Bangladesh pitches higher-value apparel in Hong Kong

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Bangladesh presented a value-led apparel offer to global retailers at the Bangladesh Apparel Roadshow 2026 in Hong Kong on October 28, stressing higher-value products, design, modern manufacturing and sustainability over volume alone.

HSBC Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), in collaboration with the Consulate General of Bangladesh in Hong Kong, hosted the event at Island Shangri-La.

Over 130 participants, including international buyers, sourcing professionals, manufacturers and industry stakeholders, attended the event, according to an HSBC press release. The programme featured a keynote address by Rubana Huq, chairperson of Mohammadi Group, two panel discussions and an apparel showcase.

"Bangladesh's apparel sector has moved far beyond competing on sheer volume alone," said Md Mahbub ur Rahman, chief executive officer of HSBC Bangladesh, who moderated both panel discussions.

BGMEA President Mahmud Hasan Khan said the industry aimed to achieve $100 billion in exports within a decade, with at least $20 billion coming from value addition.

He said exports grew 6.25 percent in the last quarter, rejecting a suggestion that they were declining, but acknowledged that energy and logistics remained major challenges. Bangladesh had also requested a deferment of its graduation from the least developed country (LDC) category, he added.

Shah Mohammad Tanvir Monsur, consul general of Bangladesh in Hong Kong, said garment exports earned $38.70 billion in FY2025-26, while locally retained value rose to 62.15 percent from 59.01 percent.

Rubana Huq said 30 percent of garment exports were now non-cotton, with factories moving into denim, outerwear and activewear. She said Bangladesh had more than 290 LEED-certified green factories.

Among buyers, Kim Hellström, senior sustainability manager of H&M Group, said Bangladesh's dependence on gas was the biggest climate challenge for retailers.



Key dignitaries, industry leaders and global retail representatives pose for a photograph at the Bangladesh Apparel Roadshow 2026 in Hong Kong recently. PHOTO: HSBC



Prof Md Rais Uddin, vice-chancellor of Jagannath University, and Syed Sazzad Haider Chowdhury, deputy managing director and chief information officer of Prime Bank PLC, exchange signed documents of a memorandum of understanding on the university campus premises recently. PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Prime Bank partners with Jagannath University to expand financial services

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Prime Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Jagannath University to expand banking services for the university's students, teachers and employees and promote financial inclusion on campus.

Prof Md Rais Uddin, vice-chancellor of the university, and Syed Sazzad Haider Chowdhury, deputy managing director and chief information officer of the bank, signed the MoU at a ceremony held on the university campus recently, according to a press release.

Under the agreement, the university community will have access to Prime Bank's banking products, card facilities and tailored financial services, while the bank will also support the institution's financial needs.

At the event, Prime Bank officials highlighted a range of financial services for university students, including fee collection, student files and bank accounts with free debit cards at attractive rates.

They also showcased payroll banking, various loan facilities, credit cards, investment opportunities and other financial services for faculty members and university staff.

The partnership has been formed under PrimeAcademia, the bank's industry-academia partnership platform, through which Prime Bank is strengthening its engagement with educational institutions across the country by introducing innovative banking initiatives, the release added.



Sohail RK Hussain, managing director of Bank Asia PLC, poses for a photograph with participants at an awareness session for the bank's senior management on the newly introduced "Risk-Based Supervision (RBS) Framework" at Bank Asia Tower in Karwan Bazar, Dhaka recently. PHOTO: BANK ASIA

Bank Asia holds session on risk-based supervision framework

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Bank Asia PLC has organised an awareness session for its senior management on the newly introduced "Risk-Based Supervision (RBS) Framework" at Bank Asia Tower in Karwan Bazar, Dhaka, in compliance with Bangladesh Bank's regulatory requirements to raise awareness among senior bank officials.

The session focused on the RBS Framework's assessment methodology, supervisory expectations and implementation requirements, according to a press release.

It provided valuable insights into the transition towards a risk-based supervisory approach and enhanced participants' understanding of the regulatory framework, its implications and the bank's preparedness for effective implementation.

Sohail RK Hussain, managing director of Bank Asia PLC, attended the session along with the bank's senior management team and relevant functional heads.

Mohammad Abdur Rab, director of the Supervisory Policy and Coordination Department (SPCD) at Bangladesh Bank, and Proshanto Kumar Mondol, additional director of the SPCD, conducted the session.

According to the bank, the initiative reflects its commitment to strengthening corporate governance, risk management and regulatory compliance practices in line with Bangladesh Bank's evolving supervisory framework.

Shahjalal Islami Bank holds cyber awareness sessions for staff

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Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC has organised a cybersecurity awareness workshop for its senior management at its corporate head office in Dhaka as part of the observance of National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

Mosleh Uddin Ahmed, managing director of the bank, inaugurated the workshop as the chief guest and delivered a detailed presentation on cybersecurity risks and challenges in the banking sector, according to a press release.

Throughout October, the bank also organised online workshops for employees at all levels to strengthen cybersecurity awareness and protect its digital assets.

The sessions highlighted the importance of remaining vigilant against various cyber threats, including phishing, malware, ransomware, social engineering and unauthorised access to systems.

Participants were advised to use strong passwords and follow security guidelines consistently. They were also cautioned against opening unfamiliar emails, clicking suspicious links or downloading attachments from untrusted sources.

The workshops further emphasised that passwords, one-time passwords (OTPs), personal identification numbers (PINs) and other confidential information should never be shared with anyone.

Employees were also urged to promptly report unusual transactions, suspicious emails and other security-related incidents to the relevant authorities or the bank's IT security department.

The speakers stressed that cybersecurity is not the responsibility of any single department but a collective responsibility, requiring every employee to remain aware, vigilant and accountable.

Among others, Md Abdullah Al-Mamun, additional managing director of the bank, and MM Saiful Islam and Md Jafar Sadeq, deputy managing directors, along with heads of various departments at the corporate head office, were also present at the workshop.



PHOTO: SHAHJALAL ISLAMI BANK

Mosleh Uddin Ahmed, managing director of Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC, attends a cybersecurity awareness workshop for the bank's senior management at its corporate head office in Dhaka recently.

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