

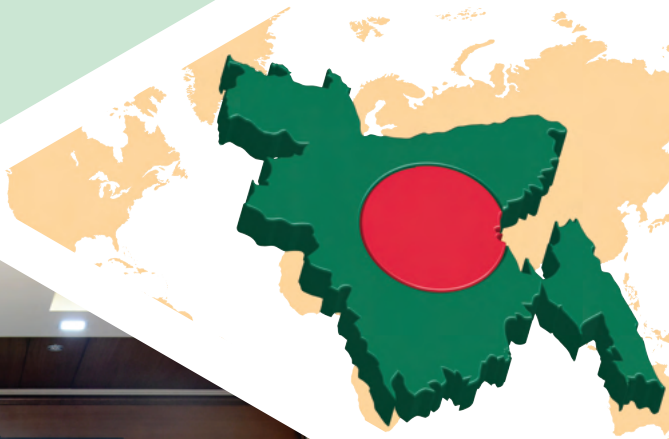


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MESSAGE

Major General

Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman,
BSP, ndc, psc

Executive Chairman



Bangladesh is undergoing a monumental transformation. A courageous revolution led by our students has ushered in a new era. Under the leadership of Nobel Laureate Professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Chief Adviser of the Interim Government of Bangladesh, we have embarked on this new journey with hope and determination. On behalf of BEPZA, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to him and express profound respect to the brave souls who sacrificed their lives during the July Revolution of 2024. I also wish a swift recovery to all those injured in the movement.

For the past 44 years, BEPZA has been diligently working to attract investment, particularly Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), boost exports through product diversification, and generate employment in its vibrant industrial zones. I am pleased to announce that during the period from July to September 2024, we received FDI proposals amounting to US\$ 133 million—a significant achievement as the country navigates a period of leadership transition.

In addition to our ongoing efforts to attract FDI, BEPZA stands in solidarity with the victims of the recent floods. Our esteemed investors have also participated in this humanitarian effort, collectively contributing Tk. 5 crore to the Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all BEPZA employees and investors for their unwavering commitment to supporting those in need.

I am proud to highlight that while the RMG sector continues to account for over 80 percent of Bangladesh's export earnings, serving as a cornerstone of the nation's economy, we are also producing an impressive array of diversified and branded products in the EPZs, and showcasing Bangladesh's growing economic potential on the global stage.

As the country experiences evolving political and labour dynamics, the government is diligently addressing the associated challenges, and we are confident that stability will be restored soon. In the meantime, BEPZA remains committed to ensuring a secure and reliable business environment within the EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone, offering steadfast support to our valued investors.

I invite investors to join us on this new journey for Bangladesh by investing in the EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone, contributing to the country's bright future.

EDITOR'S NOTE

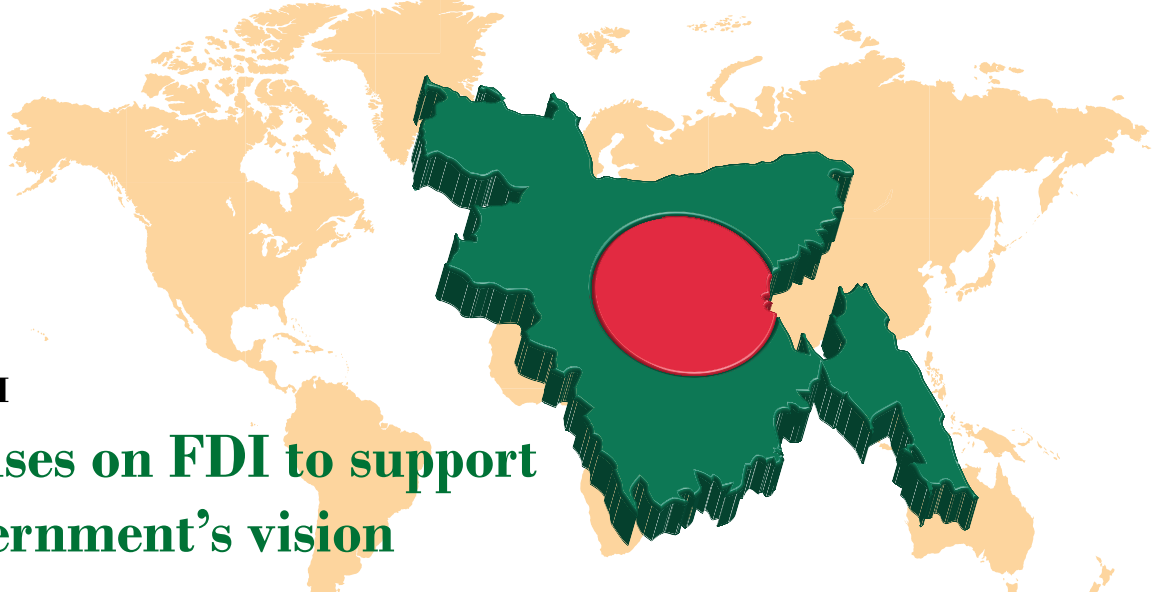
The 71st edition of the BEPZA Bulletin highlights key milestones in BEPZA's ongoing mission to promote economic growth and diversify industry.

