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Record of Activities of JBCCI

23.07.2020 An Webinar on "Foreign Investment: Strengthening Japan-Bangladesh Ties." jointly organized by JBCCI, NewVision Solutions Ltd., MGM, and The Daily Star. Mr. Md. Shariful Alam (Vice President), Mr. Yuji Ando (Director) and Mr. Tareq Rafi Bhuiyan (Jun) (Secretary General) represented JBCCI in the Webinar.



Photo 1: The invitation of the webinar was circulated to the members.

25.07.2020 A Notice was sent for paying the annual membership fee and the Eid Greeting on the occasion of Eid-Ul-Azha was forwarded to the members and other concerned organizations for their kind information.

26.07.2020 An invitation was circulated among the members of JBCCI regarding the webinar on "Legal implications during COVID-19" to be held on 29th July, 2020.

29.07.2020 A webinar of JBCCI was arranged on "Legal implications during COVID-19". This was a closed session only for the JBCCI members and Shoo Koo Kai members. Two distinguished panelists Barrister Sameer Sattar from Sattar & Co. and Barrister Omar H. Khan from Legal Counsel attended the webinar.



Photo 2: A banner of the Webinar which was circulated to the members.

<u>06.08.2020</u> Two PDF documents that used during this webinar "Legal implications during COVID-19" were sent to members of JBCCI for your kind information.

<u>08.08.2020</u> The Notice was sent to the unpaid members for the final opportunity to revalidate the membership of JBCCI in FY-2019 by 31st August, 2020.

24.08.2020 The "1st preparatory meeting of 5th PPED" organized by the Prime Minister's Office held on 24th August 2020 through the online platform, from JBCCI side Mr. Yuji Ando, President of JBCCI and Mr. Md. Shariful Alam, Vice President of JBCCI joined at this webinar.

14.09.2020 The 106th Board Meeting of JBCCI was held through zoom meeting and this was attended by 12 Directors and Adviser to the Board.

<u>04.10.2020</u> The minutes of the 106th Board meeting of JBCCI held on 14.09.2020 was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

15.10.2020 An invitation was circulated to the members of JBCCI for a webinar on "Investor B2B Japan-2020" on 10^{th} November, followed by B2B from 11^{th} – 18^{th} November. The Program will be organized by Haison International Ltd. and JBCCI with the support of UNIDO Tokyo.

20.10.2020 Through the email, JBCCI announced that the printed booklet (containing Activities Report of JBCCI for April 2019 - June 2020 and Audited Financial Report of JBCCI for April 2019-March 2020 and April 2020- June 2020) will be sent to all members according to their registered address by courier service. The Delivery process was completed within two weeks.





Photo 3: Cover page and Back page of the Activities Report of JBCCI 2019-2020

21-10-2020 Due to extended time, JBCCI sent a final notice to the unpaid members for the opportunity to re-validate the membership in FY-2019 by 11th November, 2020. Along with requested to members who are yet to pay the annual membership fee, to kindly pay the same of current fiscal year.

10-11-2020 A webinar on "Investor B2B Japan-2020" was organized by Haison International Ltd. in cooperation with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and also with the support of JBCCI. In this webinar 24 Bangladeshi Companies participated including 12 members companies of JBCCI. During the webinar Bangladeshi companies introduced their company on their own for partnership with the participating Japanese companies in the areas of power, automobiles, constructions, logistics, textile & garments, leather & leather goods, quality control inspection,

management consulting, investment advisory services and education with their Japanese counterpart.



Photo 4: A view during the B2B Webinar going on through ZOOM meeting.

12.11.2020 The News Articles a webinar on "Investor B2B Meeting with Japan 2020" organized by HAISON UNIDO, and JBCCI came out in The Daily Financial Express, The Daily Bangladesh Post, The Daily New Nation and The Daily Industry newspapers on 12th November, 2020. This was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

16.11.2020 The 107th Board Meeting of JBCCI was held through zoom meeting and this was attended by 12 Directors and Adviser to the Board.

19.11.2020 An invitation circular was sent to the members of JBCCI to participate in the MoU Signing Ceremony (Virtual) of JBCCI, JETRO and CCCI to be held on 22nd November 2020.

22.11.2020 To mark the 50th year of Bangladesh's independence in 2021, the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCCI) in collaboration with the Japan External Trade Organization, Dhaka (JETRO-Dhaka) and Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JBCCI) launched a program titled "Celebrating Japan-Bangladesh 50 Years of Economic Friendship: Planning for next 10 Years (2021-2030)". H.E. Ito Naoki, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Honorable Commerce Minister Mr. Tipu Munshi MP, Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and other high officials from different organizations also attended this program.



