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The Ambassador Mr. Manjurul Karim Khan Chowdhury paid a call on the newly elected Head of the Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) Mr. Hossein Selahvarzi on 20 June 2023 at ICCIMA, Tehran. They discussed potential cooperation in different fields including ways of expanding trade ties between the two countries.

The Ambassador congratulated Mr. Selahvarzi on his election as the new head of the ICCIMA, and referring to many centuries old historical, and cultural relations between the two countries and stressed on the need of materializing huge potentials and opportunities expanding trade volume between Bangladesh and Iran.

In the meeting, in his part, Selahvarzi underlined resolving banking and transportation issues as a prerequisite for boosting the economic exchanges between Bangladesh and Iran. The ICCIMA head said that despite Bangladesh's great market and Iran's strategic position, the two countries have not been able to use each other's economic capacities well. He further mentioned some of the potential areas for cooperation between Iran and Bangladesh, saying: "Cooperation in the fields of construction materials, minerals, agricultural products, industrial items, and petrochemical products can lead to the development of trade relations between the two countries."

They have also discussed about formation of a joint committee between the businessmen of the two countries as one of the necessary measures for increasing engagement of the businessmen between the two countries.

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