

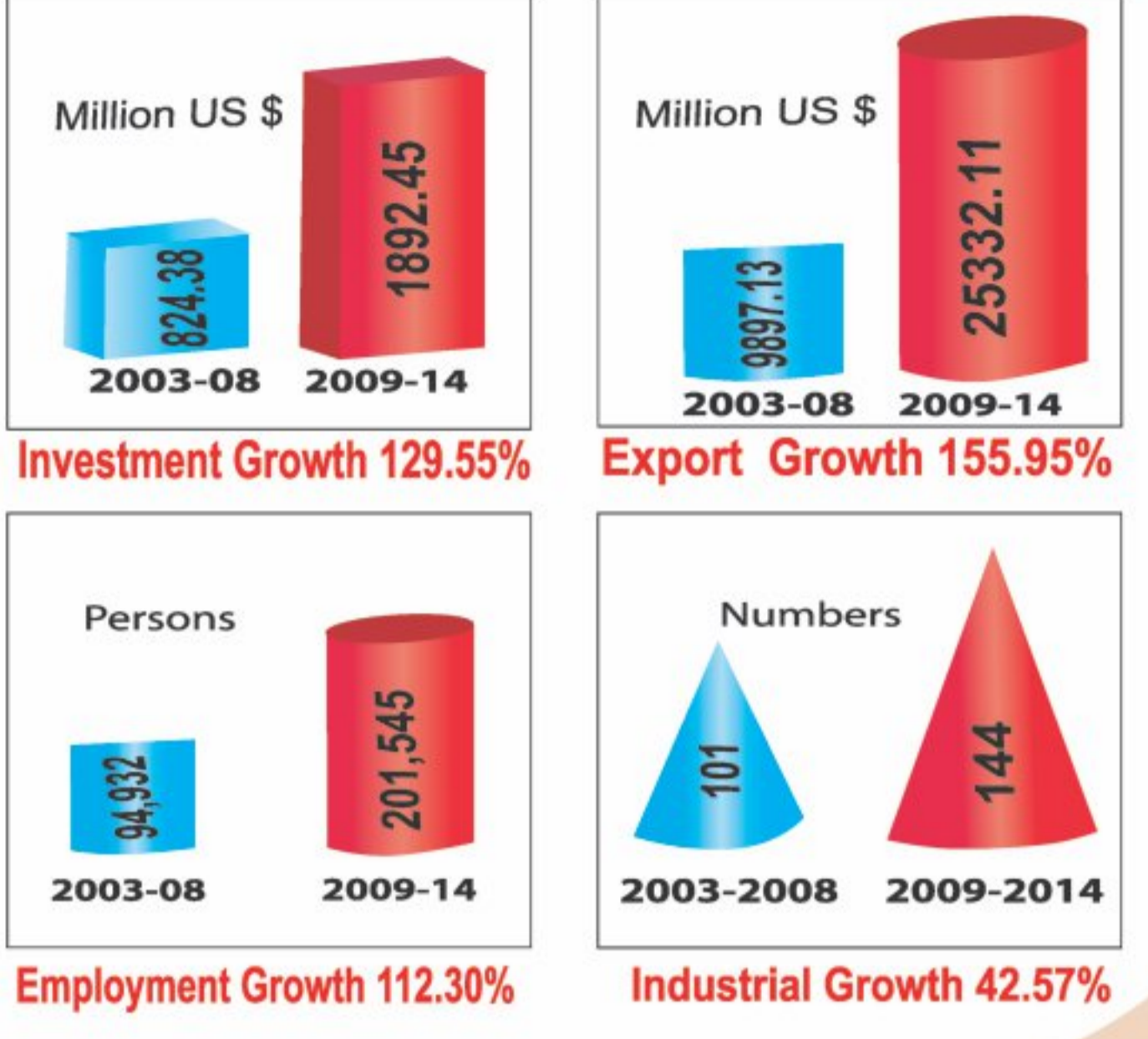


EPZs of Bangladesh Bonanza for Investors



Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority

Success in Last 6 Years



- ### Core Strength of EPZs
- Workers-Management-Owner Synergy
 - Collaborative Teamwork
 - Peaceful Working Environment
 - Industry Friendly Atmosphere
 - Congenial Investment Climate
 - Ease of Doing Business



- ### Achievement in 2014-15
- Investment escalated US\$ 406.35 million
 - Export flourished US\$ 6113.49
 - Employment generated 31,084 persons
 - New industry became operational- 14 nos.

