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**BEPZA is Marching Ahead Successfully to Build Sonar Bangladesh**

## Publisher's Pen

We are trying to illustrate some events directly or indirectly related to BEPZA in every issue of BEPZA bulletin. This endeavour has been continued even in this issue.

As part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) the investors of BEPZA donated Tk.6 crore to PM's Relief & Welfare Fund. We highlighted this news in Lead page. Economic Zone is the new concept of investment in the country and BEPZA is going to set up Economic Zone in Mirsarai of Chittagong. In this regard BEPZA signed a MoU with BEZA which has been illustrated in our Exclusive page.

In this issue, we put Honourable Prime Minister's Austria & Sweden visit in National page. Xtra page is ornamented with some pictures on celebration of Pohela Boishakh by BEPZA family.

We portrayed Business page by the In House APA Signing between BEPZA and its different departments including 8 zone offices. BEPZA organized seminar to promote investment in the three EPZs of Northern & Southern part of the country to make these regions as economic hub. We placed seminar news in Investment page. Trade page is decorated with various workshops arranged by different EPZs along with Executive Chairman's dialogue with Dutch Ambassador.

Besides, Executive Chairman's different activities, visit of NDC team in DEPZ, training & workshop, WWA election and so on have also been focused in this journal.

We are thankful for the nice cooperation from our zones as well as Executive Office which helped PR team to publish this Bulletin.

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BEPZA is working relentlessly with the mission to increase the volume of investment, diversification of export, employment generation and thereby strengthening the economic base of Bangladesh. I am happily announcing that we have successfully crossed Investment, Export & Employment target in the FY 2016-17. The success story of EPZ in Bangladesh has established BEPZA as a thriving organization in the country and as a brand in the global business arena.

This brand image attracts many entrepreneurs to invest in the EPZs of Bangladesh. However, we have been facing problems in accommodating new investors in the EPZs located at Dhaka & Chittagong regions due to scarcity of lands. I am happily announcing that we are going to start BEPZA Economic Zone with an area of 1150 acres of land at Chittagong. Hopefully it would be ready for investment within very short time. This Economic Zone will create huge investment opportunities. I request and welcome investors from all over the world to avail the opportunities.



Major General  
Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, ed.psc  
Executive Chairman, BEPZA

## Welcome Two New Enterprises in EPZs

Two Chinese companies have chosen Chittagong and Ishwardi EPZ to invest US\$ 19.37 million with job creation for 1894 Bangladeshi nationals.

M/s Golden Autumn Elastic & Lace (BD) Co Limited signed lease agreement with BEPZA on April 24, 2017 to invest US\$ 5 million in Ishwardi EPZ. This company will produce annually 240 million meters of lace, elastic, tape, card & fabric and create employment opportunity for 877 Bangladeshi nationals.

Another Chinese company M/s Jieihong Medical Products (BD) Co. Limited signed lease agreement on May 22, 2017 to set up disposable medical products manufacturing industry in Chittagong EPZ. This company will invest US\$ 14.37 million to produce 34 million pieces of disposable medical products where 1017 Bangladeshi nationals will be employed.



## BEPZA Donates Tk 6 Crore to PM's Relief & Welfare Fund



*BEPZA Chief handing over cheque on behalf of investors to the Honourable Prime Minister*

The investors of EPZs donated Taka 6 crore 5 lac 90 thousand to the Prime Minister's Relief & Welfare Fund and Bangabandhu Memorial Trust. Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Kahn, ndc, psc along with 9 investors of EPZ handed over the cheque to the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on May 15, 2017 at Gono Bhaban, the official residence of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

BEPZA inspired the investors to donate this money as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). This amount has been donated such a time when the people of haor areas were in severe distress condition due to flash floods. The Executive Chairman of BEPZA handed over Tk. 2 crore 55 lac 90 thousand to the PM on behalf of 102 enterprises. Among this amount 37 investors of CEPZ donated Tk. 68.50 lac, 25 of KEPZ Tk. 41.10 lac, 11 of AEPZ Tk. 12.00 lac, 10 of DEPZ Tk. 79.50 lac, 8 of ComEPZ Tk. 21.80 lac, 7 of UEPZ Tk. 28.50 lac, 4 of MEPZ Tk. 3.50 lac and one investor of IEPZ donated Tk. 1.00 lac.

Syed Mohamamd Tanvir, Director, M/S Pacific Jeans of CEPZ, Mujibur Rahman, Managing Director, M/S Smart Group of CEPZ, General Abdul Mubeen (retd.), Chairman, United Power Generation and Distribution Co. of DEPZ, Chang Yoe Chong Felix, Chairman, Evergreen Group of UEPZ, Nilesh Zain, CFO, Kun Tong Apparels of AEPZ, Prem Sony, Finance Director, Epic Garments of AEPZ, Sharif Johir, Managing Director, Ananta Group of AEPZ, Jalal Ahmed, Qatar Marble Co. of MEPZ individually handed over Tk. 3 crore 50 lac on behalf of their respective enterprises to the Honourable Prime Minister. Ahsan Kabir, GM (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA and high officials of Prime Minister's Office were present during handing over the donation cheque.



*Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina poses with the Senior Secretary Ms. Suraiya Begum, Executive Chairman of BEPZA and the investors of EPZs at Gono Bhaban.*



## PM's Visit to Austria & Sweden: Opens New Chapter of Hope

The government of Bangladesh has given highest priority to augmenting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Bangladesh. Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina always highlights Bangladesh as an ideal place for investment in her foreign tours. As a part this, investment in Bangladesh was one of the main issues of her Austria and Sweden visit.

### Bangladesh & Austria

Bangladesh and Austria have agreed to further deepen ties and boost cooperation in the fields of economy, climate change and combating terrorism. These vows came after bilateral talks between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Austrian Chancellor Christian Kern at Federal Chancellery in Vienna on May 30, 2017. Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited Vienna for attending a conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on 29 May 2017.

The Prime Minister expressed firm belief that her visit to Austria would infuse a new dynamism into the bilateral relations between Dhaka and Vienna. "I firmly believe that my visit to Austria would add dynamism to our relations," she said. The Austrian Chancellor mentioned that the first official visit of a Bangladesh Premier to Austria unveiled a new horizon in the bilateral ties between Dhaka and Vienna.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina meets with Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing at the IAEA conference in Vienna, Austria

### Bangladesh & Sweden

'Swedish Prime Minister Mr. Stefan Lofven has expressed the hope that the first-ever visit by a Bangladesh Prime Minister will open up new doorways to good relations between the two countries.' This comment came at a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina when she paid a 3-days visit at the invitation of Swedish Prime Minister on June 14, 2017.



In this meeting the two Prime Ministers agreed that economic cooperation and trade and investment constitute a key element for strengthening bilateral relations. Both countries settled to encourage more bilateral Foreign Direct Investments. *Source: BSS*

## BEPZA Awarded as the Best Blood Donor Organization

BEPZA has been awarded as the highest blood donor organization by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society on 14 June 2017. Health and Family Welfare Minister Mr. Mohammad Nasim, MP, as Chief Guest, handed over the award to Mr. Zillur Rahman, ndc, Member (IP) of BEPZA at the auditorium of the Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College.

This award was given to BEPZA at a function jointly organized by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies to celebrate the World Blood Donor Day. Chittagong EPZ, Adamjee EPZ and Dhaka EPZ also been awarded as highest blood donor.

BEPZA has set a unique example by donating 1200 bags of blood in a day on the eve of 47th Independence Day in remembrance of the genocide of black night of 25 March and the sacrifices of 30 lakh martyrs. The employees of the BEPZA Executive Office including 8 Zone Offices and workers of the EPZs voluntarily donated this amount of blood. This award is given in recognition of this blood donation. Mr. Hafiz Ahmed Mazumdar, Chairman and Dr. Mohammad Habibe Millat, MP, Vice Chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and from BEPZA, Mr. Md. Mosaddeque Ali, Member (Engineering), Mrs. Nazma Binte Alamgir, GM (PR), Mrs. Nafisa Banu, CA&FO, Mr. Tanvir Hossain, GM of DEPZ were present at the program.



Mr. Zillur Rahman, ndc, Member (IP) of BEPZA receiving award from Health & Family Welfare Minister Mr. Mohammad Nasim



A-100 member NDC delegation led by Major General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed, ndu, psc, lauded on industrial activities and working environment of the zone during their visit in Dhaka EPZ on May 09, 2017. The main purpose of this visit was to know overall scenario of EPZs for socio-economic development of the country and role of BEPZA. Mr. Zillur Rahman, ndc, Member (Investment Promotion) delivered welcome speech to the delegation. Mr. Ahsan Kabir, General Manager (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA highlighted EPZs through PowerPoint presentation.



## NDC Team Lauds Activities of BEPZA

*NDC team along with BEPZA officials pose during their visit in Dhaka EPZ*

Later the NDC team went around three factories of Dhaka EPZ. They were astounded to observe the enormous working environment, product quality of EPZ factories. Nazma Binte Alamgir, GM (PR) and Lt. Col. Md. Lokman Ali, GM (Security) were present in the program. GM in charge of Dhaka EPZ Mr. Kazi Shahidul Anwar thanked the delegation for visiting DEPZ.

## BEPZA Achieved APA Training Target

BEPZA achieved training target set in the Annual Performance Agreement (APA) of FY 2016-17 like previous year. As per the APA of FY 2016-17, 20 Man-Hour training was fixed on APA and SDG, 10 Man-Hour on Cyber Security & e-filing and 40 Man-Hour on other official training. Round the year BEPZA organizes training program for its employees to keep them up-to-date so that they can provide better services to the investors.



