

REPORT
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE D-8 SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE
VIRTUAL, 31 JULY 2023.

I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to the decision of the 46th Session of the D-8 Commission held in Istanbul on 15-16 February 2023, the Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority (BEZA) organized a virtual meeting on the establishment of the D-8 Special Economic Zone in Bangladesh on 31 July 2023.
2. Representatives from the D-8 Member States participated in the Meeting. The D-8 Secretary-General, Director II, Executive Assistant III, and ICT Assistant also attended the meeting. The list of participants of the Virtual Meeting is enclosed as **Annex I**.

II. Welcome Remarks by H.E Wahida Ahmed, D-8 Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

3. H.E. Madame Wahida Ahmed, the D-8 Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, delivered her welcoming remarks. While welcoming all participants to the virtual meeting, she also stated that the D-8 Special Economic Zone (SEZ) will significantly increase economic cooperation between member states. The zone will also provide a standardized setting for businesses from D-8 member states to operate in Bangladesh.
4. She also highlighted that the D-8 may serve as an investment and industrial hub to create a seamless economic activity for the D-8 Organization. She further invited all Member States to invest in the D-8 SEZ.

III. Remarks by D-8 Secretary-General, H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam

5. The D-8 Secretary-General, Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam thanked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh and the BEZA for organizing the virtual meeting.
6. The D-8 Secretary-General recalled that Bangladesh's proposal on the D-8 SEZ was presented in a series of Meetings of the D-8 Commission. He hopes all participants can provide inputs and suggestions further to enrich the concept and plan for the D-8 SEZ, which may include management of the Zone, source of financing and investment, focal persons; participation from countries outside the D-8 membership; and market demand, infrastructure requirements and legal as well as regulatory frameworks for the Zone.
7. The D-8 Secretary-General also provided an update on the D-8 Preferential Agreement. He informed that Türkiye had started to trade under the provision of the D-8 PTA. At the same time, some other countries have expressed their explicit readiness to trade using the D-8 PTA provisions. He added that the organization's target is to attain an intra-trade value of USD500 billion, which could be reached sooner than the target date of 2030.

8. The D-8 Secretary-General also called upon all Member States to actively participated in the D-8 meetings and activities, which is essential to avoid setback for the advancement of the D-8 Organization.

IV. Presentation by the BEZA on the Economic Zones in Bangladesh and the Proposed D-8 SEZ

Economic Zones in Bangladesh

9. Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Zubair, a representative of the BEZA, presented an overview of the investment climate in Bangladesh. He stated that Bangladesh has 97 Zones Sites Approved, 10 Zones of Commercial operation, and 30 Zones Under Construction. He highlighted that BEZA plans on establishing 100 Free Economic Zones (FEZ) across the country by 2041, generating 10 million jobs through the FEZ and a target export and production of \$40 billion.
10. Dr. Zubair highlighted the state of play and achievements of BEZA. These include Delivering 125 types of services through the One Stop Service Centre, of which 48 are being delivered online, 29 industrial Units are running their production in the economic zones, and 39 units are in the construction stage. He also highlighted the provision of a Land Bank of 61,000+ acres. There are 185 investors that have been allocated 6,625 Acres of land in 97 Economic Zones, of which 10 are already in production and 30 are under construction.
11. He added that investors are invited to the following economic zones: Sirajganj, Abdul Monem, Hosendi, Jamalpur, Japanese, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar, Moheskhal, Sabrang and Naf Tourism Park.
12. He added that the majority of the economic zones have been provided with electricity, road infrastructure, and gas pipelines.
13. He underlined that the following development partners work with BEZA: the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, Asian Development Bank, and Japanese International Cooperation Agency.

The Proposed D-8 Special Economic Zone

14. The BEZA presented the potential site for the D-8 SEZ in one of the four zones, namely in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN), Kurigram, Panchagarh, and Kushtia.
15. The BEZA also presented the management structure of the D-8 SEZ, which will utilize the Government-to-Government model. In this model, private sector who will participate in the SEZ must be nominated by the Government.
16. The BEZA also expected the role for the D-8 Secretariat to lead, coordinate, and facilitate the:
 - a. Nomination of a developer responsible for construction of the on-site infrastructures, operation, and management of the SEZ, through a specific selection process.
 - b. Arrangement of financing for off-site infrastructure development.
 - c. Support in investment promotion from the Member States.
 - d. Establishment of a special unit at the D-8 Secretariat for coordinating and facilitating the entire process.

17. The BEZA underlined its role in the D-8 SEZ to allocate the required land, establish the off-site infrastructure, provide support through Bangladesh's OSS Center, facilitate equity shareholder of the joint venture company, formulate, approve, and sign MoUs, joint ventures, agreements, development agreements, and land lease agreements.
18. The BEZA also proposed financial model for the D-8 SEZ, which may comprise of the following:
 - a. Equity shareholding by injecting a proportionate share capital to base on a specific agreement.
 - b. Land lease to a participant by BEZA for 50 years with upfront one-time payment.
 - c. Sharing profit or loss of the ventures.
 - d. Sharing assets and liabilities of the ventures.
19. The presentation of the BEZA is included as **Annex II**.