A major feature in this issue is the growing diversity of products manufactured within the EPZs, which are increasingly gaining global recognition. This focus on innovative product offerings strengthens BEPZA's role in boosting Bangladesh's export potential.

BEPZA has successfully attracted US\$ 133 million in foreign direct investment from eight companies, in line with the Interim Government's development vision. Recently, two high-level Chinese delegations visited BEPZA to explore new investment opportunities in the EPZs and BEPZA EZ. We have spotlighted this in this issue.

Three firms have commenced commercial operations in the BEPZA EZ, with several more set to follow. We have highlighted this in this issue, providing readers with the latest updates on BEPZA EZ. The bulletin also includes a report on the National Export Trophy won by six EPZ industries, underscoring BEPZA's success in global trade. Additionally, BEPZA's contributions to flood victims demonstrate its strong commitment to social responsibility. Congratulations to the newly elected BEPZIA Board of Directors for 2024-2025.

I extend my thanks and gratitude to the Executive Directors of the zones and the executive offices for their invaluable support in bringing this bulletin to fruition.



NEW BANGLADESH

BEPZA focuses on FDI to support Interim Government's vision

Bangladesh is undergoing an unprecedented phase of transformation. The student-led July revolution has created a unique opportunity for the interim government, led by Nobel Laureate Professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus, to build a new Bangladesh. BEPZA congratulates the interim government for envisioning a better and more respectful Bangladesh, keeping the new generation and all citizens in mind.

Following the fall of the previous regime on August 5, 2024, the country's exports and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows were affected by the unstable political and social climate. To address this challenge, the Hon'ble Chief Adviser to the interim government, in his speech in the 79th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), urged global leaders from various countries to engage with Bangladesh's new journey toward a prosperous future.

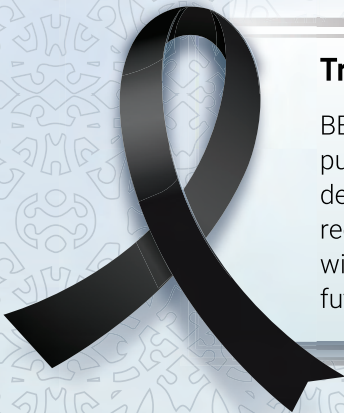
He attended bilateral meetings with several Heads of State, strategic and development partners, as well as members of the business community on the sidelines of the UNGA, calling for support in building 'Bangladesh 2.0' by deepening trade and economic ties and investing in the country. He assured them that the investment environment would be improved, labour rights would be upheld in accordance with ILO standards, and

concerns of both brands sourcing clothing from Bangladesh and investors would be addressed.

BEPZA, a key player in attracting FDI to Bangladesh, has stepped up to reinforce the country's economic foundation by encouraging increased investment in EPZs and the BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ). The authority has ensured safety and security for its valued investors and their industries during this political turmoil, highlighting EPZs and BEPZA EZ as promising destinations for global investors.

The production processes in all EPZs and BEPZA EZ continue at full capacity, offering a glimmer of hope for the country's economic recovery. Additionally, BEPZA's innovative approaches, including investment promotion campaigns, roadshows, and proactive engagement with potential investors, continue to attract more FDI and expand the export basket.

The new government has taken proactive measures and collaborative initiatives to foster a conducive environment for investors by restoring law and order and regaining their confidence. BEPZA remains committed to working collectively with the government to highlight investment opportunities and attract more investment.



Tribute

BEPZA pays the heartiest tribute to the brave souls who sacrificed their lives in the pursuit of justice and equality during the July Revolution of 2024. We extend our deepest condolences to their families and loved ones. BEPZA also wishes a speedy recovery of all the injured during the movement. We hold the martyrs in our memory with utmost respect, letting their sacrifice inspire us as we strive to build a brighter future and a NEW BANGLADESH.

BEPZA to get US\$ 133 million FDI from eight companies

BEPZA signed lease agreements with eight foreign companies (seven from China and one from British-Ireland) between July and September 2024. These companies have proposed a total investment of US\$ 132.62 million. Of these, five companies are interested in investing in the BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ), two will establish industries in Uttara EPZ, and the rest one in Cumilla EPZ.

Home Joy Socks

Home Joy Socks Bangladesh Co. Limited will invest US\$ 50 million in BEPZA EZ to produce socks, tights, lingerie, and baby knitwear. They signed an agreement with BEPZA on September 8, 2024, which is expected to create employment opportunities for 4,980 Bangladeshi nationals.

YiXin Bangladesh

YiXin Bangladesh Co. Limited signed an agreement with BEPZA on September 8, 2024, to invest US\$ 7.45 million in BEPZA EZ. They will establish a shoe accessories manufacturing industry, creating jobs for 1,509 Bangladeshi nationals.

DC Industry

DC Industry (Bangladesh) Co. Limited will set up a manufacturing facility for handbags, backpacks, and wallets in BEPZA EZ. They signed an agreement with BEPZA on August 28, 2024, to invest US\$ 5.36 million, which is expected to create employment for 2,990 Bangladeshi nationals.