- ### Cumulative Scenarios of BEPZA
- Operating Industries- 451 & growing
 - Investment- US\$ 3.7 billion
 - Export- US\$ 49.32 billion
 - Employment- 4,39,512 persons
 - National Export Contribution -19.59%

- ### Workers Welfare in EPZs
- Set a milestone in women empowerment
 - Ensures workplace safety plus compliance & welfare
 - Assured benefits, medical service & childcare
 - Wages & other benefits increased twice in last 6 years
 - Guaranteed 10% annual increment on basic



BEPZA-JETRO sign MoU in presence of the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina



The Honourable Prime Minister inaugurates Central Effluent Treatment Plant in Comilla EPZ



Secretary, PMO & Executive Chairman, BEPZA sign APA in presence of the Honourable Prime Minister



Principal Secretary, PMO giving Honouring Certificate to BEPZA Chief for accomplishing the KPI targets

BEPZA: Towards an Economically Prosperous Bangladesh

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Executive Chairman, BEPZA



Introduction

The story of BEPZA is one of pride and honor in Bangladesh, a saga of decade long hard work and dedication to bring dream into reality. From a modest beginning it has changed into a distinguishable force committed to build up a nation that not only has will to fight against odds but also has the determination to grow. BEPZA provides a climate for investment to thrive, to generate employment, to bolster industrialization and to accelerate export resulting in a strengthening economic base of the country. The EPZs Authority operates under the guidance of the Honourable Prime Minister who is the Chairperson of BEPZA Board of Governors. BEPZA has grown from a single zone to eight strategically located EPZs and the majority of its done by the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The primary function of an EPZ is to provide a special enclave for the investors for a secured, potential and friendly investment opportunity. From the inception BEPZA has been engaged in attracting foreign and local investment with a maxim as "Asia's Low Cost Production Base"; now it is lauded as 'Bonanza for the Investors' from all corners of the globe. The authority gained investment US\$ 406.35 million, exported goods worth US\$ 6113.49 million, created employment opportunity for 31,084 Bangladeshi nationals, 14 new industries became operational in the 2014-15 fiscal year. On an amazing success in achieving KPI targets of 2014-15 year to implement Vision 2021, the Prime Minister's Office awarded a certificate to BEPZA, recognizing its hard work, dedication and professionalism.

BEPZA - the Legend in Numbers

Bangladesh EPZs Authority is marching ahead with an area of only 2,307.27 acres of land; BEPZA contributes around one-fifth to national exports. BEPZA's success can only be illustrated by its spectacular achievement 451 industries operating in full shifts in eight EPZs, an incredible employment of nearly half a million satisfied workers, an investment portfolio of nearly US\$ 4 billion and an export reach at US\$ 49.32 billion. A low cost of production, availability of trained workforce and a safety net of policies and procedures are what entrepreneurs from 38 countries find upon deciding to invest in EPZs. The investors are manufacturing traditional and diversified products which are mostly world famous brand.

