

Condolence message from the BBG Chairman to the death of Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II



Dear All,

It is with great sadness that we mourn the death of Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II. Words seem inadequate to express the sorrow we feel by the loss of Her Majesty.

For most of us, she was the only British monarch we have ever known, and her reign spanned generations. The Queen will be remembered as a stateswoman of unmatched resilience who saw the evolution and maturity of many nations and states. She was hugely admired and respected, both here in Bangladesh and around the world, for her incredible service and dedication to the people.

She has placed significant importance on the bi-lateral relations between the United Kingdom and Bangladesh – exemplified by her visits in 1961 and later to an independent Bangladesh in 1983. These visits are still remembered fondly by Bangladesh.

Let us recognise and celebrate a remarkable individual who personified the values of service and humility. We extend our sincere condolences to the Royal Family.

Sincerely,

Md. Mahbub ur Rahman
Chairman
British Business Group, Bangladesh

British Business Group (BBG) members meet and discuss ways to overcome trade challenges after Bangladesh's LDC graduation



On Wednesday 31 August 2022, the British Business Group (BBG) Bangladesh organised an event to discuss "Overcoming Least Developed Countries (LDC) Graduation Challenge of Bangladesh". The event facilitated a discussion on the preparation, planning, implementation, and monitoring of the possible challenges of Bangladesh's LDC graduation.

The event was co-hosted by His Excellency Robert Chatterton Dickson, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, and Md. Mahbub ur Rahman, Chair of the BBG and CEO of HSBC Bangladesh, at the British High Commissioner's residence. Dr. Ahmad Kaikaus, Principal Secretary to the Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh and Chairperson of the National Committee on Graduation, was the guest of honour and chief speaker. Beneficiary members of the BBG, who are representing prominent British businesses in Bangladesh, attended the event.



The High Commissioner welcomed the UK's newly launched Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS) and its importance in enhancing the trading relationship between the UK and Bangladesh. "I welcome the BBG's engagement with the Government of Bangladesh on ways to improve the business environment here. A better business environment for international companies, including newcomers to the market, is key to encouraging more British firms to export and invest in Bangladesh", he said.

Dr Ahmad Kaikaus shared his assessment about opportunities in Bangladesh following LDC graduation. He mentioned, "Though there are lot of challenges, Bangladesh sees LDC graduation as an opportunity. The Government of Bangladesh have already identified ways to overcome the potential challenges."



Md. Mahbub ur Rahman welcomed the first in-person BBG event since the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. On trade and investment, he mentioned that the United Kingdom remained the second largest foreign investor and third largest export destination for Bangladesh. He said, "The relationship between the two countries goes beyond business and comprises of development partnership, strong diaspora and education". He also shared that, British businesses were one of the first ones to recognise the immense potential of Bangladesh and remain confident of future opportunities".