Unicorn Handbag

Unicorn Handbag Limited will invest US\$ 21.85 million in BEPZA EZ to produce a range of products, including backpacks, handbags, wallets, bags, caps, belts, and luggage, employing 2,000 Bangladeshi nationals. To this end, they signed an agreement with BEPZA on July 3, 2024.

Deltaport

Deltaport Limited, a British-Irish company is going to invest US\$ 36 million to set up a garments manufacturing industry in BEPZA EZ. This initiative will create employment opportunities for 5,980 Bangladeshi citizens. BEPZA signed an agreement with the company to this effect on September 22, 2024.

Meigo (Bangladesh)

Meigo (Bangladesh) Limited plans to invest US\$ 6.70 million to establish a factory for collectible items and toys in UEPZ. BEPZA and Meigo (Bangladesh) signed an agreement to this effect on August 14, 2024. The company aims to produce



BEPZA Executive Chairman along with senior officials of both parties witnessing the signing ceremony between BEPZA and Home Joy Socks Bangladesh Co. Limited

700,000 pieces of collectible items and toys annually, employing 1,056 Bangladeshi nationals.

Baida Industrial Company

BEPZA and Baida Industrial Company Limited signed an agreement on July 30, 2024, to establish a printed materials and packaging products manufacturing industry in UEPZ. They will invest US\$ 1.26 million, which is expected to generate employment for 1,150 Bangladeshi nationals.

Tianhui Button

Cumilla EPZ will receive an investment of US\$ 4 million from Tianhui Button (BD) Co. Limited, which plans to establish a garment accessories manufacturing industry in the zone. According to the agreement signed on September 12, 2024, with BEPZA, the company will create jobs for 139 Bangladeshi individuals.

Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA, Md. Ashrafur Kabir, signed all lease agreements with the respective companies at the BEPZA Complex in Dhaka. The agreements were formalized in a ceremony attended by BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc, along with senior officials of BEPZA and the involved companies.

Among the eight companies, five to invest in BEPZA EZ, two in Uttara EPZ, and one in Cumilla EPZ



Member (IP) of BEPZA and representative of Deltaport Limited exchanging documents in presence of BEPZA Executive Chairman

At a Glance

Company Name	Country	EPZ/EZ	Proposed Investment (Million US\$)	Proposed Employment (nos.)
Home Joy Socks Bangladesh Co. Limited	China	BEPZA EZ	50.00	4,980
YiXin Bangladesh Co. Limited	China	BEPZA EZ	7.45	1,509
DC Industry (Bangladesh) Co. Limited	China	BEPZA EZ	5.36	2,990
Unicorn Handbag Limited	China	BEPZA EZ	21.85	2,000
Deltaport Limited	Britain- Ireland	BEPZA EZ	36.00	5,980
Meigo (Bangladesh) Limited	China	Uttara EPZ	6.70	1,056
Baida Industrial Company Limited	China	Uttara EPZ	1.26	1,150
Tianhui Button (BD) Co. Limited	China	Cumilla EPZ	4.00	139
Total			132.62	19,804

Chinese delegation explores investment opportunities in EPZs and BEPZA EZ

Bangladesh stands as an attractive investment destination, underscored by its position as the world's second-largest garment exporter. To further diversify the country's export portfolio, BEPZA actively encourage investments across a wide range of sectors. These remarks were made by Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman of BEPZA, during the visit of two high-level Chinese delegations to the BEPZA Executive Office.

The visits followed a seminar held on April 30, 2024, in Quanzhou City, Fujian Province, China, where a BEPZA delegation, led by its Executive Chairman, encouraged Chinese investors to explore investment opportunities in the EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ).



BEPZA Executive Chairman and senior officials pose with Quanzhou Maritime Silk Road Industry and Commerce Association delegation

Quanzhou Maritime Silk Road Industry and Commerce Association

A 13-member delegation from the Quanzhou Maritime Silk Road Industry and Commerce Association visited BEPZA on July 1, 2024.

BEPZA Executive Chairman expressed gratitude for their interest in investing in Bangladesh. He noted that despite certain challenges, Bangladesh remains an attractive destination for investment. He highlighted the long-term benefits and support that BEPZA provides to foreign

investors, encouraging the delegation to consider investing in the EPZs and BEPZA EZ.

Mr. Jinshan Xu, the leader of the delegation, acknowledged Bangladesh's promising investment opportunities and expressed their intent to explore potential investments. Prior to their visit to BEPZA, the delegation toured the Chattogram EPZ and BEPZA EZ on June 30, 2024, to gain a deeper understanding of the operating procedures, infrastructure, worker wages, customs, and other key details.



Executive Chairman of BEPZA focuses on investment opportunities with Chinese Textile Industry Corporation delegation

Chinese Textile Industry Corporation delegation

To explore potential investment opportunities and strengthen business ties with BEPZA, a 15-member high-level delegation from the China Textile Industrial Corporation for Foreign Economic and Technical Cooperation (CTEXIC) visited BEPZA on July 7, 2024.

