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Executive Chairman

The year 2025 marks the 45th years of the successful journey of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).

In last 45 years, BEPZA has significantly contributed to Bangladesh's industrial transformation—building a competitive, responsible, and globally connected investment ecosystem. From a single Export Processing Zone in 1983 to a network of eight EPZs and the BEPZA Economic Zone today, BEPZA has become a vital contributor to export growth, employment generation, and economic resilience.

In the Fiscal Year 2024–25, BEPZA reaffirmed its role as a key driver of the national economy. Its enterprises have exported goods worth US\$ 8.22 billion — accounting for 17.03% of Bangladesh's total exports. With over 5,30,000 individuals employed across the EPZs and the BEPZA EZ, BEPZA continues to be a powerful engine for employment generation.

While the year saw a marginal dip in capital investment, the fundamentals remain strong. We have signed 33 new investment agreements worth US\$ 497.48 million, which are expected to create nearly 60,000 additional jobs. These commitments signal strong investor confidence and point toward a robust recovery in actual investment in the coming quarters.

In the pursuit of increasing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), a high level team from BEPZA has recently visited Japan, and organized seminars and business dialogues to highlight the competitive advantages of investing in Bangladesh's EPZs and the BEPZA EZ. I am optimistic that these efforts will yield positive results, leading to an increase in the FDI inflows.

Beyond investment performance and promotion, BEPZA has taken concrete steps to reinforce its commitment to responsible business practices. The signing of a Two-Year Action Plan (2025–2027) with the ILO marks a major milestone in BEPZA's efforts to strengthen workers' rights, workplace safety, and social protection across all EPZs.

We are also laying the groundwork for the future. Land development is underway for new EPZs in Jashore and Patuakhali, further advancing our goal of inclusive and regionally balanced industrialization. We invite investors to partner with us in shaping the industries of tomorrow.

I take this opportunity to thank our investors, partners, and stakeholders for their trust and collaboration. As we build on four and a half decades of success, I invite you to join us in building the next chapter of Bangladesh's industrial transformation—with vision, trust, and partnership.

Editor's Pen

Welcome to the 74th edition of the BEPZA Bulletin, where we highlight the milestones and momentum of BEPZA as it proudly marks 45 years of progress.

This issue offers an in-depth view of BEPZA's remarkable achievements in FY 2024–25, including robust growth in exports and employment. A detailed statistical overview of the April–June quarter presents encouraging trends across all zones.

We are pleased to share the signing of land lease agreements with global investors, further cementing Bangladesh's appeal as a preferred investment destination. A special highlight is BEPZA's investment promotion tour to Japan, reflecting our continued efforts to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

BEPZA's commitment to responsible growth extends beyond economic performance. This issue features the signing of a Letter of Intent with the ILO and participation in the 113th International Labour Conference in Geneva, demonstrating our proactive stance on improving labour rights, workplace safety, and social protection in EPZs.

Also featured is the launch of land development at Jashore EPZ, along with visits from high-level dignitaries that underscore growing national and international interest in BEPZA's initiatives.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Executive Directors of the Zones and our colleagues at the Executive Office for their continued collaboration. We hope this edition offers not only valuable insights, but also a renewed sense of purpose as we move forward—together.

BEPZA at

45

From Zero to Zenith

A story of confidence, growth & global reach



In the tapestry of Bangladesh's economic and social transformation, few institutions have contributed as steadily and profoundly as the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA). What began in 1981 as a bold experiment in export-led industrialization has evolved into one of the country's most trusted platforms for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), export, job creation, and inclusive development.

Established on April 15, 1981 under BEPZA Act 1980, BEPZA launched the country's first Export Processing Zone (EPZ) in Chattogram in 1983. That single initiative not only pioneered export-oriented manufacturing but also transformed Chattogram EPZ into a branding icon for foreign investment in Bangladesh. Soon after, Dhaka EPZ ignited an industrial revolution in the outskirts of the capital—turning Savar and Ashulia into thriving industrial belts.

Today, BEPZA operates eight EPZs and one Economic Zone (BEPZA Economic Zone). Two new EPZs in Jashore and Patuakhali are on the horizon, reflecting BEPZA's commitment to inclusive growth. From Uttara EPZ in the north to Karnaphuli EPZ in the south, each zone bears its own signature. Uttara EPZ has reshaped the northern economy while becoming a role model for women's empowerment and product diversification. Adamjee EPZ, once home to jute mills, has emerged as a hub for high-value exports.

