

# National Day of the Republic of KOREA

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**Moon Jae-in**  
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 warmest greetings to the people of Bangladesh and to our Korean community in Bangladesh. On the 3rd of October, we celebrate the creation of the first Korean state "Gojoseon (ancient Korea)" in the year of 2,333 BCE. We are celebrating the 4,350th anniversary this year. This year also marks the 44th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Korea and Bangladesh. Since the establishment of our diplomatic ties in 1973, Korea and Bangladesh have been cultivating a mutually beneficial relationship in every sector. Korean entrepreneurs invested in the garment industry of Bangladesh as early as in the 1970s and have been working hand-in-hand with Bangladeshi workers since then. Korea still remains as No. 1 investor in the garment sector of Bangladesh. Korea has always been together with Bangladesh along the way to its success as No. 2 RMG exporter in the world. The economic relationship between the two countries has been remarkably strengthened. For

the last 44 years, trade volume between the two countries has increased by five-fold and Korean direct investment in Bangladesh has been almost doubled. Currently, more than 200 Korean companies are investing in Bangladesh and their investment has reached beyond garment and textile sector to R&D, energy and infrastructure. In the area of development cooperation, Bangladesh has been one of the major destinations of Korean Official Development Assistance (ODA). Korea has provided more than USD 110 million in various projects like the establishment of the National Institute of Advanced Practice Nurses, Capacity Building for Fire Service and Civil Defense, Eye Health Promotion and Prevention of Blindness, not to mention vocational training centers in major cities. Also, soft loan to Bangladesh through EDCF (Economic Development cooperation Fund) has marked USD 1 billion last year. These loans have been extended to build socio-economic infrastructure such as Bangla GovNet, Digital Exchange Installation Project at Khulna, Chittagong, Sylhet and the establishment of GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress System and Safety System and IMNS

(Integrated Maritime Navigational System). Based on a strong economic relationship and development cooperation, the two countries are now making relentless efforts to find new frontiers of cooperation. As one of the world leaders in the ICT sector, Korea strongly believes that ICT is a pivotal factor for economic growth and development. Therefore, Korea has been actively contributing to the ICT development of Bangladesh. We have so far established ICT Training Centers in several Ministries, ICT Labs in 100 secondary schools in Dhaka and in 125 upazilas. Moreover, we have contributed to the installation of Wireless Broadband Network for Digital Bangladesh and the development of the National ICT Infra-Network of Bangladesh. If the two countries can write another success story of "Digital Bangladesh" by 2021, it will surely provide tremendous opportunities for sustainable economic growth, employment and social stability in Bangladesh. Korea will continue to work hand in hand with Bangladesh in realizing its goal of becoming a middle-income nation by 2021, as we have done together until now. Korea will always remain committed in ushering an era of continued

growth and prosperity together with Bangladesh. As the Korean Ambassador, I will spare no effort in boosting our strong relationship and look forward to the new chapter of our friendship with further 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

The people of the Republic of Korea observe 3rd October every year as National Foundation Day. The people of Bangladesh express solidarity with the people of the Republic of Korea on this solemn occasion. The Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of Bangladesh established diplomatic relations in 1973, within a short period after independence of Bangladesh in 1971. The business relation of the Republic of Korea with Bangladesh is also not new. 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 very strong. The Republic of Korea has been participating in various infrastructure development of Bangladesh since establishment of diplomatic relations. Korean investment in the industrial sector of Bangladesh is quite visible. Korean Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) is the only private sector export processing zone in the country. The Korean electronics and electrical products, chemicals and minerals, machineries and equipment have a significant market share in Bangladesh. Bangladeshi products also have demand in the Republic of Korea. Bangladeshi skilled and unskilled workers have a significant job market in the Republic of Korea. The two countries

have the scope for further cooperation to increase trade and investment for mutual benefit in the years to come. Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (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 difficulties. Since its establishment KBCCI is playing a vital role in promoting trade-relations between the two countries. With a view to increasing closure

communication and cooperation between the two countries, KBCCI had arranged for sending business delegations to the Republic of Korea in 2016. This year we have arranged a trade fair titled Showcase Korea 2017 during October 13-14, 2017 at the International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka to exhibit exclusively Korean products. More similar events will be arranged in near future to bring the business community of the two countries closer. I, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Board of Directors and Members of KBCCI, 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 on 3rd October, 2017.



**Mohammed Mohsin**  
Honorary Consul  
The Republic of Korea in Gazipur

### Message from Honorary Consul, Gazipur

It is a great honour and privilege for me to extend my warmest felicitations to the people of the Republic of Korea on the occasion of their National Foundation Day 2017. The Day refers to the birth of ancient Korean Nation and achievement of Korean People.

The Republic of Korea is a close friend of Bangladesh since independence. We have

remarkable achievements in joint venture development and industrial projects. Korean investments are playing a vital role in the industrialization of the country. I believe, business community in Korea and Bangladesh will be able to explore more new areas of cooperation in the years to come.

I congratulate the Korean Community in Bangladesh on the National Foundation Day of Korea 2017.

### Message From

#### Honorary Consul Chittagong

It is my honor & great pleasure to extend warm welcome to all the people of the Republic of Korea on this auspicious occasion to celebrate the Anniversary of the Korean National Foundaton Day.

Historically South Korea contributed a vital role as a development partner of Bangladesh. Since the war, both countries benefitted from bilateral relations. Korea supports our developmental initiatives in many fields like Telecommunications, Energy, Transportation, Education and HR development.

The ongoing bilateral cooperation between The Republic of Korea and Bangladesh is forging the relationship for mutual benefits. The presence of Korean community in Bangladesh enriches us and their collaboration in development activities is remarkably visible.

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 in Chittagong



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