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**Bangladesh-Thai Chamber  
of Commerce & Industry**

## INTRODUCTION

Bangladesh-Thai Chamber of Commerce & Industry 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 functioned 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 an important forum for discussion, contact and establishment of business interest and promotion between the two friendly countries Bangladesh and Thailand. With regular induction of members from large, medium and small companies. BTCCI is grooming up steadily as one of the most prominent Bilateral chambers in the country.

## Vision

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

## 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.

## 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 explore and 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 and 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 reference letter, trade related documents etc.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**SHAMS MAHMUD**

*President, BTCCI*

*Managing Director*

**Shasha Denims Ltd.**

**Shasha Garments Ltd.**

**Shasha Textiles Ltd.**

*Director*

**EOS Textiles Ltd**

**Track Innovative Technologies Ltd.**

**Fly Dhaka Airlines Ltd**

*Secretary General*

**Consular Corps Bangladesh (CCB)**

*Vice President*

**Bangladesh-Philippines Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BPCCI)**

*Former President*

**Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI)**

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**Line of Business and Area of Business Interest:** Readymade garments, textiles, ICT, Tourism and hospitality services.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**MD. MUNIR HOSSAIN**  
*Sr. Vice President, BTCCI*

*Director*

**Vertex Group**

*Director*

**The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI)  
Exporters' Association of Bangladesh  
Shippers' Council of Bangladesh**

*Former Vice President*

**Shippers' Council of Bangladesh**

*Former Director*

**Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA)**

*Civil Sponsor*

**Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC)**

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**Line of Business & Area of Business Interest:** Ready Made Garments, Security & Stock Brokerage House, Jute Goods, Agriculture & Fisheries.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**MD. SALEM SULAIMAN**  
*Vice President, BTCCI*

*Managing Director*

**Massons Polymer Corporation**  
**Lalbagh Metal Industries Ltd.**  
**Champion & Massons Ltd.**

*Former Director*

**Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI)**

### **Corporate Address**

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E-Mail : massons@dhaka.net

Website: www.massonsgroupbd.com

### **Line of Business & Area of Interest :**

Polymers, EVA, PVC Resin, GPPS, HIPS, PET Chips, Stearic Acid, Paraffin Wax, Tapioca Starch, SBR, BR, NBR, Food Products , Petrochemicals & Industrial Chemicals, Zinc Oxide, DCP.

Interested to re-locate or joint venture any kind of export oriented industries in Bangladesh.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**SHAMIMA RAHMAN**

*Director Admin, BTCCI*

*Proprietress*

**Ogro Printing Press  
Theme-O-Graph**

*Managing Partner*

**Thai Emerald (Thai cuisine)  
Kiyoshi (Japanese cuisine)  
Red Chamber (Chinese cuisine)  
Grove Bistro (Western cuisine)  
Trouvaille (Asian cuisine)  
Gusto (Western cuisine)  
Terracotta Tales (Bangladeshi cuisine)  
Emerald Bakery & Cafe  
Kensho (Salon & Spa)  
Yugen (Salon & Spa)**

*Member*

**Bangladesh Institute of Planners**

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**Line of Business & Area of Interest:** Printing, Designing, Exporting Printed materials, Food & Beverage. Interested to Explore opportunities for joint venture.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**MOHAMMAD JUNAED IBNE ALI**  
*Director Finance, BTCCI*

*Managing Director*

**Trade Land International**

Vice President

**Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI)**

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**Line of Business:** Various types of Chemical, Food Stuffs, Iron & Steel etc.

**Area of Business Interest :** Import-Flat rolled products (HR, CR, GP etc.), Chemicals & Food Stuffs, all kinds of Steel Sheets & Coils.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**ABUL KASEM KHAN**

*Director, BTCCI*

*Vice Chairman*

**AK Khan & Co. Ltd.**

*Managing Director, A.K. Khan Telecom Ltd.*

*Director, A.K. Khan & Company Ltd.*

*Former Chairperson, Business Initiative Leading Development (BUILD)*

*Director, Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FBCCI)*

*Former President, Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI)*

**Year : 2010, 2017 and 2018**

*Director, A.K. Khan Penfabric Company Ltd. (AKPEN)*

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**Line of business :** Currently involved in manufacturing, distribution and logistics business.