Over 45 years, BEPZA has attracted investment from 38 countries, created around 550,000 jobs, and exported goods exceeding worth US\$ 119 billion. With just 13.95 square kilometers of land—only 0.001% of the country's total area—BEPZA contributes 15%–20% of Bangladesh's annual exports.

In a country where over 80% of national exports come from the apparel sector, nearly 40% of EPZ exports now span beyond RMG, garments accessories, and textiles—covering diverse products such as electronics, footwear, camera lenses, PPE, fashion & hair accessories, furniture, golf shafts, and even bamboo coffins.

BEPZA's legacy is not only economic but deeply social. EPZs

have triggered urbanization, improved livelihood of the locality, and nurtured local entrepreneurship. Each zone houses hospitals or medical centers offering free healthcare for workers. Most operate BEPZA Public School & College, providing quality education to workers' children with a 50% subsidy. Day-care centers support working parents. The country's first LEED Platinum-certified green factory emerged from Ishwardi EPZ—a harbinger of Bangladesh's green industrial future.

Since inception, BEPZA has upheld the principle of "One Window Same Day Service" to ensure seamless investor support. Driven by professional excellence and consistent service, BEPZA has earned enduring trust among its investors. Many have become informal ambassadors—promoting BEPZA as a secure and high-potential investment destination.

As BEPZA steps into its 45th year, it stands not only as a cornerstone of Bangladesh's industrial journey but also as a forward-looking institution, grounded in trust and driven by transformation. With a renewed focus on investor-centric services, BEPZA is poised for the next phase of sustainable growth and global competitiveness. The journey from zero to zenith continues—with pride, purpose, and promise.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Export from BEPZA increases by 16.22%

Creates over 33,000 jobs in FY 2024-25

In FY 2024–25, enterprises operating in the EPZs and the BEPZA Economic Zone demonstrated strong performance in export earnings and job creation. Although total investment was slightly lower than the previous year, the overall outlook remains optimistic, with robust investor interest reflected in the signing of new agreements.

During the fiscal year, EPZ-based enterprises exported goods worth US\$ 8.22 billion, marking a robust 16.22% growth from the previous fiscal year's export value of US\$ 7.07 billion. Since inception, BEPZA has contributed a total of US\$ 119 billion in export earnings, with products reaching over 120 countries worldwide. BEPZA accounted for 17.03% of Bangladesh's total exports of US\$ 48.28 billion in FY 2024–25 – an increase from 15.9% the year before.

BEPZA's employment generation continues to gain momentum. As of June 2025, total employment in enterprises within EPZs and the BEPZA Economic Zone reached 533,527 –

compared to 500,110 in June 2024. This surge reflects both new factory operations and the expanding operational capacity of existing industries.

In terms of investment, enterprises invested US\$ 292.77 million in capital machinery, construction materials, and other assets (excluding working capital), slightly lower than the US\$ 350.93 million invested in FY 2023–24. BEPZA views it as part of a broader global and local adjustment phase, particularly amid the national transitions observed in mid-2024. However, the groundwork laid during this time is likely to yield a rebound in the coming quarters.

One of the key highlights of the year is the signing of 33 new investment agreements. The companies have come from countries such as China, Bangladesh, South Korea, the UK, Ireland, British Virgin Islands, Singapore, India, and the UAE, with proposed investments totaling US\$ 497.48 million and potential employment for 59,408.

These projects cover a wide range of sectors – readymade garments, electronics, agro-processing, footwear, leather goods, packaging, tents, wigs, light engineering, toys, composite industries, and more. As these projects enter the implementation phase, a new wave of capital investment is expected to begin in FY 2025–26.

Currently, BEPZA oversees 563 industrial enterprises, of which 450 are operational and 113 are under implementation. Among operational enterprises, 33% export RMG, 18% garment accessories, and 9% textiles, while the remaining 40% produce and export diversified products ranging from electronics and medical devices to furniture and fashion accessories.

Despite short-term fluctuations in capital inflow, BEPZA remains focused on its long-term goal: creating a resilient, investor-friendly ecosystem that supports sustainable growth, export diversification, and job creation.



