voted for No which is 74.05% of the 393 eligible enterprises for WWA.

All the referendums were done through secret ballots with spontaneous participation of the workers. Total 209 elected executive committees of WWA are actively performing their activities as Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA).

Workers Welfare Association



Election

Eastport Ltd. of Comilla EPZ has completed referendum to formulate Workers Welfare Association (WWA). Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA Mr. Sayed Nurul Islam observed the election on 17 September, 2014.

It may be mentioned here that, to form WWA under the EPZ Workers Welfare Association and Industrial Relations Act, 2010 election has been held in 393 eligible factories out of 430 operating enterprises in eight EPZs.

Cabinet Approves Draft EPZ Labour Act

The Cabinet approved in principle the draft of 'The Bangladesh EPZ Labour Act, 2014' giving the EPZ workers the rights to collective bargaining and formation of association. The proposed law was drafted in line with the Labour Act, 2013 along with maintaining all the existing facilities of the workers employed in EPZs. The approval was given at the regular weekly meeting of the Cabinet on July 07, 2014 at Bangladesh Secretariat with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair. Earlier, the government had formed a committee at the Prime Minister's Office to prepare the draft.

After the meeting, Cabinet Secretary Mr. Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan briefed the press that Cabinet has approved the draft, which was prepared in consultation with all the stake holders, including the owners of the industries located at the EPZs. The proposed law has been drafted as a clear and comprehensive law to ensure various facilities, protection of their health and rights to compensation in case of injury.

He, however, said the existing Workers' Welfare Associations in the Export Processing Zones will act like trade unions under the proposed Bangladesh EPZ Labour Act, 2014.

On June 27, 2013, Barak Obama, President, USA has suspended GSP & provided Bangladesh an action plan which listed conditions, including reform of EPZ rules, for reviving the GSP status. The draft law has been sent to the Ministry of Law for vetting. After necessary vetting it will be placed in the parliament for passing as a full Act.



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

Workplace Environment



USTR

United States Trade Representative has expressed its satisfaction over the progress the country's RMG industry made in implementation of its action plan on workplace safety and labour welfare.

Deputy Assistant, USTR for South and Central Asia Mara M Burr expressed her satisfaction. While visiting Dhaka on August the team met several government secretaries and stakeholders and discussed about the progress. During the meeting, the team also heard about the progress in implementation of the action plan.

The GSP sub-committee is scheduled to make its next review on implementation of action plan by Bangladesh in December. *(The Financial Express 07.08.2014)*



BEPZA Chief examine the workplace environment in CEPZ

The main strength of EPZ is its amicable cohesive team work. BEPZA always try to maintain a peaceful working atmosphere, workers' rights, and compliance issues by very strict monitoring.

BEPZA Chief Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, recently visited some factories of EPZs to physically examine the workplace environment. He talked with workers and officers about working atmosphere and other related



The Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety, a platform of 26 North American brands and retailers, committed itself to improve safety standard, including fire, electrical and structural safety following the collapse of Rana Plaza. Two former US Senator George Mitchell and Olympia Snowe have expressed their satisfaction over the significant progress made by the Alliance in enhancing worker safety after completing a year of their operations. They commented that the Alliance has made "significant and laudable progress" in the effort to improve safety in Bangladesh RMG factories.

Meanwhile, Alliance Annual Report, 2014 stated, 'it is a long term matter to ensure the safety of the factory. Nevertheless, Bangladesh has made an outstanding success in this

Hong Kong

A high power BEPZA delegation led by the Executive Chairman Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc,psc paid an official visit to Hong Kong and Macao during September 11-16, 2014. Other team members were Khorshid Alam, General Manager, Karnaphuli EPZ and Mohamad Mufajjal Hossain, Deputy Manager, Investment Promotion, BEPZA.

The basic purpose of the tour was to promote Bangladesh's EPZ among the prospective & existing investors plus traders in Hong Kong. The tour program blended with a series of meetings & seminars including visits with trade related bodies. In HKTDC meeting BEPZA Chief highlighted business opportunities prevailing in EPZs of Bangladesh. Mr. Stephen Liang, Director of HKTDC applauded the existing trade relationship between Bangladesh & Hong Kong. General Habib focused on investment opportunities in EPZs in a meeting with Chinese Manufactures Association of Hong Kong.

Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, Executive Chairman of BEPZA and Mr. Vong Kok Seng, Vice President, Board of Directors, Macau Chamber of Commerce exchanged their views specially on investment potentials in the EPZs. In the seminar entitled "Investment Opportunities in the EPZs of Bangladesh" was organized by FHKI, BEPZA team briefed through a power point presentation with 10 minute's video tour on EPZs. Mr. Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood, the Consul General of Bangladesh High Commission also addressed in the seminar.



LIVE ON INVESTMENT PROMOTIONAL DRIVE ABROAD

China

A three-member BEPZA team led by Nazma Binte Alamgir, General Manager (Public Relations) has participated in the 18th China International Fair for Investment & Trade (CIFIT-2014) in Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center of China during 8-11 September, 2014.

The other two members of the team were Chaudhuri Md. Faruk Hasan, Sr. Assistant Secretary, BEPZA and Md. Whaheduzzaman, Deputy Manager, Commercial Operation, Mongla EPZ. During this fair the delegation represented BEPZA wonderfully as well as they attended various important meetings and seminars.

BEPZA delegation attended 'New Silk Road Development Symposium'. Team leader participated 'Theme Forum: The Future of Global Economics Parks' and a thematic seminar on New Global Investment Patterns. She focused on more Chinese investment in diversified sector of EPZs in Bangladesh during open discussion sessions on that seminar.

GM (PR) also joined "Investment Matchmaking Symposium" for exhibitors/guests and registered a table in the name of BEPZA to welcome one to one dialogue.

Team leader gave a special interview for online TV coverage on BEPZA and investment scenario of Bangladesh including video footage of BEPZA stall & documentary film which was an additional promotional campaign. Furthermore she also faced an interview to Central China Television (CCTV) as participant country where she highlighted the investment scenario and challenges of investment in Bangladesh.





Beginning with BEPZA

Singapore-USA RMG Plant to Invest \$10.27 m in Comilla EPZ

Singapore-USA company M/s. Nasco USA Pte Ltd. will establish a readymade garment plant in Comilla Export Processing Zone.

This company will invest US\$ 10.27 million to produce annually 5.04 million pcs of Shirt, Pant, Short, Jacket, Skirts, Overall and Bermuda. Nasco USA Pte factory will create employment opportunity for 2470 Bangladeshi nationals.

Mr. Sayed Nurul Islam, Member (Investment Promotion) of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority and Ms. Heng Chak Joo, Chairman of M/s. Nasco USA Pte Limited signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organization in Dhaka on July 07, 2014.



Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman, BEPZA and Mr. Kei Kawano, Country Representative, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Bangladesh observed the signing ceremony of BEPZA & JB Networks Ltd. on August 11, 2014. Among others Mr. Md. Shawkat Nabi, Secretary, Mr. AZM Azizur Rahman, GM (Investment Promotion) Mrs. Nazma Binte Alamgir, GM (Public Relations) & Mr. Suzuki Mikio, CEO, JB Networks Ltd. were also present in the ceremony.

BD to Invest \$5.48 m in Adamjee EPZ

Bangladeshi company M/s. Astha Tech Limited is going to set up RMG accessories, packing materials and specialized cartons manufacturing industry in Adamjee EPZ.

This company will invest US\$ 5.48 million to produce 50 million pcs Printing Materials, 100 million pcs Label and 0.40 million pcs Packaging Materials per annum. 197 Bangladeshi nationals will get employment opportunity in this company.

An agreement to this effect has signed between Mr. Sayed Nurul Islam, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA and Mrs. Nasreen Khan, Director of M/s. Astha Tech Limited on July 02, 2014.

Camping Equipments Plant to Invest \$7.5 m in KEPZ

Hong Kong and South Korean company M/s. Gesinha Outdoor Ltd. is going to set up a camping equipment and accessories industry in Karnaphuli EPZ.

