

MCCI President Md Saiful Islam along with the members of the Chamber's Board

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Ionut Viziru, Minister Counselor-Head of Economic and Commercial Office, the Embassy of Romania in India (accredited to Bangladesh), visited the Gulshan office of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Dhaka on Wednesday. MCCI President Md Saiful Islam along with the members of the Chamber's Board of Directors discussed with him the ways to increase trade and investment between the two countries and other issues of mutual interest. Both parties agreed to support and work together in this regard.

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Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Md Saiful Islam receives Economic and Commercial Office of Romania's minister counsellor-head Ionut Viziru at the MCCI Gulshan office in Dhaka on Wednesday. The MCCI team led by its president discussed with the minister counsellor the ways to increase trade and investment between the two countries and other issues of mutual interest. Both parties agreed to support and work together in that regard. MCCI director Rubaiyat Jamil, Cosmos Group deputy managing director Masud Khan, director marketing Mir Shamayal Hassan, Logistics head M Fakhruzzaman and Logistics deputy general manager Biprajit Kumar Sharma, among others, were present during the meeting. — Press release

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রোমানিয়ার ইকোনমিক অ্যান্ড কমার্শিয়াল মিনিস্টার কাউন্সেলর-প্রধান আইওনুত ভিজিরু গতকাল ঢাকার মেট্রোপলিটন চেম্বার অফ কমার্স অ্যান্ড ইন্ডাস্ট্রির (এমসিসিআই) গুলশান কার্যালয় পরিদর্শন করেন। এমসিসিআই সভাপতি মো. সাইফুল ইসলাম মিনিস্টার কাউন্সেলরকে উষ্ণ অভ্যর্থনা জানান। এমসিসিআই পরিচালক রুবাইয়াত জামিলসহ মেসার্স মাসুদ খান (ডেপুটি ম্যানেজিং ডিরেক্টর), মীর শামায়েল হাসান (ডিরেক্টর মার্কেটিং), এম. ফখরুজ্জামান (হেড অফ লজিস্টিকস) এবং কসমস গ্রুপের বিপ্রজিত কুমার শর্মা (ডিজিএম- লজিস্টিকস)। বৈঠকে সফররত সদস্যরা উপস্থিত ছিলেন। সভাপতির নেতৃত্বে এমসিসিআই প্রতিনিধিদল মিনিস্টার কাউন্সেলর সঙ্গে দুই দেশের মধ্যে বাণিজ্য ও বিনিয়োগ বাড়ানোর উপায় এবং পারস্পরিক স্বার্থের অন্যান্য বিষয় নিয়ে আলোচনা করে। উভয় পক্ষই এ বিষয়ে সমর্থন ও একসঙ্গে কাজ করতে সম্মত হয়েছে।

MCCI urges Romania to hire 20% workers

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MCCI President Saiful Islam greets Ionut Viziru at the chamber's Gulshan office on Wednesday – Courtesy Photo

The Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) on Wednesday requested Romania to hire at least 20 per cent of overseas workers from Bangladesh as the European country has planned to hire one hundred thousand skilled and semi-skilled workers from different countries.

Its President Md Saiful Islam made the call at a meeting with Ionut Viziru, minister counsellor – head of economic and commercial office at the Romanian embassy in India (accredited to Bangladesh), at the chamber's Gulshan office in the capital.

The meeting discussed ways to increase trade and investment between the two countries and other issues of mutual interest.

At the meeting, the MCCI president requested Romania's support at the European Council to extend preferential treatment for Bangladesh for a reasonable period after graduating from the least developed country (LDC) status under the Everything but Arms (EBA) initiative.

Saiful talked about exporting products to Romania from some sectors, such as food processing, pharmaceuticals, and leather goods, in addition to readymade garment for export diversification.

“Moreover, Romanian investment would be appreciated in IT, automobile, light engineering, and agricultural sectors in Bangladesh for technical collaboration and efficiency improvement,” he said.

He also said taking advantage of the definition of the rules of origin could be mutually beneficial for both nations. He requested Viziru to allow Bangladeshi companies to set up warehouses in Romania.

The MCCI president spoke about the importance of utilising the bilateral investment treaty between Bangladesh and Romania. He also urged the delegation to invest in Bangladesh’s export processing zones.

Saiful requested Viziru to initiate joint ventures with Bangladesh to revive the Romanian shipbuilding industry. He also urged Romania to work together with Bangladesh on halal beef processing.

He said there are many types of machinery in Romania, particularly generators, that could be overhauled in Bangladesh and then re-exported.

“Bangladesh could also outsource automobile components,” he said. “Romania, as one of the largest exporters of wheat, could contact the policymakers in Bangladesh so that the food security issue can be addressed.”

Viziru said Romania was going to hire one hundred thousand skilled and semi-skilled workers from abroad and a temporary consulate was opened in Bangladesh to facilitate recruitments.

He said a camp office could also be opened in this regard, if required, to expedite visa and other procedures. The MCCI team appreciated this.

Viziru further said there could be partnerships between Bangladesh and Romania in sectors like renewable energy, power, IT, road and highway, dairy, etc.

He emphasised bringing Romanian business delegations to Bangladesh and also invited Bangladeshi business delegations to visit Romania to strengthen bilateral trade.