Workers entering Uttara EPZ – a reflection of sustained job growth in BEPZA's zones

Jashore EPZ gearing up for Investment

Land development underway, plot allocation by 2026



BEPZA Executive Chairman inspects development work at Jashore EPZ

BEPZA has initiated land development work for the Jashore Export Processing Zone (JEPZ) as part of its plan to establish a dynamic industrial zone in the southwestern region. The development activities are targeted for completion within a year. Simultaneously, construction of a RCC canal is progressing to ensure an efficient drainage system for the zone.

On May 29, 2025, BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc, visited the project site to observe the ongoing development work. Emphasizing BEPZA's commitment to timely execution, he stated that the development activities would be completed as scheduled. He further noted that land development and factory construction would proceed simultaneously, and that plot allocation to investors would begin by the end of 2026.

Once land development is completed, BEPZA will proceed with the construction of full-fledged infrastructure. This includes two approach roads, an internal road network, drainage system, boundary wall, Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP), Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), treated water

distribution network, and essential utilities. The master plan also includes designated areas for industries, residences, and administrative offices.

It is worth noting that on 9 November 2023, the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved the project at a cost of Tk 1,678.29 crore. Accordingly, 503 acres of land in Prembagh Union under Abhaynagar Upazila of Jashore District were acquired and formally handed over to BEPZA by the District Administration on 23 March 2024.

According to the project plan, 400 industrial plots will be developed to attract US\$ 2 billion in investment, with a strong focus on FDI. Once fully operational, JEPZ is expected to create around 150,000 direct and 300,000 indirect jobs, while contributing approximately US\$ 2.4 billion annually to national export earnings.

By leveraging BEPZA's four and half decades of expertise and the improved connectivity enabled by the Padma Bridge, Jashore EPZ is poised to become a key economic driver, spurring industrial growth, job creation, and regional development.

JASHORE EPZ AT A GLANCE (PROPOSED)



Area:

503 acres



Industrial Plots:

400 nos.



Investment:

US\$ 2 billion



Export:

US\$ 2.4 billion
(annually)



Employment:

150,000 (Direct)
350,000 (Indirect)

BEPZA and ILO sign Two-Year Action Plan on Labour Reform



BEPZA Executive Chairman and ILO Country Director sign a Letter of Intent to implement a comprehensive Two Year Action Plan

The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) has taken a significant step toward enhancing labour standards by signing a Letter of Intent (LoI) with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to implement a comprehensive Two-Year Action Plan (2025–2027). This agreement aims to strengthen workers' rights, improve social protection measures, and ensure safer working conditions across all EPZs in Bangladesh.

The LoI was signed by Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman of BEPZA, and Mr. Tuomo Poutiainen, Country Director of the ILO, at a formal event held at the BEPZA Complex in Dhaka on 19 May 2025. This collaboration reflects a strategic alignment with Bangladesh's National Action Plan on Labour Reform and the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS).

The Executive Chairman of BEPZA hailed the partnership as a major

milestone in the Authority's continued commitment to upholding international labour standards. "This action plan will not only protect workers' rights but also reinforce investor confidence in our EPZs," he stated. "By harmonizing our practices with global norms, we are building a more sustainable and competitive industrial sector for Bangladesh."

“Two-Year Action Plan focuses on three key areas: strengthening labor administration systems in EPZs, promoting responsible business conduct among enterprises, and implementing an Employment Injury Scheme (EIS)”

Mr. Tuomo Poutiainen echoed this sentiment, acknowledging BEPZA's notable efforts in promoting worker rights, workplace safety, and social protection. "This formal framework will help systematize these best practices and extend their benefits more widely," he said. "The agreement builds upon ILO's longstanding cooperation with BEPZA."

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At the event, Mr. Nazmul Islam Bhuiyan, Additional Executive Director (IR) of BEPZA, and Ms. Chayanich Thamparipattra, Technical Officer of ILO, presented an overview of the action plan. The welcome speech was delivered by Md. Ashraful Kabir, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA.



“BEPZA has established itself as a symbol of excellence in maintaining both labor and environmental standards.”