This company will invest US\$ 7.5 million for setting up their plant with annual production capacity of 1.56 million pcs of Camping Tent, Chair, Gazebo and Sleeping Bags & Beds. Gesinha Outdoor company will create employment opportunity for 3731 Bangladeshi nationals.

Mr. Sayed Nurul Islam, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA and Mr. Kwon Seung Soo, Managing Director of Gesinha Outdoor Ltd. signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations in Dhaka on July 03, 2014.

Major General Mohd. Habibur Rahman Khan, Executive Chairman, BEPZA, Mr. Khandakar Aktaruzzaman, Member (Engineering), AKM Mahbubur Rahman, Member (Finance), Mr. Md. Shawkat Nabi, Secretary, Mrs. Nazma Binte Alamgir, General Manager (Public Relations) and Mr. Md. Nurul Haque, General Manager (Enterprise Services) were present at the signing ceremony.

Japan to Invest \$1.78 m in Comilla EPZ

Japanese company M/s. JB Networks Limited will invest US\$ 1.78 million to establish a leather products unit in Comilla EPZ.

1078 Bangladeshi nationals will produce annually 1 million pcs of different types of leather products in this factory. Mentionable products are Leather Strap, Grip, Camera Bags, Camera lens Case, Leather Leash and different type of Bags & Collar.

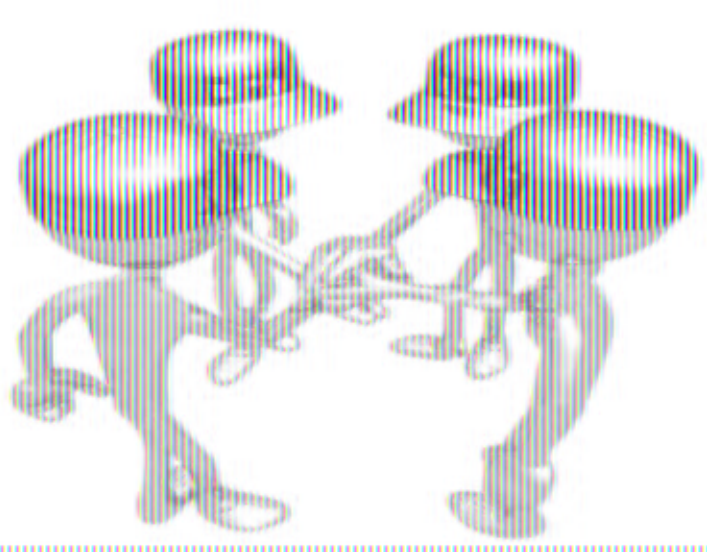
Mr. Sayed Nurul Islam, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA and Mr. Fujikawa Masaru, Managing Director of JB Networks Co. Ltd. inked the deal on August 11, 2014 at BEPZA Complex in Dhaka.

\$11 m Investment in BD RMG & Accessories Plant

Bangladeshi company M/s. FS Trims Ltd. will invest US\$ 11 million to establish a garments & its accessories plant in Adamjee EPZ.

This company will produce annually 0.6 million pcs of Garments, 4.8 million pcs Woven Label, 5.76 million pcs Printed Label, 0.72 million pcs Carton, 1.44 million yards Elastic, 71.58 million pcs Button, 1.44 million pcs Zipper, 1.44 million yards Dusting and 7 million pcs Hang Tag & Sticker. FS Trims Ltd. will create employment opportunity for 587 Bangladeshi nationals.

