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Leading business institutions honoured at 2nd edition of “Partners in Progress: Standard Chartered Bangladesh Trade Awards 2018”



30 March 2019 – More than 300 business leaders gathered in Dhaka recently for Partners in Progress: Standard Chartered Bangladesh Trade Awards 2018. Held for the first-time last year, the Standard Chartered Bangladesh Trade Awards is an annual initiative through which the Bank recognizes their valued clients for their achievements in external trade. The event celebrates the Bank’s deep relationships with its clients, which have been key enablers in Standard Chartered Bank’s commitment to support growth of trade and commerce in Bangladesh.

This year, Standard Chartered Bangladesh Trade Awards 2018 awards were received by 12 companies. The winners in the Textile and Garments segment were Ha-Meem Group, Youngone Corporation, Epic Group, Square Group and Pacific Jeans Ltd. The winners from other industries, like commodities, power, FMCG and automobiles were: City Group; Meghna Group of Industries; T.K Group; PHP Family; United Group; Unilever Bangladesh Ltd and Uttara Group of Industries.



The Bank also felicitated three National Export Trophy Gold winners with awards. Noman Group for Zaber and Zubair Fabrics Ltd, Akij Group for Akij Jute Mills Ltd and Pran Group for Banga Plastic International Ltd, each recipient of the last National Export Trophy, were a recognized for their contributions to the export success of Bangladesh.

The awards were handed over by the chief guest, Hon'ble Minister Tipu Munshi, MP, Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, along with Lisa Robins, Global Head, Transaction Banking and Naser Ezaz Bijoy, Chief Executive Officer Bangladesh, both representing Standard Chartered Bank. The evening was brought to a close by a timeless performance from the globally venerated Tagore singer, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya.

Speaking on the occasion, Naser Ezaz Bijoy, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bangladesh, said, "Partners in Progress: Standard Chartered Bangladesh Trade Awards is an initiative through which we celebrate the achievements of our clients in our nation's journey of prosperity. It recognises of the success of Bangladesh's entrepreneurs, who, through their toil and ingenuity, have helped Bangladesh become an important node of the global value chain."

Facilitating international trade for its partners has been a historical strength for the Bank: the very first external Letter of Credit in independent Bangladesh was issued by the Bank in 1972. This continues to be the case today, with the Bank directly handling 8% of the country's trade.

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