**Area of Business Interest:** investment in SEZ, Inland Container Terminal, Real Estate and Hotels.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**MOHAMMED HUSSAIN SATTAR**  
*Director, BTCCI*

*Director*

**Utah Apparels Limited**  
**Utah Washing Limited**  
**Utah Spinning Mills Limited**  
**Utah Knitting & Dying Limited**  
**Utah Fashions Limited**  
**Lables For Less Limited**  
**Magnum Properties Limited**

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**Line of Business & Area of Business Interest:** RMG (Cotton to Apparel), Spinning, Knitting, Dyeing, Printing, AOP, Labels etc.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**JAFER UMMEED KHAN**

*Director, BTCCI*

*Vice Chairman*

**Summit Group**

*Director*

**Khulna Power Co. Ltd (KPCL)**

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***Line of Business & Area of Business Interest :*** Power & Energy, Oil Refinery  
Shipping etc.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**SUCHAT SUNTIPADA**

*Director, BTCCI*

President

**C.P. Bangladesh Co., Ltd.**

**Corporate Office:**

Dhaka Feed Mill

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**Line of Business & Area of Business Interest:** Agro-Industry & Food Business

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**KIATKATI CHAOPAKNAM (SOMYOTH)**

*Director, BTCCI*

*Managing Director (Bangladesh & Thailand)*

**Siam Siam International Group Co.,Ltd. (Thailand)**  
**Suvarnabhumi Famai International Co.,Ltd. (Thailand)**  
**Insizium and Siam Co. Ltd. (Thailand)**  
**Siam Siam International Group Ltd. (Oman)**  
**Siam Bangladevelopment Co. Ltd. (Bangladesh)**  
**Siam International Co. LTD (Bangladesh)**

### ***Corporate Address***

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**Line of Business:** Design, Construction, Operation, Amusement Park & Water Park,  
Hotel & Resort, Shopping Mall, Real Estate, Land Development, Export stone & Clinker.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**SHAHZADA A HAMID**

*Director, BTCCI*

*Managing Director*

**Landmark Bangladesh Limited**  
**Landmark Textile**

*President*

**NRB Club Ltd.**

*Former President*

**Dutch-Bangla Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DBCCI)**

### **Corporate Address**

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**Line of Business:** Owner plant goods, Refrigeration

**Area of Business Interest:** Joint Venture-Power Plant Refrigeration

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**MD. AHSANUZZAMAN**

*Director, BTCCI*

*Director & CEO*

**Spectra Hexa Feeds Ltd.**

**Spectra Hexa Nam Sai Company Ltd.**

*Director*

**Spectra Hexa Poultry Ltd.**

**Spectra Properties Ltd.**

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**Line of Business :** Poultry Feed, Cattle Feed, Fish Feed & Fish fry.  
Apartment business.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**BRAHMANDA PRATAP BARUA**  
*Director, BTCCI*

*Proprietor*

**Falguni Trade International**

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**Line of Business & Area of Business Interest :** Indenting, all Sorts of paper & Paper board. Import-Indenting, paper & Paper board.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**ZUBAIR HASSAN CHOWDHURY**  
*Director, BTCCI*

*Director*

**KN-Harbour Consortium Ltd.**

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### ***Chattagram Office***

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***Line of Business & Area of Business Interest:*** Shipping, Consultancy, Raw Materials of Harbour, Agro processing etc.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**M. K. KARIM ANTU**  
*Director, BTCCI*

*Managing Director*

**Pentagon International Limited**  
**Pentagon Industries Limited**  
**ANZ ventures Limited**  
**Paikari Limited**  
**Pentagon Films**  
**Kidlon Thailand Co. Ltd.**  
**Kidlon General trading LLC (UAE)**

