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## Golden Jubilee: Bangladesh views Thailand as a reliable and credible partner and friend





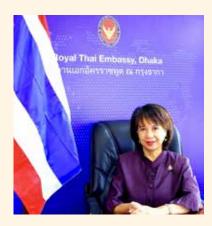


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Thailand and Bangladesh celebrated the golden jubilee of diplomatic relations last year, signifying prosperous episodes of friendship and cooperation since 1972. As we look forward to adding more successful chapters to our relations, trade and investment will certainly be at the heart of our attention with BTCCI as one of the key players.

There have been positive developments in this matter. On 2-5 March 2023, the Thai Trade Center in Dhaka organized the "Top Thai Brands" trade fair to promote Thai products which attracted over 20,000 participants. In the same month, the Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Thailand attended the 3rd Bilateral Consultations between Thailand and Bangladesh in Dhaka. He brought along a group of Thai business delegates who were impressed by the economic potential of Bangladesh.

In this regard, I would like to thank BTCCI for the active support in inviting several Bangladeshi companies to attend the business matching session with their Thai counterpart on 14 March 2023 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh. The outcome was fruitful and encouraging, leading to prospective follow-ups that could boost our bilateral trade and investment.

This year, the economy of Thailand is expected to grow by 3.6 per cent, with contributing factors from the increase of domestic consumption and foreign tourists. For instance, in the first quarter of this year 31,327 Bangladeshis travelled to Thailand, constituting the second largest market of tourists from South Asia. Both countries could also explore possibilities to cooperate in sustainable development, disaster management and alternative energy along the lines of Thailand's Bio-Circular-Green Economy Model and Bangladesh's Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan.

I extend my best wishes to BTCCI to become a productive mechanism in connecting and facilitating interactions between the private sectors of our two countries. The Embassy stands ready to work with BTCCI in advancing our common economic prosperity, particularly to support the commencement of the free trade agreement negotiation process, which will propel our relations and cooperation to another great milestone.

Makawadee Sumitmor Ambassador of Thailand

## From The Editor's Desk

A warm welcome to all of you to the 17th Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh Thai Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BTCCI) and BTCCI Networking Program 2023.

You are aware that BTCCI took the initiative to publish News Letter of the Chamber periodically to highlight its activities and disseminate the same to its honorable members. These News Letters are also distributed to different chamber bodies, concerned govt. and semi-govt. agencies as well as to Thai business community through their local embassy in Bangladesh.

This is the 14th issue covering the activities of BTCCI upto April, 2023.

I, on behalf of the BOD, BTCCI would like to thank all those sponsors who assisted us with advertisement subscription and especially our dynamic President for his constant support and guidance in bringing out this issue to coincide with this AGM and Networking Program.

Sd/-Md. Nazmul Hossen, CDCS, ACS Editor-BTCCI News Letter Secretary, BTCCI

## **BTCCI Introduction**

BTCCI was established in the year 2003 under the umbrella of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) and is a listed joint Chamber of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI). It was formed almost at the same time Thai Bangla Business Council (TBBC) was formed in Thailand under the Thailand Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade.

BTCCI is run by a 15 (fifteen) member Board of Directors elected bi-annually by the General Members. It consists of Companies, Corporate bodies as well as individuals engaged in Trade, Commerce, Industry, Agriculture, Manufacture etc. The President, Sr. Vice President, Vice President, Director Admin and Director Finance are elected by the Board for a term of 2 years.

Over the years BTCCI has become a forum for discussion and establishment of business contacts and bussines promotions between Bangladesh and Thailand. It is growing steadily with induction of large, medium and small Companies joining up as members at regular intervals.

### **BTCCI Vision**

To accelerate economic prosperity of Thailand and Bangladesh through trade, business and investment.

#### **BTCCI** Mission

To serve with commitment and dedication the business community of Bangladesh and Thailand for promoting Trade, Commerce and Investment for the economic growth of both the countries.

## **BTCCI Objectives**

- To promote and develop trade, investment and industry between Bangladesh and Thailand.
- To collect and provide business related data, informations, circulars, rules, regulations etc. and disseminate these amongst the members.
- To identify difficulties and problems in investment and trade barriers faced by members and take adequate steps to overcome those.
- To target new areas of business and investment and take appropriate steps to tap potential interested groups, joint ventures between Bangladesh and Thailand.
- To provide consultation to members and to undertake by arbitration settlement of disputes arising out of business transaction.
- To provide recommendations to Government in the area of trade, investment a nd industry related matters.
- To provide and coordinate as a forum to exchange, receive and promote business activities between Government Agencies, Private Organizations and other Chamber Bodies.
- To organize / arrange training programs, workshops, seminars, symposiums, trade delegations and trade fairs participation inside and outside the country.
- To issue document certification including refe-rence letter, trade related documents etc.



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## From The President's Desk

BTCCI News Letter, the fourteenth in line is seeing its daylight on the eve of our holding of the 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Dhaka Club Ltd, Dhaka. In this important gathering a new Committee of the chamber shall be taking over the responsibility for the term 2023-2025. As the President of our bilateral Chamber it is my duty to formally thank all our old and newly inducted members for the great support and cooperation they have extended to me and my board members in running the BTCCI successfully.

The volume of trade between our two friendly countries is now almost US\$ 1 Billion mark in favor of Thailand though it was downward in last couple of years. Bangladesh's economy has sustained a growth of around 6% for some previous years and its size of GDP is now over US\$420.52 billion (nominal) and Per Capita Income is now \$2470 (nominal). Thailand's economy on



the other hand has grown around at the rate of 3.5 % last few years and in spite of economic turmoil of post COVID situation and Russia-Ukraine war its economy has rebounded back with GDP reaching around US\$ 574 billion (nominal).

It is also pleasant to note that both Thailand and Bangladesh's economy grow on a positive note considering the worldwide recession and economic turmoil still prevalent in many third world and developing countries.

During the year 2022, BTCCI arranged some effective programs. A few programs may be mentioned in this review, BTCCI arranged a Business Networking Program for BTCCI members and leaders of the differnent trade bodies of the country. In the absence of Ambassador, Mr. Panom Thongprayoon, Minister Counsellor & Deputy Head of Mission, Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka was present as the guest of honor. A Reception Program on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and the People's Republic of Bangladesh organised by the Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka. BTCCI was one of the event partners of the program.