Lutfey Siddiqi
Special Envoy to the Chief Adviser

At the Letter of Intent signing ceremony with the ILO, Lutfey Siddiqi praised BEPZA for showing how industrial growth can go hand in hand with worker welfare. He highlighted that EPZ workers receive 30–40% higher wages than non-EPZ workers, along with healthcare services, childcare facilities, and education opportunities for their children.

The Special Envoy emphasized that BEPZA's success in balancing productivity with worker welfare has made Bangladesh's EPZs a model worth emulating. He appreciated the collaborative spirit of the action plan, which focuses on strengthening workers' rights and aligning EPZ labor standards with international norms, ensuring mutual respect and shared growth.

It is worth mentioning that BEPZA has already undertaken several initiatives to ensure worker protection and create better working conditions in EPZs. On 26 February 2025, BEPZA, ILO, and GIZ signed a 'Letter of Intent' to introduce an Employment Injury Scheme (EIS) for RMG workers in EPZs—marking a significant milestone in ensuring worker safety.

In addition, BEPZA implements a range of welfare programs for workers. Hospitals and medical centers in various EPZs provide free healthcare services, while daycare centres ensure

proper care for workers' children. BEPZA-run schools offer subsidized education for workers' children, and awareness campaigns on workplace health and safety are regularly conducted.

The signing of this LoI marks another significant step in BEPZA's ongoing journey toward excellence in labour standards and sustainable industrial growth, further reinforcing its role as a key driver of Bangladesh's economic development.



BEPZA Executive Chairman, Special Envoy to the Chief Adviser, ILO Country Director, senior BEPZA officials, and ILO representatives pose for a group photo after signing the LoI

BEPZA highlights Bangladesh's growing investment potential in Japan

Engagements held in Tokyo and Osaka with established and prospective investors



BEPZA Executive Chairman delivering speech to the participants at the seminar held in Tokyo, Japan

BEPZA has invited Japanese investors to explore opportunities in Bangladesh's EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ). The Executive Chairman of BEPZA, Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc, made this appeal highlighting the country's expanding industrial landscape at a seminar held in Tokyo, Japan on June 25, 2025.

Jointly supported by Maruhisa Pacific Co. Ltd., Yokohama Labels and Printing (BD) Co. Ltd., YKK Group, and Non-Resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) in Japan, the seminar attracted around 125 representatives from leading Japanese companies, trade groups, and investment organizations.

BEPZA Executive Chairman delivered a compelling keynote address, emphasizing Bangladesh's strategic advantages and investment readiness.

"Bangladesh is a place where potential meets performance and partnerships lead to prosperity," he said, highlighting the country's geographic location at the crossroads of South and Southeast Asia, which offers seamless access to major regional and global markets.

The Executive Chairman elaborated on a wide range of incentives provided by the government and the liberal investment policies that have evolved over time. "With a

young, educated, and trainable workforce, we offer one of the most cost-effective labour markets in Asia," he added, underlining the advantages for potential investors.

He also spotlighted BEPZA's One Stop Service, which streamlines investor onboarding by offering tax holidays, duty-free import privileges, and legal protections for foreign investment. "This is not just an investment pitch—it's a call for partnership to build a future aligned with global sustainability goals," he concluded.

Speaking at the event, Md. Daud Ali, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan, reaffirmed the government's strong commitment to facilitating foreign investment. He assured that business and tourism visas could be issued within one hour, demonstrating Bangladesh's investor-friendly approach.

Participants—including NRBs and existing investors—urged the launch of a direct Dhaka–Narita flight, which they believe would further enhance trade and investment ties between the two countries.

Mr. Yuji Ando, former Country Director of JETRO Bangladesh, shared his experience working with BEPZA, emphasizing the benefits of investing in EPZs. While acknowledging certain operational challenges, he expressed optimism about their resolution.

An interested investor
actively engaging
with a question
during the seminar



Sharing their success stories, Mr. Hiraishi Kiminobo, Chairman of Maruhisa Pacific Co. Ltd., and Mr. Kano Tetsuro, investor of Yokohama Labels and Printing (BD) Co. Ltd., spoke of their decade-long successful operations in Adamjee EPZ. Both praised BEPZA's efficient investor support system and encouraged their Japanese counterparts to explore opportunities in Bangladesh.

