

Chamber Personalities

FBCCI Elects A. K. Azad as President



Mr. A.K. Azad, a former President of Bangladesh Chamber of Industries, has been elected President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) the national apex trade body for the term 2010-2012.

Mr. Azad was born in a respectable Muslim Family in December 1959. He had his primary and secondary education in Faridpur, Bangladesh. Mr. Azad graduated with honours in Applied Physics from Dhaka University. After finishing his studies he started his own garments industry in mid eighties. His company Ha-meem Group now comprises more than 40 industries which include export-oriented Garments Industries, Textiles, Jute Mills, etc. The group employs more than thirty thousand people. He is also a sponsor Director of Shahjalal Islamic Bank, Sonar Bangla Insurance Co.

Mr. Azad is a media personality of the country. He is the publisher and owner of the Daily Samokal, a leading Bengali national daily. He is also the Managing Director of Channel 24, an electronic media which is expected to go in the air very soon. In recognition of his contribution in the export of Readymade Garments he was given C.I.P status and Gold Export Trophy by the Govt. of Bangladesh.

In the social field, he is a philanthropist. He is the founder of Primary Schools, High Schools,

Madrasha, Child Hospital and life member of Faridpur Diabetic Samity and Medical College Hospital in Faridpur. He is a member of prestigious Kurmitola Golf Club, Gulshan Club and Dhaka Club.

Kenneth Lo Named New CNAIC Chairman



Mr. Kenneth C. M. Lo, Chairman of Industrial Bank of Taiwan, assumed the Chairmanship of the Chinese National Association of Industry and Commerce (CNAIC) on June 29, 2010.

Mr. Lo established the Industrial Bank of Taiwan (IBT) as the first industrial bank in Taiwan. Major businesses include medium- and long-term loans, direct investment, financial consultation, treasury, asset securitization, and proprietary trading. Through investments in subsidiaries, the bank has gradually built a financial conglomerate covering banking, securities, financial consultation, investment trust, venture capital and bill finance.

Aside from his position as IBT Chairman, Mr. Lo is concurrently Chairman of EverTrust Bank(U.S.A.); Director of IBT II Venture Co., Ltd.; Director of Boston Life Science Venture Corp.; Chairman of IBT Holdings Corp.(U.S.A.); and Vice Chairman, Epoch Foundation.

Mr. Lo obtained his B.A. in Economics from National Taiwan University, and his M.A. in Finance from University of Alabama, USA. ■