

## **JBCCI Newsletter**

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<u>05.07.2022</u> A Notice was circulated to the members requesting to update companies' information.

<u>06.07.2022</u> An Invitation for the 10<sup>th</sup> Factory/Project Visit Program at the Japanese Economic Zone (BSEZ), Araihazar, Narayanganj was circulated to the members.

<u>06.07.2022</u> The 60<sup>th</sup> Issue of JBCCI Newsletter: July 2021- December 2021 was circulated to members.

**07.07.2022** A Notice for Eid Holiday and Eid Greetings was Circulated to the members.

**16.07.2022** A Notice was circulated to the members for their Observation on sharing Companies' information.

**17.07.2022** Agreement with Eastern Bank Ltd. for Co-Brand Credit Card:

The Launching Ceremony of the "EBL-JBCCI Co-Brand Credit Card" was held on July 17, 2022, at the EBL Head Office and an Agreement was signed between JBCCI & EBL in this regard. The distinguished guests of both sides delivered their remarks. Mr. Yuho Hayakawa, Chief Representative of the JICA Dhaka Office attended the event as the Chief Guest. From JBCCI, Mr. M. Jalalul Hai (Vice President), Mr. Tareq Rafi Bhuiyan (Jun) (Secretary General), Mr. Md. Emran (Executive Director), Mr. Hikari Kawai, (Director), and Mr. Kazunori Yamada (Representative), JETRO were present in the Program.





Photo: View of the MoU signing ceremony of EBL and JBCCI.

This Co-brand Credit card will facilitate the members of JBCCI who are involved in Japan-Bangladesh trade and Investments.

 $\underline{17.07.2022}$  The  $61^{st}$  Issue of JBCCI Newsletter: January 2022- June 2022 was circulated to the members.

19.07.2022 10<sup>th</sup> Factory/Project Visit Program at the Japanese Economic Zone (BSEZ), Araihazar, Narayanganj on July 19, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. JBCCI Board members and general members attended the visit program.





Photo: Views of the 10th Factory/Project Visit Program at BSEZ, Araihazar, Narayangonj.

**23.07.2022** A Notice on Requesting to pay the Annual Subscription Fee of JBCCI for July 2021-June 2022 was circulated to the unpaid members.

## **26.07.2022** MoU signing of JBCCI and SME Foundation:

The MoU signing of JBCCI with SME Foundation was held on July 26, 2022, at the Head Office of SMEF in Agargaon. The JBCCI President Mr. Asif A. Chowdhury led the JBCCI Delegation and signed the Agreement with SMEF to work together to develop the SME sector in Bangladesh through joint collaboration as follows:

- a) Exchanging information concerning policies and measures for the promotion of SMEs;
- b) Exchanging experiences in organizing and administering the activities for providing services for SMEs;
- c) Developing policies for creating a checklist for SMEs (quality assurance, operation, etc.) so that they can enhance the standard of doing their work to meet the requirements of the abroad market;
- d) Exchanging relevant publications (published by themselves); and
- e) Organizing seminars, trade fairs, exhibitions, joint surveys, studies, and other promotional activities for strengthening the exchanges and cooperation between SMEs of both Parties.





Photo: View of the MoU exchange of SMEF and JBCCI held at SMEF Office, Agargaon.

**27.07.2022** A Notice of the Election Schedule of JBCCI Oct 2022-Sep 2024 was circulated.

**28.07.2022** A Notice of the publication of the Preliminary Voter List of JBCCI for the Election of 2022-2024 was circulated.

 $\underline{\textbf{02.08.2022}}$  The invitation for participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> Investor B2B JAPAN 2022 was circulated to the members.

<u>04.08.2022</u> JBCCI delegations attended the Review Meeting on the progress of the implementation decision taken in the "4th Japan-Bangladesh Public-Private Joint Economic Dialogue" presided over by Dr. Ahmed Kaikaus, Hon'ble Principal Secretary, HPM held on August 4, 2022, where JBCCI proposed a few agendas to include in the upcoming 5th PPED between Japan and Bangladesh.



Photo: View of the review meeting of 4th PPED.

<u>09.08.2022</u> JBCCI arranged a discussion meeting between the Ministry of Economic, Trade, and Industries (METI) Delegation and JBCCI held at Lake Castle Hotel, Gulshan. The purpose of the visit of METI delegation is to assist the Japanese government to prepare a roadmap and coming up with recommendations to face the challenges during the Post-LDC graduation of Bangladesh. The meeting discussed mutual interests, including Industrial upgradation and possible FTA between the two countries.



Photo: View of the discussion meeting of JBCCI with the METI Delegation.