Md. Tanvir Hossain, Executive Director (Investment Promotion), delivered a comprehensive presentation on "Investment Opportunities in EPZs and the BEPZA Economic Zone", showcasing BEPZA's infrastructure, services, and achievements.

The Tokyo seminar concluded with an interactive Q&A session,

where the Executive Chairman, Executive Director (Investment Promotion), and Director Ali Istiak Chowdhury addressed questions from interested investors.

As part of BEPZA's broader investment promotion campaign in Japan, the delegation also held a business meeting in Osaka, organized by Mr. Tsutomu Sasagawa, Honorary Consul General of Bangladesh in Osaka. During this engagement, BEPZA officials met with several established and potential investors to discuss investment prospects in Bangladesh. The meeting further demonstrated the growing interest of Japanese industry leaders in Bangladesh's EPZs and the BEPZA Economic Zone.



Few participants along with BEPZA Executive Chairman and organizers pose at the end of the seminar in Tokyo

BEPZA secures US\$ 498 million investment in FY 2024–25

Four new companies sign agreements in April–June Quarter

Throughout FY 2024–25, BEPZA attracted investments from countries including China, Singapore, UAE, India, South Korea, UK, Ireland, British Virgin Islands, and Bangladesh

BEPZA concluded the fiscal year 2024–25 on a strong note by signing lease agreements with 33 companies, drawing a total proposed investment of US\$ 497.48 million. These investments are expected to create employment for 59,408 Bangladeshi nationals, reinforcing BEPZA's vital role in fostering export-oriented industrialization.

As part of this achievement, four new companies signed lease agreements with BEPZA during the April–June 2025 quarter, securing a combined investment of US\$ 41.26 million and generating projected employment for 7,997 Bangladeshi nationals.

The agreements were signed at the BEPZA Complex in Dhaka, where Md. Ashraful Kabir, Member (Investment Promotion), signed on behalf of the authority in the presence of BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc, along with senior officials of BEPZA and representatives of the respective companies.

Among the new investors, Newtex Fashions Ltd., a Bangladesh-China joint venture, signed an agreement on April 8, 2025, to invest US\$ 9.17 million in Chattogram EPZ for the production of men's and women's jeans, casual wear, polo T-shirts, formal shirts, skirts, jackets, panties, and bras (knit), creating

employment for 3,310 Bangladeshi nationals.

On April 15, 2025, Chinese company Gold Emperor (BD) Ltd. signed an agreement to invest US\$ 10.08 million in Karnaphuli EPZ to establish a shoe manufacturing plant, expected to generate 1,700 jobs.

Qingdao Dongfang Packaging Technology Ltd., also from China, signed a lease agreement on May 13, 2025, committing US\$ 4.5 million to set up a plant in Ishwardi EPZ for manufacturing poly bags, hang tags, and paper cards. The project will create employment for 240 Bangladeshi nationals.

The final agreement of the quarter was signed on June 23, 2025, with K.K.Y. Canvas Ltd., a Bangladeshi company that will invest US\$ 17.51 million in Adamjee EPZ to produce garments and garment accessories, aiming to create 2,747 jobs.

Throughout FY 2024–25, BEPZA attracted investments from countries including China, Singapore, UAE, India, South Korea, UK, Ireland, British Virgin Islands, and Bangladesh. The proposed industries span a diverse range of products, including high-end RMG, RMG accessories, footwear and accessories, textile products, UAVs, synthetic leather, wigs, tobacco machinery, and travel gear, among others.



BEPZA Executive Chairman along with high officials witnessing the signing ceremony between BEPZA and Qingdao Dongfang Packaging Technology Limited

BEPZA participates in 113th International Labour Conference



BEPZA Executive Chairman along with the Bangladesh delegation during a session at ILC

Bangladesh actively participated in the 113th International Labour Conference (ILC) held in Geneva from 2–13 June 2025, underscoring its commitment to advancing labour rights, aligning national laws with international standards, and improving working conditions.

As part of the Bangladesh delegation, Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc, Executive Chairman of BEPZA, and Md. Nazmul Islam Bhuiyan, Additional Executive Director (IR), represented BEPZA at the event. The delegation was led by Brig Gen (Retd.) Dr. M. Sakhawat Hossain, Hon'ble Adviser, Ministry of Labour and Employment, who addressed the plenary session and reaffirmed Bangladesh's intent to deepen collaboration with the ILO.

