



Bangladesh Forum Qatar

Press Release
The Members' Night
Bangladesh Forum Qatar (BFQ)

Bangladesh Forum Qatar (BFQ), celebrated Member's Night to mark the beginning of the term for new executive committee for next 2 year (2021-22). The event took place on January 10th 2021 at Sheraton Grand Doha Hotel and was attended by H.E. Md. Jashim Uddin, ndc, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the State of Qatar and other senior officials of Bangladesh Embassy; Mr. Henk Jan Hoogendorn, Managing Director - Financial Sector Office at QFC; BFQ members and members of the media.

The event titled 'Members Night' was inaugurated by BFQ Vice President, Captain Shah Alam with a welcome speech. The outgoing President Dr. Rashed Noman presented the significant mile stones achieved by the forum in 2020 which includes the first ever Bangladeshi Trade Fair in Qatar titled 'Made in Bangladesh', showcasing products and services of various sectors from Bangladesh. The event was attended by senior members of Bangladesh Government and prominent business icons of Qatar. A number of corporate social initiatives were taken by the forum during the pandemic. A webinar titled 'Bilateral & Synergistic Opportunities between Qatar & Bangladesh' was organized and participated by prominent business leaders in addition to the Ambassador of Bangladesh and CEO of Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh.

The new President for the term 2021-22, Mohammad Shafiqul Islam presented the new committee with 4 major functional units and gave a highlight of the new committee's plans for next two years. During H1 2021, BFQ plans to arrange a series of webinar discussions to focus and promote the Startups Eco system in Bangladesh, Webinars for Covid-19 vaccine awareness, Cultural week during March, Online workshops to focus investment opportunities in RMG sectors of Bangladesh as 2nd largest RMG exporter in the world.

During H2, 2021 BFQ plans to organize a workshop for SME entrepreneurs in Qatar, Relaunching of BFQ website with more interactive and connecting features, Networking session with other Business forums and QFC members, Awareness webinar/workshop on VAT mechanism targeting Bangladeshi businessman in Qatar, Regular ideation sessions to identify investment opportunities and Initiate a mega event idea to host the BGMEA fair in Qatar to shore up the support of various state agencies in Qatar and Bangladesh.



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Mr. Henk Jan Hoogendorn, Managing Director - Financial Sector Office at QFC also echoed the same appreciation and promised the full support of QFC to bring synergy in all BFQ efforts in the future. He also vowed to work with the new committee to develop new platforms for dialogues that will bring mutual economic benefits for Bangladesh and Qatar.

In his brief speech H.E. Md. Jashim Uddin, ndc, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Qatar congratulated the new committee and appreciated the noble endeavor of BFQ. He expressed the renewed commitment of Bangladesh embassy to support all future BFQ initiatives that contribute to the upliftment of Bangladesh image in Qatar. He also reminded of the usual challenges that hinders the desired success specially the lack of effective follow up to ensure continuity and fruitful execution of great ideas. He has emphasized to improve further economic relationship between two brotherly courtly Qatar and Bangladesh.

About BFQ

BFQ is a Qatar Financial Center registered business forum formed by Bangladeshi professionals and business people of diversified background working in Qatar. The forum was launched in 2018 and so far has arranged various business seminars, workshops, Trade Fair, Cultural shows and engaged in various corporate social activities. The forum in conjunction with Bangladesh Embassy is working relentlessly to strengthen the economic and socio-cultural bridge between Qatar and Bangladesh and to improve the image of Bangladesh.