Cyber Security Training

BEPZA organized a training program on Cyber Security and e-filing system on March 27 – April 01, 2017 at MIST where 41 officers of BEPZA Executive Office and EPZs have been participated. Major General Md Abul Khair, ndc, PEngg, Commandant of MIST and Mr. Ashraful Kabir, Chief Engg. & PD, Capacity Building of BEPZA awarded certificate to the participants in the closing ceremony.



Job orientation & Foundation Training

Training Corner

BEPZA arranged Job orientation & foundation training program for newly appointed 13 officers. Through this training held on May 21-25, 2017 the new officers acquainted with the mission & vision of BEPZA, zone activities, administrative works etc. Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman of BEPZA distributed certificates in the closing ceremony.

## Doa Mahfil & Iftar Party



A Doa Mahfil and Iftar Party was organized on June 19, 2017 at BEPZA Complex, Dhaka. Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman, three Members, Secretary and employees of all levels of BEPZA attended the Iftar Party. The other EPZs also organized a Doa Mahfil and Iftar Party at the same in sacred way.

## Awareness Workshop on Chikungunya Fever

A new fever called Chikungunya has spread in raising a public health alarm. BEPZA has organized an awareness workshop about mosquito-borne Chikungunya disease on June 13, 2017 at BEPZA Complex.

The keynote speakers of the workshop were Dr. Sunil Kumar Biswas, Associate Professor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University and Dr. Nitai Pada Biswas, Associate Professor, National Institute of Kidney Diseases and Urology. They were talked about the prevention, treatment and care method including Do's & Don'ts of the disease. Members, General Managers and all level of employees of BEPZA were present at the workshop.



## 106th International Labour Conference (ILC) in Geneva



*Executive Chairman of BEPZA participates in International Labour Conference, Geneva*

A 38-members Bangladeshi delegation led by Mr. Anisul Huq, Minister, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs participated in the 106th Session of International Labour Conference (ILC) from 4-16th June 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland. Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman of BEPZA accompanied him with Mr. Nazmul Islam Bhuiyan, Deputy Manager (Enterprise Services) during this conference.

In the conference, the special paragraph has been withdrawn which was included in last year after ILC, 105th session regarding implementation of Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize Convention, 1948 (No. 87).

The Law Minister presented the position and actions taken by the government of Bangladesh on main concerns of the ILO Committee of Experts. ILC 106th was very crucial to Bangladesh because European Union informed that if ILO does not withdraw the Special Paragraph Bangladesh GSP in EU may be suspended. Bangladesh has successfully overcome the situation and ILO Special paragraph has been removed.

## BEPZA-Investors Dialogue on EPZs' Working Environment

Executive Chairman of BEPZA Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc urged the investors of EPZs to strictly maintain compliances, peaceful working environment and welfare of the workers. This appeal came out during speaking at a seminar with the EPZs investors held at BEPZA Complex on April 13, 2017.

At the beginning, BEPZA Chief thanked the investors for their cooperation in operating the EPZs smoothly. Consequence of this, BEPZA is now one of the best organizations in Bangladesh, he added. General Habib appreciated the Workers- Management- Owner synergy existing in the EPZs.

The investors also thanked BEPZA for taking adequate measures to strengthen the security in last couple of years. They discussed about IR matters, formation of WWA in the EPZs' factories, customs rules and regulations and various issues related with day to day operation of the enterprises. The investors firmly mentioned that they have taken lots of measures to improve labour issues in the EPZs factories.

Mr. M. Nasir Uddin, Chairman & MD of Pacific Jeans Group, Mr. Khaja Myunuddin Farhad, MD of Farkantex (BD) Ltd., Mr. Chang Yoe Chong Felix, MD of Evergreen Products Factory (BD) Ltd., Mr. Waseem Siddiqui, CEO of Lenny Fashions Ltd. Including some distinguished foreign & local investors of the enterprises of EPZs attended the seminar.



*BEPZA Chief and investors discussing on working atmosphere in a seminar*

## BEPZA Chief's Visit in Chittagong



Annual Sports program of BEPZA Public School & College of Chittagong EPZ held on April 5, 2017 at Chittagong. Executive Chairman of BEPZA inaugurated the program as the Chief Guest.



Executive Chairman, BEPZA inaugurated the computer lab in BEPZA Public School & College of CEPZ on April 5, 2017. Initially the lab has been equipped with 11 new computers to facilitate 1762 students.



BEPZA Chief looking the painting drawn by the students of BEPZA Public School & College of CEPZ on April 5, 2017 as Chief Guest. He appreciated and encouraged the students to paint better.



*Dutch Ambassador H.E. Leoni Margaretha Cuelenaere calls on BEPZA Chief*

## BD - Dutch Trade Talk

Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh H.E. Leoni Margaretha Cuelenaere called on Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman of BEPZA at the latter's office on May 30, 2017.

