



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, seated third from right, poses with the winners of National Export Trophy for 2009-10, at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

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EXPORT TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2009-10

GOLD		COMPANY/ORGANISATION	EXPORT INCOME IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
SECTOR			
Ready-made garment	Tusuka Trousers, Dhaka	44.28	
Knitwear	Keya Knit Composite, Gazipur	56.11	
All yarns	Nice Cotton, Dhaka	11.81	
Textile fabrics	Envoy Textiles, Dhaka	22.39	
Home and specialised textile products	Zaber and Zobaer Fabrics, Dhaka	122.58	
Frozen foods	Seamark BD, Chittagong	36.57	
Raw jute products	Uttara Jute Traders, Khulna	14.41	
Jute goods	Akij Jute Mills, Dhaka	40.77	
Leather (crushed/finished) products	SAF Industries, Dhaka	20.46	
Agro-processed (except tobacco) products	Pran Exports, Dhaka	8.72	
Handicrafts	Karupanya Rangpur, Rangpur	3.06	
Other industrial products	Ananda Shipyard & Shipways, Dhaka	5.21	
Pharmaceuticals products	Beximco Pharmaceuticals, Dhaka	4.05	
Other chemical products	MI Cement Factory, Munshiganj	5.58	
Others	Marine Safety System, Chittagong	18.47	
SILVER			
SECTOR			
Ready-made garment	Envoy Fashions, Dhaka	20.53	
Knitwear	GMS Composite Knitting Industries, Dhaka	47.29	
All yarns	Labib Dyeing Mills, Dhaka	22.43	
Home and specialised textile	ACS Textiles (Bangladesh), Narayanganj	62.03	
Frozen foods	Apex Foods, Dhaka	31.37	
Raw jute products	Reza Jute Trading, Khulna	9.67	
Jute goods	Karim Jute Spinners, Dhaka	29.32	
Leather (crushed/finished) products	Bay Tanneries, Dhaka	11.25	
Leather products	Picard Bangladesh, Dhaka	9.12	
Footwear (all) products	Leatherex Footwear Industries, Dhaka	3.08	
Agro-processed (except tobacco) products	Pran Foods, Dhaka	3.25	
Flower-foliage	Rajdhani Enterprise, Dhaka	2.84	
Melamine/plastic products	Bengal Plastic Industries (Unit-3), Dhaka	13.84	
Ceramic products	Shinepukur Ceramics, Dhaka	11.86	
Light engineering products	Transworld Bicycle Company, Dhaka	15.32	
Pharmaceutical products	Square Pharmaceuticals, Dhaka	5.10	
Other chemical products	Meghna Rubber Industries, Dhaka	3	
Others	Montrims, Dhaka	16.13	
BRONZE			
SECTOR			
Ready-made garment	Rifat Garments, Dhaka	94.04	
Knitwear	Fakir Knitwears, Narayanganj	65.13	
Textile fabrics	Utah Knitting & Dyeing, Dhaka	10.79	
Home and specialised textile	Saad Musa Fabrics, Chittagong	7.28	
Frozen foods	Kuliarchar Sea Foods (Cox's Bazar), Dhaka	10.98	
Raw jute products	FR Jute Trading Company, Khulna	14.87	
Jute goods	Janata Jute Mills, Dhaka	32.85	
Leather (crushed/finished) products	Apex Tannery, Dhaka	22.93	
Footwear (all) products	FB Footwear, Dhaka	4.51	
Agro-processed (except tobacco) products	Pran Agro, Dhaka	5.23	
Melamine/plastic products	Bengal Plastic Industries, Dhaka	4.16	



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over a trophy to Nazmul Hassan, managing director of Beximco Pharmaceuticals and Shinepukur Ceramics.



Abdus Salam Murshey, managing director of Envoy Group, receives a trophy on behalf of Envoy Fashions from the prime minister.



Md Jashim Uddin, vice-chairman of Bengal Group, takes a trophy on behalf of Bengal Plastic Industries Ltd.



The prime minister hands over a trophy to Amrita Makin Islam, a director of Picard Bangladesh.



A partial view of the audience at the awards ceremony of the National Export Trophy 2011, at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

SME Foundation launches business ideas competition

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The SME Foundation yesterday launched a competition to generate new and potential business ideas from the country's small and medium entrepreneurs.

In association with Banglalink, the country's one of the top mobile operators, the state-run agency unveiled the "SME Business Plan Competition 2012" to create more enterprises and entrepreneurs to foster faster economic growth in the country.

Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, chairman of the University Grants Commission, opened the competition at a ceremony at the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University in the city.

Under the competition, the organisers will seek, through newspaper advertisements and other campaigns, proposals from the current students and fresh graduates of both public and private

universities, who are looking for jobs.

New and existing entrepreneurs will also be able to participate, said a statement of the foundation.

Asif Ibrahim, president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said: "I hope the competition will produce talented young entrepreneurs who are capable to lead the business community in the future."

Prof GM Chowdhury, director of Institute of Business Administration of Dhaka University, said IBA has been producing skilled business executives for the last four years. "It is unfortunate that almost all of them are willing to work for multinational companies. We would have been able to produce good industrial entrepreneurs by making them self-employed."

Syed Rezwanul Kabir, managing director of the SME Foundation, said: "We will link up the

winning projects with financial institutions so that they can get loans and implement the projects. We have already talked with different banks and they have agreed in principle."

The prospective applicants will have to collect application form and submit the filled-in form at the headquarters of the Foundation within next one month. They can also apply online at www.smef.org.bd.

A preliminary evaluation committee will evaluate the applications and pick up 120 entrepreneurs, and they will take part in a training programme to learn about the techniques of business planning.

A jury board will then choose the three final winners, who will get Tk 5 lakh, Tk 4 lakh and Tk 3 lakh as prize money. The foundation plans to hold the prize giving ceremony in April next year.

Solaiman Alam, head of marketing at Banglalink, also spoke.

CONGRATULATIONS



Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina presenting 'National Export Trophy' to Mohammad Nazmul Hassan (Sohail), Managing Director, Leatherex Footwear Industries Limited and a valued client of First Security Islami Bank Limited for outstanding contributions in the Leather Footwear Sector for the year 2009-2010.

Our heartiest felicitations to Mohammad Nazmul Hassan (Sohail) for this great achievement and we wish him all the success in future as well.