*Vice President*

**Global Youth Parliament, Nepal**

*General Secretary*

**Youth Global Foundation Bangladesh**

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**Line of Business & Area of Business Interest:** Personal and Baby care, Jute goods, film industries, property development.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025



**KHEMATHAT ARCHAWATHAMRONG**  
*Honorary Director, BTCCI*

*Minister Counsellor ( Commercial)*

**Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka**

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## FORMER PRESIDENTS OF BTCCI



**ENGR. RASHED MAKSUD KHAN**  
*Founder President, BTCCI*  
2003-2006



**K. HABIB SATTAR**  
*Former President, BTCCI*  
2007-2008



**M. A. MOMEN**  
*Former President, BTCCI*  
2009-2013



**SAJJATUZ JUMMA**  
*Former President, BTCCI*  
2013-2018



**LATE M. SHAHJAHAN KHAN**  
*Former President, BTCCI*  
2018-2023



**GAUS UDDIN KHAN**  
*Former President (Acting), BTCCI*  
2021-2023

## CHIEF PATRON OF BTCCI



**MAKAWADEE SUMITMOR**

*Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh*

## PATRON OF BTCCI



**BARRISTER MD. SAMEER SATTAR**

*President, DCCI*

## ACTIVITIES OF BTCCI

- Helping to provide information advisory services to the Bangladeshi / Thai Nationals seeking business / investment opportunities in Bangladesh / Thailand.
- Following up on reports, statistics provided by Bangladesh Thailand joint committees, study groups formed from time to time by Government, private organizations/Chambers and helping early implementation of such recommendations.
- Collecting information through questionnaire regarding difficulties/obstacles facing Bangladeshi/Thai Members with respect to trade and investment related issues.
- Discussing with necessary and appropriate authorities in Bangladesh and Thailand for removing the above.
- Ensuring follow up of high level meetings and discussions affecting BTCCI members and disseminating these to the media by maintaining close liaison with them.
- Organizing, facilitating and participating in trade fairs/shows in Bangladesh/ Thailand for promoting bi-lateral business interests.
- Projecting/branding Bangladesh as an investment friendly destination in Thailand and vice-versa through holding of investment, trade, seminars etc.
- Organizing business and investment delegations to Thailand and receiving such delegations in Bangladesh.
- Increasing General Membership through establishing effective communication between BTCCI and all other Business organisations, Chambers and Trade Bodies in both the countries.
- Finding new ways to provide better service and value to the members of BTCCI.

## 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

1. For General Membership : Tk 40,000  
(Tk 30,000 for registration & Tk 10,000 for current year subscription)
2. For Associate Membership : Tk 30,000  
(Tk 20,000 for registration & Tk 10,000 for current year subscription)

## 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. 30,000/- 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.
5. 2 Copies of Photograph of the Applicant.

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

## Trade Summary between Thailand and Bangladesh Year: 2019 to 2022

Description	Value : million us\$				Growth Rate %			
	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Jan-Dec)	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Jan-Dec)
Thailand - WORLD								
Total Trade	482,528.68	437,790.49	538,888.24	590,258.53	3.72	9.27	23.09	9.53
Export	246,268.80	231,634.11	272,006.08	287,067.86	2.64	5.94	17.43	5.54
Import	236,259.87	206,156.38	266,882.16	303,190.67	4.81	12.74	29.46	13.60
Trade Balance	10,008.93	25,477.73	5,123.93	16,122.81	110.45	154.55	-79.89	414.66
Thailand - BANGLADESH								
Total Trade	1,067.90	910.05	1,286.23	1,224.51	15.21	14.78	41.34	4.80
Export	987.16	859.23	1,231.90	1,140.61	17.75	12.96	43.37	7.41
Import	80.74	50.82	54.34	83.90	36.30	37.06	6.92	54.41
Trade Balance	906.42	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.