They discussed about Dutch investment in Bangladesh including compliances & welfare of the workers of EPZs, working environment. Ms. Leoni Margaretha Cuelenaere admired the role of BEPZA in socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

## EPZ Industries can Import Eight More Items without Duty



EPZs' industries will be able to enjoy duty-free import of additional eight types of item. These are- all kinds of generator sets, coal, solar power set, all types of fire-fighting equipments, evaporative cooling machine, all types of safety equipments for workers, mannequins and drinking water treatment machines. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) issued a SRO in this regard where the EPZ companies have been exempted from payment of customs duty and other taxes.

The present eight items were left out from the list of duty-exemption. BEPZA decided to incorporate those items in the duty-exemption list. 34 types of equipment are currently duty-free for the EPZ companies, most of which are safety equipments. Industrial fans, machinery oils, industrial freezers/ refrigerators, electric cables, industrial air conditioners, washing machines, lamps and security appliances are already exempted.

However, NBR has imposed some conditions on import of mannequins. An investor can import maximum four mannequins, which is needed to measure the size of readymade garment items, in the first year, and two in next each year. The importing company will have to submit a declaration paper that it has approved limit for importing those mannequins on that particular import-year.

*Source: Financial Express*

## Workshop

**DEPZ:** Investment workshop on 'Productivity Escalation using Information Technology for EPZs Investors' held in Dhaka EPZ on June 14, 2017. Mr. Aman Ullah Fakir, Sr. Research officer and Moniruzzaman Mia, Research officer of National Productivity Organization under Ministry of Industries were key resource persons in the workshop. Contents of the workshop covered mainly on actual productivity & technology orientation in the business enterprises and interrelationship of both tools in growing competitive market. Both experts highlighted the area of cost & benefit lies in maximization of productivity and technology uses in the EPZs enterprises.

**IEPZ:** Ishwardi EPZ organized a workshop on Fire Safety Awareness on June 20, 2017. GM of IEPZ Mr. Md. Shah Alam Sarker said that fire drill may reduce the risk and proper using of firefighting equipments may decrease the intensity of damage in case of fire. We should know about the proper usage of firefighting equipments and arrange fire drill on regular basis, he added. The officials of Ishwardi EPZ Fire Station and Pabna Fire Station conducted the workshop. They informed the participants about the importance of fire drill and how to use firefighting equipments.

**UEPZ:** Uttara EPZ organized a workshop titled 'How to Handle Disciplinary Procedures' on May 16, 2017. The workshop was arranged with a view to creating awareness among the mid-level management of the enterprises who look after day to day operational issues and work as a bridge between the workers and the management. Inaugurating the workshop GM of UEPZ Mr. Md. Abdus Sobhan said maintaining disciplinary procedures is a must to ensure proper functioning of enterprise. This training primarily focused on developing a Trainer Group (TOT-Training of Trainers) who would eventually conduct awareness building training in their own units.

**MEPZ:** Mongla EPZ organized an inclusive workshop on professional manner and etiquette on April 19, 2017. The key speaker Engr. A. H. Kamal, GM & Head of Operations, Amra Fashions (CEPZ) Ltd. delivered his speech through multimedia presentation that really inspired the participants to have a good understanding of the effective ways of developing better organizational behaviour. The workshop ended with the concluding speech of the GM of MEPZ Mr. Md. Abdul Alim. He urged the participants to practice the knowledge learnt from the program.



# BEPZA is Going to Set up Economic Zone in Mirsarai

Bangladesh EPZ Authority is going to establish Economic Zone at Mirsarai under Chittagong district. In presence of Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Chief Coordinator (SDG Affairs) of Prime Minister's Office Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) and Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on May 18, 2017 at Prime Minister's Office. The Executive Chairman of BEPZA Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc and the Executive Chairman of BEZA Mr. Fabun Chowdhury signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations. Formally, the journey of 'BEPZA Economic Zone' has been started through this signing.

In the signing ceremony, Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Chief Coordinator (SDG Affairs) said, 'BEPZA is marching ahead successfully and set a unique example in attracting investment in the country. The success of BEPZA inspired government to establish Economic Zone.' He said BEPZA is a brand to the foreign investors. This brand image of BEPZA will play an important role for flourishing investment in the BEPZA Economic Zone, he added.

Mentioning the expertise and good reputation of BEPZA in establishing, development and operation of industrial zone Mr. Azad said the government wants to utilize the knowledge of BEPZA for the success of Economic Zone. He hoped that BEPZA Economic Zone would be ready for investment within very short time and BEPZA will be able to prove its efficiency and fame in home and abroad.

BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc, said the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina instructed to build investment friendly Bangladesh and BEPZA has been contributing to execute it. He uttered eight EPZs under BEPZA located at the different parts of the country.



The Executive Chairman of BEPZA and the Executive Chairman of BEZA exchanging the agreement after signing the MoU in presence of Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Chief Coordinator (SDG Affairs), PMO

General Habib said BEPZA is moving forward to build Sonar Bangladesh under the guidance of the Honourable Prime Minister and working to implement Vision-2021 and 2041. He said Economic Zone is the new concept of investment in the country and from today BEPZA joined as the proud partner of this Economic Zone.

