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## HSBC BANGLADESH WELCOMES FICCI DELEGATES



HSBC in Bangladesh hosted a dinner for the delegates of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) at a local hotel on Sunday, 19 July 2009.

The FICCI delegation visited Bangladesh for a high-level meeting between FICCI and Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI). The meeting was held on 20 July 2009. HSBC Bangladesh and HSBC India jointly hosted the dinner in honour of the Indian foreign delegates. Dr Atiur Rahman, Honourable Governor of Bangladesh Bank, Mr Harsha Mariwala, Vice Chairman of FICCI, Mr Amit Misra, General Secretary of FICCI, Mr Annisul Huq, President of FBCCI, Mr Sanjay Prakash, CEO, HSBC Bangladesh and Md. Mahbub-ur-Rahman, Corporate Banking Head, HSBC spoke on the occasion.

Mr Sanjay Prakash, CEO, HSBC Bangladesh said that the Bank is proud to be associated with this great event that brings together business leaders from the two countries. Mr Prakash also commented that it was imperative for both countries to become strategic partners promoting sustainable economic prosperity. Md. Mahbub-ur-Rahman - Corporate Banking Head expressed optimism that this visit would be a leap forward for the economic relationship between India and Bangladesh through effective dialogue and engagement.

HSBC CEO Sanjay Prakash also spoke at one of the workshop sessions focusing on trade and tariff barriers at the seminar. In addition, HSBC also sponsored the keynote research paper, which was submitted at the conference.

HSBC has been facilitating trade in both Bangladesh and India, and accounted for facilitating more than 7% of Bangladesh's and over 5% of India's total international trade in 2008.

This was a great example of two HSBC Group offices joining up to help foster better economic relationship between the two countries.