



AKH IS GOING GREEN

AKH Group, a leading readymade garment manufacturer and exporter, is inaugurating its LEED-Gold Eco-sustainable garment factory, AKH ECO Apparels Ltd., today, the 6th of February 2016



Message

I am glad to know that AKH Group is going to open their Eco-sustainable readymade garment factory, AKH ECO Apparels Ltd., today. This accomplishment is directly in accordance with the spirit of the initiative of environment conservation policy of the Government of Bangladesh under the visionary leadership of HE Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of Bangladesh.

I would say the countries like the countries like Bangladesh has always been leaving the minimum of carbon radiation footprints in the global context compared to that of the developed nations. Yet, we are a sensible nation and we are committed to lessening carbon emission. We want to keep our country environmentally clean. Personally our Prime Minister, I myself and our government will always appreciate this kind of initiatives; we will always be by them.

As I have been with the commerce and industry portfolio for quite a long time in several tenures, I know readymade garment sector operators maintain workplace compliances very carefully but a very few of them have come up to act with tangible commitments to have the environment cleaner. Almost all other industrial sectors had the same situation. But, as led by the present government, scenario is changing. Some are coming forward proactively. Today, surely they have gone several steps ahead. They will be counted in the commerce and industry talks for Bangladesh, for their 'going green' agenda, at home and abroad. I hope foreign buyers would add exemplary impetus to AKH because they have to succeed to encourage others that the environmentally sustainable development is the ultimate development for today and tomorrow and I'm sure, they will. I wish AKH and its Eco-sustainable factory AKH ECO Apparels Ltd. every success.

Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu.

Tahid
Tofail Ahmed, MP
 Minister for Commerce
 Government of Bangladesh



Message

I'm extremely happy to learn that one of the world best Eco-sustainable readymade garment factories is now situated in my constituency, it is AKH ECO Apparels Ltd. AKH Group must deserve special thanks for that.

I would also appreciate that, for the people around here in Dhamrai, Eco-sustainable and 'safe-from-occupational-hazards' project like AKH ECO Apparels Ltd is closely related to their own economic prosperity and security. The intended environmental benefits will accrue in a big and tangible way when many others will follow suit. So success of AKH ECO Apparels Ltd is important for the people in my constituency. It would portray the benefits of trade in apparel manufactured by Eco-sustainable factories in an impressive way. It will be uplifting the idea that the only kind of development that is really worthwhile today and tomorrow is Eco-sustainable development. So, I hope our pro-people visionary government will do everything needful for the success and smooth-going of this project, In-sha-Allah. I wish AKH ECO Apparels Ltd a resounding success.

Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu.

M. A. Maleque
 Member of Parliament
 Dhaka-20



Message

I am happy to learn that AKH Group has established an Eco-friendly readymade garment factory named AKH ECO Apparels Ltd. It gives me pleasure that this factory is of world standard.

Contribution of the RMG sector in the economy of Bangladesh is very significant. This sector is earning a huge amount of foreign currency and creating lot of jobs for our unemployed workforce. Establishment of AKH ECO Apparels Ltd is, therefore, very encouraging for job creating as well as foreign currency earning.

This initiative of the AKH authority must complement the worthwhile 'go green' agenda of our visionary Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the country's Vision'21 as well as the Millennium Development Goals. I hope it would play an effective role to educate and encourage others to go green as well.

I thank the AKH authority for their great venture. I wish every success of AKH ECO Apparels Ltd. and AKH Group.

Abdul Matlub Ahmad
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 President, FBCCI



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Bangladesh, as a nation, must be very proud of the dynamism of its vibrant private sector, which has largely contributed to build the country, paving the way to become a Mid-Income Country. AKH Group is one of the major pioneers in garment industry and it has been part of this wonderful challenge.

AKH group gives me the opportunity to attend the inaugural ceremony of AKH ECO Apparels Ltd, within a few days, and I will be part of this event: because France, as an important buyer from Bangladesh garment sector, fully supports AKH's commitment to creating value

through the respect of health, hygiene, safety, security and green environment priorities.

The new green garment factory to be inaugurated soon is a LEED Gold Certified garment industry. I warmly congratulate AKH owners for their determination to ensure a long term sustainable business, showing that Bangladesh fully deserves to be recognized as part of the value-chain world markets.

AKH group approach to business activities can be considered in my view as a model for the business community, not only in Bangladesh, but in many countries in the world.

My sincere congratulation to AKH Group and its contribution to the creation of a better world in Bangladesh.

Sophie Aubert
Sophie Aubert
 Ambassador of France in Bangladesh



Message

It is indeed my pleasure to learn that the AKH Group, one of the renowned business conglomerates of Bangladesh, has launched its green garment factory named 'AKH ECO Apparels Ltd.' We congratulate the owners of AKH Group for starting the new venture, more importantly for incorporating environmental sustainability in business.

BGMEA has fixed the target of achieving US\$ 50 billion of RMG export in 2021 when Bangladesh will celebrate her golden jubilee of Independence. And, we are committed to attaining this target sustainably. Laudable stride of individual Group like this of the AKH is in fact the strength of our commitment.

The AKH Group has been operating their business in Bangladesh, particularly in RMG sector, with a good reputation for more than a decade. I firmly believe that its new concern, AKH ECO Apparels Ltd., would add extra leaves to the laurels of their success. I, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BGMEA), wish continued success of the group.

Md. Siddiqur Rahman
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 President, BGMEA

Some Salient Features of AKH ECO Apparels Ltd.



It is an Eco-sustainable garment factory ● To conform its Eco-sustainability, it has been constructed complying with the specifications of Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED), as prescribed by the U.S. Green Building Council ● It has lessened its electricity consumption by 1,295 MWH per year by way of curtailing dependency on national grid or by reducing use of fuel oil by 325 MT a year ● It uses solar power to meet more than 25 percent of its electricity consumption ● It uses environment-friendly and energy-efficient LED bulb and tubes ● Usage-optimization through Water Fixture helps reduce consumption of water from taps by 30 percent ● Rainwater harvesting is in practice ● Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) can treat 12,000 liters of water an hour, and this water is being reused here properly without discharging it outside the premise ● Strategic factory location is meant for occurring a very low carbon emission, by world standard, today and tomorrow – always ● Factory premise is purpose built – designed with more than 50 percent of open space, water-efficient landscaping, pond and less water consuming greenery ● While the factory building will never rise above three stories, its upstairs have open and wide grass carpeted terrace and gardens ● Building construction materials and design are heat-resistant ● Fire-door, wide staircase and exit plan are designed to enable all people working in it to leave the building, responding to an emergency call, in a time less than two minutes ● Automatic Smoke and Fire Detection System pinpoints the exact place of occurrence instantly and toots Alarm Bell forthwith ● Auto sprinklers can spray water to each and every corner of the factory building and premise ● On 480,000 SFT of floor space, not more than 4,500 people will be working here ever ● Buildings are successfully tested for structural integrity ● It is a full compliant and socially responsible 'GREEN' factory