BTCCI arranged an Iftar Mahfil on April 01, 2023 at the Teracotta Tales, Dhaka. Her Excellency Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor attended the Iftar as chief guest. A significant number of directors and members were present. The bi-lateral chamber also arranged the Inauguration of New Gate of Dharmarajika Buddhist Monastery held on August 02, 2022 at the Dharmarajika Buddhist Temple, Basabo, Sabujbagh, Dhaka to commemorate 50th Anniversary of the Diplomatic Relation between Bangladesh and Thailand. Her Excellency Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor attended the Inauguration as the chief guest. Due to some unavoidable situations we didn't arrange our planned programs in Bangladesh and Thailand. Hopefully, new board of directors would try to make some effective programs like- arranging Trade Fair in Thailand, Visiting BTCCI Delegation to Thailand, Business Networking Program, B2B meeting between Interested Businesses of Thailand and Bangladesh etc.

Our deep appreciation to the Ambassador Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor for her active guidance and cooperation extended to the chamber. BTCCI is thankful to Mr. Khemathat Archwathamrong, Minister Counselor and head of the Thai Trade Centre, Dhaka for sharing and inviting our Board Members in most of their activities and also thank them continued support and cooperation as earlier. Our sincerest acknowledgement to the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Thailand Md. Nazmul Quaunine, TBBC president, Mr. Panom Thongprayoon, Minister Counsellor and other Officials of the Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka, the Bangladesh Embassy, Thailand and BOI authorities of both Thailand and Bangladesh for their support whenever approached.

Finally, our gratification to all our BTCCI members for their inspiration and continued support extended to our Board of Directors and also Thanks to the business organizations who supported to publish this successful News Letter. BTCCI is grateful to the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FBCCI), Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI), The Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI), bilateral chambers and government bodies in Bangladesh and Thailand who have always come forward to help us in fulfilling our common objectives.

I congratulate the new members of BTCCI and look forward to receiving more new ideas and constructive suggestions from all our members to make our chamber a more vibrant and active one in the future.

Gaus Uddin Khan President (Acting), BTCCI

Trade Summary	between Thailand and Bangladesh	
	Year: 2019 to 2022	

Description	Value : million us\$						Growth Rate %			
Description	2019	2020	2021		2022 (Jan-Dec)	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Jan-Dec)	
				Thailand - WO	RLD					
Total Trade	482,528.6	i8	437,790.49	538,888.24	590,258.53	3.72	9.27	23.09	9.53	
Export	246,268.8	60	231,634.11	272,006.08	287,067.86	2.64	5.94	17.43	5.54	
Import	236,259.8	57	206,156.38	266,882.16	303,190.67	4.81	12.74	29.46	13.60	
Trade Balance	10,008.9	3	25,477.73 5,123.93		16,122.81	110.45	154.55	-79.89	414.66	
	Thailand - BANGLADESH									
Total Trade	1,067.9	0	910.05	1,286.23	1,224.51	15.21	14.78	41.34	4.80	
Export	987.1	.6	859.23	1,231.90	1,140.61	17.75	12.96	43.37	7.41	
Import	80.7	4	50.82	54.34	83.90	36.30	37.06	6.92	54.41	
Trade Balance	906.4	12	808.41	1,177.56	1,056.71	20.56	10.81	45.66	10.26	

Source: Ministry of Commerce, Thailand.

Thailand's total world trade reached at US\$590,258.53 million in 2022. The growth rate was 9.53%. The trade between Thailand and Bangladesh in 2022 amounted to US\$ 1,224.51 million as against US\$ 1,286.23 million in 2021. The growth rate was -4.80 % in 2022 against 41.34% in 2021. Thailand exports US\$ 1,140.61 million to Bangladesh and imports US\$ 83.90 million from Bangladesh in 2022. It shows that Thailand has trade surplus amount of US\$ 1,056.71 million in 2022.

	Description	Value : million us\$				Growth Rate (%)			
No.		2019	2020	2021	2022 (Jan-Dec)	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Jan-Dec)
1	Cement	167.0	114.3	138.0	139.6	7.77	31.56	20.79	1.12
2	Polymers of ethylene, propylene, etc in primary forms	116.4	94.1	167.1	131.7	12.11	19.12	77.54	21.23
3	Woven fabrics	111.1	84.2	115.6	117.1	6.79	24.22	37.23	1.31
4	Refine fuels	13.3	76.7	202.5	81.7	58.68	478.65	163.92	59.65
5	Chemical products	64.9	53.7	65.6	72.7	10.50	17.30	22.20	10.85
Total5 r	records	472.7	423.1	688.9	542.8	-7.97	-10.50	62.83	-21.21
Other		514.5	436.2	543.0	597.8	-25.07	-15.22	24.50	10.09
Total		987.2	859.2	1,231.9	1,140.6	17.75	-12.96	43.37	7.41

## **Top 5 Principal Exports by Destination Bangladesh**

Source: Ministry of Commerce, Thailand.

Thailand's export to Bangladesh dropped by -7.41% to \$1,140.6million in 2022 from \$1,231.9 million in 2021. Thailand exports mainlycement, polymer of ethylene, propylene in primary forms, woven fabrics, refine fuels, chemical products, etc. to Bangladesh.Among the export items from Thailand, 'cement' is at top of the list in 2022 with a growth rate of 1.12 %. Thailand's export of cement amounted \$139.6million in 2022 which was recorded \$138 million in2021.Bangladesh cement factories are dependent on imported clinker as the clinker cannot be sourced locally. The demand for cement is too high as the construction of many mega projects like metro rail, bridges, expressways, railways, power plants, flyovers, etc. and housing projects is ongoing.The export of Polymers of ethylene, propylene, etc in primary forms dropped 21.23% to \$131.7 million in 2022 compared to \$167.1million recorded in previous year.

Woven fabrics exports rose by1.31% to \$ 117.1 million in 2022compared to \$115.6 million recorded in 2021.

The export of refined fuel dropped-59.65% to \$81.7 million in 2022 against \$202.5 million recorded in previous year.Demand for refined fuel oil has been negatively affected in 2022 because some diesel-run power plants were shut down as well to reduce the fuel oil import in Bangladesh.

The export of chemical products rose by 10.85% to \$72.7 millionin 2022 against \$65.6 million recorded in 2021.