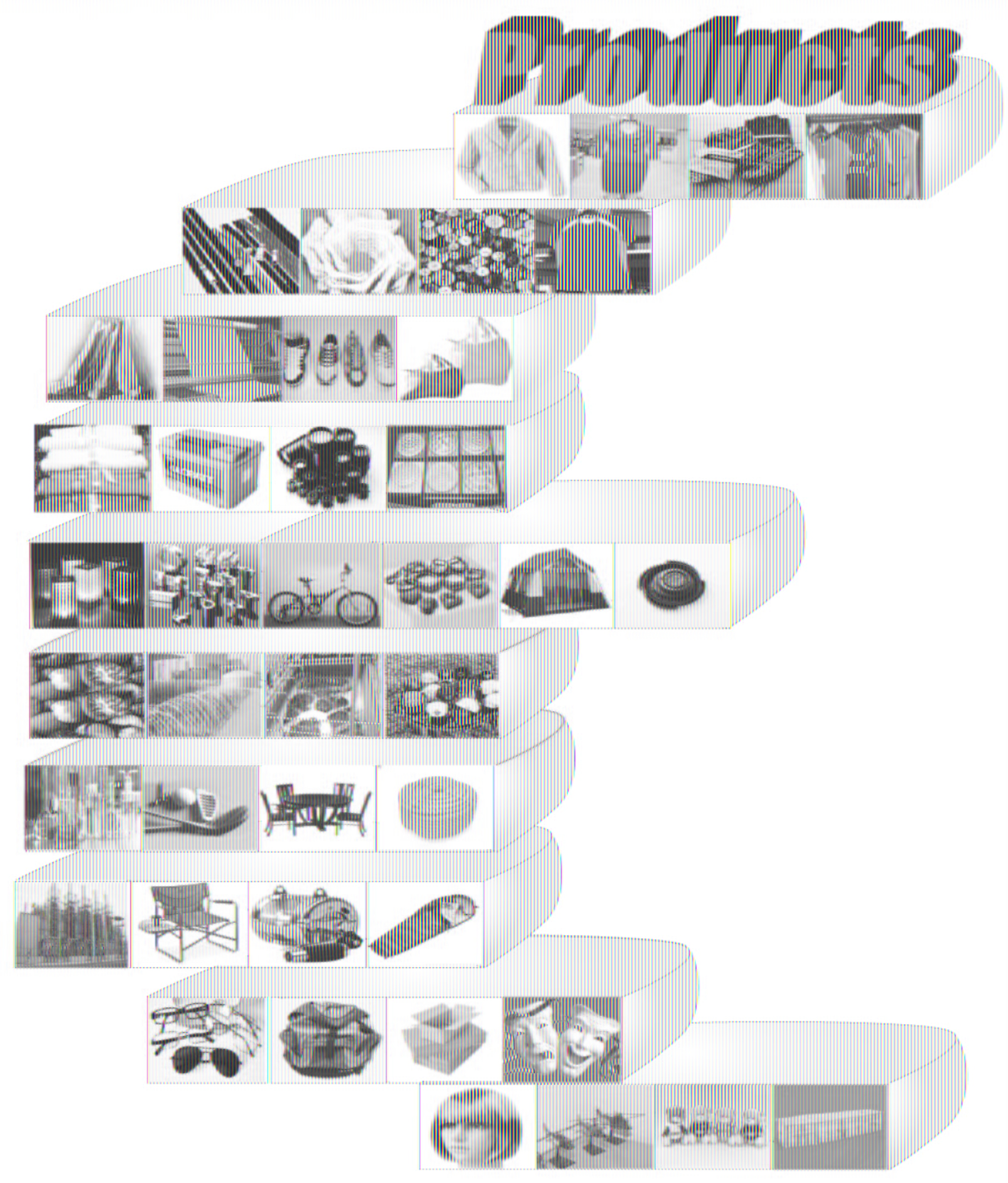
Mr. Sayed Nurul Islam, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA and Mr. Fakir Shamsuzzaman, Proprietor of M/s. FS Trims Ltd. signed an agreement to this effect on August 02, 2014.