**10.08.2022** Condolence Message of JBCCI was published in newspaper (The Daily Star) in honor of Mr. Shinzo Abe, Former Prime Minister of Japan.



**16.08.2022** A Notice of the 118<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of JBCCI was circulated to all Board of Directors of JBCCI.

<u>17.08.2022</u> A Request letter sent to all members for submitting Proposals to be included as Agenda in the 5<sup>th</sup> PPED between Japan and Bangladesh 2022 was circulated to the members.

**17.08.2022** A List of Candidates of the Election 2022-2024 was circulated to the members.

**17.08.2022** An Invitation to publish advertisements in the upcoming Printed AGM Report of JBCCI FY 2021-2022 was circulated to the members.

**20.08.2022** Minutes of the Review Meeting on the progress of the implementation decision taken in the "4th Japan-Bangladesh Public-Private Joint Economic Dialogue" held on August 4, 2022, was circulated to the members.

**20.08.2022** JBCCI's proposed agendas to include in the 5th Bangladesh- Japan PPED was sent to the Director, Prime Minister's Office for their observation and necessary actions.

21.08.2022 The 118th Board Meeting of JBCCI was held at JETRO Dhaka Office.

**25.08.2022** A Notice of the Final List of Valid Candidates for the Election 2022-2024 was Circulated to all members of JBCCI.

**29.08.2022** An Invitation for the 11<sup>th</sup> Factory/Project Visit Program at the MRT Line-6, Uttara Diabari on September 4, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. was circulated to the board of directors.

<u>01.09.2022</u> The Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka, and Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, in association with the Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce (JBCCI), Japanese University Alumni Association of Bangladesh (JUAB), Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA), and Kazuko Bhuiyan Welfare Trust are going to organize a condolence program titled "Tribute to Sinzo Abe' in memory of the former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe September 1, 2022, at the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban Auditorium, University of Dhaka.





Photo: Views of the condolence program of Dhaka University.

<u>04.09.2022</u> A Notice of the Postponement of the 11th Factory/Project Visit Program at the MRT Line-6, Uttara, Diabari on September 4, 2022, was circulated to the board of directors.

<u>06.09.2022</u> The Minutes of the 118th Board Meeting of JBCCI was circulated to all members of IBCCI.

<u>07.09.2022</u> A Notice of the 119<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of JBCCI was circulated to all Board of Directors of JBCCI.

<u>11.09.2022</u> The 119<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of JBCCI was held through Zoom Online Meeting Platform and all Board Members attended the Meeting.

**13.09.2022** A Circular relating to the Election of the Board of Directors of JBCCI was circulated to all members of JBCCI.

**21.09.2022** A Notice of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of JBCCI to be held on October 10, 2022, was circulated to all members of JBCCI.

**27.09.2022:** JBCCI Delegations attended the Webinar titled "Smart Agriculture empowered by Advanced Technology" an Online Lecture on smart agriculture in Bangladesh using satellite intelligence and grid technology. Mr. Tsuboi Shunsuke, Founder & CEO of Sagri delivered the lecture. It was organized by the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh and co-sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) of Bangladesh. H.E. Mr. ITO Naoki, Hon'ble Ambassador was present there and representatives from concerned organizations shared their views on it.

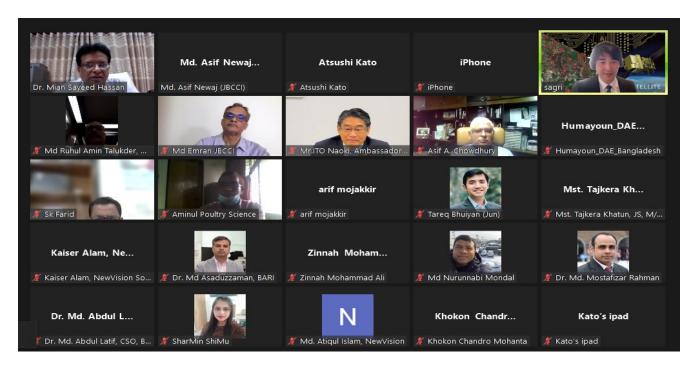


Photo: View of the Webinar on "Smart Agriculture empowered by Advanced Technology".

<u>30.09.2022</u> A week-long B2B match-making program between Bangladeshi companies and Japanese investors was held in Japan from 26th-30th September 2022. The whole program was organized by HAISON International and JBCCI with the support of the UNIDO ITPO Tokyo. The program was started in Osaka that was held at the Osaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OCCI) and in Tokyo at the United Nations University Building. Mr. M. Jalalul Hai, Vice President of JBCCI led the delegation from Bangladesh. JBCCI delegation had a meeting with the executives

of the OCCI and interacted about the possible cooperation between OCCI and JBCCI for the promotion of business between the two countries. JBCCI delegation also had an interactive meeting with the Hon'ble Bangladesh Ambassador and related officials of the Embassy where the mission members exchanged their experiences with the Embassy officials.