Photo 5: Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, President of CCCI and Mr. Yuji Ando, President of JBCCI during the signing ceremony of the Program.



Photo 6: A view of the MoU signing Ceremony and the distinguished Guests for the Program.

25.11.2020 A circular received from Bangladesh-Japan Training Institute (BJTI) a two days long lab session on "KPI Master Class" was circulated among the members for their kind information.

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- **25.11.2020** The News Articles on "MoU Signing Ceremony (Virtual) of JBCCI, JETRO and CCCI" held on 22nd November 2020, came out in several newspapers on 23rdNovember, 2020. This was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.
- **30.11.2020** An invitation circular was sent to the members of JBCCI to participate in ICOSA Web Seminars on 8th, 9th and 10th be held from 5 December 2020.
- **05.12.2020** The minutes of the 107th Board meeting of JBCCI held on 16.11.2020 was circulated to the members of JBCCI for their kind information.
- **13.12.2020** A circular received from Bangladesh-Japan Training Institute (BJTI) a two days online exclusive training on "Best Practices of Supply Chain and Logistics Management" was circulated among the members for their kind information.
- **22.12.2020** The unpaid members of JBCCI were requested by a circular to pay the membership fee for FY-2020 at an early date.
- **30.12.2020** A circular received from the Ministry of Commerce regarding the embargo for holding the Election of all Chamber bodies keeping in mind all safety measures for Covid-19 was forwarded to the members of JBCCI for their kind information.
- **<u>07.01.2021</u>** The Election Board of JBCCI sent a circular (notice & schedule of the election) to the members on the Election of the Board of Directors of JBCCI for the term October 2020 September 2022.
- **10.01.2021** An invitation circular was sent to the members of JBCCI to participate in the international webinar on "Flow and Efficiency of Japanese Investment in Bangladesh: Role of Professional Cost and Management Accountants" to be jointly organized by JBCCI, ICMAB and DBC on 14th February 2021.
- **14.01.2021** An International webinar on "Flow and Efficiency of Japanese Investment in Bangladesh: Role of Professional Cost and Management Accountants" jointly organized by JBCCI, ICMAB and DBC. H.E. Mr. Naoki Ito, Honorable Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh was a chief guest in this program.



Photo 7: A view of the Webinar Invitation that was circulated to the members.

21.01.2021 The News Articles a webinar on "Flow and Efficiency of Japanese Investment in Bangladesh: Role of Professional Cost and Management Accountants" organized by JBCCI and Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB), came out in The Daily Financial Express newspaper on 21st January, 2021. This was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

25.01.2021 The 108th Board Meeting of JBCCI was held through zoom meeting and this was attended by 12 Directors and Adviser to the Board.

25.01.2021 The Election Board of JBCCI sent the "Valid List of Candidates" from the Bangladesh and Japan sides for the forthcoming Election of JBCCI to the members for their kind information.

26.01.2021 A circular received from Bangladesh-Japan Training Institute (BJTI) a two days long exclusive training course on "Training of Trainers (ToT)" was circulated among the members of JBCCI.

27.01.2021 JBCCI issued a circular to the members for inviting them to attend the webinar on "Japanology in New Era" to be organized by Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka on 28th January, 2021.

- **01.02.2021** An invitation circular was sent to the members of JBCCI to participate in a webinar on "Bangabandhu and Japan" to be jointly organized by JBCCI and Department of Japan Studies, University of Dhaka on 18th February 2021.
- **01.02.2021** A circular received from the BAAS office on "AOTS Webinar on The Leadership for the Post COVID-19 Era" was forwarded to the members of JBCCI for their kind information.
- **<u>01.02.2021</u>** The unpaid members of JBCCI were requested by a circular to pay the membership fee for FY- 2020 at an early date.
- **<u>07.02.2021</u>** The final list of candidates for election of the Board of Directors of JBCCI for the term October 2020 September 2022 was circulated among the members by the Election Board of JBCCI.
- **10.02.2021** An invitation circular was sent to the members of JBCCI to participate in a webinar on "Introducing KAIZEN in Bangladesh" to be held on 25th February 2021.
- **15.02.2021** The final report of UNIDO Tokyo on "Investor B2B Japan-2020" was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.
- **18.02.2021** A webinar on "Bangabandhu and Japan" jointly organized by JBCCI and Department of Japan Studies, University of Dhaka. H.E. Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs was a chief guest and H.E. Mr. Naoki Ito, Honorable Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh was a special guest and other special guests along with high officials from different organizations were attended in this program.