No	Description	Value : million us\$				Growth Rate %			
		2019	2020	2021	2022 (Jan-Dec)	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Jan-Dec)
1	Garments	43.5	31.6	30.5	47.6	10.27	27.34	3.40	55.88
2	Fresh aquatic animals, chilled, frozen,	1.6	1.5	1.7	18.2	39.46	6.90	13.08	951.11
3	Other metal ores, metal waste scrap, and prod- ucts	0.5	1.2	0.9	6.9	1,097.19	162.22	26.45	663.48
4	Scientific, medical, testing appliances and instruments	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.8	68.43	58.44	52.42	3.57
5	Other textile products	1.6	1.3	2.3	1.5	47.05	18.14	75.88	36.99
Total	5 records	53.0	38.1	39.2	78.0	8.89	-28.15	2.79	99.16
Othe	r	27.7	12.7	15.2	5.9	163.10	-54.11	19.28	-61.19
Total		80.7	50.8	54.3	83.9	36.30	37.06	6.92	54.41

## **Top 5 Principal Imports by Supplier Bangladesh**

Source: Ministry of Commerce, Thailand.

On the other hand, despite slow global growth following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Thailand's import from Bangladesh rose 54.41% to \$83.9 million in 2022from \$54.3 million in 2021. Thailand mainly imports garments, aquatic animals, 'metal ores, metal waste, scrap and products', 'scientific, medical, testing appliancesand instruments', textile products etc. from Bangladesh. Thai imports from Bangladesh heavily concentered on garments products. Garments import, which accounts for 56.75% of total importfrom Bangladesh, rose by 55.88% to \$47.6 million while 'Fresh aquatic animals, chilled or frozen' rocketed 951.11% to \$18.2 million in 2022 against \$1.7 million recorded in previous year.

Thailand's import of 'other metal ores, metal waste scrap, and products' rose by 663.48% to \$6.9 million in 2022 against \$0.9 million recorded in 2021while import of Scientific, medical, testing appliances and instruments increased by 3.57% to \$3.8 million.

The import of other textile products dropped by -36.99% to \$1.5 million against \$2.3 million recorded in 2021.

#### **DFQF:**

Thailand has offered the duty-free, quota-free (DFQF) facility for Bangladeshi products in its market until 2026 to enhance bilateral trade volume. The previous such arrangement between the countries expired on December 31, 2020.

If Bangladesh does its homework properly, then it can get maximum output from the DFQF facility offered by Thailand. Bangladesh should analyses the Thai market to understand the Thai economy, its cultural practices, and social norms and then assess the consumption habits and patterns of Thai consumers.



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## **BTCCI** Activities

## Foreign Minister seeks more Business with Thailand

A Reception Program on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and the People's Republic of Bangladesh organised by the Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka held yesterday at the Ballroom 1, Sheraton Dhaka.

In the speech of Chief guest, Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. AK Abdul Momen said thet Diplomatic relationship between Bangladesh and Thailand was established following Thailand's recognition of Bangladesh on 5 October 1972. Thailand opened its Embassy in Dhaka in 1974 and Bangladesh established its Embassy in Bangkok in 1975 at the ambassadorial level. Since the establishment of resident Missions, both countries have been working for strengthening their bilateral relations for mutual benefits. Bangladesh and Thailand has been enjoying excellent bilateral relationship which would be deeply rooted in religious, cultural and linguistic linkages of the two countries. Shared commitment to democracy, development and international

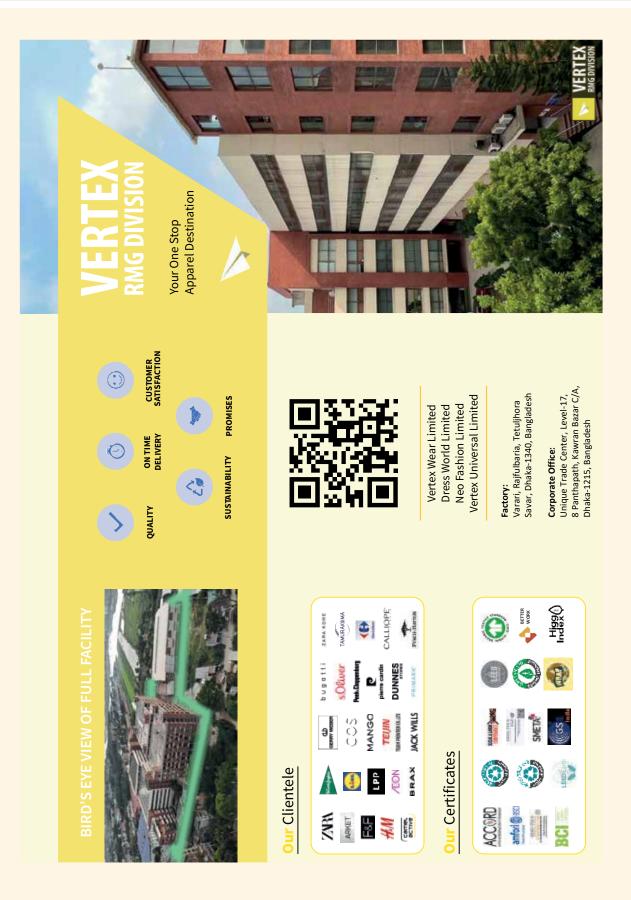
peace and security has brought the two countries to work closely in many areas of mutual interest.

In the welcome address, Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor, Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh said Bangladesh's economy would be more resilient provided it diversifies its sources of income rather than relying heavily on readymade garment (RMG) industry. The Southeast Asian nation is also keen on promoting economic cooperation with Bangladesh through increased connectivity and bilateral trade, said the country's Ambassador in Dhaka. She noted that both countries have set the goal to increase the bilateral trade volume to US\$ 2 billion. The Thai envoy also said one way to boost bilateral trade between Bangladesh and Thailand is to establish a direct sea transport route.

BTCCI President (Acting) Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan along with some of the BTCCI Directors and Members were present in the program. BTCCI was one of the event partners of the program.







## BTCCI Iftar Mahfil held in Dhaka

BTCCI Iftar Mahfil was held on April 01, 2023 at Terracotta Tales, Dhaka. BTCCI Chief Patron and Her Excellency Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor attended the Program as chief guest. BTCCI President (Acting) Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan welcomed the guests and Members.

Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan, President (Acting) expressed his appreciation to the officials of Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka for doing great business between two friendly countries Bangladesh and Thailand. He also expected more Thai Investments in this labor intensive country. Mr. Khan emphasized on the BD-Thai Joint Venture on the specialized sectors.