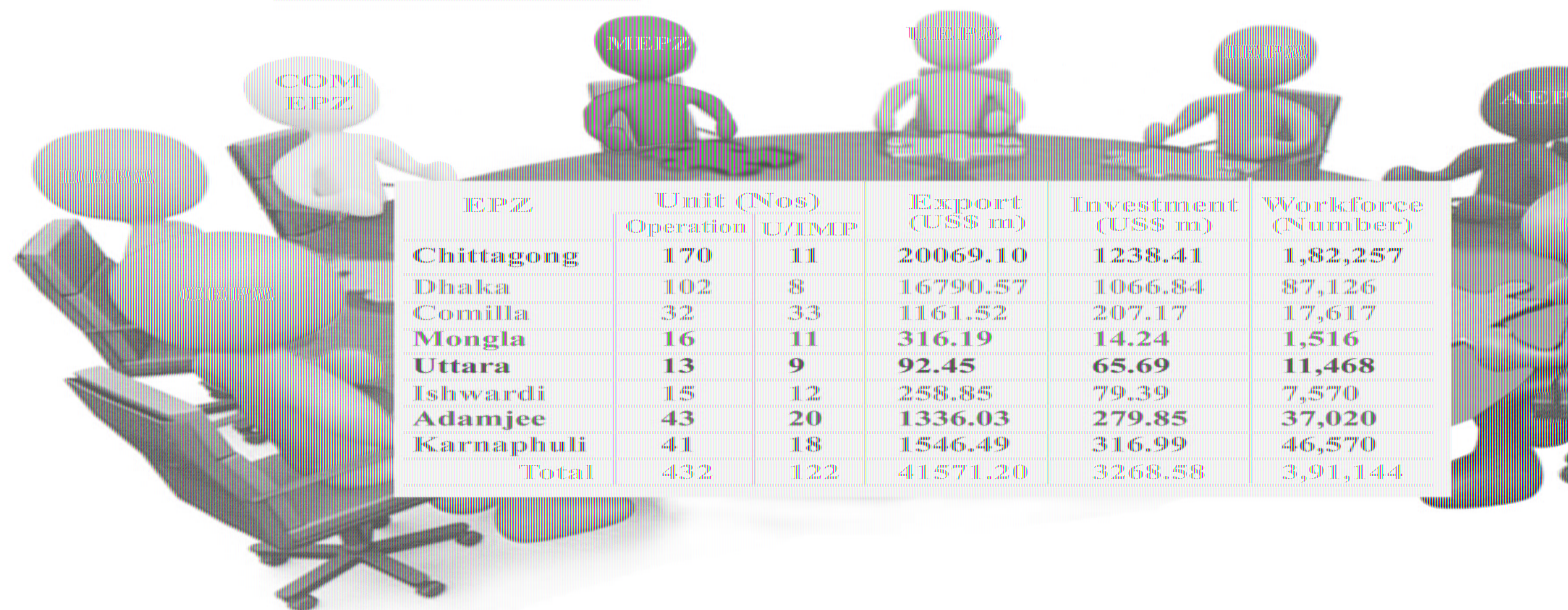
Cumulative Scenarios of EPZ



Bangladesh	128	Indonesia	2
S. Korea	73	Spain	2
China	29	Denmark	2
Hong Kong, China	24	Belgium	1
Taiwan, China	25	Ireland	1
Japan	27	Ukraine	1
India	21	Panama	1
USA	17	Sweden	1
UK	18	Marshall Island	1
Malaysia	9	UAE	1
Pakistan	7	Romania	1
Sri Lanka	6	Australia	1
Germany	6	Malta	1
The Netherlands	5	Cayman Islands	1
Canada	5	Kuwait	UIMP
Italy	5	Mauritius	UIMP
British Virgin Island	4	Oman	SNC
Singapore	3	Portugal	JV
France	3	Turkey	UMIP

