



National Day of the Republic of Korea

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Park Geun-Hye
President of the Republic of Korea

Message from the Ambassador

On the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Korea, I would like to extend my warm greetings to the people of Bangladesh and to our Korean community in Bangladesh. Korean National Foundation Day "Gaecheonjeol" can be directly translated as "the day when the sky opened". On this day, we celebrate the creation of the first Korean state Gojoseon (ancient Korea) founded by Dangun Wanggeom in the year of 2,333 B.C.

This year marks the 43rd anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Korea and Bangladesh since the establishment of our diplomatic ties in 1973. The last four decades have been a joyous journey through which Korea and Bangladesh have been cultivating truly extraordinary and mutually beneficial relationship in every sector.

As early as in the 1970s, Korean entrepreneurs came to Bangladesh as the first frontiers and set up garment factories working hand-in-hand with Bangladeshi people. And Korean investors still maintain their role as No. 1 investor in the garment sector of

Bangladesh. Korea cherishes our valuable contribution to Bangladesh's success as No. 2 RMG exporter in the world. The relations between the two countries are being expanded not only in quantity but also in quality in various areas. Trade volume between the two countries has steadily increased. Moreover, Korean investment to Bangladesh has never been more intensified and diversified than ever before. Since 1973, trade volume between the two countries has increased by almost 500% and investment by about 100%.

Based on a solid foundation and strong bilateral friendship, the two countries are now making relentless efforts to upgrade our overall cooperation to write post-RMG success story. In particular, Korea has been contributing to the ICT development of Bangladesh. We have supported by establishing ICT Training Centers in several Ministries concerned. Moreover, we have built ICT Labs in 100 secondary Schools in Dhaka and in 125 upazilas and contributed to the installation of Wireless Broadband Network for Digital Bangladesh. We have also supported development of the National ICT Infra-Network of Bangladesh. We strongly believe that ICT is a pivotal factor for economic growth and development. The

success of "Digital Bangladesh" by 2021 will surely provide tremendous opportunities to the country in terms of sustainable economic growth, employment and social stability which will accelerate the socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

Our cooperation field has been diversified not only in ICT sector but also in development of infrastructure, energy, environment, culture, exchange of people and human resources as Bangladesh is one of the major destinations of Korean ODA. Active cooperation in development is underway such as establishment of a multi-disciplinary and super specialized hospital at BSMMU, National Institute of Advanced Practice Nurses, TTC (Technical Training Centre) by KOICA, etc. Furthermore, recent MoU signing of Maheshkhali 2,300MW coal-fired power plant establishment is an example of our expanding cooperation in power sector as well. All in all, Korea has always been on the side of Bangladesh to support in various fields.

In accomplishing Bangladesh's goal of middle-income nation by 2021, we will stand side by side and work hand in hand with the people of Bangladesh as we have done together until now. As a time-tested unique

friend to Bangladesh, Korea will always remain committed in bringing out a shared future of growth and prosperity. As Korean Ambassador, I will spare no effort in boosting our amicable bilateral relationship and look forward to the new chapter of our friendship with more dynamic cooperation in the next years to come.



Ahn Seong-Doo
Ambassador of the Republic of Korea



Mostafa Kamal, President, KBCCI

Message from the President of KBCCI

I, on behalf of the Members of Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, would like to congratulate the people of the Republic of Korea on the occasion of the National Foundation day of Korea on the 3rd October, 2016. The Republic of Korea and Bangladesh has a very good friendly diplomatic relation since independence of Bangladesh. The trade relation between the two countries is also very

old. The bilateral relationship between the two countries is based on solid foundation of mutual trust and understanding. The economic and trade relations between the two countries are getting stronger day by day. The Republic of Korea is participating in the development of many infra-structures in Bangladesh. The Korean investment in Bangladesh is very significant. Considering the importance of Korean investment in Bangladesh, the Government of Bangladesh has established the Korean Export Processing Zone (KEPZ). Bangladesh, being a South Asian country with 160 Million population, is

a huge market for Korean products. Some Bangladeshi products have also demand in South Korea. The two countries have the scope for further cooperation to increase trade and investment for mutual benefit in the years to come.

KBCCI was established in 2009 with the active support of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea with the objectives to promote, develop and facilitate trade and investment, to collect business information in Bangladesh and Korea, to explore new areas of cooperation and joint venture, to identify trade

barriers and difficulties and also to take steps to overcome those. Since its establishment KBCCI is playing a vital role in increasing trade between the two countries. As a result, trade between the two countries is increasing fast day by day.

I, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Board of Directors and Members of KBCCI, once again extend my warmest greetings to the people of Korea and the Korean community living in Bangladesh on the occasion of the National Foundation Day of Korea.



Mohammed Mohsin
Honorary Consul
Republic of Korea in Gazipur

Message from Honorary Consul, Gazipur.

I am honored and privileged to extend my sincere congratulations and felicitations to the people of the Republic of Korea as they celebrate the Korean National Foundation Day. It is a day which defines the celebration of Korean culture and the achievements of the Korean people.

We are delighted to note that successful joint projects in business, science, innovation, and education provide citizens with opportunities to visit our

countries as well as to have a better knowledge of Bangladeshi and Korean cultures and national character, which lays a solid foundation for ties and friendship based on mutual understanding and respect.

May I again offer my congratulations on the Korean National Foundation Day and best wishes for the well-being and the continued progress and prosperity of the friendly people of the Republic of Korea."

May the Almighty bless us all with His divine Peace, Happiness and Prosperity (PHP). Ameen.

Message from Honorary Consul, Chittagong.

It is my honor to extend my heartiest felicitations to the brotherly people of The Republic of Korea on this auspicious occasion of the Korean National Foundation Day.

The Republic of Korea has emerged as one of the leading countries and path finder of development in Asia. Historically, Korea and Bangladesh are development partners and over the years the cooperation and partnership have strengthened in manifolds. The ongoing bilateral cooperation between The Republic of Korea and Bangladesh is forging the relationship for mutual benefits. The presence of Korean community is very

significant in Bangladesh and their collaboration in development activities is remarkably visible, especially in the sectors of construction, energy, power development and garments industries. They have been founding building blocks of economic, political and cultural bond between the two countries. Bangladesh is being benefited by sharing the development experience of Korea, which I am sure, will continue in the years to come. As Honorary Consul of The Republic of Korea in Chittagong, I have been exerting my whole hearted efforts for building up a strong economic and cultural relationship between the two countries.

Once again, I extend my cordial and warm greetings to the people of The Republic of Korea.



Mohammed Riyadh Ali
Honorary Consul
The Republic of Korea to Chittagong

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