Photo: During the Match-making event and discussion with Japanese Nationals.



Photo: B2B Delegations at the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) Office in Osaka, Japan.



Photo: B2B Delegations at the United Nations University Building in Tokyo, Japan.

<u>30.09.2022</u>: JBCCI Officials attended the "Capacity Building Workshop" arranged by the Directorate of the Trade Organization (DTO) of the Ministry of Commerce. Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Sr. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce presided over the session. The Representatives of other renowned Associations and Chambers of Commerce & Industry participated in this program.



Photo: View of the "Capacity Building Workshop" arranged by DTO.

<u>03.10.2022</u> A Notice of the Declaration of the Office Bearers of JBCCI Board of Directors 2022-2024 was circulated to all members of JBCCI.

 $\underline{06.10.2022}$  The Minutes of the  $119^{th}$  Board Meeting of JBCCI was circulated to all members of JBCCI.

10.10.2022 The 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of JBCCI was held at Lakeshore Hotel. H.E. Mr. Naoki ITO, Hon'ble Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh attended the occasion as the Chief Guest.



Photo: During the discussion at the 17th AGM of JBCCI.



Photo: Mr. Asif A. Chowdhury, President of JBCCI during his Welcoming Speech at the 17th AGM.



Photo: View of the Salutation of the Recipients of "the Order of the Rising Sun" from the Govt. of Japan.



Photo: During the Welcome Reception of the new Minister of EoJ, Mr. Machida Tatsuya by JBCCI.



Photo: View of the Salutation to honor H.E. Mr. Naoki ITO, Hon'ble Ambassador for being the Recipient of the "Bangabandhu Medal for Diplomatic Excellence" from the Govt. of Bangladesh.



Photo: During the Group Photo Session of the Outgoing and New Board of Directors of JBCCI with H.E. Mr. Naoki ITO, Hon'ble Ambassador.

**12.10.2022** An invitation to join the virtual seminar titled" Investor Resilience: Challenges and opportunities" was circulated to the board of directors.

**13.10.2022** The News Articles regarding the 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of JBCCI held on October 10, 2022, organized by JBCCI came out in The Daily Bangladesh Post and BSS, Daily Sun, NewsAge, The Asian Age, Post newspaper on October 13, 2022, and The Business Post newspapers on October 11, 2022. These articles were circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

**18.10.2022** A Notice for the 120<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of JBCCI to be held on October 25, 2022, was circulated to the new Board of Directors of JBCCI.

**19.10.2022** The JBCCI Delegations led by Mr. Hikari Kawai, President of JBCCI visited the Bangladesh German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BGCCI) and had a meeting with Mr. Thomas Hoffman, President, BGCCI.

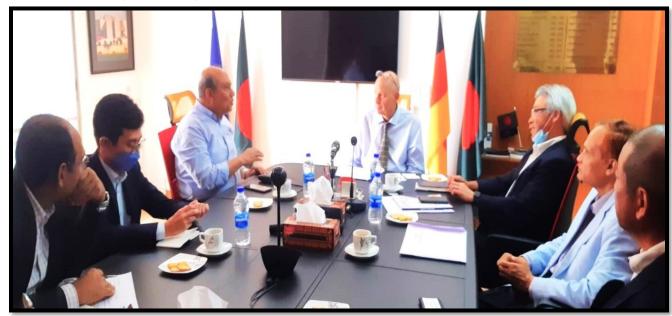




Photo: View of the Meeting with BGCCI at their Head Office.

**25.10.2022** The 120<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of JBCCI was held at JETRO Dhaka Office. The new Board of Directors attended the Meeting.



Photo: During the  $120^{\rm th}$  Board Meeting of JBCCI. The new Board of Directors discussing on matters that they want to work on and achieve during their tenure 2022-2024.

26.10.2022 A Report of the "Investor B2B Japan 2022" was circulated to all members of JBCCI.

**<u>06.11.2022</u>** A Courtesy Meeting of JBCCI with FBCCI on Nov 6, 2022.



Photo: View of the Courtesy Meeting of JBCCI with FBCCI

**31.10.2022** The Invitation for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diplomatic Relationship between Japan & Bangladesh" was circulated to all members.

**10.11.2022** The "50th Anniversary Diplomatic Relationship between Japan & Bangladesh" was jointly organized by JBCCI and SHOO-KOO-KAI (ICIAD) was held at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel. Approximately 600 people participated in the occasion to celebrate the 50 years of friendship relation between Japan and Bangladesh. H.E. Mr. AK Abdul Monem (MP), Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs was the Chief Guest in this grand program.



