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3rd D-8 Ministerial Meeting On Industry
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Message

I am pleased to learn that the "D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry" and "7th Meeting of the Working Group on Industrial Cooperation" is going to be held in Dhaka on October 08-10, 2012. On this auspicious occasion, I extend my warm felicitations to the delegations from home and abroad and welcome them to Bangladesh.

The Group of Eight Developing Countries namely Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey, known as D-8 was formed in 1997 with the view to enhancing economic cooperation among member countries. I am happy to note that D-8 is relentlessly working to create a strong industrial relation and quicken the socio-economic development of the member countries. In this age of globalization, cooperation is the key to trade expansion and improve standards of living. This Ministerial Meeting, I believe, will create a new room to explore more mutual benefits both regional and international level.

I firmly believe that the interaction and dialogue among the member countries will play a significant role in forging better economic and trade society. I again welcome the dignitaries of the member countries of D-8 and wish them a very pleasant stay in Dhaka.

I wish the event a grand success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Zahman
Md. Zillur Rahman

3rd D8 Meeting fosters expectations in trade and industry for Bangladesh.

The Developing Eight (D8) nations are a group of developing nations, predominantly Muslim, that have come together for mutual support in economic development. The D8 was created during a summit of the member Heads of Government and State on 15 June 1997, in Istanbul, Turkey. Members include: Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey. This group represents 60 percent of the world's Muslim population and 13 percent of all people everywhere.

Today, the D8 concentrates its efforts on trade and commerce issues. With increasing influence in international affairs, its aim is to enhance member socioeconomic development through economic cooperation and innovation in industrialisation to support trade.

The first D8 Meeting of Ministers of Industry, in Tehran in 2010, was followed by a second meeting in Istanbul the following year. Dhaka was selected as the site of the 2012 meeting and this third D8 Meeting of the Ministers of Industry will be held in Dhaka on 10 October 2012. It follows two days (8 and 9 October 2012) of the 7th Meeting of the D8 Working Group on Industrial Cooperation.

These meetings are designed to create opportunities for discussion between the governments of the member states and private sector organisations seeking to enhance trade between nations. D8 trade with the rest of the world stands at \$400 billion, but is only \$60 billion between member nations. As a result, twelve taskforces, created during previous meetings, will concentrate on inter-member trade in automotive, cement, steel, electronic, petrochemical, energy, food, textile, standardization, conformity assessment, accreditation and metrology, small and medium enterprises, machinery, and technology sectors.

This third meeting may result in the inclusion of a taskforce for pharmaceuticals, an important fast-growing, sector to Bangladesh. It is also expected that entrepreneurs from all member states will participate with a view to establishing high tech joint ventures in Bangladesh.

To help facilitate these entrepreneurial activities, the following are also participating in this series of meetings and international efforts: the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FBCCI); the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI); the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI), and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

Taskforce meetings are inclusive of representation from government, industry, non-government organisations, and educational institutions. Papers presented on specific topics will highlight the opportunities available to further cooperation and generate trade. Some of the topics of these taskforce meetings will highlight efforts in commerce, finance, privatization, human resource development, science and technology, national quality infrastructure, elimination of poverty, health and tourism.

Sheikh Hasina, the Honourable Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh will inaugurate these meetings in her capacity as Chief Guest on 10 October 2012. The Working Group meetings was inaugurated by Mr. Dilip Barua, Minister of Industry on 8 October 2012.

Concurrent seminars are being hosted by DCCI on small and medium enterprises, Bangladesh Pharmaceuticals Association on pharmaceuticals, and Bangladesh Textile Mills Association & Garments Manufacturing Exporters Association (jointly) on textiles and garments. Delegates are expected to tour local industrial and pharmaceutical facilities where discussions may further enhance exposure of Bangladesh capability to the other member states.

The media centre, established for the meetings, oversees a website (www.d8dhaka.gov.bd) and distributes information kits and souvenirs. Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will perform a colourful cultural programme celebrating the various traditions of D8 member states. There will also be an exhibition for promotion of Bangladesh exportable goods and services.

It is expected that this demonstration of mutual cooperation and transfer of technology between members will facilitate faster growth in local and international enterprise and industries, aimed at attaining "Green Industry." All G8 member states would benefit from such an initiative.