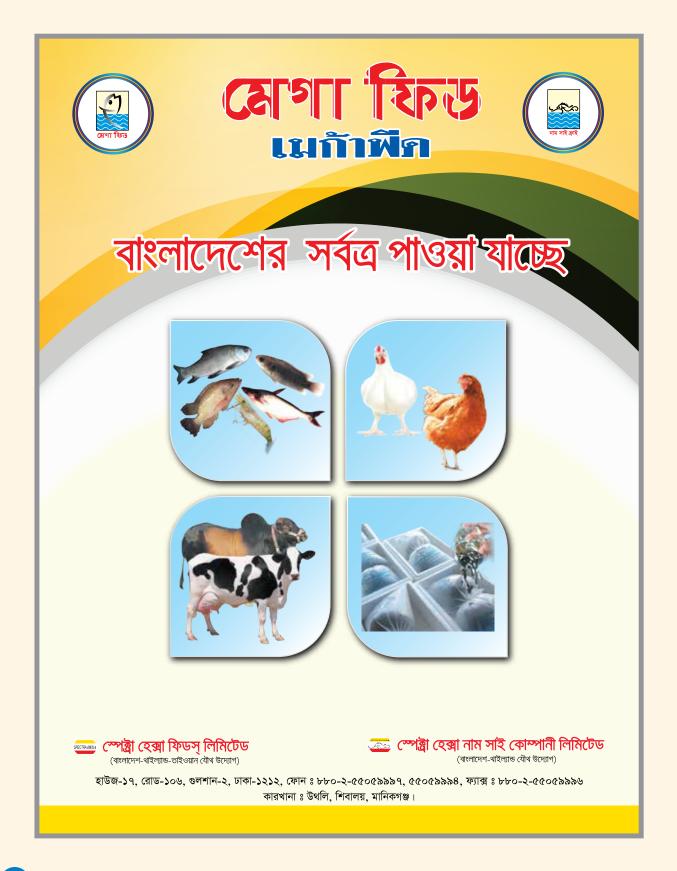
Excellency Ambassador thanked to BTCCI Board of Directors for inviting her this special program in the holy month of Ramadan. She expressed her deep gratitude to the members of BTCCI for enhancing bilateral relationship between Bangladesh and Thailand. She extends her embassy all sorts of cooperation to the BTCCI for achieving its goals and objectives. FBCCI Vice President and BTCCI Former President M A Momen was present in the meeting and stressed upon more cooperation between our two business communities and to do more studies for joint venture especially in Woven Textile Factory, Electronic goods, Foods, various services etc. He stated that Thailand needs to import more products from other countries and Bangladesh can be one of its important sourcing countries.

DCCI Former President and BTCCI Member Mr. Shams Mahmud said that we have lots of scope of cooperation to work jointly in some important sectors like Pharmaceuticals, Jute and Jute goods, Leather, tourism &hospitality, infrastructure, Agro processing, RMG, etc.

BTCCI Founder President Engr. Rashed Maksud Khan, Vice President Mohammad Hussain Sattar, Director Finance Mr. M Salem Sulaiman, other directors and some general members were also present among others. The program was supported by Director Mr. Mohammad Junaed Ibne.







## **BTCCI Business Networking and AGM held**

A Business Networking and 16th Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh-Thai Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BTCCI) held on October 01, 2022 in Dhaka. BTCCI President (Acting) Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan, Vice President Mr. Mohammed Hussain Sattar, Director Admin Mrs. Shamima Rahman, Director Finance Mr. M Salem Sulaiman and Honorary Director Mr. Khemathat Archawathmrong were present in the meeting.

In the Business Networking Session, BTCCI President (Acting) Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan chaired the program. H.E. Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor, Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh was not able to attend due to her severe illness. In the absence of Ambassador, Mr. Panom Thongprayoon, Minister Counsellor & Deputy Head of Mission, Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka was present as the guest of honor. Mr. Panom said BTCCI can play proactive roles to increase bilateral business between two countries specially in tourism & hospitality management, agro processing, infrastructural development etc. He also mentioned that as the members of BTCCI are the leaders of the country in different business sectors so BTCCI can come forward for minimizing business obstacles between two friendly countries.

BTCCI President (Acting) Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan mentioned that BTCCI's Objective is to facilitate trade, commerce and investment between the two brotherhood countries. He also urged to minimize the sea connectivity between Bangladesh and Thailand and also work for the Joint Venture like Medical, Tourism & hospitality industry, Pharmaceuticals, Jute & Jute Goods, Agro Food, Fisheries, Power & Energy, Them Park, Agro Processing, Light Engineering and Labor Intensive industry like RMG etc.

BTCCI Honorary Director Mr. Khemathat Archawathmrong, Minister Counsellor (Commercial) of Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka said that Thai investors will come forward more and can get confidence for investment in Bangladesh after completion of the project of First Dhaka Elevated Expressway by the Ital-Thai Company, Thailand.

Some BTCCI Members proposed some issues to enhance bilateral trade and investment between two countries and urged to arrange



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more BTCCI activities to achieve the objectives of this bi-lateral chamber.

Engr. Rashed Maksud Khan, BTCCI Founder President, Mr. Matiur Rahman, DCCI Former President and BTCCI member, Mr. Zafar Osman, DCCI Former President and BTCCI member, Mr. Hossain A Sikder, Mr. Md. Ahsanuzzaman, Directors, Mr. Rashed Chowdhury, Mr. Abdullah Al Zahir (Shapan), Mrs. Fatema Zahir Majumder, Mr. Md. Tarek Rahman, Dr. Osman Goni Chowdhury, Members of BTCCI and Thai diplomats were present among others.

## Regarding BTCCI Membership Eligibility of BTCCI Membership

1. General Members

Any person including firm, company or organization dealing in business primarily with or in Thailand or in Thai Products is eligible to be a General Member of the Chamber.

2. Honorary Member

The Board of Directors may invite any distinguished person to become Honorary Member of the Chamber.

#### **Membership Fees for General Members**

Entry Fee Tk. 30,000/- (Taka Thirty Thousand) only.

Annual Subscription Tk. 10,000/- (Taka Ten Thousand) only.

#### **Membership Procedure**

Eligible firm / companies / organizations can collect Membership Application Form from the office of BTCCI and submit the same along with the required Membership Fee (Tk. 20,000/- as entry fee and Tk. 10,000/- as current year subscription) and their supporting documents consisting of:

- 1. Copy of Certificate of Incorporation
- 2. Copy of Trade License
- 3. Copy of TIN
- 4. Documents related to previous and current business with Thailand/Bangladesh.

The membership is subject to approval by the Board of Directors of BTCCI.