BEPZA Executive Chairman provided an overview of the establishment and functioning of EPZs in the country. He stated, “Our manufacturing landscape is primarily characterized by the Ready-Made Garments (RMG) sector,

which thrives due to the availability of affordable labour. However, we are now encouraging investments across a variety of sectors.” He urged the Chinese delegation to consider investing in the EPZs and BEPZA EZ.

Md. Ashraful Kabir, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA, assured the delegation of the authority’s support in facilitating investments in the textile and clothing industry. The delegation’s leader, Mr. Huang Liansheng, expressed appreciation for BEPZA’s efforts and expressed hope for strengthened cooperation with the organization to explore ways to increase investment in the sector.

China to give 100% duty-free access to Bangladeshi products

Bangladeshi exports will enjoy zero-tariff treatment under cent-percent tariff lines in China from December 01, 2024. The Chinese embassy in Dhaka confirmed this in a statement released on September 23, 2024. A statement from the Chinese embassy in Dhaka said, its Tariff Commission decided to open its markets for all products from the LDCs having diplomatic relations with China, including 33 countries in Africa.

At the opening ceremony of the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation on September 5 this year, China announced its decision to voluntarily and unilaterally expand its market. In light of this announcement, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh



Yao Wen has discussed about this issue with Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh Jashim Uddin during a meeting on September 12, 2024. In the meeting, the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh said that China had been the source of most Foreign Direct Investment after the formation of the interim government, which amounted to about US\$ 8 million.

Mentionable that, in 2022, China had granted duty-free access to 98 percent of Bangladeshi goods, including 383 new products, especially leather and leather goods. It has now been increased to 100 percent. In 2020, it was for 97 percent of Bangladeshi products.

Source: The Daily Star



BEPZA leads country into a new age of industrial diversity

Not long ago, Bangladesh's export industry was primarily synonymous with garments—a narrow focus that shaped the nation's economic narrative. However, what was once a garment-dominated sector has undergone a dramatic transformation, evolving into a vibrant and diversified industrial powerhouse, largely driven by the efforts of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).

While the Ready-Made Garment (RMG) sector still accounts for over 80% of Bangladesh's export earnings, the EPZs tell a different story: 43.34% of production comes from RMG, while 56.66% originates from non-RMG industries. This shift highlights BEPZA's success in fostering diversification within the sector. Today, EPZs produce an impressive array of

goods, ranging from camera lenses to luxury wedding gowns, reflecting Bangladesh's evolving manufacturing capabilities.

Product diversity fuels export success

Fashion bags in the hands of models at World Fashion Week, miniature cars cherished as racing souvenirs, and even luxury wedding gowns—all are now proudly manufactured in the factories of Bangladesh's EPZs and BEPZA EZ. The demand for these high-quality products is rising, with bamboo coffins from Bangladesh gaining popularity in European markets, while the renowned brand Hugo Boss proudly inscribes "Made in Bangladesh" on its shoes, showcasing the exceptional quality of Bangladeshi craftsmanship to the world.



Today, the EPZs of Bangladesh produce and export a wide variety of products, including industrial gloves, wigs, hair accessories, bicycles (including mountain bikes), bamboo coffins, luxury cigars, and seat trim covers. Additionally, the zones are involved in the production of medical products, lead-acid batteries, kitchen utensils, optical frames, electronic and electrical items, fashion bags, festive carnival items, luggage and travel bags, tent and camping goods, wooden furniture, and golf shafts. The list extends to specialized items like medals, safety shoes, toys, fishing nets, camera lenses, automobile parts, and various agro-products.

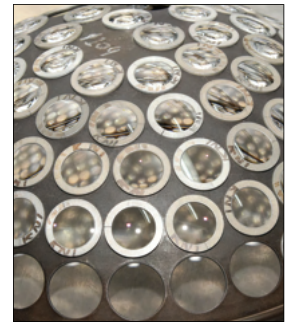
This remarkable diversification is a testament to BEPZA's role in driving economic growth and reducing the country's reliance on a single industry. As a result, EPZs are now responsible for nearly 18% of Bangladesh's total export earnings, clearly indicating their success.

Strategic expansion and commitment to diversification

BEPZA's transformation is driven by strategic initiatives that capitalize on the geographic advantages of EPZs and a skilled workforce, leading to diversified manufacturing and enhanced local capabilities. Looking ahead, BEPZA is actively promoting investment in the production of a wide range of products within the BEPZA Economic Zone, its largest venture located in Mirsharai, Chattogram. Additionally, BEPZA plans to expand its influence by developing new EPZs in Patuakhali, Jashore, and Gaibandha. This emphasis on fostering diversified product manufacturing underscores BEPZA's commitment to establishing Bangladesh as a significant player in the global manufacturing landscape.

Paving the way for industrial excellence

The diversification of Bangladesh's EPZs, spearheaded by BEPZA, has transformed the nation's industrial landscape and bolstered its position in the global market. By decreasing its reliance on the garment sector and embracing a wide array of industries, Bangladesh is poised for sustained economic growth, with its EPZs leading the charge toward a new era of industrial excellence.