Photo 8: A view of the Webinar Invitation circulated to the members.

25.02.2021 The Election Board of JBCCI circulated among the members the list of the 12 newly elected Directors (six from the Japanese side and six from the Bangladeshi side) of JBCCI for the term October 2020 – September 2022.

25.02.2021 The minutes of the 108th Board meeting of JBCCI held on 25.01.2021 was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

25.02.2021 A webinar held on "Introducing KAIZEN in Bangladesh" organized by International Development Center of Japan Inc. (IDCJ), HIRAYAMA Consulting Japan and NewVision Solutions Ltd. It was organized through ZOOM online Meeting to avoid public gatherings due to ongoing pandemic situations.

27.02.2021 A circular received from Bangladesh-Japan Training Institute (BJTI) a daylong exclusive training course on "Behaviour Modification for Performance Improvement" was circulated among the members of JBCCI.

28.02.2021 The News Articles a webinar on "Bangabandhu and Japan" organized by JBCCI and Department of Japan Studies, University of Dhaka, came out in several newspapers on 21st February, 2021. This was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

<u>02.03.2021</u> JBCCI sent a notice among the members to register for Covid-19 Vaccination to BIDA (applicable for Foreigners/Expats) for their kind information.

14.03.2021 The Handing-over Taking-over Ceremony of the Board of Directors of JBCCI was held at Six Seasons Hotel. The outgoing Directors were honored with "Crest of Gratitude" for their enormous contribution to JBCCI during April 2018 – June 2020. His Excellency Mr. Naoki Ito, Honorable Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh attended this Ceremony as the Chief Guest.



Photo 9: A group photo taken by the newly elected Board of Directors of JBCCI along with the Honorable Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh Mr. Naoki Ito.

14.03.2021 The 109th Board Meeting of JBCCI was held at Six Seasons Hotel and this was attended by 10 Directors and the Adviser to the Board of JBCCI.



Photo 10: A photo was taken during the 109th Board Meeting of JBCCI was going on.

14.03.2021 JBCCI sent a condolence message to Mr. Mikhail I. Islam (Managing Director, I-K Properties) on the sudden demise of his beloved father.

16.03.2021 An invitation circular was sent to the members of JBCCI to become one of the Committee Members of the JBCCI Sub Committee for October 2020-September 2022.

18.03.2021 A Courtesy Call of the new Board of Directors of JBCCI on the H.E. Naoki Ito, Honorable Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh held at the Ambassador's Office in the Embassy of Japan.

18.03.2021 The News Articles on the "Handing-Over & Taking-Over Ceremony of Board of Directors of JBCCI" came out in several newspapers on 16th March, 2021. This was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

21.03.2021 The minutes of the 109th Board meeting of JBCCI held on 14.03.2021 was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

22.03.2021 The following two meetings were held at JETRO Dhaka Office at 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.:-

a) 110^{th} Board Meeting of JBCCI

b) Election of the Office Bearers of JBCCI among the newly elected Directors for the term October 2020 – September 2022.

The newly elected Directors of JBCCI for the term October 2020 – September 2022, the list being as follows:-

President : Mr. Asif A Chowdhury

Chairman of Crown Navigation Co. (Pvt.) Ltd.

Vice Presidents : 1) Mr. Md. Shariful Alam

General Manager of Mitsui & Co. (Asia Pacific) Pte. Ltd.

: 2) Mr. M Jalalul Hai

Chief Executive Officer, Haison International Ltd.

Secretary General: Mr. Tareq Rafi Bhuiyan (Jun)

Managing Director of NewVision Solutions Ltd.

Treasurer : Mr. Takeshi Hashimoto

Chief Representative of MUFG Bank Ltd. Dhaka Office.

Directors : 1) Mr. Yuji Ando

Chief Country Representative of JETRO Dhaka Office

2) Dr. Kabir Ahmed Managing Director of Conveyor Logistics Ltd.

Mr. Tadaoki Watanabe
Managing Director of Tokyo Consulting Firm Ltd.

4) Mr. Nurul Wahab Managing Partner of A. Wahab & Co. Chartered

Accountants

5) Mr. Takashi Miyata Managing Director of YKK Bangladesh Pte. Ltd.

- 6) Mr. Syed Samiul Huq Director of Japan Solartech Bangladesh Ltd.
- 7) Mr. Tetsuro Kano General Manager of ITOCHU Corporation, Dhaka Liaison Office



Photo 11: A view of the Meetings (mentioned in above) held at JETRO Dhaka office.