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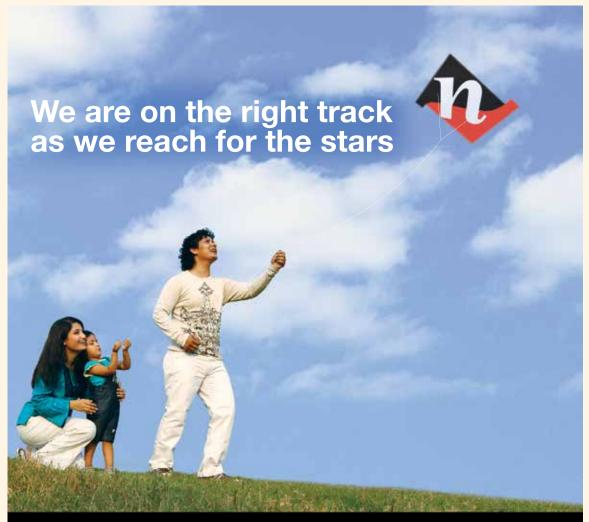
 A dinner hosted by H.E. Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor, Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh to thank you in persons for their generous contribution in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Thailand and Bangladesh on Wednesday, 28 September 2022 at the Royal Thai Residence, 18 & 20 Madani Avenue, Baridhara Diplomatic Zone, Dhaka.



- A webinar on "Gender Senitization organized by USAID on September 29, 2022. The purpose of the event was to promote gender equality at organizational level and the intent was to support business associations to understand the impact of the business enabling environment on women entrepreneurs.
- Business Networking Dinner and Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BTCCI held on Saturday, October 01, 2022, at 07.30 PM at "Conference Room" of the Assurance Tower (08th Floor), 65/B Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka-1213.







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- A virtual seminar titled "Investor resilience : Challenges and opportunities" in alignment with Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), which was scheduled Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 3.30 pm. Mr. Salman F. Rahman, MP, Private Industry and Investment Adviser to the Honorable Prime Minister was to grace the event as the Chief Guest, whereas Prof. Shibli Rubayat-UI-Islam, Chairman, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) & Mr. Azam J. Chowdhury, Former President, Bangladesh Association of Publicly Listed Companies (BAPLC) joined as Special Guests. Mr. Asif Ibrahim, Chairman, Chittagong Stock Exchange Ltd (CSE), Mr. Arif Khan, Vice Chairman, Shanta Asset Management Ltd and Mr. Riad Mahmud, Former Vice President, BAPLC joined as Discussants.
- BTCCI Board of Directors Meeting was held on October 15, 2023 at the Conference Room, Assurance Tower, Banani, Dhaka. BTCCI President (Acting) Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan presided over the meeting.







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- The 37th Trade Expo Indonesia 2022 was held on 19th to 23th October 2022, Indonesia Convention Exhibition, BSD, Indonesia. The trade Expo Indonesia (TEI) returned in 2022 with a hybrid concept where the biggest trade show in Indonesia was performed. TEI focused its activity on B2B trade while also promoted tourism and investment exhibition for Indonesian export-oriented products and services.
- "Mitigation of the Impact of Energy Crisis on the Industrial Sector" was held on Sunday, 23 October 2022 at 11.00 am at the Grand Ball Room, The Westin Dhaka, Gulshan-2, Dhaka. Dr. Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, BB, Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Affairs Adviser to the Hon'ble Prime Minister attended as the Chief Guest at the meeting. Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, President, The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) was present as Guest of Honor.
- A seminar titled "Journey of the CMSME's from Startup to Scale up: Challenges and Prospects" was held on 29th October 2022, Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Dhaka Chamber Auditorium, Motijheel. The objective of the event was to address the challenges and prospects of startup in Bangladesh and chart recommendations to develop financing ecosystem and sustainable development for early-stage startups. Mr. NM Zeaul Alam PAA, Senior Secretary, Information and Communication Technology Division, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh joined as the Chief Guest while Dr. Shaikh Shamsuddin Ahmed, Commissioner, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) also joined the event as the Special Guest.
- A Luncheon Program organised by the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh in honour of Mr. Sarun Charoensuwan, Deputy Permanent Secretary and Permanent Secretary-Designate of Thailand was held on October 30, 2022 at State Guest House-Padma. Mr. M. Salem Sulaiman, Director Finance of BTCCI attended the program as a representative of BTCCI. He exchanged his views with the guests present regarding on the bilateral business between Bangladesh and Thailand specially in Medical & Nursing and Agro processing.Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor, Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh and Mrs. Priti Chakraborty, Director of FBCCI and Chairman of Universal Medical College & Hospital were also present in the program among others.







- PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit 2022 on 11th -12th November at Deendayal Hastkala Sankul (Trade centre and Museum) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh India organized by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India. The Summit aimed to bring greater awareness about the PM Gati Shakti National Masterplan and highlighted its objectives among its potential stakeholders. A few of BTCCI members attended the program.
- IAF's 37th World Fashion Convention, November 12 –16, 2022 in Dhaka, Bangladesh organized by BGMEA.
- A weeklong event "Made in Bangladesh Week" during 12-18 November 2022 in Dhaka organized by BGMEA to showcase the progresses being made in the clothing industry and to bring all the critical stakeholders together to chart a roadmap for this industry for the coming decade. Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended to inaugurate the event as the Chief Guest.
- The Inauguration of the newly elected Executive Committee of Spain Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SBCCI) held on 22 November 2022, at Hotel Sheraton, Banani.
- Bangladesh Ceramic Manufacturers and Exporters Association, BCMEA organized the biggest international ceramic exhibition and seminars, Ceramic Expo Bangladesh- 2022 from 24th to 26th November at International Convention City Bashudhara, ICCB, Kuril, Dhaka. The honorable minister Mr. Tipu Munshi, MP, Ministry of Commerce attended the inaugural ceremony as the Chief Guest. Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, President of FBCCI attended as the Special Guest of the event.
- The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC) organized under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkiye and in collaboration with the Turkish company "Discover Events", the "9th Exhibition of Halal Products of the OIC Member States" from 24th to 27th November 2022 in "Istanbul Expo Center (IFM)", concomitantly with the "8th World Halal Summit 2022". A few members from BTCCI joined the program.
- The Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP), Ministry of Commerce, Royal Thai Government organized an Online Business Matching (OBM) with Thai Exporters from different categories during November 30 December 01, 2022. Renowned companies from Thailand participated in this OBM from where businessmen can source their desired products from different sectors like "Food & Beverage", "Home Appliance", Packaging & Printing", "Beauty & Personal Care", "Home & Living", "Machinery", and "Business Service". The Thai exporters were available for trade negotiations with global importers. Some of the BTCCI members participated the OBM.
- Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) jointly with the veterans of the Semiconductor Industry from Silicon Valley, California, USA organized a Seminar virtually on Hi Tech Opportunities in Bangladesh on 01 December 2022.
- Thai National Day Celebration Program on December 05, 2022 at the Royal Thai Embassy Premises, Dhaka. Some of the Directors of BTCCI were present in the program.
- The BSEZ was formally inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh HE Sheikh Hasina virtually from her official Ganabhaban residence on the 6th of December 2022.



