

Ambassador Imran urges expatriates to spread country's language, culture among all



around the US capital region, organized the event under the supervision of Dhaka University Alumni Forum Inc (DUAFI).

Describing the background of the language movement, Ambassador Imran mentioned that the movement taught the Bangalees not to tolerate injustice and inequalities and not to bow down to repressive forces. The spirit of immortal 21 February gave us endless inspiration and courage in achieving self-determination, struggle for freedom and the War of Liberation led by Bangabandhu, he said.

The Bangladesh Ambassador also highlighted the importance of protecting the endangered languages and culture of smaller communities under the threat of extinction.

Mr. Christian Dorse, Chair of the Arlington County Board, addressed the function as the special guest, while its members also spoke on the occasion.

The Chair of the Arlington County Board referred to Bangladesh's initiatives for realizing recognition of the 21st February as the International Mother Language Day and mentioned that Bangladeshi people fought for preservation of their own language and culture in 1952 and then presented it as a gift to the rest of the world.

On the occasion, a colorful cultural function was arranged which featured performing of chorus song and group dance, recitation of poems and staging drama by Bangladeshi and foreign artists.

Bangladesh Business Summit to accelerate trillion dollar journey: FBCCI



The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), the apex trade organization of Bangladesh, is going to host the three-day 'Bangladesh Business Summit 2023' on March 11-13 in Dhaka.

The summit will be held at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka as part of the celebration of the FBCCI's 50th founding anniversary.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the three-day summit.

The Bangladesh Business Summit is an international trade and investment promotion event that is envisaged to become Bangladesh's flagship business event.

It will highlight the economic and market strengths of Bangladesh, and the concrete trade and investment opportunities of the country by convening national and global business leaders, investors, policymakers, practitioners, policy and market analysts, academia, and innovators.

These were revealed at a press conference held at a city hotel on February 18 to brief the media about the summit.

Speaking at the press conference, FBCCI president Md. Jashim Uddin said that the summit will highlight the success story that has set the foundations for the sustainable growth trajectory of Bangladesh.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Commerce, and the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority- BIDA are partnering with the FBCCI for the summit.

The event will feature 'CNN Experience' which will comprise of a series of thought-leadership sessions focusing on the country's business climate, investment opportunities, and future sustainable impetus.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/news/111333>

Bangladesh eases fumigation clause for US cotton



In July 2019, the Bangladesh Tariff Commission recommended the government not to stop applying fumigation rules to avert any possible harmful impact of infamous insect boll weevil on local crops.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/business/112386>

The mandatory requirement of performing fumigation of the cotton imported from the United States (US) has been relaxed.

The Ministry of Commerce has taken the decision according to the Imports and Exports (Control) Act 1950 and has recently issued a notification in this regard.

As per the notification, the fumigation requirement of imported cotton from the US can be relaxed at the port of entry here following arrival after showing sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) and boll weevil-free certificates of the US exporting authorities.

Cotton imported from the US required an additional fumigation at the port of entry here as per the Plant Quarantine Rules 2018, according to which any cotton imported to Bangladesh must carry an SPS certificate from the competent authorities of the exporting country.

Bangladeshi companies witnessed huge response from buyers in the three-day trade show, Texworld USA: Apparel Sourcing USA 2023, held from January 31 to February 2 at the Javits Center in New York.

The representatives of the companies were busy during the show with trade inquiries from USA and other countries. Md Salim Reza, Minister (commerce), Bangladesh Embassy to the USA, visited the fair and appreciated the products displayed by the Bangladeshi companies.

Abu Mukhies Alamgir Hossain., Director (Fair and Display) of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), said participation of trade show is essential for branding Bangladesh before the world.

Texworld USA is a major platform for Bangladeshi companies to showcase made in Bangladesh products before the world, he added.

A total of 10 Bangladeshi companies took part in the trade show.

The next Texworld USA will be held on 18 - 20 July. Apparel Sourcing Paris will be held on 6 - 8 February and Intertextile Shanghai Apparel Fabrics will be held on 28-30 March.

Source : <https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2023/02/03/bangladeshi-firms-see-huge-response-in-texworld-usa>

Bangladesh's GDP growth in FY22 reaches 7.10pc, per capita income \$2,793



The BBS statistics showed that the GDP size of Bangladesh in constant prices in the last fiscal year (FY22) reached Taka 3,03,51,496 million, up from Tk 2,83,39,444 million recorded in FY21.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/news-flash/109091>

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate in Bangladesh in the last fiscal year (FY22) reached a healthy 7.10 per cent braving the shocks from the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

The GDP growth rate in the country in FY21 was 6.94 per cent, up from 3.45 per cent noted in FY20. The GDP growth rate in the country in FY19 was a healthy 7.88 per cent.

According to the latest data of the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) issued on Feb 5, the per capita income in the country in the last fiscal year (FY22) totaled \$2,793 up from \$2,591 recorded in FY21. The per capita income in FY20 was \$2,326 up from \$2,209 in FY19.

Planning Minister MA Mannan said that the latest GDP growth figures of Bangladesh was very good as he termed it as 'outstanding' considering the current global condition.

World's best green factory now in Bangladesh



Green Textile Limited Unit 4 scored 104 out of 110 in a platinum level of the council's green building certification programme Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), which is used worldwide.

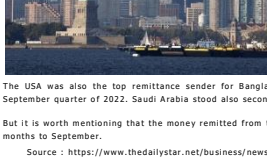
A joint concern of Epic Group and Envoy Legacy, the factory is situated in Nijhury Baraid Bazar at Bhaluka in Mymensingh, around 70 kilometres away from the capital Dhaka.

The previous record holder was PT Ungaran Sari Garments Pringapus 6 and 7 in Indonesia. It had been holding the top spot since May 2018 scoring 101 out of 110.

Bangladesh recently became home to 52 out of the 100 top-rated green industrial units worldwide, according to the council.

Source : <https://www.bssnews.net/business/112512>

USA continues to be Bangladesh's top source of remittance



The USA was also the top remittance sender for Bangladesh with \$999.76 million, posting a 16.5 per cent year-on-year rise in the July-September quarter of 2022. Saudi Arabia stood also second here.

But it is worth mentioning that the money remitted from the Kingdom decreased by 23.4 per cent year-on-year to \$999.01 million in the three months to September.

Source : <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/usa-continues-be-bangladeshs-top-source-remittance-3252276>

Bangladesh to inoculate all eligible people with Covid vaccine



availability of the vaccine," the DGHS official said.

Source : <https://www.daily-sun.com/printversion/details/674829/Govt-to-inoculate-all-eligible-people-with-corona-vaccine>

Bangladesh has set a goal to inoculate all people of the country with at least fourth dose of the coronavirus vaccine on priority basis in phases in a bid to protect people from any more future wave of coronavirus infection transmission.

"We will administer all the possible doses of coronavirus vaccine to the country's people in phases on priority basis," said Prof Dr Nazmul Islam, Director (Disease Control) of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Expressing fear that the country may face any further wave of coronavirus transmission with mutated virus in the future, he said the government has now targeted to inoculate all eligible people with at least fourth dose of the vaccine.

"If the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends, then we may also administer the fifth dose of the vaccine on the basis of