In the conference, Bangladesh signed a letter of intent with ILO to scale up the employment injury scheme, demonstrating the country's dedication to improving workplace safety and social protection for workers.

Executive Chairman's tour

Cumilla EPZ

On May 5, 2025, BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc inspected the ongoing construction of the B-Type building of the BEPZA Medical Centre at Cumilla EPZ. Once completed, the facility will provide improved residential accommodation for medical officers and their families. On the same day, he also inaugurated Duria Mart, a newly established shopping facility inside Cumilla EPZ, designed to meet the daily needs of workers and employees.



Dhaka EPZ

On April 21, 2025, BEPZA Executive Chairman visited Croydon-Kowloon Designs Ltd., a readymade garments factory located in Dhaka EPZ. He observed the working environment of the enterprise and directly engaged with the factory's workforce to address any concerns or issues. The Executive Director of Dhaka EPZ and the management of Croydon-Kowloon Designs Ltd were also present during the visit.



Uttara EPZ

BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc thoroughly inspected several ongoing construction projects in Uttara EPZ during his visit to the zone on May 18, 2025. He reviewed the progress of development activities, including the pace of work, adherence to timelines, and quality standards. The Executive Director of the zone accompanied him during the visit.



Free Eye Check-Up for Workers at Mongla EPZ



On May 12, 2025, the Mongla EPZ Medical Centre, in collaboration with Khulna Community Eye Hospital, organized an 'Eye Campaign' to provide free eye check-ups for workers. The event was inaugurated by Md. Ashrafur Kabir, Member (Investment Promotion), who emphasized the importance of regular eye screening in improving workers' productivity and overall quality of life. Workers from various enterprises participated and received guidance on eye care. Executive Director K.M. Mahbub-e-Sobhani and other senior officials attended the event.

Physiotherapy Campaign at Karnaphuli EPZ



From February 26 to May 12, 2025, the Karnaphuli EPZ Medical Centre successfully conducted a physiotherapy campaign to promote physical well-being among workers. In collaboration with physiotherapists and industry partners, the campaign was implemented across all operating factories in the zone. Workers received hands-on therapy and practical guidance on restoring movement and managing musculoskeletal conditions. The initiative aimed to raise awareness on workplace health and boost overall productivity.

Nutritious food distribution



On June 29, 2025, Mongla EPZ organized a maternity care and support program to ensure safe motherhood. As part of the initiative, Executive Director of the zone Kalam Md. Abul Bashar distributed balanced and nutritious food packs to expectant female workers. The program reaffirmed BEPZA's ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of its female workforce. Other officials of Mongla EPZ were present during this time.

Awareness workshop on Heatstroke



To address health risks from extreme summer heat, Karnaphuli EPZ Hospital organized a workshop titled "Awareness of Risk and Preventive Measures of Heatstroke and Related Illness" in three sessions on May 21, 26, and 29, 2025. The sessions focused on early symptoms, first-aid response, and workplace strategies for heat illness prevention. Moshuiddin Bin Mesbah, Executive Director of Karnaphuli EPZ, inaugurated the workshop. A total of 71 participants, including BEPZA officials and representatives from enterprises within the zone, attended.

WWA election in Karnaphuli EPZ

On May 21, 2025, workers of Lhotse (BD) Limited—a South Korean tent and camping gear manufacturer operating in Karnaphuli EPZ—elected their Workers' Welfare Association (WWA) representatives through a secret ballot. A total of 1,264 eligible workers participated in the voting process, creating a festive and enthusiastic atmosphere across the factory.

Adviser to the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources

Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan, Adviser to the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, visited Dhaka EPZ on May 31, 2025. BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, BSP, ndc, psc, received the Adviser and briefed him on the zone's operations. During an interactive session with investors, uninterrupted power supply and low gas pressure were identified as key challenges. The Adviser assured that necessary measures would be taken promptly to address these concerns and maintain industrial productivity.



Global investors tour BEPZA EZ



A high-level delegation of foreign investors and business leaders from Korea, China, Japan, Australia, and India visited the BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ) in Mirsharai, Chattogram on April 7, 2025, as part of their participation in the Bangladesh Investment Summit 2025.

