

# NATIONAL FOUNDATION DAY of the REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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**Moon Jae-in**

President of the Republic of Korea

## Message from the Ambassador

Every year on the 3rd of October, Korea celebrates its National Foundation Day what we call Gaecheonjeol in Korean language. This day is not just to mark the legendary formation of the first Korean state called Go-jo-seon but also to honor our enduring efforts to preserve our land, history and culture for nearly five millenniums.

I am truly delighted to celebrate this meaningful day with my Bangladesh friends and our Korean community in Bangladesh and would like to express my deepest gratitude for all your support and efforts for the ever-strengthening Korea-Bangladesh relations.

I would first like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the people and the government of Bangladesh on the golden jubilee of its independence and the centenary of the birth of Bangabandhu this year. I am confident that Bangladesh will chart a brighter future building on the remarkable achievements it has made since its independence.

Looking back our close ties which we have enjoyed for nearly five decades, Korea is proud of having been a trustful partner of Bangladesh during its journey of development. The successful collaboration in the RMG sector which started in 1970s is providing solid basis for successful collaborations in other areas such as health, infrastructure, ICT and energy. In terms of FDI, Korea ranks 5th with some 200 Korean companies operating in Bangladesh. Korea has become a popular destination for expatriate workers and students of Bangladesh. In addition, Bangladesh is one of the priority partner countries of Korea's development assistance. So far, the Republic of Korea provided Bangladesh with 1.19 billion US dollars in concessional loan and nearly 220 million US dollars in grant aid.

Despite the slowdown in exchanges between the two countries last year due to the pandemic, the bilateral trade which was shrunk last year is rapidly picking up again this year. People-to-people exchange is also slowly resuming. Even though there still remain restrictions on travel which causes concerns and

difficulties to many, especially students and workers, I do wish that we all could return to normal soon as the situation improves.

More importantly, as a trustful partner of each other, even in the times of difficulties and challenges caused by the pandemic, our two countries have stood by each other. Korea provided medical equipment and material as well as the budgetary support of 50 million US dollars to help the people and the government of Bangladesh in its fight against the virus and the consequent economic impact. Bangladesh rendered supports to the Korean community in Bangladesh by providing timely vaccination. As the saying goes, friend in need, friend indeed.

As a natural partner of Bangladesh, as did during the pandemic recently, Korea will continue to stand by Bangladesh and the people of Bangladesh in its journey ahead to a brighter future, in good times and bad.

In two years' time, Korea and Bangladesh will celebrate together the golden jubilee of our diplomatic ties. It will be an occasion

to look back the path we've taken for the past fifty years and take steps towards the next fifty years. It will be a milestone year which will bring our already close relations into a new height. With endeavors from both sides, I hope we can further deepen and expand our cooperation by celebrating our 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2023. I wish you all the best success, peace and happiness.



**LEE Jang-keun**

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea

রিপাবলিক অব কোরিয়ার জাতীয় প্রতিষ্ঠা দিবস এক সাথে উদযাপন করার জন্য আপনাদের ধন্যবাদ। আমি আপনাদের সুখ, শান্তি ও সুস্বাস্থ্য কামনা করছি।



**Mostafa Kamal**  
President, KBCCI

## Message from the President of KBCCI

I feel highly honored to express my heartiest greetings to the people of the Republic of Korea on the occasion of their National Foundation Day on 3rd October 2021.

The Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of Bangladesh are two friendly countries having bilateral diplomatic and trade relations since 1973. The bilateral relationship between the two countries is based on solid foundation of mutual trust and understanding. More than 200 companies of the Republic of Korea are now operating in Bangladesh with visible success.

Korean industries in the Export Processing Zones and other areas are contributing a lot in the Bangladesh economy. 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. The objectives of the Chamber were 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 trade and investment between the two countries, KBCCI had arranged for exchange of business delegations. We had successfully arranged a trade fair of Korean products titled "Showcase Korea 2017" during October 13-14, 2017 and "Showcase Korea 2018" was held during October 19-20, 2018 at the International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka. An exhibition of Bangladeshi products was also held in Seoul during June 27-29, 2019. We had also a lot of programs to perform, but due to pandemic situation, it was not possible to execute. In this regard, 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 the Republic of Korea and the Korean Community living in Bangladesh on the occasion of the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea.

## Heartiest Congratulations to the Republic of Korea on the Occasion of National Foundation Day

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