Photo: Mr. Hikari Kawai, President of JBCCI and Mr. Myung-Ho Lee, President, Shoo-Koo-Kai along with the H.E. Mr. AK Abdul Monem, Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh and H.E. Mr. Naoki ITO, Hon'ble Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh.



Photo: H.E. Mr. AK Abdul Monem, Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs during his speech-giving session.



Photo: H.E. Mr. Naoki ITO, Hon'ble Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh during his speech-giving session.



Photo: During the Celebration Program Hon'ble Ambassador of Japan appreciates JBCCI and Shoo-Koo-Kai for the program.



Photo: During the Singing Session of the Program and JBCCI Board of Directors took part with the H.E. Mr. Naoki ITO, Hon'ble Ambassador of Japan.

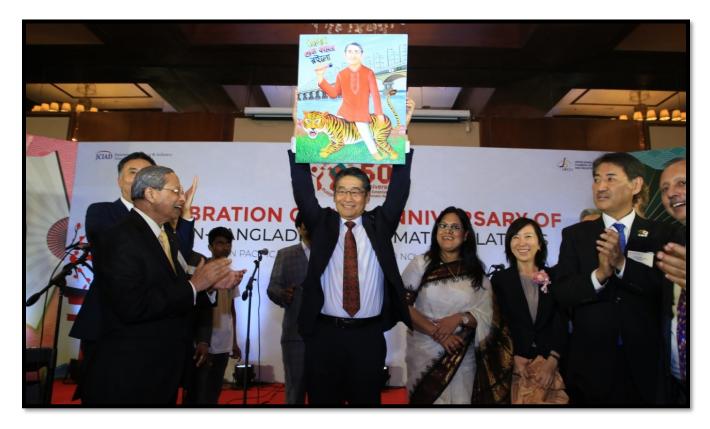


Photo: During the Fare-well ceremony of the Hon'ble Ambassador of Japan and JBCCI & Shoo-Koo-Kai jointly handed over the Souvenir in honor of Hon'ble Ambassador



Photo: All invited Guests took the Group Photo at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Celebration Program.

**13.10.2022** The News Articles regarding the 50th Anniversary Reception of Shoo-Koo-Kai & JBCCI held on Nov 10, 2022, organized by JBCCI and Shoo-Koo-Ka. and came out in Bangladesh Post and The Daily Star, The Business Post, The Financial Express, Post newspaper on November 12, 2022, Prothom Alo and The Business Standard, News Age, and UNB newspapers on November 11, 2022. These articles were circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

**13.11.2022** An Invitation of the Embassy of Japan to attend a Lecture Event was circulated to the board of directors.

**20.11.2022** A Notice for Request to pay the Annual Subscription Fee of JBCCI for July 2021-June 2022 was circulated to the unpaid members of JBCCI.

<u>23.11.2022</u> A Notice of the EBL & JBCCI Co-Brand Credit Card Program was circulated to all members.

**24.11.2022** The Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> AGM of JBCCI held on Oct 10, sent to all members for their observations and suggestions if any.

**27.11.2022** A Notice for requesting members to collect the Printed Souvenir on the 17th AGM of JBCCI was circulated to all members.

**29.11.2022** Minutes of the 17th AGM of JBCCI held on Oct 10, 2022. was circulated to all members of JBCCI.

**18.12.2022** The Courtesy Call meeting on H.E. Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun (MP), Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Industries, was held on Dec 18, 2022 and attended by Board of Directors of JBCCI.



Photo: View of the Courtesy Call meeting of JBCCI on H.E. Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun (MP), Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Industries.

**20.12.2022** The News Articles on Courtesy Call on H.E. Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun (MP), Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Industries, held on Dec 18, 2022, came out in Bangladesh Post newspaper on December 19, 2022 and The Jugantor, The Financial Express, Prothom Alo and Samakal, Dhaka Tribune newspapers on December 20, 2022. These articles were circulated among the members of JBCCI for their kind information.

**22.12.2022** A Notice for a Japanese company looking for an agent in Bangladesh was circulated to the members of JBCCI.

**22.12.2022** The Informal Meeting of the Board of Directors of JBCCI was held at the JETRO Dhaka office on December 22, 2022 for reviewing the progress on some JBCCI's upcoming programs.



Photo: View of the informal meeting of the board of directors of JBCCI.

**28.12.2022** A discussion program on sensitization of "National Industrial Policy-2022" organize by SME foundation was held at the head office of SMEF. JBCCI official attended the program.



Photo: View of the discussion meeting held at SMEF.

31.12.2022 New year's greetings of "Happy New Year 2023" sent to all members from JBCCI.



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