22.03.2021 The JBCCI President-Elect Mr. Asif A. Chowdhury arranged a Meet-Up Party among the newly elected JBCCI Board of Directors for the term Oct 2020-Sep 2022 on 22nd March 2021 at 5:00 pm at German Club.

<u>07.04.2021</u> The unpaid members of JBCCI were requested by a circular to pay the membership fee for FY- 2020 at an early date.

13.04.2021 An invitation was circulated to the members of JBCCI for the 2nd webinar on "Investor B2B Japan 2021" from 24th May -11th June 2021. The Program will be organized by Haison International Ltd. and JBCCI with the support of UNIDO Tokyo.

15.04.2021 The minutes of the 110th Board meeting of JBCCI held on 22.03.2021 was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

<u>**06.05.2021</u>** The News Articles on "an interview (*interest of Japanese investors in* Bangladesh) of Mr. Tareq Rafi Bhuiyan (Jun), Secretary General of the JBCCI. The interview</u>

was taken by The Daily Star newspaper and came out on 4th May, 2021 and Mr. Asif A. Chowdhury, President of JBCCI has given a short interview on Japanese Economic Zone in Araihazar, Narayangonj to attract more Japanese Investment at Channel 24. This was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

11.05.2021 A Notice for Eld Holiday on the occasion of Eid-Ul-Fitr was forwarded to the Members and other concerned organizations for their kind information.

23.05.2021The 111th Board Meeting of JBCCI was held through zoom meeting and this was attended by 12 Directors and Adviser to the Board.

24.05.2021 The 2nd "Investor B2B Japan 2021" event held from 24th May -11th June 2021 where Japanese companies and Bangladeshi companies participated. 20 Companies from JBCCI participated in it and had several business meetings with Japanese Companies.



Photo 12: Invitation of B2B meetings Event.

27.05.2021 An invitation was circulated to the members of JBCCI to participate a webinar on "Resolving Disputes out of Court" on 5th June, 2021. The joint webinar will be organized by JBCCI and Rahman's Chambers.

27.05.2021 An invitation was circulated to the members of JBCCI to participate in the "Investment Webinar" on 3rd June 2021 jointly organized by BEPZA, JBCCI, and JETRO.



Photo 13: A view of the Webinar Invitation circulated the members of JBCCI.

30.05.2021 The News Articles on "Investor B2B Japan" online Match-making event of JBCCI, UNIDO and Haison Int. came out in several newspapers on 27th May, 2021. This was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

03.06.2021 A webinar on "Exploring Investment Opportunities in EPZs and BEPZA Economic Zone, Mirsharai, Chattogram" jointly organized by BEPZA, JBCCI, and JETRO. High officials from different organizations were attended in this program.

05.06.2021 A webinar on "Resolving Disputes out of Court" jointly organized by Rahman's Chambers. The covered topics were (a) different forms of ADRs in Bangladesh (b) institutional and ad hoc arbitration in Bangladesh (c) local and international arbitration involving Bangladesh (d) ADR involving different industries in Bangladesh.

10.06.2021 The News Articles on "JBCCI-Rahman's Chambers Jointly Webinar on Resolving Disputes Out of Court" came out in The Daily Bangladesh post newspaper on 7th June, 2021. This was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

10.06.2021 The minutes of the 111th Board meeting of JBCCI held on 23.05.2021 was circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

20.06.2021 The 1st Meeting of the "Seminar, Workshop & Skill Development Committee" of JBCCI held on 20th June through a webinar to discuss the activities, proposals, etc.

21.06.2021 A circular received from BAAS office on "AOTS Webinar on Transform Your Business Management Using AI/IoT" was forwarded to the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

26.06.2021 JBCCI sent a condolence message to all members on the sudden demise of Mr. Durand Mehdadur Rahman, Deputy Managing Director of Uttara Automobiles Ltd. (Former Director of JBCCI). This is an unbearable loss to the family, JBCCI and the country itself.

HEART-FELT CONDOLENCE



Mr. Durand Mehdadur Rahman, Former Director of JBCCI

28.06.2021 JBCCI sent hearty congratulations to Mr. M. Jalalul Hai (Chief Executive Office) of "Haison International Ltd." and Vice President of JBCCI for accredited as the Honorary Advisor to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) ITPO Tokyo.



Mr. M. Jalalul Hai, Vice President of JBCCI

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