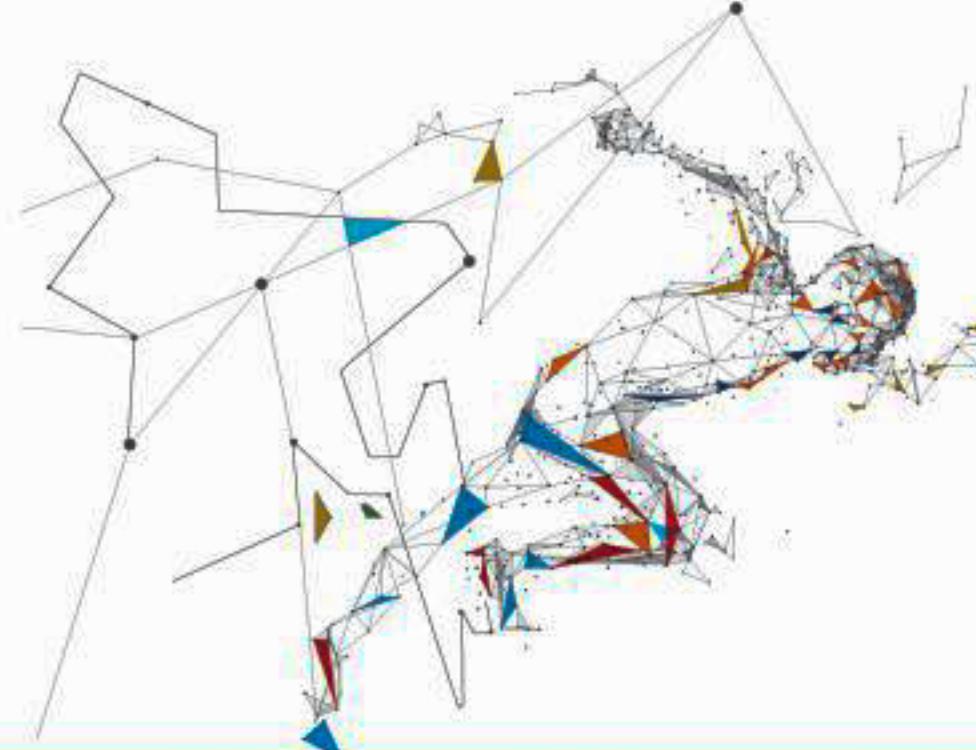


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Message

It is heartening to know that the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) is going to organize a day-long International visionary conference titled "New Economic thinking: Bangladesh 2030 and beyond."

Sustainable socio-economic development agenda envisaging for humankind and environment friendly growth is the centre of focus which can drive Bangladesh forward. In order to progress SDG-2030 and post SDG era, Bangladesh needs to focus on future development hopes staying on the current background. Initiatives encompassing energy security, industrial venture, water management, infrastructure and transport management, the next Billion Dollar opportunities are important for higher investment and re-building the economy. To harness the opportunities, we need to develop credible, comprehensive and long term strategy for better industrial practices, macroeconomic management, poverty alleviation, infrastructural growth and innovation. I appreciate DCCI to come up with innovative and timely event spearheading the future needs of the economy.

I hope this International conference will give a glimpse of unlimited potentials to both local and foreign participants, investors, strategists and economists in diverse industrial avenues and indicate a roadmap for a long term economic needs of Bangladesh.

I wish the conference of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry a great success. Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Md. Abdul Hamid

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In the turn and twist of geo economic trend, we realized the exigency of our enabling and result-oriented paradigm shift. With this aspiration and legacy of tenacious growth, Bangladesh envisions economic graduation to Middle Income Country by 2021 and elevation to 30th largest economy of the World by 2030 featured by \$1trillion GDP and \$6000 per capita GNI alongside achieving landmark UN SDG2030. These will pave the way to attain the vision of being developed economy by 2041 attributed by \$2.5 trillion GDP and \$12475 per capita GNI.

The journey towards this destination is tangled with diverse crippling concerns. These game changing visions set transitional and transformational trajectory in entire socio-economic context exposing Bangladesh to wide-ranging new challenges vis-a-vis human development, demographic and economic vulnerability, access to technology, rational and equitable resource distribution and sustainable living and other diverse challenges. Taking them all into account, we are required to focus on these development challenges, exploit the future possibilities of Bangladesh vis-a-vis other regional and global economies.

Amidst this background, we identified and chalked out some cross-cutting avenues; green energy economy, Sustainable water resource management, transport network, cross border multimodal connectivity, UN SDG 2030 and Next Billion dollar opportunities.

