

50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY



PRESIDENT
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
DHAKA

17 Ashar 1420
01 July 2013

Message

I am pleased to learn that Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) is going to celebrate its 50th Anniversary on July 1, 2013. On this occasion, I convey my felicitations to those who are concerned with this organization.

I am delighted to know that FICCI is one of the oldest Chambers of Bangladesh which was established in 1963. Since its Inception it has been providing remarkable contribution to Bangladesh's economy. I think, FICCI members by their sustained presence will continue vital role in attracting foreign investment and introducing Bangladesh to the prospective foreign investors. I hope that FICCI by creating a global platform of investors and playing instrumental role will continue to expand their catalytic role in the development of our country.

I wish the 'Golden Jubilee' celebration of FICCI a success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Md. Abdul Hamid

History of FICCI



October 15, 2012: A special meeting of the Energy Sub-Committee was held at the Westin Dhaka with the presence of US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Mr. Robert Ichord, Mr. Robert M Hollister, Ms. Denise M Marsh and Mr. Christopher D Spitzer followed by dinner hosted by Chevron. President of the Chamber Mr. Syed Ershad Ahmed & Executive Director Mr. M. A. Matin are also seen in the picture.

The place we call home today was a very different sight in 1963. To begin with, the government was British and the industrial hustle and bustle was concentrated not in our today's capital, Dhaka, but in the port city of Chittagong. It was in Chittagong that all of the country's industrial headquarters were located back at that time. All these headquarters housed all the business heads of the time and all these business heads came together on the 1st of July and gave birth to the Agrabad Chamber of Commerce & Industries (ACCI).

Two rounds of geographic separation later, our home had drastically changed. The hustle and bustle now moved to Dhaka and with it, moved the top business personnels. Such profound change could not leave the ACCI untouched. Expanding its reach to a national level and moving its headquarters to Dhaka, the ACCI donned a new name and with it an improved agenda.

In 1987 ACCI re-entered as the Foreign Investment Chamber of Commerce and Industries or FICCI. Renamed, revamped and re-energized, in its 50 years of existence, FICCI has acquired many accomplishments under its banner.

FICCI is affiliated as an 'A' class Chamber with the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FBCCI) and is a founder member of the Bangladesh chapter, of the Paris based International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh (ICC-B). The Chamber is also in regular discussions with the International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva and the World Trade Organisation (WTO), Paris. At home, the Chamber participates in various Consultative and Advisory Committees of different government ministries and agencies and has established itself as an organisation to be reckoned with.

In 50 years the chamber has made some noteworthy contributions to the cause of elevating its member's interests and allowing them to conduct business in the country most effectively.

The Chamber maintains relations with both the Honourable Prime Ministers, Begum Khaleda Zia & Sheikh Hasina and was instrumental in pursuing the government to amend orders which could adversely affect its members' business. FICCI played the pioneering role in introducing Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) in Bangladesh and was part of the National Consultative Committee for solution of the Y2K issue (commonly termed as the Millennium Bug). FICCI also maintains ties with various Government & Autonomous Organizations, including PICOM (headed by the Principal Secretary to the Hon. Prime Minister) & Bangladesh Biman, to name a few.

To help its members, FICCI published the first ever Business Directory in the first quarter of 2012. Similarly, FICCI was the exclusive sponsor of the first ever web page of BOI, attempting to ease its members' task of doing business at home, through digitalization of such key resources as the BOI. FICCI also organized the Bangladesh Investment Summit in Singapore (Dec 2012) & London (June 2013) in collaboration with Finance Asia & Asian Investors, marketing Bangladesh for its investment potentials

FICCI's attempts of branding Bangladesh as a ripe fruit for foreign investors to pick has brought many Business Leaders, Ambassadors & Foreign Delegates to the Chamber. It had consulted with the likes of Mr. Ratan Tata, Chairman Tata Group, India and Mr. Ryoji Chubachi, Vice-Chairman Sony Corporation.

FICCI understands its responsibility to the people of home. As a result, FICCI can always be found standing beside the people whenever there is a natural calamity in Bangladesh. The Chamber also organized a training program for workers on HIV/AIDS, in association by the UN-HIV/AIDS consultant.

All of FICCI's efforts to improve the investment climate of our home and allow its members to conduct business with ease has earned the Chamber rare opportunities to join the leagues of the global chambers. FICCI was invited by the U. S. Secretary, Hilary Rodham Clinton (Feb 2012) to the Global Business Conference, in U. S. State Department, Washington DC. Such incorporation allowed FICCI to bring back global best practices and policies in terms of trade terms.

On the threshold of its 50th anniversary, FICCI is once again re-energized to serve its members' interests at all levels and to attract even more FDI to our home.



PRIME MINISTER
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

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Message

I am happy to know that Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) is going to celebrate its 50th founding anniversary on 01 July 2013.

