

Press Release

Bangladesh exporters should seize the opportunity of duty free access to Australia

Bangladesh business community should take advantage of the duty free entry of products from LDCs to Australia. This was urged by Bangladesh High Commissioner to Australia M. Humayun Kabir during the opening of the Bangladesh Pavilion at the Asia on Show in Sydney on 17 May 2007. He also hoped that by attending such kind of trade Shows, Bangladeshi firms could make good business contacts with local business community with their good quality and cost competitive products. He also underlined the need to regularly follow up of such contacts with a view to building sustained business relationship with Australia which offers duty free entry for Bangladeshi products. He assured them of all out cooperation from the High Commission in this pursuit.

During the opening, Bangladeshi participants at the Show, some local businessmen, Honorary Consul General of Bangladesh in Sydney, representatives from local media and officials from EPB, Dhaka and Bangladesh High Commission, Canberra were present.

It may be mentioned that the **Asia on Show**- one of the largest trade exhibitions in Sydney- kicked off yesterday on 17 May 2007 at Sydney Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour where 15 Bangladeshi companies are participating along with other Asian countries such as Brunei, China, India, Myanmar, Malaysia, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Vietnam. The Show will continue till 20 May 2007.



Bangladesh High Commissioner Mr. M. Humayun Kabir opening the Bangladesh

Pavilion in the Show along with Mr. Anthony Khouri, Honorary Consul General of Bangladesh in Sydney.

Companies from Bangladesh is displaying their products like readymade garments including woolen sweater, jute goods, silk items, ceramic tableware, towels, bed linen and other home textile products, leather fashion bags and handicrafts, kitchenware and giftware in the Show.

Bangladeshi exporters were able to attract some of the potential Australian importers yesterday who have already placed some orders. Voyeger Apparels-one of the garment exporters has received orders from Australian buyers, reported Mr. Shahadat Hussain, Managing Director of the company who is attending the show. Another company, Ashirbad Plus, run by a female entrepreneur Ms. Aysha Rahman Shilpi was also happy to receive some prospective buyers. She said yesterday, "I got order for one of my products, quilt and I am optimistic that I will get more for other items in next three days of the Show".

Bangladesh High Commission, Canberra in association with the Export Promotion Bureau of Bangladesh is supporting the effective participation of Bangladeshi companies in the Show.

Later in the evening a dinner was hosted by the High Commissioner for the Bangladeshi participants where Ms. Virginia Judge, Member of Parliament of NSW, local travel writer Mr. Thomas E. King, and Mr. Anthony Khouri, Honorary Consul General of Bangladesh in Sydney among others were present to encourage the Bangladeshi exporters in doing business with Australia.

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