



## Partners in Progress: Standard Chartered Bangladesh Trade Awards 2018

Bangladesh has made remarkable progress over the last decade. Over this time, we have averaged more than 6 percent GDP growth, achieving 7.86 percent growth in 2017-2018. From USD 100 billion in 2009, our GDP has swelled to USD 274 billion this year. Our foreign exchange reserve has multiplied four-folds, to USD 33 billion. Export-oriented industrialization and a conducive external trade regime have meant that in the last fiscal year, our export earning has already reached around USD 37 billion.

In this incredible success story, the real heroes are our entrepreneurs, who, through their toil and ingenuity, have put Bangladesh on the map, helping us become an important node of the global value chain.

Facilitating international trade for its partners has been a historical strength for the Bank: the very first external Letter of Credit in sovereign Bangladesh was issued by the Bank in 1972. Our focus on trade facilitation continues till date, with the bank directly handling 8% of countries trade volume. Standard Chartered Bank is one of the largest trade processing hubs in the country, boasting of one of largest trade assets and contingent books, and is also one of the largest trade revenue earner among the foreign banks.

"Partners in Progress: Standard Chartered Bangladesh Trade Awards" is an initiative by Standard Chartered Bank that honours and celebrates the partnership between the Bank and the business sector in our nation's journey of prosperity. The event is an acknowledgement and a tribute to the continued patronage of the clients, that has been a key enabler to Standard Chartered Bank's commitment to support growth in trade and commerce in Bangladesh. As one of the oldest financial institutions of Bangladesh, with its unique global network, Standard Chartered has always remained steadfast in its commitment to help Bangladesh become ever more competitive on the global stage.

The Bank has introduced a number of innovative trade financing products in recent years. This includes, a valuation-based import financing solution and foreign currency-based export financing. The Bank is also the first to have launched fully automated supply chain solutions, which allows clients to request for financing on-line and receive funds instantaneously.

It has been the proud heritage of Standard Chartered to be a partner in progress of Bangladesh, and we remain fully committed to driving commerce and prosperity for our great nation.

### Top Trade Business Institutions for 2018: Commodities, Energy, Textile, Garments and other sectors



**City Group**  
**Mr. Fazlur Rahman**  
Chairman of City Group and **Mr. Md. Hasan**  
Director of City Group are receiving the award.



**PHP Family**  
**Al Hajj Sufi Mohammad**  
**Mizanur Rahman**  
Chairman and **Mr. Amir Hossain** Director of the PHP Family are receiving the award.



**Uttara Group of Industries**  
**Mr. Matiur Rahman**  
Chairman and Managing Director of Uttara Group is receiving the award.



**Unilever Bangladesh**  
**Mr. Kedar Lele**  
CEO of Unilever Bangladesh is receiving the award.



**Meghna Group of Industries**  
**Mr. Tanveer Mostafa**  
Director of Meghna Group of Industries is receiving the award.



**United Group**  
**Mr. Moinuddin Hasan Rashid**  
Managing Director of United Group is receiving the award.



**T.K. Group**  
**Mr. Mahfuzur Rahman**  
Group Director of T.K. Group and **Ms. Farzana Afroze** daughter of **Mr. Abdul Kalam** Managing Director of T.K. Group are receiving the award.



**Hameem Group**  
**Mr. Kamal Hossain**  
Director of Hameem Group is receiving the award.



**Youngone Group**  
**Mr. Jahangir Sadat**  
President, KEPZ Corporation (BD) Ltd. is receiving the award for Youngone Group.



**EPIC Group**  
**Mr. Prem Soni**  
Executive Vice President Finance and **Mr. Vasantha**  
Executive Vice President & Cluster Head of EPIC Group are receiving the award.



**Pacific Jeans Group**  
**Mr. Shishir Chakraborty**  
Group General Manager, Finance and Accounts is receiving the award.



**Square Group**  
**Mr. Md. Alamgir Hossain**  
Executive Director, Operations & Finance, Textile Division is receiving the award.

### Category: National Export Trophy



**Akij Group**  
**Mr. Sheikh Jamil Uddin**  
Director of Akij Group is receiving the award.



**Pran-RFL Group**  
**Ms. Uzma Chowdhury**  
Finance Director is receiving the award.



**Noman Group**  
**Mr. Abdullah Mohammad Talha**  
Director of Noman Group is receiving the award.