### Top 5 Principal Exports by Destination Bangladesh

No.	Description	Value : million us\$				Growth Rate (%)			
		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 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

*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 mainly cement, 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 in 2021. 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 \$167.1 million recorded in previous year.



Woven fabrics exports rose by 1.31% to \$ 117.1 million in 2022 compared 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 million in 2022 against \$65.6 million recorded in 2021.

## Top 5 Principal Imports by Supplier Bangladesh

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 products	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
Other		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

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 2022 from \$54.3 million in 2021. Thailand mainly imports garments, aquatic animals, 'metal ores, metal waste, scrap and products', 'scientific, medical, testing appliances and instruments', textile products etc. from Bangladesh. Thai imports from Bangladesh heavily centered on garments products. Garments import, which accounts for 56.75% of total import from 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 2021 while 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 analyse 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.

## BANGLADESH COUNTRY PROFILE

<b>Country Name:</b>	: People's Republic of Bangladesh
<b>Type of Government</b>	: Parliamentary form; President is the ceremonial head of the state and Prime Minister is the head of the government
<b>Geographical Location</b>	: In South Asia; between 20°34' to 26°38' north latitude and between 88°01' to 92°41' east longitude.
<b>Boundary</b>	: North : India (West Bengal and Meghalaya) West : India (West Bengal) East : India (Tripura & Assam) and Myanmar South : Bay of Bengal.
<b>Area</b>	: 1,47,570 sq. km.
<b>Population (2022 Approx.)</b>	: Total Population : 171.18 Million Density (2022) : 1265 Population Growth Rate : 1.08
<b>Capital City</b>	: Dhaka
<b>Standard Time</b>	: GMT + 6 hours
<b>Climate and Climatic Variation</b>	: Sub-tropical monsoon. Winter (November-February) Temperature : average maximum 29°C, average minimum 11°C; Summer (March-June) Temperature : average maximum 32°C, average minimum 21°C; Monsoon (July-Oct.)
<b>Language</b>	: Bangla. English is second most important language.
<b>Percentage of Population According to Religion</b>	: Muslim (88.3%), Hindu (10.5%), Buddhist (0.6%), Christian (0.3%) and Animists and believers in tribal faiths (0.3%).
<b>Principal Crops and Fruits</b>	: Rice, Wheat, Jute, Tea, Tobacco, Sugarcane, Pulses, Oilseeds, Spices, Potatoes, Vegetables, Banana, Mango, Coconut, Jack fruits and Pineapple.
<b>Mineral Resources</b>	: Natural gas, Limestone, hard rock, coal, Peat, lignite, silica sand, white clay, radioactive sand, etc.

Principal Industries	: Jute, Tea, Textiles, Garments, Knitwear, Paper, Newsprint, Fertilizer, Leather and Leather Goods, Sugar, Cement, Fish Processing, Pharmaceuticals, Chemicals, Light Engineering, Plastic and Rubber, Furniture & Ceramic, etc.
Principal Exports	: Readymade garments, knitwear , frozen food and shrimp, tea, raw jute, jute products, leather and leather products, chemical fertilizer, ceramic tableware, naphtha, furniture, fruits and vegetables, handicraft, light engineering products including bicycle, etc.
Principal Imports	: Wheat, oil seeds, crude petroleum, raw cotton, edible oil, petroleum products, fertilizer, cement, staple fibers, yarn, iron and steel, capital goods and machinery, automobiles, food grains, milk powder & baby food, etc.
Literacy Rate (7+Years) 2022	: 74.66%
Life expectancy (Years) 2022	: 73.29
Food	: Staple diet: rice, vegetable, pulses, fish and meat
Tourist Spots	: Cox's Bazar, Sundarban (Khulna), Rangamati, Chittagong, Sylhet, Kuakata (Patuakhali). The 120-km long Cox's Bazar sea beach is considered to be the longest in the world. Kuakata is a unique beach for viewing sunrise and sunset. Sundarban is the home of the Royal Bengal Tiger.
Energy Sources	: Fuelwood, natural gas, liquid petroleum fuels, coal, hydro-power, solar power, biogas.
Export Processing Zones (EPZ)	: Chittagong, Dhaka, Mongla, Ishwardi, Comilla, Uttara-Nilphamary, Adamjee-Narayangan and a Korean EPZ in Chittagong.
Sea Ports	: 2 (Chittagong and Mongla)