EC's ACTIVITIES

Inauguration

BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc, paid a visit to Uttara EPZ on July 15, 2024, where he inaugurated two significant facilities. The first was the newly constructed Guardian Shed at BEPZA Public School and College, designed to provide a comfortable and convenient space for guardians accompanying students. Additionally, he inaugurated a Computer Lab aimed at enhancing the quality of education through digital learning. During his visit, he also launched a tree plantation program in the zone, promoting environmental sustainability.



Executive Chairman along with officials of UEPZ offers dua after inaugurating Guardian Shed



Executive Chairman speaking at the program

BEPZA EC pledges support to investors in UEPZ

The Executive Chairman met with investors at Uttara EPZ during his visit on July 15, 2024. The meeting provided a platform for investors to share their concerns, particularly regarding customs procedures. The Executive Chairman attentively listened to these concerns and assured them of BEPZA's commitment to creating a more favourable business environment. He also highlighted the organization's significant achievements, provided updates on ongoing and upcoming digital developments, and informed investors about the current status of new EPZ and EZ projects.

Inaugural meeting of MCTB of BEPZA EZ

The first meeting of the Medical Center Trustee Board (MCTB) of the BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ) was held on September 23, 2024, presided over by BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc. The board has decided to provide medical facilities to workers starting November 1, 2024, on the ground floor of the zone office building of BEPZA EZ. Upon completion of the construction work, workers will have access to healthcare facilities at the Medical Center.



Executive Chairman along with other members of MCTB at the first meeting

BEPZA ECONOMIC ZONE

Three firms commence commercial operations, few more to follow

Three companies in the BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ), the largest initiative of BEPZA located in Mirsharai, Chattogram, have begun commercial operations, breathing new life into the region's economy.

KPST Shoes (BD) Co. Limited, a Chinese manufacturer of shoe accessories with an investment target of US\$ 8.07 million, was the first to commence operations in November 2023.

Subsequently, Fengqun Composite Material Company (BD) Limited and Kiayi Lingerie Bangladesh Co. Limited, both Chinese entities, have started commercial operations. They have established manufacturing units in the zone to produce shoe accessories and composite garment items, with investment plans of US\$ 2.22 million and US\$ 60.85 million, respectively.

As of September 2024, these three companies have exported products worth US\$ 0.58 million and have directly created jobs for approximately 1,600 Bangladeshi nationals. Two more companies are expected to begin commercial operations by the end of this year, while 10 companies are currently under construction.

A total of 34 companies have signed agreements with BEPZA to invest in BEPZA EZ, with a proposed investment of US\$ 804.55 million. Among them, 31 are fully foreign-owned,



Workers of Kaixi Lingerie of BEPZA EZ engaging in production process

one is a joint venture, and two are owned by Bangladeshi entrepreneurs.

The lease signee companies will produce a diverse range of goods, including shoe accessories, packaging materials, finished lubricants, camping equipment, outdoor products, tents, garment accessories, hair fashion accessories, cotton products, hospital products, bags, mattresses, socks, and more, in addition to garments. BEPZA is prioritizing product diversification in approving new projects for BEPZA EZ.

BEPZA has transformed previously barren and low-lying land into a desirable investment destination. According to the master plan, 539 plots are set to be developed. BEPZA has already prepared 279 industrial plots, and of these, 209 have been allotted to 34 enterprises. The authority is working to make BEPZA EZ a smart and green zone with modern infrastructure and support services.



MISC.

Six EPZ industries bag National Export Trophy



Six industries from Chattogram, Dhaka, and Uttara EPZs were awarded the National Export Trophy for the fiscal year 2021-2022, recognizing their significant contributions to the country's export sector and job creation.

In the garment sector category for EPZs (Knit and Woven), the two sister concerns of Pacific Jeans Group—Universal Jeans Limited and Pacific Jeans Limited—both located in Chattogram EPZ, received the gold and silver trophies, respectively, while Shasha Denims Limited of Dhaka EPZ awarded the bronze trophy.

In the Other Products and Services sector category under EPZs, Star Packaging & Accessories Limited, Padma Spinning & Composite Limited, and Fardin Accessories Limited from Uttara EPZ received gold, silver, and bronze trophies, respectively, during the ceremony held on July 14, 2024.



BEPZIA elects new board for 2024-2025

The Bangladesh EPZ Investors' Association (BEPZIA) has formed its Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 term during the 8th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Investors Club of Chattogram EPZ on September 21, 2024.

Shahadat Musharraf Khan, Managing Director of Section Seven Limited, Chattogram EPZ, has been re-elected as President of BEPZIA. Syed M. Tanvir, Managing Director of Pacific

Jeans Limited, has been elected as Senior Vice President.

The 21-member Board of Directors comprises representatives from 8 EPZs, including 9 from Chattogram EPZ, 5 from Dhaka EPZ, 2 from Karnaphuli EPZ, and 1 each from Cumilla, Adamjee, Uttara, Ishwardi, and Mongla EPZs. BEPZIA is an association of local and foreign investors operating in EPZs under BEPZA.

Customs commissioner visits MEPZ

A. K. M Mahbubur Rahman, Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, Mongla, paid a visit to Mongla EPZ (MEPZ) on September 25, 2024. During the visit, a cordial discussion took place, addressing various customs-related issues. The Commissioner pledged to resolve pending matters concerning EPZ enterprises within the framework of relevant laws and regulations. Later, he toured two factories to observe the production process.