Finally, this conference will effectively brand Bangladesh to the world, especially the D8 member states, boosting trade and investment within the membership. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote Bangladesh to our neighbours and partners - a real IMAGE BRANDING event.



A.B.M. Khorshed Alam
Additional Secretary
Ministry of Industries



Prime Minister

Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh

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08 October 2012

Message

I am happy to learn that the 3rd D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry and 7th Meeting of the Working Group on Industrial Cooperation are going to be held in Dhaka on 08-10 October 2012.

The ministerial conference is a unique opportunity to take stock of the level of cooperation among the D-8 member states in different areas of industrial sector. In the last fifteen years, the organization has truly been transformed into a dynamic international organization through making contributions in diversifying and creating new opportunities in trade, and enhancing participation in decision-making at the international level. As a member, Bangladesh is highly committed to realizing the objectives of D-8.

Among various areas of cooperation, industrial sector is now a thriving one for member states of D-8. The ministerial level meeting can call forth fruitful interaction and cooperation among the member countries which in turn have significant role in forging better economic and trade society.

I sincerely hope that this ministerial meeting would be able to deliver productive results and great cooperation and collaboration among the member states.

I wish all the success of this conference.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever.
Hasina
(Sheikh Hasina)



Minister

Ministry of Industries
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Dated: September 25, 2012.

Message

I am immensely delighted to see that the long cherished 3rd D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry and the 7th Meeting of the Working Group on Industrial Cooperation is taking place in Dhaka from 08-10 October 2012. Organizing such an esteemed international event is really a venture of high significance and I take the privilege to congratulate the governments of D-8 member states as well as the D-8 Secretariat for their ardent support and cooperation to hold this meeting here in Bangladesh.

D-8 is one of the most proactive forums in the global socio-economic arena with huge volume of trade and business potentials. The recent flow of business, volume of inter-country trade and the size of investments within the D-8 member countries have demonstrated its emerging character as a successful platform for harmonized growth and development. It has widened up the opportunity for strengthening cultural, economic, industrial, commercial and trade cooperation among the D-8 nations stretching from Southeast Asia to West Africa on the basis of some shared values and aspirations.

This forum is objectively working to improve the eight developing countries' positions in the world economy through expanding export facilities as well as creating new avenues of cooperation in multi-dimensional fields including industry through green and environment friendly technology transfer. Two successive Ministerial Meetings on industrial cooperation were successfully held earlier. This year, Bangladesh is delighted to host this auspicious gathering in Dhaka.

I hope this conference would come up with productive outcome and contribute to further collaboration and cooperation in the trade, business and industrial sectors in line with the on-going process of third industrial revolution amongst the D-8 members.

I wish all out success of this prestigious meeting.

Dilip Barua
Dilip Barua



Secretary In-Charge

Ministry of Industries
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

20 September 2012

Message

We are extremely delighted to host the 3rd D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry and 7th Meeting of the Working Group on Industrial Cooperation for the first time in Dhaka on 08-10 October 2012. I take the opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to you all.

D-8 has been a unique international organization whose members though are not contiguously located but are strongly connected by shared values and spirit. We represent different strategic regions and continents of the world from South Asia to South East Asia, Middle East to Central Asia and Africa. Many of our members are remarkably successful in managing development and some are extremely rich in steering regional organizations taking collaboration and cooperation to a new height. These are our invaluable treasures.

In the last fifteen years, the organization has been successful to truly transform itself into a dynamic international organization. Now it is the time to ensure that our partnership is followed by concrete actions. Since industry sector is a key area of economic development, Ministerial Meeting and Working Group Meeting on Industry would be a great opportunity to share successful strategies and insights of the member states and further strengthen our cooperation in trade and commerce in order to ensure the real impact of our cooperation on our economy.

We are at a critical juncture when many rich nations are struggling to consolidate economic successes. Against this backdrop, our collaboration should aim at ensuring mutual benefits in different areas and at different levels. Our people want to see us more integrated and strong to overcome the challenges of development.

Private sectors of the member states should be enabled to work more closely to increase the share of business within the member states. Our mutual cooperation could be enough to place us at a comfortable economic condition. We must mean our existence for the greater interest of our people.

