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ABBC MEETS H.E. HON KAZI IMTIAZ HOSSAIN, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF BANGLADESH TO AUSTRALIA AND DFAT SENIOR OFFICIALS ON BILATERAL TRADE GROWTH

ABBC (Australia Bangladesh Business Council) Chairperson Monirul Islam and Secretary Asif Kawnine, on invitation of H.E.the Hon High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Australia, attended a planning session at the Bangladesh High Commission in Canberra on 14 June 2017, focusing on a roadmap to improve Bangladesh-Australia's bilateral trade and investment growth from its current \$2b per annum. DFAT officials including two Assistant Directors and a Policy Officer for the Bangladesh region was present in the meeting.

H.E. Hon High Commissioner expressed his hopes to raise annual bilateral trade volume to \$5b in the medium term. The meeting emerged various notions including identifying various industry sectors that represent high potential in achieving the target. Various events and activities have been pencilled in for the short to medium term, that will facilitate the promotion of such industry sectors and its opportunities for trade growth. Acting Commercial Counsellor Farida Yasmeen to the Bangladesh High Commission in Canberra will be drawing up a detailed plan and road map for events and activities as discussed where ABBC and DFAT will partner and collaborate with the High Commission in successfully facilitating and execution of the plan.

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