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WINNERS RECOGNISED AT THE '8TH HSBC EXPORT EXCELLENCE AWARDS'

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited in Bangladesh has recognised six winners at the award ceremony of the '8th HSBC Export Excellence Awards'. The winners were awarded crests for their leadership in promoting the country and contributing to the nation's sustainable growth.

The categories and winners of '8th HSBC Export Excellence Awards' are:

Exporter of the year - Ready Made Garments: Group A

Annual export turnover of US\$ 100 Million and above

DBL Group

Award received by: M A Jabbar, Managing Director

DBL Group (DBLG) is one of the leading knit garments/fabrics manufacturers/exporters in Bangladesh since 1991. The group exports to international buyers mainly in the EU and USA. The Group is currently composed of 25 concerns with a workforce of c.30000+ employees.

Exporter of the year - Ready Made Garments: Group B

Annual export turnover below USD100 million

Urmi Group

Award received by: Asif Ashraf, Managing Director & CEO

Urmi Group started its journey in the mid fifties. Urmi is accredited by leading international clothing brands. Urmi exports to 49 countries across 6 continents for 13 retailers. Urmi group is committed to fulfilling its responsibility towards employees, environment and community.

Exporter of the Year – Supply Chain and Backward Linkage: Apparel

Annual export turnover of USD10 million and above

Etafil Accessories Limited (EAL)

Award received by: Gulzar A Chowdhury, Managing Director

Established in 1998, Etafil Accessories Limited (EAL) is a concern of Tamishna Group who are manufacturer and exporter of sewing thread, garment accessories and yarn dyeing in Bangladesh. This entity is equipped with technologically advanced production facility in dyeing, button production and sewing thread production.

Exporter of the Year - Traditional & Emerging Sectors

Annual export turnover (Non RMG/Textiles) of USD5 million and above

Western Marine Shipyard Ltd.

Award received by: Engr. Md. Sakhawat Hossain, Managing Director

Western Marine Shipyard is located in Chittagong was established in the year 2000. They construct ocean going vessels for Germany, Denmark, & Pakistan. Western Marine Shipyard has also built ships for coastal & inland use & are building another 30 ships which includes deep sea fishing trawlers, port utility vessels, tugs, inland container ships, inland tankers & passenger ships.

Exporter of the year - SMEs

Annual export turnover (Non RMG/Textiles) below USD5 million

Mazen (Bangladesh) Industries Limited

Award received by: Xue Fel Claire, Head of Administration

Mazen (Bangladesh) Industries Limited (MBIL), is an export-oriented manufacturing company, producing optical frames and sunglasses with production capacity of 500,000 pcs/month. It has 3800 workers. Products are exported to USA, UK, Italy, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands and France.

Excellence in Import Substitution (new category introduced this year)

Reducing or substituting imports to a value of USD10 million or more

Walton Hi-tech Industries Limited

Award received by: S M Shamsul Alam, Vice Chairman

Established in 1994, Walton produces electrical, electronics, automobiles and other appliances. It is well equipped with R&D facilities. The Walton Group has more than 21,000 employees and runs through more than 4,000 retail outlets, exclusive distributors and dealers.

Honourable Minister of Commerce, Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Tofail Ahmed, M.P. was the Chief Guest of the event. Governor of Bangladesh Bank Mr. Fazle Kabir attended the event as the Special Guest.

The Daily Star, Prothom Alo, Nielsen Bangladesh and KPMG are the four programme partners of this year's '8th HSBC Export Excellence Awards'.

Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bangladesh, **Francois de Maricourt**, congratulated the winners and said, "Bangladeshi entrepreneurs have been at the forefront in fuelling the steady economic growth of Bangladesh. At HSBC, we are honoured to recognise and encourage these entrepreneurs for their perseverance and hard work".

Deputy CEO and Country Head of Wholesale Banking, HSBC Bangladesh, **Md Mahbub ur Rahman** said "Export contributes a major role in Bangladesh's economic prosperity. We would like to thank our entrepreneurs for their relentless efforts for taking the Bangladesh brand global".

The awards ceremony was held on Saturday, 22 September 2018 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Mr. Tofail Ahmed, M.P., Honourable Minister of Commerce, Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Fazle Kabir, Governor of Bangladesh Bank, Mr. Stuart G Tait, Regional Head for Commercial Banking, HSBC Asia Pacific, Francois de Maricourt, Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bangladesh and Md. Mahbub Ur Rahman, Deputy CEO and Head of Wholesale Banking, HSBC Bangladesh are seen in the picture with all the winners.

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