The delegation toured the zone to observe its facilities and explore potential investment opportunities. Md. Ashrafur Kabir, Member (Investment Promotion), briefed the delegation on BEPZA's investor-friendly environment and modern infrastructure. Md. Tanvir Hossain, Executive Director (Investment Promotion), and Mohammad Anamul Haque, Project Director, also shared insights into BEPZA's strategic advantages and encouraged investment in both EPZs and EZ administered by BEPZA.

Chinese Embassy Delegation



A delegation led by Mr. Chu Guang, Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, visited Uttara EPZ on June 17, 2025. Mohammad Abdul Jabbar, Executive Director of the zone, hosted the delegation and briefed them on the existing security measures for Chinese nationals working in the EPZ. The Counsellor praised the overall working environment and safety arrangements, and appreciated the contributions of Chinese investors to the economic development of Bangladesh's northern region.

National Defence College of Nigeria



An 18-member delegation from the National Defence College of Nigeria, accompanied by officials from the Bangladesh Armed Forces, visited Dhaka EPZ on May 31, 2025.

They were welcomed by Md. Shariful Islam, Executive Director of the zone, who presented an overview of BEPZA's operations. The delegates later visited two enterprises to gain firsthand insight into EPZ industrial operations.

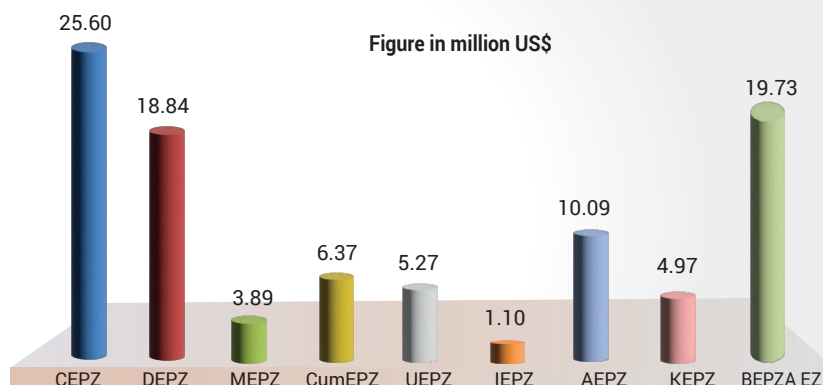
TOWARDS GROWTH

BEPZA, the pioneer investment promotional agency of Bangladesh, has been playing a pivotal role in the socio-economic development of the country through facilitating trade, investment, and employment generation. Through its various initiatives, BEPZA has attracted both local and foreign investors, creating a conducive environment for businesses to thrive. This has not only bolstered the economy but also improved the livelihoods of countless individuals across the nation. Here, we are highlighting the sector-wise achievements of BEPZA during April-June 2025.

Investment

Investment Gained US\$ 95.86 Million

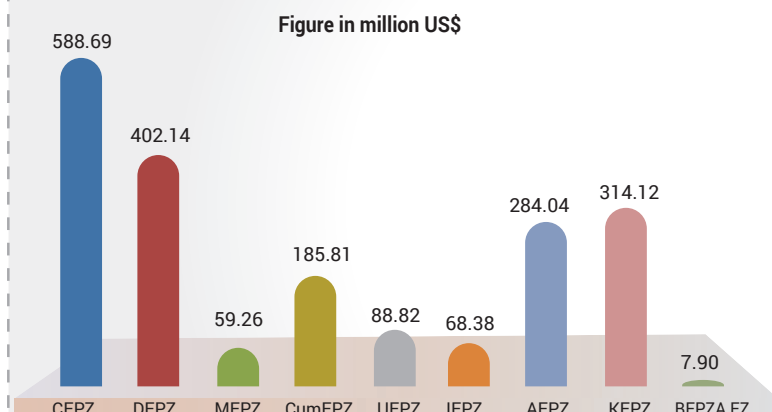
US\$ 95.86 million have been invested in the 8 EPZs and one Economic Zone of BEPZA during April-June 2025. Of the total amount, Chattogram EPZ gained US\$ 25.60 million, Dhaka EPZ US\$ 18.84 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 3.89 million, Cumilla EPZ US\$ 6.37 million, Uttara EPZ US\$ 5.27 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 1.10 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 10.09 million, Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 4.97 million and BEPZA EZ US\$ 19.73 million.