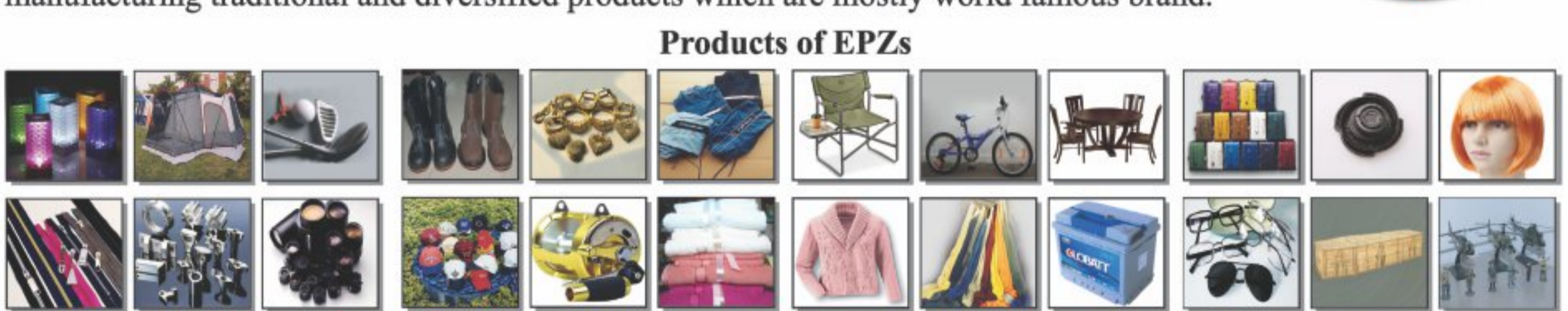


Workers Welfare and Compliances

BEPZA is devoted to enhance of employment opportunities and workers' welfare. Employment pattern of EPZs shows that EPZs have been making significant contribution to poverty alleviation through extensive employment generation as well as the empowerment of women. Among the total workforce of EPZs, a staggering two-thirds are women. Moreover, under the directives of the Honourable Prime Minister, BEPZA has undertaken a project to build dormitories for female workers to support their contribution to the national economy.

The Government has enacted "The EPZ Workers Welfare Association (WWA) and Industrial Relations Act, 2010" to ensure the rights and welfare of the workers. In the past six years, wages of the EPZ workers' have been increased twice in 2010 and 2013 under direction of the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Labour & Appellate Tribunal is working to solve labour related disputes in EPZs. Meanwhile, BEPZA regularly organizes training, awareness and motivational program for the WWA members including workforces. Further, workers enjoy a 10% annual increment on basic, free medical, food and transport along with their wages. They also enjoy conveyance & night allowance, house rent, maternity & overtime benefit, festival & attendance bonus, provident fund, insurance and other benefits etc. Besides, BEPZA has its own Medical Center, Public School, Day Care Center and Canteen facilities inside the zone.

BEPZA strictly monitors the workplace safety including social and environmental compliances through its Industrial Relations Crew, Social & Environmental Counselors cum Inspector. BEPZA has strong firefighting team in every EPZ who arranges regular drill. The Engineering Departments of EPZ's strictly monitors the building code.



Products of EPZs

Laurels in EPZ's Crown

BEPZA has been recognized for creating safe and secured industrial friendly environment for investors as well as workforce of EPZs. Mentionable are:

- 2nd Runner-Up position achieved in the IFC-CEO Gender Award for women empowerment among 27 nominees within IFC Regional.
- The Financial Times of London, FDI Magazine Survey Result for Chittagong EPZ—
- 3rd Best Cost Competitive Zone in the World
- 4th in the Best Economic Potential for 2010-11 among the 700 Economic Zones
- 9th in FDI Global Free Zone of the Future 2012-13

Investment Climate in EPZs

The geo-regional locations of EPZs provide a comparative advantage providing easy connections to the rest of the world. An unceasing flow of highly motivated, trained and dedicated workforce also provides a productive and efficient workflow. Further, BEPZA provides fully serviced plots and standard factory buildings including infrastructure and utility facilities to the investors for setting up industry at moderate cost. BEPZA has allowed to setting up hi-tech eco-friendly service oriented industries in order to ensure maximum protection of environment. It has introduced and encouraged the use of green energies—Solar Panels & Solar Street Lights, installation of LED light, introducing Waste Heat Recovery System, Power Plants, Central Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP), Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Tree Plantation.

Conclusion

BEPZA has created a standard in terms of attracting investment, acceleration & diversification of export and generation of employment for others to emulate. It plays a pivotal role in the socio-economic development of the nation. BEPZA welcomes international entrepreneurs to utilize their foreign investments in the EPZs of Bangladesh because it is the right place to gain optimum profit within a safety net of compliance, security and opportunity. The EPZs Authority is destined to reach the zenith of triumph to build an economically prosperous Bangladesh. BEPZA is determined to keep this glorious success story rolling and pledges to turn Vision 2021 into fruition.

BEPZA Welcomes Investors From All Over The World



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