

BEPZA International Investors Summit 2018



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I am delighted to know that Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) is going to organize 'BEPZA International Investors Summit 2018' in Dhaka. On this occasion, I would like to convey my heartiest felicitation to BEPZA for arranging this important summit. I believe that this summit will pave the way for attracting more foreign investment in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is a prospective country with enormous potential. This country has embarked upon a remarkable journey towards development and prosperity. The role of investment is of paramount importance in expediting and sustaining the trends of development. Investment, particularly foreign direct investment (FDI) plays a very positive role in increasing productivity, employment opportunity, transfer of technological and managerial knowledge. This summit, I believe, will be able to promote investment as well as highlight investment climate and industrial trends of Bangladesh in international arena.

BEPZA has been playing an important role in rapid industrialization at EPZ with attracting investment from home and abroad since its inception. Besides investment, the role of BEPZA in boosting export, employment generation, technology transfer and diversification of export products is commendable. As the investment is an inevitable element for a rising economy, therefore, this summit will be helpful in establishing priority industrial sectors in the country. The government has taken pragmatic initiatives including tax holiday, incentives and facilities, infrastructure and support services, investment guarantee, off-shore banking facilities and labour issue etc. for ensuring congenial atmosphere of investment. Therefore, Bangladesh is now emerged as a 'Bonanza for Investors'.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has set 'Vision 2021' and 'Vision 2041' with a view to materializing the dream of building 'Sonar Bangla' envisioned by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The objectives are to transform Bangladesh into middle-income country by 2021 and a developed one by 2041. I am confident that this summit will play a pivotal role in this regard.

I wish 'BEPZA International Investors Summit 2018' a grand success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Md. Abdul Hamid



Products of EPZs



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GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Message

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I am happy to know that Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority is going to organize BEPZA International Investors Summit 2018. I extend my congratulations to all concerned of BEPZA for arranging such a timely summit.

We have set Visions to turn Bangladesh into a middle income country by 2021 and a developed one by 2041.

My government considers rapid growth of the private sectors as one of the key drivers to achieve this Vision. This summit will create opportunity to learn about BEPZA and various investment incentives provided by the government.

We have taken special initiative of enhancing export and building investment friendly Bangladesh. We are trying to make Bangladesh a lucrative investment destination and I do believe this summit will act as a catalyst of our effort.

The role of BEPZA in attracting FDI, employment generation and diversifying export basket through producing non-traditional items is appreciable. I feel proud that most of the EPZs have been established by my government. BEPZA is now a role model to other organizations under Prime Minister's Office who are working to attract investment in the country.

I am happy to learn that BEPZA is going to set up Economic Zone at Mirsarai, Chittagong. I hope that through this summit, BEPZA will be able to attract more investment in the country. The summit will give opportunity to let the investors and buyers learn about the success of Bangladesh.

Moreover, it will also focus on diversified products of EPZs, BEPZA's role in socio economic development, women empowerment and contribution to the national economy.

I wish success of the BEPZA International Investors Summit 2018.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina



Md. Abul Kalam Azad
Principal Co-ordinator (SDGs)
Prime Minister's Office
People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message

I congratulate Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority for organizing BEPZA International Investors Summit 2018. As a success icon among the organizations of Bangladesh, I hope, BEPZA will effectively showcase their achievement through this summit which will extend its image to the investors and our people as well.

Investment plays a key role in the country's overall development and progress. BEPZA's role in strengthening the economic base of Bangladesh by attracting investment in the EPZs is really admirable. The contribution of BEPZA in foreign exchange earnings through promoting export and diversifying export goods, generation of employment, transfer of technology and above all socio-economic development is praiseworthy. I hope BEPZA will take the summit as a platform to disseminate these successes.

We are heading forward to a golden age to let Bangladesh be recognized through tremendous industrial and trade performance. BEPZA is playing pioneering role in heading forward. The government has introduced performance based evaluation system. I am glad that BEPZA ranked highest among the organizations under PMO in accomplishing the target of Annual Performance Agreement for the fiscal year 2014-15 & 2015-16.

All these successes of BEPZA created a trailblazing example which encouraged Government to create economic zones to attract both local & foreign entrepreneurs under a new strategy. I am glad that BEPZA is also setting up an Economic Zone and its formal journey will begin through unveiling the plaque in this summit.

My belief this summit will be successful. I wish all the best of BEPZA International Investors Summit 2018.

(Md. Abul Kalam Azad)
Principal Coordinator (SDGs)



Principal Secretary
Prime Minister's Office
Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority is organizing BEPZA International Investors Summit 2018. It is indeed a very excellent initiative as it will assemble investors from all over the world which will appropriately project BEPZA as well as investment opportunities of Bangladesh to them.

The name of BEPZA illustrates a successful entity, a beacon of hope and an interlocutor through which global business communities come forward to make investment in Bangladesh. The history of BEPZA is characterized by success and the role it has been playing in building the nation's economy is praiseworthy indeed. I believe through this summit the investors & the people will be able to learn more about BEPZA and achievement of our government as well.

I strongly believe that BEPZA will continue its efforts in implementing Vision-2021 and Vision- 2041 declared by the Hon'ble Prime Minister by making Bangladesh a middle-income country by 2021 and a rich, educated, developed country by 2041 respectively.