The Executive Chairman of BEZA, Mr. Fabun Chowdhury said, BEPZA is a successful organization. The speed of making economically prosperous Bangladesh under leadership of the Honourable Prime Minister would be accelerating if BEPZA and BEZA work jointly.

It may be mentioned despite of having demand it was not possible to allot industrial plot to the investors of local & foreign for the last few years due to scarcity of land in the EPZs located at Dhaka and Chittagong regions. In this circumstance, it would be possible to allocate land to the potential investors of BEPZA whether the BEPZA Economic Zone starts at Mirsarai nearby Chittagong. Moreover, expertise of BEPZA in setting up EPZ, experience and professionalism will expedite the development activities of BEPZA Economic Zone.

Mentionable, during 2009-16 period, BEPZA has attained US\$ 2667.60 million in investment which shows growth of 179.19%, export earned US\$ 3830.99 with growth 216.57% & operating industries were 170 with growth 40.50% and generated employment 2,55,118 Bangladeshi nationals that's growth 118.44%.

Among others Mr. Zillur Rahman, ndc, Member (Investment Promotion), Mr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, Member (Finance), Mr. Md. Nabirul Islam, Secretary of BEPZA, Director Generals & Directors of Prime Minister's Office and General Managers of different departments of BEPZA and high officials of BEZA were present at the signing ceremony.

## BEPZA EZ at a Glance

- ★ Total Area: 1130 Acres
- ★ Total no. of Industrial Plots: 800-850 (446 Acres)
- ★ Expected Industry: 300-350
- ★ Expected Investment: US\$ 4000-4500 Million
- ★ Expected Employment: 0.4-0.5 Million
- ★ Estimated time: Ready for investment within two years



BEPZA Chief observed the Mirsarai Economic Zone site



The Executive Chairman of BEPZA and BEZA along with other officials from both side pose after MoU signing



BEPZA Chief physically examine the EZ site



## Election Held in Eight Factories to form WWA

The EPZs' workers enjoy freedom in forming association. In order to give right to freedom of association and collective bargaining to them, the Government enacted "The EPZ Workers' Welfare Association and Industrial Relations Act, 2010". The union formed under this act named as Workers Welfare Association (WWA) where the workers elect their representatives by secret ballot. This WWA of the EPZs' workers introduced a new dimension of Trade Union.



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

According to the act of 2010, upon receipt of written application from the workers to form WWA, a referendum is arranged where the workers opined secretly whether they definitely want association or not. If more than 50% of the workers of a factory voted 'yes' then WWA is formed. After that, workers elected the representatives of the Executive Committee for three years through secret ballot. Elected representatives perform as CBA regarding interest of the workers. 232 WWAs have already been formed in the enterprises of EPZs which are functioning independently. In order to form WWA, eight factories of Adamjee, Chittagong and Ishwardi EPZ arranged referendum and executive committee election during April- June, 2017.

### Three Units of Adamjee EPZ

**r-Pac Bangladesh:** In order to form Executive Committee of WWA, Election held in M/s r-Pac Bangladesh Packaging Co. Limited a foreign owned (USA & Turkey) factory of AEPZ on May 4, 2017. Actually this election held to form a new executive committee due to expiration of the previous which was formed three years ago. The eligible workers of the factory elected President, Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Active Member through secret ballot. A woman worker elected Treasure as unopposed since the two male candidates took back their candidacy honouring her. 393 workers casted vote in the election among the total 422 eligible workers. General Manager (PR) of BEPZA Nazma Binte Alamgir, General Manager of AEPZ Md. Ruhul Amin and other high officials of the zone were present during the election.



Workers putting thumb impression to collect ballot during referendum in Ocean Apparels

### Two Enterprises of Chittagong EPZ

**Peninsula Garments:** Election held in a Bangladeshi owned garments manufacturing company M/s Peninsula Garments Limited of Chittagong EPZ on May 18, 2017 in order to form Executive Committee of WWA like trade union. 2291 nos. of eligible workers out of total 2308 elected representatives through secret ballot. A total 28 candidates against 15 posts took part in the election where 12 candidates were female. It is third consecutive election in Peninsula Garments. Workers participated in the third term election enthusiastically since they are satisfied with the activities of the association formed for earlier two terms.

**Ocean Apparels:** Referendum held in a Bangladesh owned factory M/s Ocean Apparels of Chittagong EPZ on May 24, 2017 in order to form WWA. The eligible workers of the factory voted 'yes/no' through secret ballot. 68.40% workers voted against formation of WWA; as a result, no further referendum shall be held in this factory until expiration of one year. However, 312 eligible workers out of 362 casted vote where 93 voted 'yes' and 214 voted 'no'.