I am sure we will take the opportunity in the Dhaka meeting to review these issues to deliver results. Dhaka has been a fantastic ancient city in the region. I hope your stay in Dhaka would be comfortable and memorable.

I wish this conference a success.

Mohammad Moinuddin Abdullah
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State Minister

Ministry of Industries
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Message

It is a great privilege for Bangladesh to have the opportunity to organize D-8 3rd Ministerial Meeting on Industrial Cooperation and 7th working group meeting on 08-10 October 2012 in Dhaka. D-8 is group of developing countries with large Muslim population that have formed an economic development alliance. The event is aimed to utilize capacities to increase the influence of D-8 countries in global industry. Automotive, cement, steel, petrochemical, textile and garments, energy and environmental, standardization and conformity assessment, SME, food, electronics and ICT case the main fields of cooperation between the D-8 member states.

As the forum primarily focuses on the qualitative changes of the status of member states in the field of global economy, improving trade relations and employment opportunity among the member nations, I firmly believe the upcoming Dhaka summit will usher in a new chapter in the aforesaid areas.

As we all are aware that the present government under the leadership of Her Excellency the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh has launched the programme Vision 2021 to be materialized with the establishment of Digital Bangladesh, an overarching goal of improving the living standards of the millions of people. I strongly believe the meeting has lots to contribute in this regard for the host countries and other member states as well.

D-8 developing countries are paving towards a steady progress day by day through effective mutual cooperation among each other. To obtain the goal of rapid development in industrial sector I firmly believe D-8 countries will positively be benefitted by exchanging their knowledge, technology and experience. Obviously people to people contact of these country can play a pivotal role in the future prosper of the member countries.

I also hope the meeting will help reduce the prevalent tariff barrier among the member states. I take the opportunity to raise some specific proposals that we should focus on technology transfer, industrial waste management and collaborative research and innovations in industrial sector. A fund raising drive may be undertaken in order to nurture the talents of the young scientists in collaboration with academia.

I wish this Ministerial summit a grand success.

(Omor Faruk Chowdhury)
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D-8 Secretary-General

Message

It is an honor and pleasure for me, as the Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, to address this message to the 3rd Industry Ministerial Meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh. I feel particular pleasure to witness that the Dhaka Meeting is going to take place a year after the successful holding of the Second Ministerial Meeting in October 2011 in Istanbul; such a regularity does indeed reflect the keen interest within the community in the collective cooperation in the field of industry and augurs well for the future of this important component of our collective efforts.

The critical role of industry in the process of progress and development of societies can hardly be over-emphasized; it is part and parcel of the accumulated historical experience, knowledge and wisdom of the human community, inclusive of the community of developing societies to which we belong. We have come to appreciate, more and more, that industrialization proper -- with growing emphasis across the developing South on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) -- play a significant role in employment and income creation for substantial and even ever-increasing segments of our societies.

Designation of industrial cooperation, with emphasis on SMEs, as one of the five Priority Areas in the 2008-2018 Roadmap and its active pursuit ever since is clearly indicative of its pivotal significance for the objective of cooperation within the D-8 community. What we have achieved in this field thus far is significant and commendable; but we need to maintain the pace and momentum and improve our modalities of work, including as it relates to the number of the Task Forces under the Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC) and their performance. While the active Task Forces need to be further strengthened, the work of a number of others requires objective and critical assessment.

Looking to the future, and with the benefit of hindsight, we in the D-8, both the Member Countries as well as the Secretariat, should be able to draw on the previous experience, build upon the achievements, utilize the potential possibilities for cooperation, confront the challenges ahead of us all, and move forward. The Declarations adopted in Tehran and subsequently in Istanbul, albeit ambitious in certain respects, have indeed laid a solid foundation for our continued work in this field. The emphasis on the role to be played by the private sector stakeholders in the process of industrial cooperation within the community deserves higher attention and a much more vigorous political will on the part of the public sector. The 3rd Ministerial Meeting in Dhaka can certainly help find practical ways and means to move towards actual implementation of the previous agreements. Even if it is easier said than done, but I remain confident that - collectively - we can do it.

Dr. Widi Agoes Pratiko