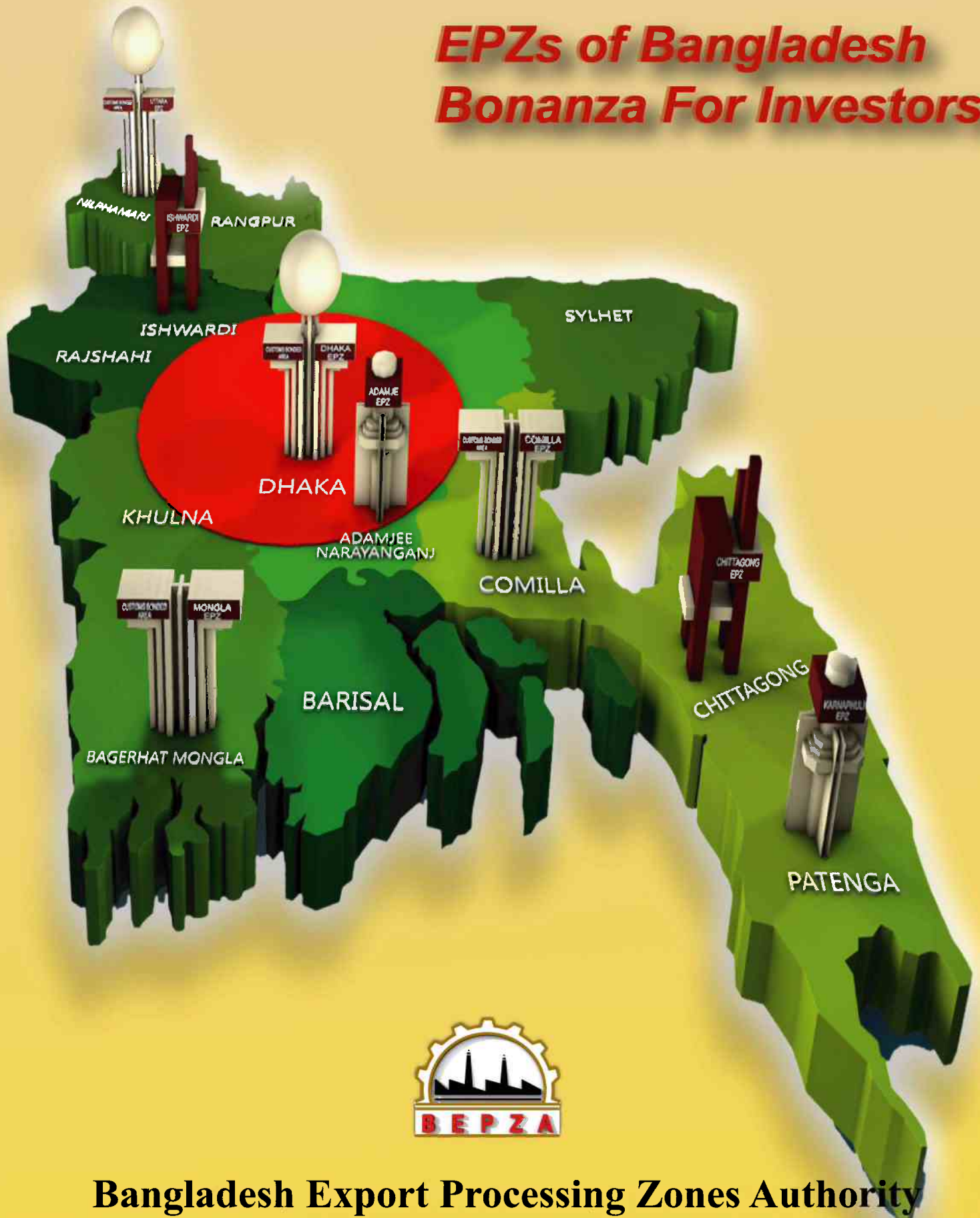


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- Chem
- Furn
- Rope
- Powe
- Pape
- Fishi
- Spor
- Toys
- Misc



EPZ	Unit (Nos)		Export (US\$ m)	Investment (US\$ m)	Workforce (Number)
	Operation	U/IMP			
Chittagong	170	11	20069.10	1238.41	1,82,257
Dhaka	102	8	16790.57	1066.84	87,126
Comilla	32	33	1161.52	207.17	17,617
Mongla	16	11	316.19	14.24	1,516
Uttara	13	9	92.45	65.69	11,468
Ishwardi	15	12	258.85	79.39	7,570
Adamjee	43	20	1336.03	279.85	37,020
Karnaphuli	41	18	1546.49	316.99	46,570
Total	432	122	41571.20	3268.58	3,91,144

EPZs of Bangladesh Bonanza For Investors



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