### Three Factories of Ishwardi EPZ

**Adnan PSF, Fujian Export & Gold Shine Industries:** Referendum took place in three factories of Ishwardi EPZ in order to form WWA. Bangladeshi owned M/s Adnan PSF Industries Limited & M/s Fujian Export Industry Limited arranged referendum on May 22 and Indian owned M/s Gold Shine Industries on May 29. The eligible workers of these three factories voted 'yes/no' through secret ballot where 100% workers of Adnan PSF Industries, 78.58% of Fujian Export Industry and 86.47% of Gold Shine Industries voted against formation of WWA; as a result, no further referendum shall be held in these factories until expiration of one year.



Workers dropping ballot paper in the ballot box in r-Pac Bangladesh

**T & S Buttons:** Due to expiration of the tenure of the earlier executive council of WWA, the workers of M/s T & S Buttons (Bangladesh) Ltd. elected their new representative through secret ballot. 134 eligible workers out of 137 casted vote on April 5, 2017.

**Neo Bangla Limited:** Referendum held in M/s Neo Bangla Limited, a South Korea-Bangladesh owned factory of AEPZ on May 16, 2017 in order to form WWA. The eligible workers of the factory voted 'yes/no' through secret ballot. 93.33% workers voted against formation of WWA; as a result, no further referendum shall be held in this factory until expiration of one year. This decision of the workers expresses their confidence to the management.



## Investment Seminar to Promote Ishwardi, Uttara & Mongla EPZ

### MEPZ to be the Economic Hub of Southern Region: BEPZA Chief

The EPZs of northern & southern region set up by the prudent decision of the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has changed the pace of living of these regions. Mongla EPZ (MEPZ) of southern region has accelerated the economic growth, increased working activities in this lagging area. Within short time, Mongla EPZ would be the main economic hub of the southern region. The Executive Chairman of BEPZA Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, ndc, psc made this comment during speaking as Chief Guest in the investment seminar organized by MEPZ on May 22, 2017.



*BEPZA Executive Chairman poses along with the participants after ending the seminar*

General Habib said, the investors of MEPZ would be privileged to manage their business through the Padma Bridge. Fully function of Pyra Port, establishment of rail links to Mongla, operation of proposed air port would change the economic scenario of this region, he added. Mongla Economic Zone will also add new dimension in business of this area. Answering to the question regarding scarcity of land in the EPZs BEPZA Chief said, BEPZA could not fulfill the demand of the big investors since there is no land to allot in Dhaka & Chittagong EPZ. He hoped that the functioning of BEPZA Economic Zone at Mirsarai, Chittagong will solve the problem. BEPZA Chief urged the entrepreneurs to invest in Mongla, Uttara & Ishwardi EPZ.

Expressing his satisfaction regarding overall activities of Mongla EPZ Director of VIP Industries limited, an enterprise of MEPZ, said in the seminar that he will expand his factory very soon. Mohammed Ali Kapadia, CEO of Tara Exim Corporation expressed his comfort in investing MEPZ. He hoped that the scenario of this region will be completely changed within two years.

Nazma Binte Alamgir, General Manager (Public Relations) of BEPZA also spoke at the seminar. Abdul Alim, General Manager of Mongla EPZ depicted the overall scenario of MEPZ through PowerPoint presentation. Senior Vice President of Khulna Chamber including local businessmen, high officials of MEPZ and representatives from enterprises were present at the seminar.

## Seminar

**Ishwardi EPZ** Ishwardi EPZ also organized a seminar titled 'Investment Promotion of Ishwardi, Mongla & Uttara EPZ' on May 29, 2017. Mr. Md. Shah Alam Sarker, General Manager of IEPZ urged the prospective investors to invest in those three EPZs mentioning that the tariff of land & SFB is almost half in those zones compared to other Zones. He hoped that investors of Ishwardi EPZ would be highly benefited by Asian Highway.



The investors of Ishwardi EPZ and their representatives, businesses of different chambers & commerce attended the seminar.

**Chittagong EPZ** Chittagong EPZ organized an investment seminar on June 13, 2017 to attract investment in Uttara, Mongla and Ishwardi EPZ.



General Manager of CEPZ Mr. Khorshid Alam depicted the available investment opportunities for setting up of new project and expansion of existing project in Mongla, Uttara and Ishwardi EPZ through PowerPoint and video presentation. Moreover, some issues related to Fire Safety, Cyber Safety & Occupational Health Safety also discussed in the seminar. Some existing and potential investors and the representatives of the enterprises of CEPZ attended the seminar.



**Adamjee EPZ** Adamjee EPZ arranged an investment seminar on May 15, 2017 to attract more investment in Uttara, Mongla and Ishwardi EPZ. General Manager of AEPZ Mr. Ruhul Amin focused on the favorable investment climate prevailing in those three EPZs including reduced rent of land, SFB & extended tax holiday period than other five EPZs. Around 50 existing & potential investors participated in the seminar.