Export

Export Earned US\$ 1999.16 Million

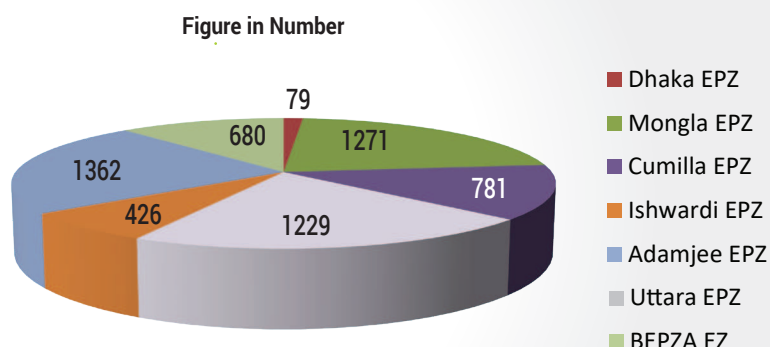
The enterprises of EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone have exported goods worth US\$ 1999.16 million during the fourth quarter of the FY 2024-25. Export earnings from Chattogram EPZ stands at US\$ 588.69 million while that of Dhaka EPZ US\$ 402.14 million, Mongla EPZ US\$ 59.26 million, Cumilla EPZ US\$ 185.81 million, Uttara EPZ US\$ 88.82 million, Ishwardi EPZ US\$ 68.38 million, Adamjee EPZ US\$ 284.04 million, Karnaphuli EPZ US\$ 314.12 million and BEPZA EZ US\$ 7.90.



Employment

New Job for 5,828 Bangladeshi Nationals

5,828 Bangladeshi nationals got employment opportunity in the operating industrial units of EPZs and BEPZA EZ during April-June 2025. Among them, 79 in Dhaka EPZ, 1271 in Mongla EPZ, 781 in Cumilla EPZ, 1229 in Uttara EPZ, 426 in Ishwardi EPZ, 1362 in Adamjee EPZ, and 680 in BEPZA EZ. No addition in Chattogram EPZ & Karnaphuli EPZ.



EPZ	Unit (Nos)		Export(US\$ m)	Investment(US\$ m)	Workforce (Number)
	Operation	*U/ Imp			
Chattogram	144	11	45,023.44	2,190.72	1,81,367
Dhaka	83	4	37,856.76	1,859.24	83,173
Adamjee	47	13	9,855.81	808.58	74,297
Cumilla	48	6	7,166.63	612.77	50,439
Karnaphuli	39	8	12,770.69	761.92	76,269
Ishwardi	25	14	2,014.74	275.79	19,171
Mongla	35	9	1,394.82	247.38	12,742
Uttara	25	8	2,915.67	269.88	32,417
BEPZA EZ	4	40	11.7	54.45	3652
Total	450	113	119,009.97	7,080.74	5,33,527

* Under Implementation

Investor



Bangladesh	143	Malaysia	5	Ukraine	1
China (Including Hong Kong, Taiwan)	111	Indonesia	3	Thailand	1
South Korea	61	Germany	2	Marshal Island	1
Japan	29	Pakistan	2	Romania	1
India	20	British Virgin Island	2	Australia	1
UK	18	Spain	2	Malta	1
USA	17	UAE	1	Cayman Island	1
Canada	10	France	1	Singapore	1
Sri Lanka	7	Belgium	1		
The Netherlands	6	Ireland	1		

Product

Garments	151	Light Engineering Products	11	Bag & Luggage	4
RMG Accessories	80	Paper Produces & Printed Materials	11	Rope, Jute & Jute Goods	4
Textile	39	Cap, Wigs and Cosmetic Products	11	Bicycle & Bicycle Accessories	2
Electronic & Electrical Products	17	Yarn	10	Furniture & Wood Products	2
Tent and Camping Items	16	Footware	10	Toys & Collectible Items	2
Service Oriented Industries	14	Agriculture Products	9	Medical & Medical Related Products	1
Leather Products	12	Chemical Products	7	Jewelry and Handicrafts	1
Plastic & Rubber Products	12	Footware Accessories	5	Miscellaneous	19



Location of EPZs/EZ of BEPZA



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