



## Newsletter Bangladesh - Dutch Chamber of Commerce

### A word of our president

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#### Meet the BDCC !

You have the opportunity to meet the BDCC at the **Emigration Expo** at the town of **Hardenberg** on 4, 5 and 6 December. The Emigration Expo provides you a wealth of information about the possibilities that business overseas has to offer.

Small and medium-sized businesses have shown a growing interest in the possibilities of business abroad.

However when it comes to setting up a business abroad, there are many common areas of interest.

The Emigration Expo provides businesses an overview of the steps necessary for doing business abroad.

The BDCC will be present at this special fair and like to inform you of all the possibilities and opportunities of doing

businesses with Bangladeshi entrepreneurs.

So we would say, grab that opportunity and meet us at the "Emigration Expo " between 4 – 6 December.

For more information, please email the BDCC at [info@bdcc.eu](mailto:info@bdcc.eu)



### Visit our website !

Our chamber website is online. You will find aesthetic upgrade and relevant information about our activities, upcoming events and projects.

As well as updated information what the BDCC can mean to your company. The site is

translated in Dutch and in English. So do visit the website at :

[www.bdcc.eu](http://www.bdcc.eu)



# Welcome our New Board Members

The BDCC is happy to inform you that new board members have joined our growing organisation. We have appointed three new directors: Victor van der Hoeve, Willem Verbaan and B. M. Jena.

Our other boardmembers are:

Fred (J.F.) Oldenhuizing (president), Farouk (G.R.) Choudhury (chief coordinator) and Patrick Doornbos (director)

Our board must form a mix from as well Bangladeshi, Dutch and people from other nationalities, settled or living in the Netherlands.

In this way we can also improve relationships among each other and support them on very diverse fields



## Day ONE

The BDCC, the first bilateral Chamber of Commerce in the northern part of the Netherlands opened recently officially his doors. This historical event took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at Society de Kroon.

Prominent Government and Municipal officials along with business participated in this special event.

An official opening speech was held by the First Secretary of the Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in the Netherlands, Mr. Zokey Ahad, followed by the President of the BDCC, Mr. Fred Oldenhuizing, the Chairman of the BBCC, Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin and others, then followed by a presentation describing the activities and projects of the BDCC.

Pictures of this memorable event you can find at our website [www.bdcc.eu](http://www.bdcc.eu)

## Dates for your Diary

4 – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 : Emigration Expo, Hardenberg, Netherlands

March 2008 : Trade mission Bangladesh

2008 : Water mission Bangladesh

October 2008 : Expo 2008 Bangladesh, London



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bridge  
and  
destination  
to a  
successful  
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## BDCC New Year's Reception

January 11<sup>th</sup> 2008 : BDCC New Year's Reception, restaurant Sher-E-Bangla, Haren. BDCC members can expect soon for this event an official invitation.

# Emerging Destination for Trade & Investment

As a LDC ( Least Developed Country) Bangladesh enjoys duty-free and quota free access for all its products to EU-countries under EBA (Everything but Arms) Bangladesh is offering these general incentives for investment and trade

- \* the government of Bangladesh offers attractive facilities to area of taxes in relation with the import and export of trade and services.
- \* the government offers favourable measures for committing investments.
- \* work permits are easily obtained
- \* transfer of dividends, capital, profits on capital has been permitted
- \* costs of production and labour lies lower than in neighbouring countries China & India.
- \* cost of the living is there relative low
- \* in Bangladesh are no ethnic problems
- \* foreign investments have been protected and have been protected by the law

**English is spoken everywhere and is 2nd language of the country**

## Trade Mission

Beside the Indian elephant and the Chinese Dragon, the Bengal Tiger starts to move very strong. Bangladesh has an annual economic growth of more than 5% and profits optimally of the very central position between neighbouring India and China.

We see an increasing export of Bangladesh to the EU thanks to removing trade barriers.

Besides that the government of Bangladesh offers a large scale to very attractive tax measures for the export of goods and committing investments.

## A business visit to Bangladesh !

The BDCC is planning their first official trade mission in March 2008 to Bangladesh. During this trade mission you will not only have the opportunity to meet possible business partners, you will also get acquainted with the country of Bangladesh, its culture, habits and way of communication.

This mission is including a visit at Dhaka & Sylhet, a seminar to identify areas, sectors and tax, export & investments facilities, company visits, individual matchmaking, networking and business evaluations

We are welcoming all interest Dutch entrepreneurs to join us on this special event that will open up and enlarge your business horizon !



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## Why not become an individual or corporate member of the BDCC ?

Being an individual or corporate member has distinct advantages as we provide:

- Networking
- Due diligence
- Provide members with information on competitors, suppliers and governance key business issues
- Partner search
- Individual Matchmaking

Please contact us at [info@bdcc.eu](mailto:info@bdcc.eu) for more information how to become a member of the BDCC.

## A succeeded project

At this moment we like you to inform that we are involved in several trade and development projects in Bangladesh.

In this BDCC – update we take the opportunity to highlight you one of these projects :

On Friday 9 November, 2007 for the first time in history a Dutch ship-owner by the name of MK Shipping BV located in Leiden placed a large order to build ships in Bangladesh at DPC Shipbuilding Enterprises in Dhaka.

The order has been signed by active conciliation of Bangladesh-Dutch Chamber of Commerce in Groningen.

The order concerns the construction of 12 " multi purpose container vessels" of 4,500 DWT.

The ships are built entirely and turn-key delivered at shipyard of DPC in Chittagong, Bangladesh.

The engineering and the supply of machine chambers etc. are performed by Dutch and European companies, among which is WMS Marine Engineering.

The value of these order amounts to approximately ninety millions of euros (€ 90,000,000, -)

The ships will be mainly used on sea routes in the Baltic Sea.

More information on BDCC—projects you can find at [www.bdcc.eu](http://www.bdcc.eu)