Focused and coordinated private sector led effort, investment on cutting-edge technology and cross-border know-how exchange and innovation are must to substantially harness these crucial avenues to augment investment and facilitate macro-economic dividends for local and global industrial and trade uprise.

DCCI believes that Bangladesh has both potential and capacity to realize inclusive socio-economic harmonized vision 2030 and beyond. In order to steer and materialize them, private sector is pivotal alongside government.

To unfold the era of economic strategies and policies, DCCI is organizing this opportune conference titled "New Economic Thinking: Bangladesh 2030 and Beyond" to map out ambitious and futuristic strategies and policies of bringing together scholarly and contemporary minds from home and abroad in business, government, academics, civil society, global strategy and political economics. They are expected to impart insightful, deliberations and highlight the likely possibilities of Bangladesh vis-a-vis in regional and global economic platform aligning vision 2030 and 2041 and ways to strategically position ourselves in the comity of developed nations. We are confident that through shared responsibility of global commitment and cooperation for inclusive and transparent good governance for sustainable development this conference will result in an epoch making change in the socio-economic conditions for the posterity to enjoy.

We look forward to a successful conference to equip us to understand the critical dynamics of such visions better.

Allah Hafez.

Hossain Khaled



Abul Maal A. Muhith, MP
Minister
Ministry of Finance
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message

It gives me great pleasure to learn that Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) is organizing an international visionary conference titled "New Economic thinking: Bangladesh 2030 and beyond". The theme of the conference is to support the growth process of Bangladesh economy in a sustainable fashion.

I congratulate DCCI for this praiseworthy endeavor with a view to refine our policy strength and capacity in line with the emerging global challenges in changing geo-economic context.

We all are aware that Bangladesh rebranded itself to the global community as one of the fastest growing economies with a blistering economic growth above 7%, joining lower middle-income country league.

These achievements are attributable to the visionary, dynamic leadership and development philosophy of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The improving economic performance is also reflected in our well-managed public finance framing a stable and predictable macro-economic ecology. We are constantly upgrading the comprehensive investment regulatory regime to attract new investment uncovering the huge potential of the country.

Riding on diverse reform initiatives of government, Bangladesh has surfaced as an investment destination offering an edge over all its regional competitors. The unique geo-strategic location of Bangladesh further add impetus to the development prospects as regional economic corridor connecting South and Southeast Asia.

In the changing multifaceted geo-economic context, Bangladesh needs to encourage private investment towards non-traditional and traditional sectors.

This International Conference of DCCI is expected to bring together world renowned Policy makers, Researchers, Speakers and distinguished Investors to explore the bond of environment friendly energy & physical infrastructure Investment and long term economic objective for sustainable development.

I hope that the Conference will also come up with policy guidance for the policy makers to frame a time befitting, concrete and more attractive investment culture focusing on sustainable development and developed economy agenda of Bangladesh.

I wish the Conference a grand success.

Abul Maal A. Muhith, MP



Amir Hossain Amu, MP
Minister
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It gives me immense pleasure to know that the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry is going to organize an international conference titled "New Economic Thinking: Bangladesh 2030 and Beyond" on 21st December, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel, Dhaka. It is really a praiseworthy venture and I appreciate the organizers for their arduous efforts to hold this important event.

Bangladesh's economy is growing fast in line with other rising economies of emerging Asia. We have already achieved the targets of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set by the United Nations and now we are looking forward to meet the targets of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) approved by the UN. Very recently, Bangladesh has graduated to lower middle-income status by the ranking of the World Bank for our improved economic performance over the past decade maintaining 6% plus GDP growth. Bangladesh has exceeded the record of 6% GDP growth in the immediate past fiscal year by achieving 7.05%, which clearly depicts a picture of substantive and pragmatic economy management and industry-friendly policy of the present government.

Our aim is to reach to further heights graduating Bangladesh into a middle-income country by the year 2021 and a developed country by the year 2041. To that end, our government is working relentlessly under the visionary leadership of the Honorable Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina with a view to bring about positive changes in the society and governance. The supreme drive of the present government is to build a knowledge-based society through hi-tech and sustainable green industrialization and digitalization.

Amid this backdrop, with a focus on Year 2030 and beyond, the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) is organizing this International Conference with a view to scale-up the competitiveness of our economy to meet emerging new development paradigm, driving towards sustainable, import substitute and export oriented industry led economic growth.

I am hopeful that this International Conference will help government endeavors to mobilize private investment towards lifeline of the future economic development prerequisite, such as green reliable energy, eco-Friendly infrastructure, SDG caused private sector challenges, high growth potential industrial sectors and connectivity network.

I wish the International Conference a grand success.

Amir Hossain Amu, MP

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