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Newly appointed Dutch Ambassador CSM Beensterboer called on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

PM seeks Dutch help for sustainable solution to flood

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed her hope that the Netherlands, with its vast expertise in water management, would assist Bangladesh in the effort to find a long-term sustainable solution to the recurrent flood havoc in the country.

She sought the Dutch assistance in training of officials at the Dutch Institute of Water Resource Management.

Khaleda sought the support when the newly appointed ambassador of the Netherlands, CSM Beensterboer, called on her at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

Many students from Bangladesh study in the Dutch Institute of Water Resource Management.

Beensterboer, who presented his credentials last month, said that the people of Bangladesh are warm and very friendly.

He pointed at the prevailing "excellent" bilateral relations between the two countries and mentioned the Dutch government's assistance in ongoing schemes in various sectors, including water, health, education and rural electrification.

The envoy, who had worked in foreign trade department of the Netherlands, praised the role of the private sector in Bangladesh.

During the meeting, Beensterboer assured of looking into the expansion of trade and commerce between the two countries.

Khaleda suggested visit of Dutch business delegations to see for themselves the prevailing opportunities and incentives provided by the government for foreign investment.

She hoped that the Netherlands would import more garments, leather, leather goods, jute, jute goods and ceramics of international standards from Bangladesh.

Through the ambassador, she conveyed her best wishes to Queen Beatrix and Prime Minister Dr Jan Pieter Balkenende.

'Ad in Germany' begins Sept 12

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A 19-day exhibition titled "Advertisement in Germany" will begin at the exhibition hall of Goethe-Institut here on September 12.

The exhibition, which will remain open from 2.00pm to 8.00pm everyday, will highlight 130 years of advertisement in Germany in a chronological way, says a press release.