



1st HSBC Business Excellence Awards

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Celebrating the remarkable entrepreneurs and organisations of Bangladesh

Recognising Bangladesh's excellence in export, import substitutes, inbound investments and infrastructure projects.


To recognise the country's most notable entrepreneurs and organisations, HSBC celebrated the 1st HSBC Business Excellence Awards at the Grand Ballroom of Radisson Blu Water Garden on 18 January 2020. As a leading international bank, HSBC has always endeavoured to partner with businesses to propel Bangladesh's economy forward. Keeping in tradition with the past 8 years of celebrating the country's foremost organisations in export with the HSBC Export Excellence Awards, this year, HSBC has expanded its categories to also include the most resilient businesses impacting growth and contributing to Bangladesh's success story in imports, investments and infrastructure with the 1st HSBC Business Excellence Awards.

In attendance at the inaugural event were some of the country's most distinguished entrepreneurs, diplomats, regulators, media personnel, and other dignitaries. The event was graced by the presence of the Honourable Minister of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, **Mr. Tipu Munshi, MP** as the Chief Guest, along with the Guest of Honour, **Mr. Fazle Kabir, Governor, Bangladesh Bank** and Special Guest, **HE Mr. Robert Chatterton Dickson, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh**. Also in attendance were **Mr. Francois de Maricourt, Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bangladesh** and **Mr. Md Mahbub ur Rahman, Deputy CEO, HSBC Bangladesh**.

This year, the Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the UK Government's Department for International Trade supported this significant initiative.



Mr. Tipu Munshi, MP
Honourable Commerce Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
"The HSBC's Business Excellence Awards is well aligned with our intention to recognise successful businesses and entrepreneurs who have significantly contributed to country's growth. We are pleased to support the initiative by HSBC who have partnered with the government in funding a number of our priority projects."



Mr. Fazle Kabir
Honourable Governor of Bangladesh Bank
"It is very important that we diversify our sectors as we go ahead towards the 70th anniversary of our independence, and look forward to a developed economy status at that time."



HE Mr. Robert Chatterton Dickson
Honourable British High Commissioner to Bangladesh
"We are keen to lend support to the HSBC Business Excellence Awards, as showcasing the best Bangladeshi companies would encourage foreign firms, including from the UK, to invest in the country and help Bangladesh meet its economic and development goals".



Francois de Maricourt
Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bangladesh
"Our aim is to support and enable businesses to connect with global opportunities – something HSBC has been doing for more than 150 years around the world. Businesses and Entrepreneurs in Bangladesh have been fuelling the dynamic economic growth of Bangladesh and we are proud to recognise and encourage them for their perseverance and hard work".



Md Mahbub ur Rahman
Deputy CEO and Country Head of Wholesale Banking, HSBC Bangladesh
"We would like to thank businesses and entrepreneurs in Bangladesh for their relentless efforts to make Bangladesh's mark in the global arena. Their contributions in growing the country's trade, developing its infrastructure and fulfilling its domestic demand make Bangladesh's growth outlook even brighter".

The Winners of the 1st HSBC Business Excellence Awards



Amigo Bangladesh Ltd.
Leader in Inbound Investment
"We started doing business here because we firmly believe that Bangladesh has a very good workforce."
Amigo Bangladesh Ltd. (ABL) is the latest venture of Crystal International Group (HK), which is one of the leaders in manufacturing Lifestyle wears, Denims, Intimates, Sweaters, Sportswear and Outdoor Apparels, exporting over USD 2 billion worth of garments globally to reputed retailers.

Felix Li
Vice President
Crystal International Group



BRAC
Special Recognition: for fighting poverty and unlocking the country's potential through economically sustainable solutions.
"BRAC has a 10-year strategy where we want to serve at least 250 million people across the world."
BRAC, ranked the number 1 NGO in the world for four consecutive years, acts as a catalyst, creating opportunities for people to transform their lives. It operates in conflict-prone and post-disaster settings in 11 countries across Asia and Africa. BRAC uses an integrated model to change systems of inequity through social development programmes, humanitarian response, social enterprises, socially responsible investments, and a university.

