METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, DHAKA:

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN YEARS is not a very long span of time in history. Indeed, history abounds with instances of institutions which survived and flourished for longer periods. Yet, a trade organization which could weather many vicissitudes for as long a period as 113 years has learned many lessons that can be of significance not only to the trade and industry but to a wider public. Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka is fortunate to be such an organization.

Founded in 1904, at a crucial turning of the century, soon after the introduction of electric power in the subcontinent in 1899, the Chamber's existence coincided with two epoch-making events -- creation of a Department of Trade and Industry headed by a Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council for the first time in 1904 which gave a new spurt of industrial growth by the resident British entrepreneurs, and the partition of Bengal by Lord Curzon in 1905 which gave rise to activities by the local entrepreneurial class in the wake of the boycott of British made goods. It witnessed events like two world wars in 1914 and 1939, the devastating famine in 1943, the struggle for independence in 1947 and then the great liberation in 1971. There are a very few trade organizations in this subcontinent which can be compared with it in terms of either longevity or effectiveness. Its services and business expertise are of the level available in trade bodies in the developed countries of the world.

MCCI extends its heartiest congratulations to Daily Star for completing twenty seven glorious years of success. We wish you all the success for many years to come and hope to continue cooperation with you in future.

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