## MAJOR ECONOMIC INDICATORS OF BANGLADESH

INDICATORS	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Population (Million)	164.59	166.97	171.18
Density Per Sq. Km	1101.83	1204.53	1265.19

### NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (NEW ESTIMATE)

GDP (Billion US\$) at current market price	351.24	373.90	416.26
GDP Growth (%) (at constant price)	5.20	3.45	8.94
Per Capita GDP (US\$) (at current price)	1930	2462	2687
GNI per capita at Current Market Price (US\$)	1940	2300	2570

### SECTORAL GROWTH RATE OF GDP (CONSTANT PRICE)

#### Agriculture

Contribution to GDP (%)	11.98	12.00	11.63
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#### Industry (total)

Contribution to GDP (%)	32.85	32.91	33.92
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#### Service Sector

Contribution to GDP (%)	50.85	51.51	51.30
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### TRADE & BALANCE OF PAYMENT

Export (Million US\$)	39050	44390	52085
Export Growth (%)	-19.24	13.67	17.33
Import (Million US\$)	59180	64186	71020
Import Growth (%)	16.96	8.45	10.64
Trade Balance (Million US\$)	(20130)	(19796)	(18935)
Numbers of Workers in Abroad '000'	991.82	1051.20	1075.15
Workers' Remittances (Million US\$)	18205.01	24777.71	21031.68
Foreign Exchange Reserves (Million US\$)	36037.00	36589.00	34698.00

## THAILAND COUNTRY PROFILE AND MAJOR ECONOMIC INDICATORS

<b>Country Name</b>	: Kingdom of Thailand
<b>Government</b>	: Constitutional monarchy with the Majesty King as Head of State. Official power rests with the government, personified by the Prime Minister, the Parliament, and a bureaucratic system that reaches down to the village level.
<b>Geography</b>	: Southeast Asian mainland; It is bordered by Laos to the Northeast, Myanmar to the North and West, Cambodia to the East, and Malaysia to the South
<b>Area</b>	: 514,000 square kilometers
<b>Population</b>	: 71.69 Million
<b>Density</b>	: 139.73 /km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Topography</b>	: Divided into 6 regions; North, East, North East, West, Central, and South, The country is divided into 76 provinces
<b>Capital</b>	: Bangkok
<b>Transportation</b>	: Air, Rail, Road, Ship
<b>Race</b>	: Ethnically Thai and Buddhist
<b>Seasons</b>	: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summer: March - May.</li> <li>- Rainy: June - October.</li> <li>- Winter: November - February.</li> </ul>
<b>Temperature</b>	: Average temperature is 28°C. In Bangkok, the average temperature in April is approximately 30°C, and in December is 25°C.
<b>Language</b>	: Thai
<b>Religion</b>	: Buddhist (94.5%), Muslim (4.3%), Others (1.2%)
<b>Time</b>	: GMT+ 7 hours
<b>Currency</b>	: Baht
<b>Major Industries</b>	: Tourism, textiles and garments, agricultural processing, beverages, tobacco, cement, light manufacturing such as jewelry and electric appliances, computers and parts, integrated circuits, furniture, plastics, automobiles and automotive parts.