Today the world is a global village and as a global citizen Bangladesh is also competing with global players. FICCI and its members along with the government are now working to transform the country's economy into a vibrant industrialized and service based economy and make Bangladesh a real global player.

The government dreams of ascending the country's economy from lower to a middle income economy. One of the ways to make this ascend is through Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). Our Government has taken all measures to attract FDI and I feel that FICCI has made a positive contribution in this sector by facilitating different FDI initiatives.

I felicitate FICCI members for their overall involvement to the economic value chain and numerous social welfare initiatives.

I wish the Golden Jubilee celebration programme a grand success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina



Minister
Ministry of Finance
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

18 June, 2013

Message

My felicitation to Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) on their 50th Anniversary.

Over the 50 years since its inception, FICCI surely has played a significant role in transforming the country's predominantly agrarian economy to a more industrialized and service based economy. Now many of Bangladesh's manufacturing and service businesses are effectively competing with regional and global players. Foreign Investment, even though it is not as much as we would like to have, has been making commendable impact on the development & growth of Bangladesh economy.

I take this opportunity to recognize the special contribution of FICCI members in introducing good business practices, promoting compliance with tax laws and in some cases also transferring technology. Thank you very much for your pioneering role.

I wish the Golden Jubilee celebration with success.

Khoda Hafez,

Joi Bangla Joy Bangabandhu.

Abul Maal A. Muhith



Dilip Barua
Minister
Ministry of Industries
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

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I am happy to know that the Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) is going to publish a colourful souvenir in connection with the celebration of its 50th Founding Anniversary on July 1, 2013. It is really an innovative venture and I appreciate the organizers for their luminous efforts.

Bangladesh is a vibrant economy that has, despite the recent global economic meltdown, maintained a consistent growth rate over and around 6%. With a population of 160 million, Bangladesh boasts of an efficient and entrepreneur workforce that is changing the profile of the economy. Its favorable investment climate has been lauded by many around the world.

The grand alliance government under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina is giving more thrust on the establishment of knowledge based hi-tech industries. Our vision is to make an industrialized Digital Bangladesh by 2021. In order to materialize our dream into reality we have been pursuing a liberal investment and industrial policy for foreign investors with huge attractive incentive package. Our government is keen on increasing FDI and we welcome more Foreign Direct Investment in our prospective industrial sectors like ship building, ship breaking and ship recycling, automobile, light engineering, Plastic, ICT, Pharmaceuticals, Chemical fertilizer, Electric and Electronics, Agro-processing and Agro-based Industries, Leather and Jute products.

The FICCI members adhere to international standard business practices and ethics and also form one of the largest revenue generating sources for the government. They have also been instrumental in developing key growth sectors and creating business leaders in the country. FICCI members take a lead role as responsible corporate citizens and immensely contribute to the welfare of the society through different community support initiatives.

I appreciate the business practices of FICCI members and wish all out success of its 50th Founding Anniversary Ceremony.

Dilip Barua

Dated: June 20, 2013



Ghulam Muhammed Quader, MP
Minister
Ministry of Commerce
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Dhaka.

Dated:

Message

It is a great pleasure for me to know that Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) is going to celebrate its 50th Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) on 01 July, 2013.

FICCI has a considerable contributions in the economy of Bangladesh as well as development of key growth sectors and various welfare activities of the society so far my knowledge goes. Through all these tasks FICCI is help building a prosperous nation and working towards sustained economic growth of the country.

I also came to know that many of the trained employees of FICCI members eventually become the leaders in the industrial and business arena of Bangladesh.

I wish the 50th Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) celebration of FICCI a success.

(Ghulam Muhammed Quader) MP.



Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)



01 July, 2013

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Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) will be completing its 50 years of journey with a lot of laurel and accomplishment. Now the time has come for us to celebrate our accomplishments earned over the last 5 decades.

At this juncture of the Chamber it gives me immense pride and pleasure to be carrying the flag of FICCI as its president. We in FICCI believe that FICCI is synonymous to FDI in the country and as a developing country FDIs are imperative for wealth creation. Our objective remains to be a partner in the economic growth of our country and continue to be the face of Bangladesh to the Foreign Investors.

The 190 plus members of FICCI are some of the biggest corporate powerhouses in the country. All our members have been playing a catalytic role in the development of the Bangladesh with their wide spectrum of activities including manufacturing, trading and service businesses.

Bangladesh over the last few decades have gone through a transformation from a predominantly agrarian economy to a more industrialized and service based economy. We take pride to be playing a defining role in this transformation of the country, not only through facilitating FDIs but also through technological transformation, development of key growth sectors and numerous social welfare initiatives.

I hope that our 50th Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) celebration, 2013 will be a grand success.

Syed Ershad Ahmed
President

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