- 11th India International Textile Machinery Exhibition (India ITME 2022) was held on 8th to 13th December 2022 organized by ITME Society at IEML, Greater Noida, India. This Mega Event once in 4 years is supported by Ministry of Textiles- Govt. of India, Department of Heavy Industries-Govt. of India, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises- Govt. of India, Make in India-Department for promotion of Industry and Internal Trade- Govt. of India EEPC as B2B Partner & National Small Industries Corporation.
- A bilateral meeting between Secretary of BTCCI Mr. Md. Nazmul Hossen, ACS and Mr. Hitoshi Shoji, international consultant at the Foreign Direct Investment Promotion Project, a joint venture of Nippon Koei, Japan, Koei Research & Consulting, Inc., Japan and Nippon Koei Bangladesh that supports the BSEZ project. Mr Shoji presented information about the planned seminar and the BSEZ, the BSEZ was formally inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh on the 6th of December 2022. Mr. Shaheeduddin Ahmad, EZ Management and Promotion Specialist of Foreign Direct Investment Promotion Project (FDIPP) was also present the meeting.



Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) - the Apex Trade Body of Bangladesh celebrated the 50th anniversary of its establishment on 11-13 March, 2023. To mark the Golden Jubilee celebrations, FBCCI organized an international business conclave titled, "Bangladesh Business Summit -2023" in Dhaka, showcasing the Best of Bangladesh as emerging Trade and Investment Hub of Asia. The summit was being organized in partnership with Bangladesh Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bangladesh Investment Development Authority of Prime Minister's Office. Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh HE Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the program. Bangladesh has long been pursuing free-market economy where the government plays a catalytic role for the economy's transformational development. In its impressive development journey, Bangladesh successfully created a thriving private sector that emerged as the leading driver of growth through its contribution in job creation, trade and investment. The country's long term development strategy, Vision: 2041, foresees a greater role of the private sector through

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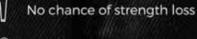


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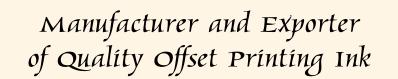
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diversification, standardization, digitization, and competitiveness for augmented trade, investment, and development in the coming years. Through the planned summit, FBCCI seeks to forge a long term productive relationship with participants from around the world through investment, technology, smooth and predictable supply chain and integration with Global Value Chain for common benefits.

- "Trade and Investment Fair-2023" held during on 22-24 February 2023, Riyadh Palace Hotel, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Agro, Food & Beverage, Textiles and Readymade garments, Ceramic, Pharmaceuticals, Plastic Jut good, RMG, Leather, Handicrafts products will be displayed on the fair. A few members from BTCCI joined the Investment Fair.
- A Seminar titled "Bi-annual Economic State & Future outlook of Bangladesh Economy- Private Sector Perspective" held on 23 February 2023 at the DCCI auditorium. Mr. Salman F. Rahman, Private Industry and Investment Adviser to the PM, Prime Minister's Office, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh attended the occasion as the Chief Guest and Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh also joined the event as the Special Guest.
- The Inauguration of the Thai Food Festival was held on March 01, 2023 at Le Meridian Dhaka. The Fair was held during March 2-5, 2023 at the Jamuna Future Park, Dhaka. The Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor was present as the Chief guest. BTCCI President (Acting) Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan and Director Finance Mr. M Salem Sulaiman were present in the program. All respected members of BTCCI were invited to visit the Fair.



 BTCCI Board of Directors Meeting held on March 01, 2023 at Terracotta Tales, Dhaka. BTCCI Director Admin. Mrs. Shamima Rahman presided over the meeting.







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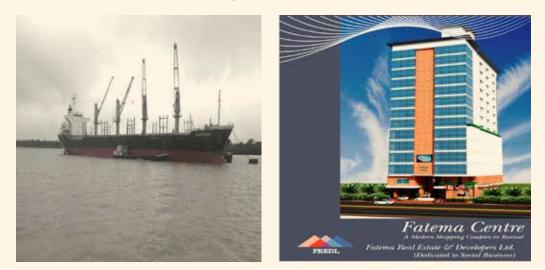
- In a Networking Dinner for the briefing on Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 hosted by FBCCI on February 01, 2023. BTCCI Former President and FBCCI Vice President Mr. M A Momen and BTCCI Director Finance Mr. M Salem Sulaiman attended the program.
- A high profile delegation from Thailand led by HE Mr. Sarun Charoensuwan, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand visited to Bangladesh during March 12-16, 2023. The business sector of the delegation was comprised by Energy (LNG and Solar Cell), food supplement/herbal product and cleaning chemicals etc. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh arranged a Business to Business (B2B) meeting on March 14, 2023 at the Auditorium of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh (07th Floor of New Building) at 3.00 PM. Some member of BTCCI participated the B2B meeting with the representative of the Thai companies.



- A Luncheon Program in honour of H.E. Mr. Sarun Charoensuwan, Permanent Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Thailand hosted by Ambassador Mr. Masud Bin Momen, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 at State Guest House-Padma Old Elephant Road, Ramna, Dhaka. Mr. M. Salem Sulaiman, Director Finance attended the Program as a representative from BTCCI.
- A Dinner Program in honour of H.E. Mr. Sarun Charoensuwan, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand hosted by H.E. Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand on Tuesday, 14 March 2023, at 19.00 hrs at Sear Restaurant, Renaissance Hotel, Gulshan 2, Dhaka. Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan, President (Acting) of BTCCI attended the Program.



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## International News on BD-Thai Business Relations

## More potential for Thailand-Bangladesh cooperation

Bangladesh views Thailand is a reliable and credible partner and friend, based on strong bilateral relations ever since Independence a half-century ago.The two countries also share a common regional platform in Bimstec(Bay of Bengal initiative for Multi-sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation).

