

DCCI/TF/Destination Bangladesh/2018/779

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Subject: Request to facilitate information dissemination among the trade bodies of your country.

Excellency,

We are delighted to inform you that Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) is going to celebrate its 60th anniversary this year. To mark this occasion, DCCI is going to hold an International Business Conference titled 'Destination Bangladesh' tentatively on 28th and 29th of October, 2018 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC), Dhaka, Bangladesh. We are expecting our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.

DCCI for the last six decades pioneered promoting private sector in the country. During 1980s, DCCI spearheaded the banking and insurance sector privatization reform process. In the late 1990s, DCCI was vocal in promoting and opening-up the mobile telecommunication sector. And from the year 2000 onwards, DCCI has been able to play an important role in various business initiatives including promoting the nation's future growth prospects, cross-border trade, trade facilitation, investments, and improvement of the overall business eco-system of Bangladesh. Today, as we step into our 60th year, our commitment towards private sector development stands stronger and we continue our leadership role in promoting private sector growth in Bangladesh.

Our 60th year celebration marks as important economic milestone as Bangladesh begins her graduation process to a developing economy fulfilling United Nation's (UN) three (3) major criteria for qualifications: (1) **Gross National Income per capita** (2) **Human Assets Index** and (3) **Economic Vulnerability Index**. This is indeed a great achievement for the nation and we cherish this as this coincides with our 60th anniversary.

Today, we are the 35th largest economy in the world - ranked as one of the fastest growing nations of the world and has crossed China in terms of GDP growth percentage. And as per the latest PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) report, Bangladesh will become the 28th largest economy by the year 2030 and 23rd largest by the year 2050. We want to be a modern and prosperous nation and we believe with the right policy direction from the government along with our dynamic private sector, we shall reach our desired goal.

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Against this backdrop and also to celebrate our 60th anniversary, we are planning to organize the International Conference titled “**Destination Bangladesh**” with six (6) specific thematic discussion sessions- (1) **Made in Bangladesh**, (2) **Investment Bangladesh**, (3) **Infrastructure Bangladesh – Private Sector Engagements**, (4) **Infrastructure Bangladesh – Financing the Future**, (5) **SDG Bangladesh** and (6) **Innovation & Digital Bangladesh** wherein we want to highlight the opportunities and challenges facing Bangladesh given the current momentum of growth and development. Hon’ble Ministers, Members of Parliament, eminent business leaders, researchers, academicians, economists, foreign dignitaries, policy makers, private sector representatives, industrialists and senior government officials from home and abroad are expected to join and enlighten the event.

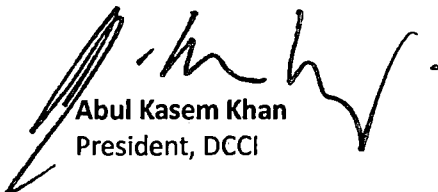
This conference will be a milestone event for DCCI and we believe the cooperation and assistance from the Embassy of Turkey will further help us to make the event a successful one and therefore, we would kindly request the support from your Embassy to disseminate the Conference information (brochure of the Conference is attached herewith) to all the leading trade bodies of Turkey for their information and participation.

We look forward to your kind support and cooperation in bringing a high-powered Business Delegation from Turkey to this conference. We are confident that this Conference will further improve the excellent economic cooperation between Turkey and Bangladesh.

We also look forward to your kind presence at the Conference (the official invitation card will be sent once ready). We solicit your kind cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

With warm regards,



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