**Comilla EPZ** Comilla EPZ also organized an investment seminar on May 23, 2017 with a view to

exploring investment opportunities in Uttara, Mongla and Ishwardi EPZ. Mr. Md. Mehboob Ali, General Manager of Comilla EPZ presented various facilities of those EPZs located at northern & southern part of the country. He also said Padma Bridge would ease the business activities especially in MEPZ. Prospective and existing investors, representative of the enterprises and businesspersons attended the seminar.





## Flash Frame of Pohela Boishakh Celebration

Pohela Boishakh is the first day of Bengali New Year. It is a festival day of Bengali life and a mark of cultural unity in Bangladesh. Irrespective of religious, ethnic or other identities, every Bengali celebrates this day. In this regards BEPZA has celebrates the New Bangla Year 1424 with much enthusiasm and colourful festivals. All levels of employees of Executive Office enjoyed lots in this occasion at BEPZA Complex, Dhaka. On this day, BEPZA was decorated by colourful kite, small size multi-colored umbrella, paper made decorative items, traditional handmade Pakha, Jasmine flower, floating candle and marvelous cultural program.



The first segment featured a traditional food items like Shondesh Kodma, Batasha, Suger Khoi, Muri Mua, Popped Rice (Khoi) etc. followed by delicious lunch. After having tasty lunch, Executive Chairman of BEPZA Major General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan greeted the employees and investors on this gorgeous event. He said, 'We are very grateful to the Honourable Prime Minster Sheikh Hasina



who started Boishakhi allowance'. The program was started with the song "Esho he Boishakh..." by Rabindranath Tagore. Mr. Zillur Rahman, ndc, Member (Investment Promotion) recited a poem and Mr. Md. Mosaddeque Ali, Member (Engineering) sang a song. Employees of BEPZA and investors joined the cultural program spontaneously. Children of BEPZA employees brought more colour by dancing and singing.



Like Executive Office, all the EPZs under BEPZA also celebrated this colourful festival in a joyful environment. All employees along with their family members attended the program in festive mood.



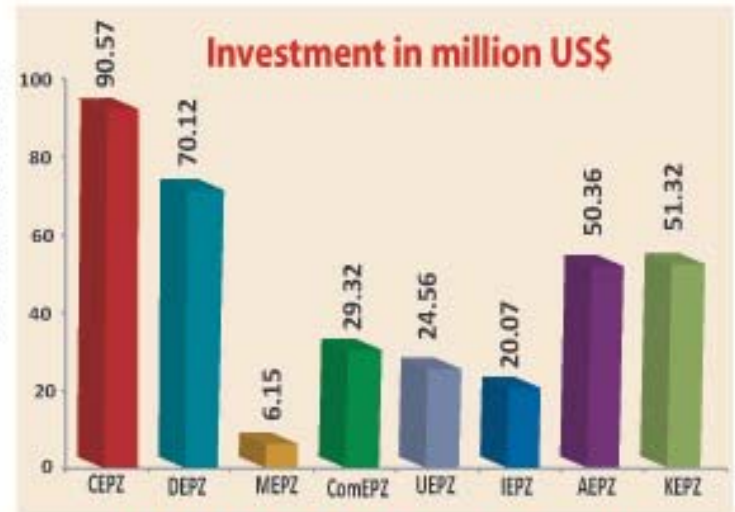


## BEPZA Cross the Target in FY 2016-17

The vision of BEPZA is to become a significant contributor for economic development of Bangladesh. Through bringing investment, boosting export, creating employment BEPZA has already proved itself as one of the major contributors in the economy of Bangladesh. Though BEPZA is facing problem in accommodating investors in the EPZs of Dhaka & Chittagong regions due to scarcity of land to allot in the EPZs of these regions but the authority hopes to overcome this situation by operation of BEPZA Economic Zone in Mirsarai, Chittagong. Despite of scarcity of land BEPZA's achievement in investment, export & employment generation was encouraging in the fiscal year 2016-17.

### Investment Gained US\$ 343.71 M

The operational & under construction enterprises of eight EPZs of BEPZA has attracted US\$ 343.71 million actual investment against the target of US\$ 300.00 million the recent passed 2016-17 FY. Among them Chittagong EPZ gained US\$ 90.57 million, Dhaka EPZ US\$ 70.12 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 6.15 million, Comilla EPZ US\$ 29.32 million, Uttara EPZ US\$ 24.56 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 20.07 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 50.36 million and Karnaphuli EPZ gained US\$ 51.32 million. The cumulative investment stands at US\$ 4341.25 million until June 2017 in the eight EPZs of BEPZA.



### US\$ 6549.37 M Export Earned

From July 2016 to June 2017, BEPZA crossed the target US\$ 6200.00 million by achieving US\$ 349.37 million more. The total export earnings stand at US\$ 6549.37 million. Among them Chittagong EPZ earned US\$ 2254.16 million, Dhaka EPZ US\$ 2091.30 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 45.79 million, Comilla EPZ US\$ 337.39 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 96.55 million, Uttara EPZ US\$ 227.07 million, Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 853.08 million and Adamjee EPZ US\$ 644.00 million. The cumulative export earnings from eight EPZs stand at US\$ 59366.85 million till June 2017.