Trade relations between Bangladesh and Thailand have grown stronger in recent years, especially in commodities. And as Thailand

has become more developed, many Bangladeshi students have gone there to study science. About 150,000 Bangladeshi also visit Thailand each year for medical and trade purposes.

Thailand can contribute more to the economy of Bangladesh, the Ministry of Finance in Dhaka believes, and a free trade agreement (FTA) between the two countries would be a major step forward. The two countries agreed in principle in January 2020 to embark on FTA talks

but progress has been limited, partly because of the pandemic. Both sides are optimistic that momentum will pick up this year.

In 2019, before the pandemic, bilateral trade between Thailand and Bangladesh was valued at US\$1.05 billion, with Thailand enjoying a huge surplus. Its exports were worth \$973 million, compared with just \$74.8 million from Bangladesh.

Bilateral trade dipped to \$910.05 million in 2020,but in the first eight months of 2021,the figure was \$785 million, an increase of 30.4%

from the same period the year before, according to the Thai Ministry of Commerce. Thai exports were worth \$747 million, versus \$37.2 million from Bangladesh.

The two countries have a Joint Trade committee (JTC) that meets regularly to discuss prospects for improving the trade relationship. At a meeting in Bangkok in January 2020, participants agreed to emphasise agriculture, fisheries, livestock,



health services and transport. They also set a goal of doubling the value of bilateral trade to \$2 billion.

Exports from Bangladesh to Thailand include leather and leather products, medicines,fish and other animal products, paper and pulp,soap,apparel, plastic and rubber products, electrical and electronic equipment, textiles and vegetable textile fibres.

Exports from Thailand to Bangladesh include electrical and electronic equipment, iron and steel, organic chemical products, cement,

cereals, plastics and related products, man made staple fibres, sugar and confectionery, machinery and mechanial equipment, cotton fabrics and synthetic fibres.

Bangladesh has also Signed a memorandum of understanding to import rice from Thailand.

In the near term, Bangladesh hopes to increase exports to Thailand of jute and jute products, for which there is good demand, as well as other agricultural products as a way to narrow the trade deficit.

Thailand offers a duty-free, quota-free(DFQF) facility for selected Bangladeshi products based on the latter's least developed country status. Bangkok renewed the preferences in 2020 and they will remain in effect until 2026. However, Bangladeshi businesses utilised DFQF benefits on shipments worth just \$541,000 in 2019,government data showed.

Duty -free facilities are being sought for products including medicines, leather goods, jute and jute textile fabrics, textiles made of jute yarn, knitted and woven shirts, Tshirts, knitted garments and cotton shirts. Leather bags are also a significant export product.

Bangladesh, the world's third -largest exporter of textiles and garments, ships only about \$60 million worth of readymade apparel to Thailand every year. However, the country has annual clothing demand of about \$40-42 billion. China, India, Vietnam and Indonesia export huge quantities of garments to Thailand, helped by free trade agreements.

Proposals to increase connectivity with Bangladesh, especially by linking the port of Ranong in southern Thailand with the port of Chittagong, are also being considered. Both countries have also agreed that the simplifying visa procedures should be addressed.

More Thai investment in Bangladesh is said

to be one way to reduce trade inequality. According to the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (Beza),the country is building 100 free economic zones for foreign investors and one zone would be allocated for Thai investors.

Thailand's direct investment in Bangladesh totalled \$1.5 billion from 2006 to 2019, mainly in agriculture and processed farm products, construction, and hotels and related services.

Our proposal has been floated for Thailand to invest in an automotive assembly plant in Bangladesh so that the latter could re-export auto parts and components to Thailand, thus helping to narrow the trade deficit.

Other high-pothential areas for Thai investment include tourism, Buddhist Circuit tourism, technical education, health, hospitality, food processing, and businesses that can take advantage of special economic zones and IT parks.

Some commentators believe that Bangladesh is poised to start rising rapidly and could become the next South Asian economic miracle. The potential is certainly there in many economic sectors, and the population of 165 million makes the country an attractive market for many investors. Thai businesses can also use Bangladesh to gain access to other South asian markets.

Cox's Bazar airport and the Matarbari deep seaport also hold potential for Thailand to expand maritime trade with South Asia.

Thailand is an economic superstar in Southeast Asia and the country's government has made great strides in creating a higher standard of living for Thai people. Together, Bangladesh and Thailand could pool their strengths to create a new hub of prosperity between South and Southeast Asia.

Source: www.bangkokpost.com/ business/2263743

## Bangladesh and Thailand Look to Become BFF's

According to the Global Food Security Index, Bangladesh falls in the "green zone" when it comes to food security and the country has been increasingly focusing on adequate supply to satisfy demand. To build additional food reserves, Sadhan Chandra Majumder, the country's food minister, visited Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia.

Thailand, the world's third-largest rice exporter, exported around 450 million pounds of rice to Bangladesh in September of this year. It is expected that Thailand will aid Bangladesh to ensure food security and strengthen the bilateral ties in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

In the last 20 years, the value of bilateral trade has increased from \$321 million to \$907 million. The trade growth between the countries is noticeable. With Thailand and Bangladesh slowly overcoming the impact of the pandemic, trade between the two countries has grown by 40% in 2021 compared to the previous year.

Thailand has exported among other products rice, salt, sulfur, plastics, mineral fuels, mineral oils, electrical machinery, and equipment. These products are very crucial for both the production and industrialization of Bangladesh.

The World Bank has forecast growth of around 3% in the Thai economy this year with growth expected to be 4% in 2023. Thailand is eager to sign a free trade agreement with Bangladesh to give a boost to bilateral trade. As both countries can benefit from the relationship, there have been talks about doubling the current trade volume to \$2 billion.

As the economy of Bangladesh has grown substantially over the last 20 years, Bangladesh has become a major contributor to the Thai medical tourism sector. About 4,300 Bangladeshi citizens contributed some \$187 million to its economy in 2019. The contribution is expected to increase significantly. Millions of Thai tourists have made the trek to Bangladesh as well and the number is expected to grow.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has created a food crisis and Thailand is expected to help Bangladesh weather the worst of its effects.

Bangladesh is also suffering from a severe shortage of qualified healthcare providers. Thai healthcare workers are in high demand in the country and can provide Bangladesh with a much-needed influx of these workers.