ED (MEPZ) discusses customs related issues with the Commissioner

BEPZA steps forward to help flood victims

Heavy monsoon rains and a rush of water from upstream caused flash floods in 11 districts of the Chattogram and Sylhet divisions, displacing people and damaging infrastructure. In a demonstration of social responsibility, BEPZA has extended support to the victims of the devastating floods.

In a show of solidarity, all BEPZA employees donated their one-day salary, totaling Tk. 18.42 lakh, to the Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund on August 27, 2024. This collective effort aims to provide relief to those affected by the floods.

Additionally, investors of BEPZA have continued their tradition of supporting distressed communities during crises. As part of

their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, they have donated a substantial amount of approximately Tk. 5 crore to the Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund through BEPZA.

BEPZA's efforts extend beyond its primary role of attracting local and foreign investment, promoting export growth through product diversification, and generating employment opportunities.

The organization has consistently demonstrated its commitment to supporting the nation during challenging times. BEPZA hopes that its contributions will significantly aid in the rehabilitation and rebuilding of the lives of flood victims.

BEPZA officials participate at China seminar

Three officials from BEPZA participated in a seminar titled "Investment Promotion and Investment Environment Security for Bangladesh," held in Wuhan, China, from August 29 to September 11, 2024. During the seminar, they shared insights and experiences to help shape strategies for advancing industrial development and investment promotion between China and Bangladesh. A total of 19 participants from various investment promotion agencies in Bangladesh attended the seminar.



BEPZA bids farewell to two distinguished Executive Directors

BEPZA recently bid farewell to two distinguished Executive Directors (EDs) whose remarkable careers have left a lasting impact on the organization.

Md. Anisur Rahman concluded his tenure on July 30, 2024, as the Executive Director of Ishwardi EPZ, while Kazi Shahidul Anwar retired on August 9, 2024, as the Executive Director of Audit.

Both officers began their journeys with BEPZA on October 12, 1992, in the Accounts & Finance Division and held various key positions throughout their careers. Their invaluable contributions played a pivotal role in the growth and success of BEPZA.

Mosquito eradication campaign

Md. Abdus Sobhan, Executive Director of Chattogram EPZ, along with investors inaugurates a campaign on September 30, 2024, aiming to stop the spread of dengue across the zone through regular fumigation and raise awareness among workers.



HSBC relocation



Md. Ashraful Kabir, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA, and Devesh Mathur, COO of HSBC Bangladesh, exchange documents after signing an agreement at the BEPZA Complex on July 09, 2024. HSBC signed the agreement with BEPZA to relocate its Dhaka and Chattogram EPZ offices to the newly built Commercial Complex.

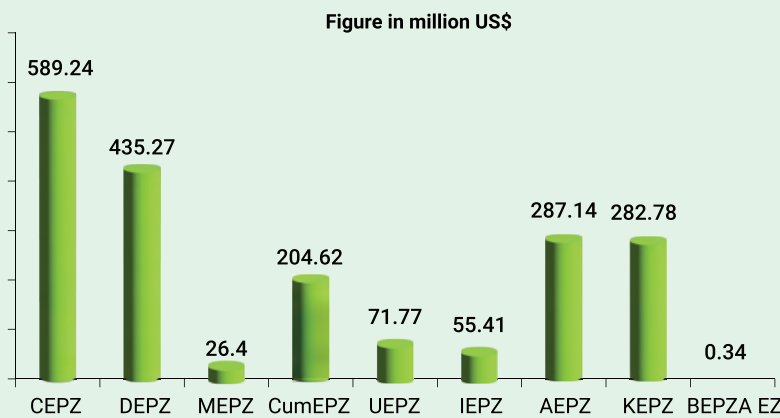
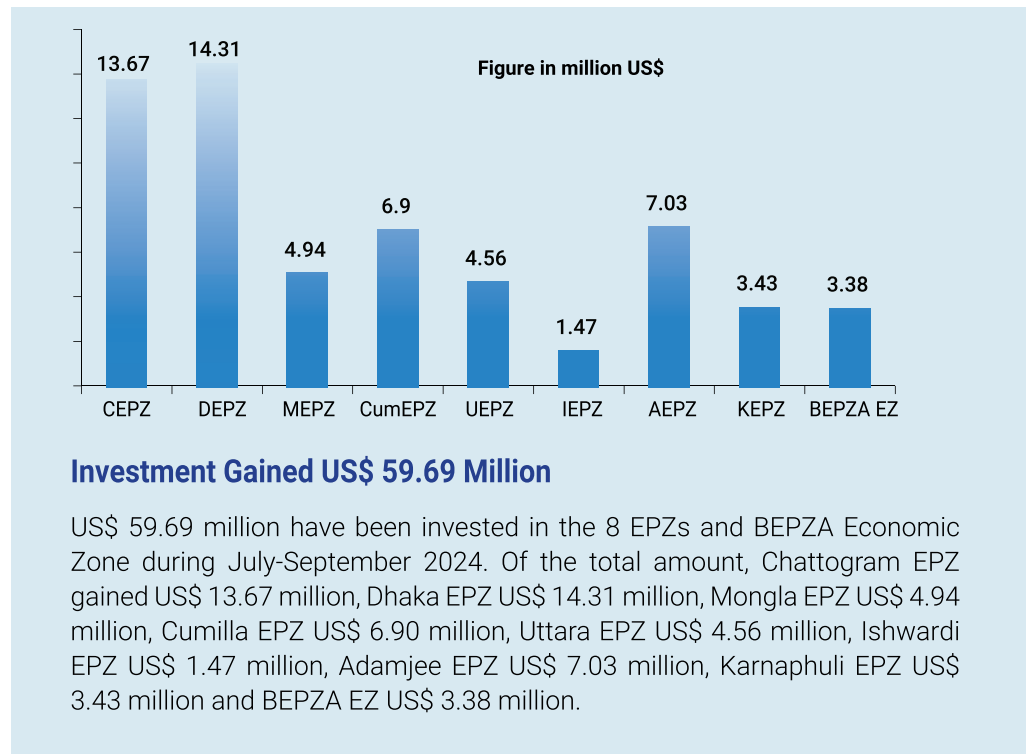
Fire drill

