

Alliance françaises in Bangladesh

THE Alliance française was created in Paris on 21 July 1883 by a group of eminent men, including the scientist Louis Pasteur, the diplomat Ferdinand de Lesseps, the writers Jules Verne and Ernest Renan, and the publisher

Armand Colin. Its aim was to promote French language and culture around the world. Currently, the 968 Alliances françaises operating in 136 countries and welcoming half a million students are linked to the Fondation Alliance française

in Paris. They are autonomous bodies administered by an executive committee and managed by French nationals seconded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Alliances françaises have close ties with the cultural services of French embassies

that often grant them an annual subsidy.

The two Alliance françaises of Bangladesh have been operating for half a century: 53 years for the Alliance française de Dhaka and 47 for Alliance française de Chittagong. Both centres fulfill the tasks ascribed to all Alliances worldwide: teaching French to all age groups, promoting French and francophone cultures in all their variety, and encouraging cultural diversity through the promotion of local (i.e. Bangladeshi) culture.

The Alliances françaises de Dhaka and Chittagong deliver quality teaching in line with the highest international standards. Their teachers are all qualified and trained to use the latest developments in language teaching methodology. They welcome over 6,500 students every year, and also teach in schools and government institutions. Every year, the Alliances Françaises in Bangladesh issue 1,000 DELF certificates, official diplomas in French as a second language, valid internationally. In Alliance française, students enjoy all the facilities to quickly become proficient in French: small-size groups, make-up classes, personalised follow-up and a congenial atmosphere. To perfect their command of the language and get better



acquainted with French culture, students and members can also avail themselves of the thousands of documents (books, comics, magazines, CDs, DVDs) from our libraries

The Alliance française de Dhaka has its headquarters in Dhanmondi and two branches, in Uttara and Gulshan. It also offers a wide range of highly popular artistic workshops in the fields of music (piano, western classical guitar, violin), interior design, photography, videography and children painting.

Over the years, the Alliance françaises de Dhaka and Chittagong have established themselves as the most vibrant cultural centres in their respective cities. They organize exhibitions, conferences, concerts, dance shows, film shows, theatre festivals and partner most of the leading festivals in Bangladesh. They are places of cultural exchange, platforms and meeting points for artists and art critic from Bangladesh and abroad.

In May 2011, in collaboration with the Fondation Alliance française, the Alliances françaises of Bangladesh organised 'Le

Bangladesh à Paris', the first ever festival of Bangladeshi culture in France.

Next November, with the support of the Institut Français and the French Embassy, the Alliances françaises and their university partners in Dhaka and

Chittagong will organise two seminars where leading French and Bangladeshi intellectuals will confront their views on the Arab Spring. A concert by a French-Lebanese guitarist and Baul musicians will conclude the event. There is

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French NGOs in Bangladesh

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risks and to support the most vulnerable families (particularly women). ACF in Bangladesh focuses also on under-nutrition reduction with an integrated approach (with nutrition program for the babies but also in reinforcing the health condition of the mothers).

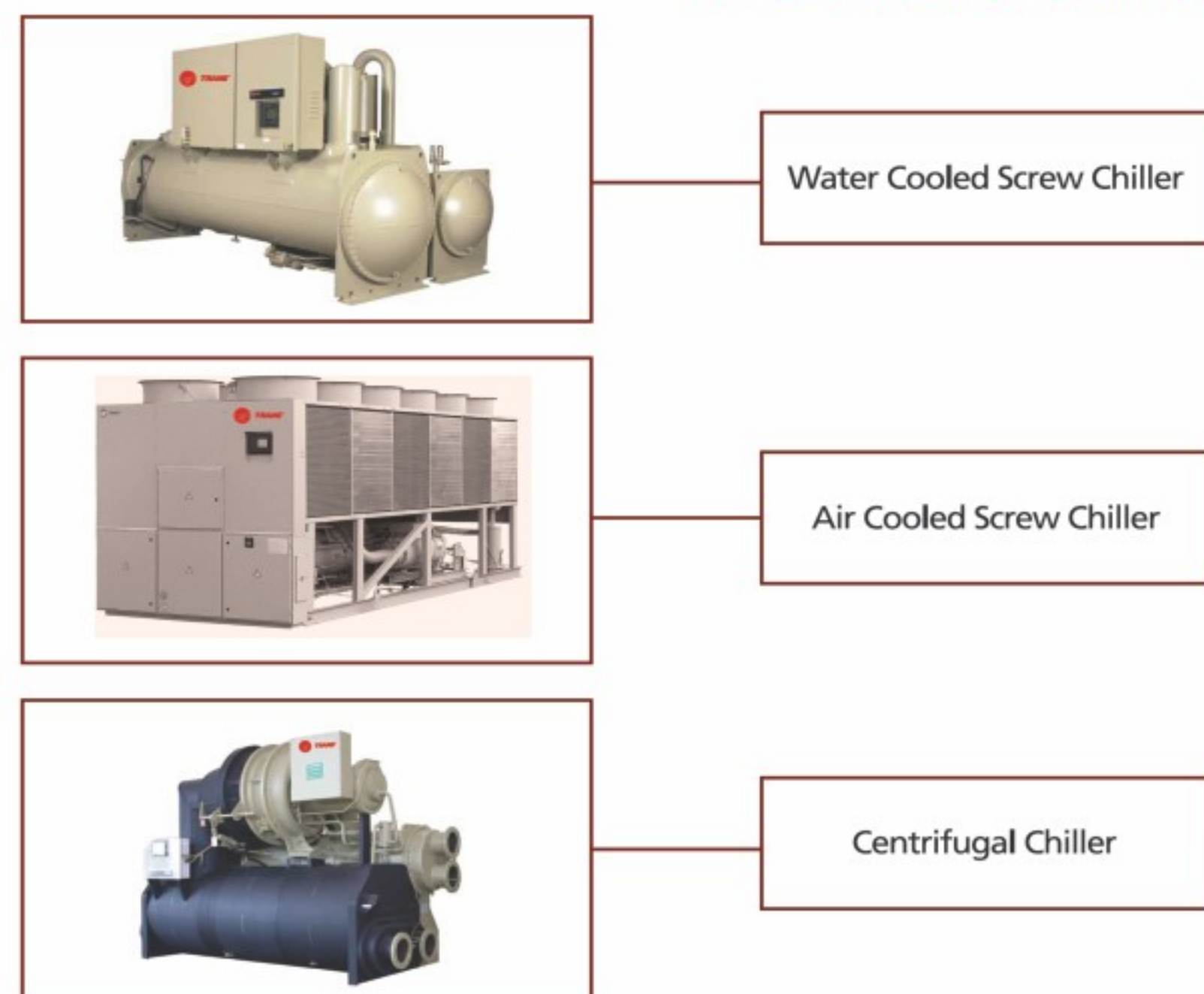
Solidarités brings a humanitarian aid in favour of communities affected by floods and water-logging. The last projects were located in Jalpur, Kheshra

or Khaliskhali. 1500 targeted households received income through 'Cash for Work' activities in a timely manner to enable them to purchase food or other immediate needs to meet their daily requirements and to reduce food related vulnerabilities. Earth works, plinth raising and road construction were the priority under this activity. Re-establishment of water sources through the provision of tube wells or latrines are also two crucial goals for Solidarités.

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