Bangladesh, a fast-growing economy with a lot of potential, is moving towards becoming a developed country by 2041. The country is developing a lot of infrastructural projects to revolutionize its communication system. It is strategically located along the Indian Ocean, making up part of China's Belt and Road Initiative. The country could potentially develop into a trading hub for South Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Conversely, Thailand is in a good geographical location to be a distribution center for Bangladesh, offering links to other Asian countries by both land and sea.

Apartfromeconomic benefits, a comprehensive relationship between the countries can open the door for new avenues of cooperation in vaccine production, healthcare, the blue economy, high-tech industries, automobile manufacturing, and shipbuilding.

Standing at this important juncture of their relationship, Bangladesh and Thailand should work together to cement a robust partnership with a clear vision for economic cooperation in the years to come.

Source: International Policy Digest

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BTCCI also recalls with deep gratitude the cooperation, advice and service it received from it's former presidents namely Engr. Rashed Maksud Khan (2003-2006), Mr. K. Habib Sattar (2007-2008) and Mr. M A Momen (2009-13) and Mr. Sajjatuz Jumma (2014-18).

BTCCI is finally grateful to all its general members, Patrons and well wishers for their unfettered support and cooperation extended to it from time to time and specially when needed most.





In the courtesy call on Commerce Minister Mr. Tipu Munshi led by BTCCI President Mr. Mohammad Shahjahan Khan.

BTCCI Member and DCCI Former President Mr. Shams Mahmud and Former Vice President of BTCCI Mr. Md. Munir Hossain at the BTCCI Business Networking.





In a Networking Dinner for the briefing on Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 hosted by FBCCI. BTCCI Former President and FBCCI Vice President Mr. M A Momen and BTCCI Director Finance Mr. M Salem Sulaiman attended the program.





In the BTCCI Board of Directors held at the Conference Room of Assurance Tower, Banani, Dhaka. The meeting was presided by Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan, President (Acting) of BTCCI.

Invitees in front of New Gate of Dharmarajika Buddhist Monastery at the Dharmarajika Buddhist Temple.





In the BTCCI Board of Directors held at the Terracotta Tales, Dhaka. The meeting was presided by Mrs. Shamima Rahman, Director Admin of BTCCI.



Thank you Dinner in honor of the persons for their generous contribution in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Bangladesh and Thailand hosted by HE Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor, Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh. Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan, President (Acting) of BTCCI was invitee of the program.

Thai Ambassador Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor, BTCCI President (Acting) Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan, BTCCI Director Mr. Hossain A Sikder and BTCCI Honorary Director Mr. Khemathat Archawathamrong, BTCCI Director Mr. Brahmanda Pratap Barua, Thai Diplomats and Leaders of Bangladesh Budhist Kristo Prochar Sanga in the Inauguration of New Gate of Dharmarajika Buddhist Monastery.





In the Reception of 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Bangladesh and Thailand organized by the Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka.





In the time of Plantation of Tree at Dharmarajika Ground by Her Excellency Thai Ambassador Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor, BTCCI President (Acting) Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan along with other BTCCI Directors and Thai Diplomats and Leaders of Bangladesh Budhist Kristo Prochar Sanga in the Dharmarajika Buddhist Temple.

HE Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor, Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh and Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan, President (Acting) of BTCCI in the BTCCI Iftar Mahfil.





Some Booklet handed over to Thai Ambassador Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor and BTCCI President (Acting) Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan on behalf of Bangladesh Budhist Kristo Prochar Sanga at the Dharmarajika Buddhist Temple.





Conversation between Mrs. Makawadee Sumitmor, Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh and Mr. Shams Mahmud, Former DCCI President and Member of BTCCI in the BTCCI Iftar Mahfil 2023.

#### In the BTCCI Board Meeting.





Some Directors of BTCCI and Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh in the BTCCI Iftar Mahfil in Dhaka.





Memento in the BTCCI Iftar Mahfil 2023.

Prayers in the BTCCI Iftar Mahfil at Terracotta Tales, Dhaka.





At a conversation moment in the BTCCI Iftar Mahfil.





Welcome address by Mr. Gaus Uddin Khan, President (Acting) of BTCCI in the BTCCI Iftar Mahfil at Terracotta Tales, Dhaka.

DCCI Former President and BTCCI Director Mr. Abul Kashem Khan sharing his views in the BTCCI AGM.





Former DCCI President and Member of BTCCI Mr. Shams Mahmud, member Mr. M. K. Karim Antu and secretary Mr. Md. Nazmul Hossen, ACS in the BTCCI Iftar Mahfil 2023 at Terracotta Tales, Dhaka.





Handing over a flower bouquet to DCCI Former President and BTCCI Former Director Mr. Asif Ibrahim on being elected chairman of Chattogram Stock Exchange (CSE) in the BTCCI Business Networking Program.

Welcoming Mr. Gaus Udding Khan, BTCCI President (Acting) to take change of the President position.





In the BTCCI AGM for 2021 held in Dhaka.



Addressing by BTCCI Honorary Director Mr. Khemathat Archwathamrong in the BTCCI Business Networking and AGM.

Mr. Matiur Rahman, Former President of DCCI and Former Director of BTCCI in the AGM of BTCCI.





Memento in the BTCCI Business Networking and AGM.





Memento in exchanging flower bouquet from BTCCI President (Acting) and Mr. Panom Thongprayoon, Minister Counsellor & Deputy Head of Mission, Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka in the BTCCI Business Networking and AGM.

DCCI Former President and BTCCI Former Director Mr. Zafar Osman sharing his views in the BTCCI AGM.





BTCCI member Mr. Rashed Chowdhury and other member in the BTCCI Business Networking and AGM.





Some attendees in the BTCCI Business Networking and AGM.

BTCCI board members and Thai embassy officials exchanging opinions and views between each other on bilateral business issues in the BTCCI Courtesy Call on Thai Ambassador.





Secretary of BTCCI Mr. Md. Nazmul Hossen, ACS conducting the BTCCI Business Networking and AGM.





A few members of board of Directors, members and secretary in the BTCCI AGM.

Some directors and members seen in the BTCCI Business Networking and AGM.





BTCCI President (Acting), Hony. Director, Member, Secretary and diplomats of Thai Embassy in the BTCCI Business Networking and AGM.





BTCCI Founder President Engr. Rashed Maksud Khan and some members in the BTCCI Iftar Mahfil 2023.

BTCCI Director Mr. Md. Ahsanuzzaman sharing his views in BTCCI AGM.





In the discussions of BTCCI Iftar Mahfil at Terracotta Tales, Dhaka.





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