Md. Jillur Rahman, Executive Director of Karnaphuli EPZ, participates in a fire drill program alongside other officials on September 18, 2024. This hands-on training aims to educate employees on essential fire safety protocols, ensuring a safer workplace.



TOWARDS GROWTH

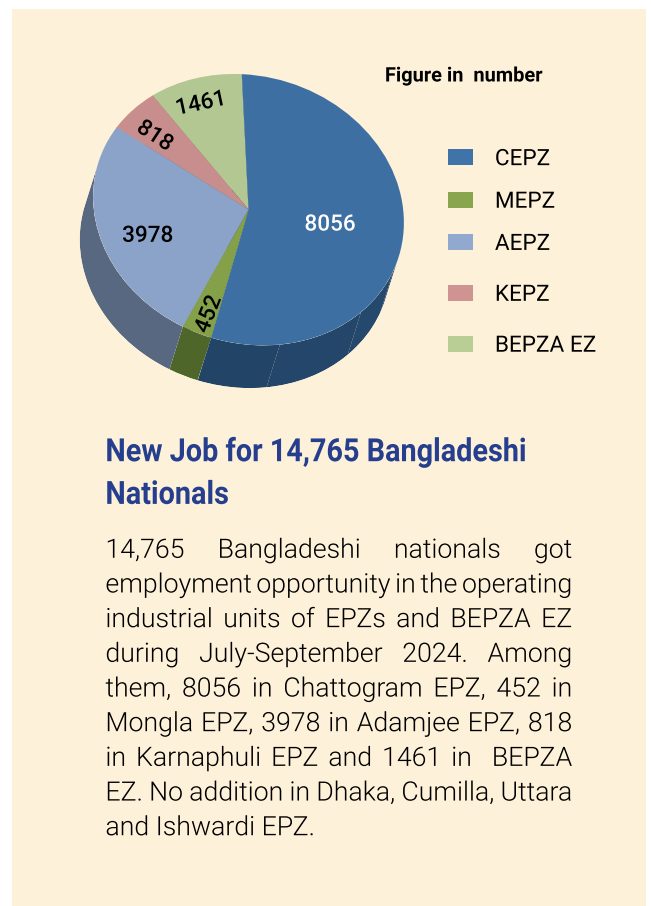
BEPZA, the pioneer investment promotional agency of Bangladesh has opened a new horizon in strengthening the economic base of the country by attracting both foreign direct investment and local investment through its eight EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ). The authority has already proved itself as one of the major contributors in the economic development of the country. Here, we are highlighting the sector wise achievement of BEPZA during July-September 2024.



Export Earned US\$ 1952.97 Million

The enterprises of EPZs and BEPZA EZ have exported goods worth US\$ 1952.97 million during the first quarter of the FY 2024-25.

Export earnings from Chattogram EPZ stands at US\$ 589.24 million while that of Dhaka EPZ US\$ 435.27 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 26.40 million, Cumilla EPZ US\$ 204.62 million, Uttara EPZ US\$ 71.77 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 55.41 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 287.14 million, Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 282.78 million and BEPZA EZ US\$ 0.34.



Cumulative Scenario

STATISTICS

EPZ	Units (Nos)		Export (US\$ m)	Investment (US\$ m)	Workforce (Number)
	Operation	*U/ Imp			
Chattogram	144	10	43,236.97	2,130.23	1,77,971
Dhaka	86	4	36,507.64	1,813.13	79,623
Cumilla	47	7	6,470.03	596.13	48,020
Mongla	34	9	1,268.34	240.48	10,507
Uttara	25	9	2,653.05	253.20	32,906
Ishwardi	22	15	1,811.90	270.41	17,071
Adamjee	47	12	8,997.45	773.32	68,162
Karnaphuli	42	7	11,794.06	746.98	72,918
BEPZA EZ	3	34	0.58	23.78	1,598
Total	450	107	112,740.02	6,847.66	508,776