### New Employment Generated for 26,638 Persons

The enterprises of BEPZA created job opportunities for 26,638 Bangladeshi nationals with the target of 25000 nos. during 2016-17 fiscal year. Among them 2788 persons have been employed in Chittagong EPZ, 2372 in Dhaka EPZ, 491 in Mongla EPZ, 2676 in Comilla EPZ, 5025 in Uttara EPZ, 1003 in Ishwardi EPZ, 6663 in Adamjee EPZ, and 4511 in Karnaphuli EPZ. 4,79,181 Bangladeshi nationals are working in eight EPZs of the country as on June 2017.



## Cumulative Performance

EPZ	Unit (Nos)		Export (US\$ m)	Investment (US\$ m)	Workforce (Number)
	Operation	U/IMP			
Chittagong	170	13	26476.97	1556.83	199757
Dhaka	102	9	22575.33	1292.12	92340
Comilla	41	30	2019.00	284.00	27019
Mongla	22	16	484.86	47.23	2104
Uttara	15	10	582.58	138.58	28152
Ishwardi	17	19	551.31	116.60	9058
Adamjee	51	14	2895.21	421.54	53122
Karnaphuli	46	16	3781.58	484.36	67629
<b>Total</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>59,366.85</b>	<b>4341.25</b>	<b>4,79,181</b>



## COUNTRY

	Bangladesh	133		Indonesia	2
	S. Korea	76		Spain	2
	China	39		Denmark	2
	Hong Kong, China	26		Belgium	1
	Taiwan, China	26		Ireland	1
	Japan	32		Ukraine	1
	India	23		Panama	1
	USA	17		Portugal	1
	UK	16		Marshall Island	1
	Malaysia	9		UAE	1
	Pakistan	8		Romania	1
	Sri Lanka	8		Australia	1
	Germany	5		Malta	1
	The Netherlands	6		Cayman Islands	1
	Canada	6		Kuwait	1
	Italy	5		Turkey	1
	British Virgin Island	4		Sweden	UIMP
	Singapore	3		Mauritius	UIMP
	France	3		Oman	SNC

## PRODUCT

	Garments	114
	RMG Accessories	91
	Knit & Other Textile	35
	Textile	40
	Footwear & Leather	33
	Terry Towel	17
	Electronics & Electricals	18
	Plastic Goods	13
	Metal Products	13
	Agro Products	8
	Tent	10
	Service Industries	9
	Cap	6
	Chemical	6
	Furniture	4
	Ropes	3
	Paper Products	3
	Power Industry	2
	Sports Goods	2
	Fishing Reel & Golf Items	1
	Toys	1
	Jewelry	1
	Miscellaneous	34



# EPZs of Bangladesh Bonanza for Investors

## Success in Last 8 Years

Million US \$

12,105.20

2001-08



38,330.99

2009-16

Export Growth 216.57%

Million US \$

955.49

2001-08



2667.50

2009-16

Investment Growth 179.19%

Persons

11,5789

2001-08



2,55,118

2009-16

Employment Growth 118.44%

Numbers

121

2001-08



170

2009-16

Industrial Growth 40.50%



BEPZA-JETRO sign MoU in presence of the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina



The Honourable Prime Minister inaugurates Central Effluent Treatment Plant in Comilla EPZ



Secretary, PMO & Executive Chairman, BEPZA sign APA in presence of the Honourable Prime Minister



Principal Secretary, PMO giving Honouring Certificate to BEPZA Chief for accomplishing the KPI targets

## Government Award

Bangladesh EPZ Authority has been awarded Recognition of Honour from Prime Minister's Office. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh warmly congratulates BEPZA for achieving admirable success in accomplishing the KPI target of 2014-15 and APA of 2015-16 fiscal year.

## Attainment in 2016-17

- Investment escalated US\$ 343.71 million
- Export Flourished US\$ 6549.37 million
- Employment generated 26,638 nos.
- National Export Contribution- 18.81%
- National FDI contribution- 21.34%

## Cumulative Scenarios of BEPZA

- Operating Industries 464
- Investment - US\$ 4.34 billion
- Export US\$ 59.37 billion
- Employment - 4,79,181 nos.

## Core Strength of EPZs

- Workers-Management-Owner Synergy
- Collaborative Teamwork
- Peaceful Working Environment
- Industry Friendly Atmosphere
- Congenial Investment Climate
- Ease of Doing Business

## Workers Welfare in EPZs

- Set a milestone in women empowerment
- Ensures workplace safety plus compliance & welfare
- Assured benefits, medical service & childcare
- Wages & other benefits increased twice in last 7 years
- Guaranteed 10% annual increment on basic

**BEPZA Welcomes Investors from all over the World**

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