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HSBC highlights BSEZ's potential in unlocking Bangladesh Investment Horizons

HSBC event highlighted Bangladesh's investment climate and emerging opportunities within the country's economic ecosystem

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) Limited in Bangladesh, in collaboration with Bangladesh Special Economic Zone (BSEZ), recently organised an event titled **“Unlocking Bangladesh Investment Horizons: A Spotlight on Bangladesh Special Economic Zone”**.

The session brought together policymakers, diplomats, regulators, investors, business leaders, trade bodies, and representatives from the public and private sectors. Speakers at the event highlighted Bangladesh's evolving investment landscape, sector readiness, infrastructure development, and policy direction, while showcasing the role and potential of BSEZ within the broader investment ecosystem.

The programme commenced with opening remarks by Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Bangladesh Office, **Ms. Takahashi Junko**. CEO, HSBC Bangladesh, **Md. Mahub ur Rahman** also addressed the audience. A presentation titled “A Model Economic Zone: Showcasing BSEZ” was delivered by Managing Director, Bangladesh SEZ Ltd. **Mr. Chiharu Tagawa** highlighting the strategic vision, infrastructure readiness, and investment opportunities at BSEZ. The event concluded with closing remarks by Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) and Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA), and CEO, Public Private Partnership Authority (PPA) **Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun**.

The session also featured an interactive Q&A and exchange discussion among participants, focusing on Bangladesh's investment outlook, economic priorities, and the importance of continued collaboration between government authorities, development partners, and private sector stakeholders to strengthen investor confidence. The Q&A was also attended by **Mr. Chiharu Tagawa**, Managing Director BSEZ and he shared the stage with **Mr. Nahian Rahman Rochi**, Executive Member & Head of Business Development, BIDA.

Ms. Takahashi Junko, Chief Representative, JICA Bangladesh Office, stated: *“JICA's role is to catalyze private investment, and to help create an environment where businesses can make informed decisions with confidence. JICA hopes today's discussions will deepen understanding of BSEZ's potential, clarify practical considerations for investors, and encourage new partnerships that contribute to Bangladesh's next phase of economic growth.”*

During his keynote outlook presentation, **Mr. Chiharu Tagawa**, highlighted that, *“Bangladesh Special Economic Zone accelerates industrial diversification and employment creation of Bangladesh as a Model Economic Zone. ‘A world-class industrial platform for Bangladesh's future’.”*

In his remarks, **Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun**, Executive Chairman BIDA and BEZA and CEO, PPA said, *“Bangladesh is at a point where industrial growth has to become more structured. Special Economic Zones are central to that shift. They give investors land, infrastructure and a clearer operating environment. Bringing policymakers, financial institutions and global investors into the same conversation matters because investment moves when confidence and execution align. We appreciate HSBC and BSEZ’s support in convening stakeholders around Bangladesh’s economic-zone opportunity.”*

Md Mahbub ur Rahman, Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bangladesh emphasised that *“The global investment landscape is shifting rapidly from ‘efficiency first’ to ‘resilience first’, placing Bangladesh squarely at the center of international diversification strategies. Opportunities like BSEZ are providing agile, gold-standard public-private partnership and stable conditions that businesses need to scale and operate with speed.”*

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