Asif Saleh
Executive Director
BRAC Bangladesh



DBL Group
Export Excellence - Supply Chain and Backward Linkage, Ready Made Garments
"We envision to sustain and grow as a diversified global conglomerate."
Established in 1991, DBL Group is a diversified conglomerate with major focus on readymade garments and textile manufacturing/exporting operations supported by vertically integrated backward linkages. DBL supplies quality apparels and textiles to world renowned buyers and brands.

M. A. Jabbar
Managing Director
DBL Group



Janata Sadat Group
Export Excellence - Nontraditional and Emerging Sectors
"We take pride in contributing to the economy and in the days ahead, we look forward to serving the country with our earnest desire."
Janata Sadat Group is one of the largest manufacturer and exporter of Jute products in the private sector of Bangladesh. The Group manufactures Yarn and other goods which are exported to over 120 countries across the world.

Najmul Huq
Chairman
Sadat Jute Industries Limited



MAX Group
Infrastructure Excellence
"Development has to be sustainable, which means you have to have your own skilled people, (your) own companies who can manufacture all relevant accessories of your products."
Founded in 1983, MAX Group is involved in Railway Construction including manufacturing of Track Fittings, Infrastructure Development, Power Generation and in developing infrastructure in the Power Sector.

Eng. Ghulam Mohammed Alomgir
Chairman and Founder
MAX Group



Meghna Group of Industries
Special Achievement: for significant contribution to the country's socioeconomic growth
"Scopes for creating employment, social reformation as we develop has inspired MGI to be here and to form all 48 diversified industries."
Meghna Group of Industries (MGI) is one of the largest food commodity businesses in Bangladesh with a comprehensive product portfolio. MGI had constructed the first ever private economic zone, introduced best practices for food processing, and provided continuous support to the community.

Mostafa Kamal
Chairman
Meghna Group of Industries



Square Group (Textiles Division)
Export Excellence - Ready Made Garments
"We treat every colleague as a family member and that has made a huge impact on the growth of our company."
Established in 1997, Square Textile Division is one of the most sophisticated vertically integrated composite RMG setups in the country that produces best quality Yarns, Denim Fabrics, Woven Fabrics, Knit Fabrics and Ready Made Knit-Woven-Denim Garments for leading brands in the world.

Sanchia Chowdhury
Director
Square Fashions Limited



Walton Group
Best in Import Substitution
"To become an influential Global Brand within 2021 and working to reach as one of the World's Top 5 Brands within 2030 as a first Bangladeshi company in the Electrical, Electronics and Home Appliances sector."
"Walton Group started manufacturing of electrical, electronic and home appliance items in 1994 and they are exporting to 20 countries. Walton expanded its operation in 2017 into different and electric and electronics products. The company made a milestone as a compressor manufacturer for the first time in Bangladesh, 2nd in SAARC Countries, 8th in Asia and 15th in the world.

S M Mahbubul Alam
Director
Walton High-Tech Industries Limited

The Trophy

- An artwork by Hamiduzzaman Khan
HSBC commissioned the trophy design for the HSBC Business Excellence Awards to the preeminent Bangladeshi sculptor and artist, Mr. Hamiduzzaman Khan.
The trophy design features two similar figures of elevation held together by a globe to signify unity along with the shape of a leaf etched into one of the planes to symbolise a shared pledge to sustainability.



Delighting in the Growth of Bangladesh

To celebrate the culture of Bangladesh and its many art forms, the 1st HSBC Business Excellence Awards was accompanied by performances from some of the most distinguished artists of the country.
The event began with a performance by the eminent Bangladeshi singer and five time National Film Award and Ekushey Padak winner, Syed Abdul Hadi, who performed the timeless patriotic ode to the Bengali motherland, "Surjodoye Tumi, Surjasteo Tumi".
The event also featured a special dance performance to the song "Ekti Bangladesh, Tumi Jagroto Jonotar" by the renowned dance troupe, "Bhabna", depicting Bangladesh and its progress, as choreographed by the acclaimed Manipuri dancer, Samina Husain Prema.