* Under Implementation

Investor

Bangladesh	145
China (Including Hong Kong, Taiwan)	108
South Korea	62
Japan	29
India	19
UK	19
USA	17
Canada	10
Sri Lanka	6
Netherland	6
Malaysia	5
Pakistan	3
Indonesia	3
British Virgin Island	2
Germany	2
Spain	2
UAE	1
France	1
Belgium	1
Ireland	1
Ukraine	1
Thailand	1
Marshal Island	1
Romania	1
Australia	1
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Cayman Island	1
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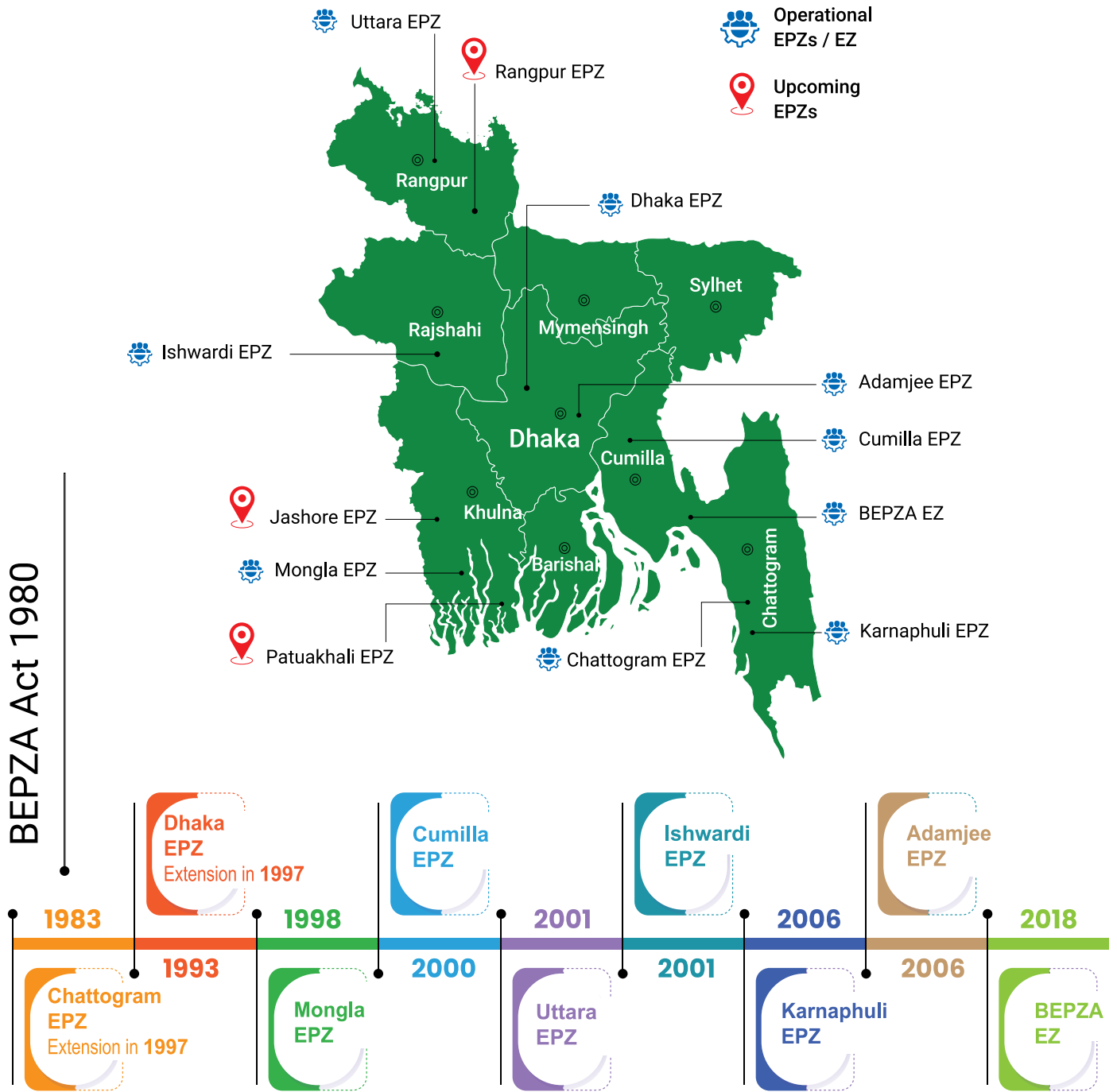
World famous brand Made in EPZs



Product

Garments	144	Rope, Jute and Jute Goods	4
RMG Accessories	85	Chemical Product	4
Textile	30	Luggage	4
Leather Product	24	Paper Products and Printed materials	4
Knit & Other Textile	21	Footware Accessories	3
Electronic & Electricals	16	Furniture & wood Product	2
Tent and Camping items	15	Power Industry	2
Plastic and Rubber Products	14	Toys and Collectable items	2
Service oriented Industries	11	Yarn	2
Metal Products	8	Light Engineering Product	2
Terry Towel	7	Fishing Reel & Golf Items	1
Agro Products	5	Cigar & Cigarette	1
Cap, Wig and Cosmetic Product	5	Miscellaneous	34

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