<b>Principal Export</b>	: Auto Parts & Accessories, Computer, Equipment & Parts, Precious stones & Accessories, Rubber Products, Plastic Pellets, Refined Fuels, Chemical Products etc.
<b>Principal Import</b>	: Crude Oil, Machinery & Parts, Electrical Machinery & Parts, Chemical Products, Jewelry, Iron & Steel Products, Electrical Integrated Circuits etc.
<b>Principal Crops</b>	: Rice, rubber, sugarcane, cassava, fruit, cashew nuts, corn, tobacco, cotton, cocoa, peanuts, soybeans, medical plants, dairy, and fishery products
<b>Literacy Rate</b>	: Adult literacy rate - 92.87% Male literacy rate : 94.66% Female literacy rate : 91.19%.
<b>Life Expectancy (Year)</b>	: 77.56
<b>Ease-of-doing-business rank</b>	: 21st (2022)
<b>NATIONAL ACCOUNTS</b>	
<b>GDP</b>	: US\$1.255 trillion (PPP; 2022 est.) US\$536.00 billion (Nominal; 2022 est)
<b>GDP growth rate</b>	: 3.40% (2019), -6.09% (2020), 1.53% (2021), 2.80% (2022)
<b>GDP per capita</b>	: US\$12,579.07 (PPP; 2021 est.) US\$7,651 (Nominal; 2022)
<b>GDP by sector</b>	: Agriculture (8.53%), Industry (34.78%), Services (56.69%) (2021)
<b>GDP rank</b>	: 27th (nominal, 2023)/ 23rd (PPP, 2023)
<b>Exports (2022)</b>	: US\$287.07 billion
<b>Export goods</b>	: machinery (23%), electronics (19%), foods and wood (14%), chemicals and plastics (14%), automobiles and automotive parts (12%), stone and glass (7%), textiles and furniture (4%)
<b>Main export partners</b>	: United States, China, European Union, Japan , Hong Kong
<b>Total Import (2022)</b>	: US\$ 303.20 billion

**Import goods** : Capital and intermediate goods, raw materials, consumer goods, fuels

**Main import partners** : China, Japan, European Union, United States, Malaysia

**FDI stock Changes** : 1.6% (2022)

### PUBLIC FINANCES

**Public debt** : 53.6% of GDP (2022)

**Revenues** : 17.367 trillion baht (2022)

**Credit Rating** :

- Standard & Poor's:
  - A- (Domestic)
  - BBB+ (Foreign)
  - A (T&C Assessment)
  - Outlook: Stable
- Moody's:
  - Baa1
  - Outlook: Stable
- Fitch:
  - A- (Local Currency IDR)
  - BBB+ (Foreign Currency IDR)
  - A- (Country Ceiling)
  - Outlook: Stable

**Foreign reserves** : US\$223.40 billion (net amount, April 2023)

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## BANGLADESH-THAILAND BILATERAL TRADE

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(Value in Million US\$)

YEAR	EXPORT	IMPORT	TRADE-BALANCE
2012-13	94.39	689.80	(-) 595.41
2013-14	39.62	741.00	(-) 701.38
2014-15	32.76	680.50	(-) 647.74
2015-16	35.15	668.94	(-) 633.79
2016-17	48.57	781.58	(-) 733.01
2017-18	38.14	1193.30	(-) 1155.16
2019	80.74	987.16	(-) 906.42
2020	50.82	859.23	(-) 808.41
2021	54.34	1231.90	(-) 1177.56
2022	83.90	1140.61	(-) 1056.71

*Source : Export Promotion Bureau and Customs Department*

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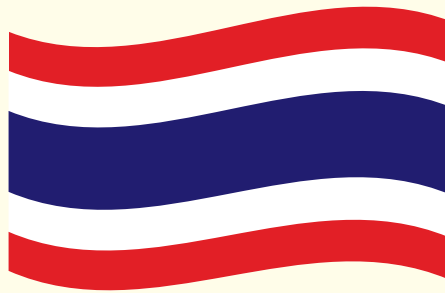
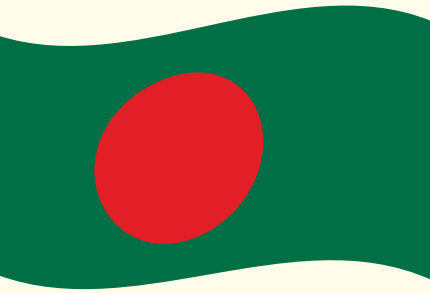
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