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Bangladesh Seminar on Trade, Investment and Skilled Human Resources held in Saitama, Japan

Bangladesh Embassy, Tokyo organized "Bangladesh Seminar on Trade, Investment and Skilled Human Resources" on 22 June 2022 at Omiya Sonic Civic Hall in Saitama City. Nearly 200 participants from Japanese companies and manpower recruiting organizations were present at the event. H.E Ambassador Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed in his welcome speech, urged Japanese businessmen and investors to invest in various sectors in Bangladesh such as information technology, garment industry, leather etc. He also highlighted Japan's involvement in various mega projects in Bangladesh and thanked the Japan Government for continuous support. In the context of the decreasing population in Japan, the Ambassador urged Japan's manpower recruiting agencies to recruit skilled workers from Bangladesh. From the City of Saitama, Mr. Hitoshi Shibuya, Director, Department of Commerce, Industry, and Tourism, Bureau of Economic Affairs was present and delivered speech.

Dr. Ariful Haque, Minister (Commerce) of the Embassy delivered a presentation on trade and investment opportunities in Bangladesh and Md. Zoynal Abedin, First Secretary (Labour), of the Embassy presented on the "Prospects and Potentials of Skilled Human Resources in Bangladesh: Collaboration with Japan for Greater Mutual Benefit" Mr. Noriyoshi Fukuoka, Director (South Asia), Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) praised Bangladesh's economic progress and prospects, Mr. Yuji Ando, Country Representative, JETRO Bangladesh discussed business environment in Bangladesh through recorded video message. Mr. Toshihiro Shimizu, from JICA presented on JICA's business supporting survey in Bangladesh and Mr. Kiminobu Hiraishi, CEO of Maruhisha Group shared business experiences of Japanese Textile Companies in Bangladesh.

Ambassador Shigeo Matsutomi, Senior Vice President, Japan International Trainee & Skilled Worker Cooperation Organization (JITCO) discussed on Sending / Acceptance Structure of Bangladeshi Trainees & Workers and Mr. Keisuke Irako, Chief Director, Machida Hospital shared experiences of recruiting Bangladeshi Care Givers in his hospital. The seminar was attended by embassy officials, officials, and representatives from METI, JICA, JETRO, Japan Chamber, UNIDO ITPO Tokyo, among others. The seminar was organized as part of celebrating 50 years of Bangladesh-Japan diplomatic relations and was supported by the City of Saitama, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Saitama, UNIDO-ITPO Tokyo, and JITCO.



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