BEPZA, in coordination with other relevant agencies, has been relentlessly working to strengthen the economic base of Bangladesh by attracting investment in the EPZs, promoting export and diversifying export goods through the earning of foreign exchange, generation of employment, transfer of technology etc. Around 20% contribution both in FDI & BEPZA's share of national export is really admirable. These efforts have made BEPZA the success story in the country in terms of investment friendly industrial enclaves as well as contributing towards government's a visionary decision to establish Economic Zones in the country. I am confident that BEPZA will also be able to prove their success in BEPZA EZ like its other endeavours in creating EPZ as investment hub.

I believe it will be a successful summit with the proactive participation of investors from home and abroad. It will also be a good platform for BEPZA to let the investors know about BEPZA Economic Zone at Mirsarai, Chittagong.

I wish BEPZA International Investors Summit 2018 all the success.

Md. Nojibur Rahman



Executive Chairman
Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority

Message

I am very delighted to announce "BEPZA International Investors' Summit 2018" being organized by Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA). I wholeheartedly believe that this well-timed summit will have a positive impact in attracting investment in the EPZs and elsewhere. Besides, I hope this summit will create a worldwide positive image of Bangladesh in terms of her achievement, socio-economic standing, modernization of industries, investment climate, product diversification and generation of employment.

The pledge of the present Government is to create an investment-friendly climate for foreign investors. It can be mentioned that BEPZA has attained laudable success in past nine years. In the last nine years, BEPZA has attained 200.93% growth in investment, 245.68% in export, 118.60% in employment and 45.53% in creating new industries. Besides, BEPZA's contribution in direct investment and national export is around 20% in the last few years. The total investment in eight EPZs till 2017 December is 4.5 billion USD with an employment of 487,067 workers. BEPZA has been awarded Certificate of Recognition in Annual Performance Agreement (APA) by the Prime Minister's Office for accomplishment of 100% target for consecutive three years- 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Bangladesh is marching ahead with the Vision 2021 and 2041 of Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. BEPZA is extremely delighted to be a proud partner in implementing these visions. Under the dynamic leadership of the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina BEPZA as well as the nation is marching towards revolutionary economic accomplishment.

Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, BSP, ndc, psc
Major General



Success in Last 9 Years (2009-17)

BEPZA - Towards Building Economically Prosperous Bangladesh

Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) is a bright episode of the long hard work and dedication to bring the dream of economic development of Bangladesh into reality. The success story of BEPZA have made Bangladesh proud and honoured in the global business world. BEPZA is marching ahead towards the modern industrialization. It is firmly committed to build up the economy of the country avoiding common obstacles in achieving socio-economic development. BEPZA is playing a key role to strengthen and enrich the economic base of Bangladesh through secured investment friendly environment, job creation, accelerate industrialization and flourish export.

Chittagong Export Processing Zone is the pioneer EPZ of Bangladesh. 7 more EPZs have been established in the country in continuation of astounding success of these EPZ. Most of the 8 EPZs have been set up by the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. She has also set up Uttara, Ishwardi and Mongla EPZ in the lagging northern & southern regions. The EPZs of northern & southern regions are the shining example of how a prudent decision can change life style of the people of a remote area.

Success Tale

A number of organizations in Bangladesh are working to attract investment. Among them BEPZA set a trailblazing example for others to emulate. Eight EPZs consisting 2,307.27 acres of land, from this tiny area BEPZA contributes around one-fifth to national exports and foreign direct investment (FDI).

Prime Minister's Office of Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has awarded 'Recognition of Honour' to Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) for achieving highest admirable success in accomplishing the KPI target of 2014-15 FY & APA target of 2015-16 FY and warmly congratulated the employees of all levels of BEPZA. In the last fiscal year investment escalated US\$ 343.71 million, export flourished US\$ 6549.37 million and employment generated 26,638 nos. Cumulative investment stands at US\$ 4509.97 million, exported goods worth US\$ 62,839.70 million and created employment opportunity for 487,067 Bangladeshi nationals.

BEPZA has achieved remarkable growth in last 9 years of the present govt., it has attained US\$ 3000.83 million in investment which shows the growth of 200.93%, export earned 45,241.45 with growth 245.68%, generation of employment 2,83,620 that's growth 118.60% and new operating industries were 179 with growth 45.53% during 2009-17 compared to previous year.

Investment Friendly Atmosphere

The geo-regional locations of EPZs give a comparative advantage which providing easy connections to the rest of the world. Competitive wage level of trained workforce provides highly productive 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 not only try to make its EPZs green but also encouraging the enterprises of EPZ to go green. 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.

Workers-Owner- Management Synergy

BEPZA is devoted to enhance 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.

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 last 7 years, wages of the EPZ workers' have been increased twice under the direction of the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Meanwhile, 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. Labour & Appellate Tribunal is working to solve labour related disputes in EPZs.

BEPZA strictly monitors the workplace safety including social and environmental compliances through its Industrial Relations Officials, 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.

Laurels in EPZs Crowns

BEPZA has been recognized for creating safe and secured industrial friendly environment for investors as well as workforce of EPZs. Mentionable are: BEPZA has been awarded as the highest blood donor organizations by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, BEPZA has achieved "Prime Minister's National Award for Tree Plantation-2015 & 2016".

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, 9th position for FDI Global Free Zone of The Future 2012-13.

BEPZA is now one of the most successful organizations in the country. The EPZs of the country are now being lauded as 'Bonanza for the Investors'. Not only that, BEPZA is a brand to the global business community due to the peaceful production friendly working environment at low cost production base. As a proud partner of the Economic Zone, Bangladesh EPZ Authority is going to set up BEPZA Economic Zone in Mirsarai, Chittagong with 1150 acres of land. BEPZA is marching ahead successfully to build Sonar Bangladesh by implementing the Vision 2021 & 2041 under the leadership of the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina-daughter of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