V. Questions and Discussions

20. On Iran's question on the future coordination between the BEZA and other D-8 Member States, the D-8 Secretary-General suggests that each member state nominate a relevant focal person. These focal points will then interface with the Secretariat and the BEZA. Iran also suggested further meetings to be organized to finetune the details of the D-8 SEZ.
21. The D-8 Commissioner for Bangladesh also suggested that the D-8 Secretariat send a note to Member States and asked them to designate their respective focal point for the D-8 SEZ. These focal points should work together to develop a framework for implementing the economic zone and share the document with member states and call for further meetings.
22. On the inquiry from Egypt on the law governing the BEZA in Bangladesh, the BEZA responded that an investment law enabling free zone was signed in 2010 and amended in 2015. On the question on who will be responsible for infrastructure development in the D-8 SEZ, the BESA proposed that the onsite infrastructure will be the responsibility of the consortium, while offsite infrastructure will its responsibility. On the question on fair market share by companies in the free zone, the BEZA responded that the country has a considerable population for the market and a number of trade agreements with a number of European countries for the export of goods from Bangladesh. The products produced in the D-8 SEZ will be solely for export market.
23. Pakistan thanked Bangladesh for the proposal and suggested that the D-8 Secretariat calls a special meeting after the preparation of the position document on the subject matter. This should include prevailing laws of the free economic zones in Bangladesh and other D-8 member states.
24. On Nigeria's question on how the D-8 SEZ will be coordinated and what role will NIPC and other investment agencies from member states play, the D-8 Secretary-General underlined that NEPC could participate in the discussion around D-8 SEZ. He further suggested the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC) to

liaise with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria, to nominate focal point to the Secretariat.

VI. Closing

25. Shaikh Yusuf Harun, the Executive Chairman of the BEZA delivered his closing remarks by highlighting the types of economic zones in the country. He added that excellent examples have been organized with cooperation of other development partners, such as the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Korea in establishing their respective Economic Zones in Bangladesh. He thanked the participants for their valuable inputs to move the D-8 SEZ forward.
26. The Director of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh, concluded the meeting.



D-8 Organization for
Economic Cooperation

Delegation List of Virtual Meeting on the Establishment of the D-8 Special Economic Zone in Bangladesh

#	Member State	Name	Position	Ministry/Organization
1.	Bangladesh	H.E. Madame Wahida Ahmed	Director General (International Organization)/ D-8 Commissioner Bangladesh	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh
2.		Mr. Abdul Al Mamun	Director (International Organization)	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh
3.		Mr. Shaikh Yusuf Harun	Executive Chairman	The Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority
4.	Egypt	Gen. Alaa Abdelkarim		Egyptian Investment Authority
5.	Iran	Ms. Zohreh Behrehbar	Director for Coordination of Financial Organizations Affairs	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance Secretariat of the Supreme Council of Free Trade-Industrial and Special Economic Zones
6.	Malaysia	Mr. Jaya Singam Rajoo	Senior Director & Chief Negotiator for D-8 PTA and TPS-OIC	Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry Multilateral Policy and Negotiation Division
7.		Mr. Muhammad Zulhilmi Ahmad	Director & Goods Negotiator for D-8 PTA and TPS-OIC	Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry Industrial Development Division
8.		Mr. Syed Mohd Faizal Syed Mohd Dardin	Director	Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry Investment Policy & Trade Facilitation Division
9.		Ms. Masita Mat Isa	Director & Rules of Origin Negotiator for D-8 PTA and TPS-OIC	Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry Strategic Negotiations Division
10.		Mr. Joshua Tan Pang Yoong	Senior Principal Assistant Director & Assistant Goods Negotiator for D-8 PTA and TPS-OIC	Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry Industrial Development Division
11.		Ms. Mardiana Mohd Yusof	Principal Assistant Director	Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry Bilateral Economic and Trade Relations Division

As of 25 July 2023



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#	Member State	Name	Position	Ministry/Organization
12.		Ms. Kong Yau Har	Principal Assistant Director	Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry Investment Policy & Trade Facilitation Division
13.		Mr. Mohamad Naim Othman	Principal Assistant Director & Assistant Rules of Origin Negotiator for D-8 PTA and TPS-OIC	Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry Industry and Trade Support Division
14.		Mr. Wan Ahmad Farhan Wan Ahmad Shabri Zainuddin	Assistant Director & Coordinator for D-8 PTA and TPS-OIC	Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry Bilateral Economic and Trade Relations Division
15.		Ms. Noor Adia Modh Adham	Assistant Secretary	Ministry of Foreign Affairs OIC, Regional Cooperation and D-8 Division
16.	Nigeria	Ms. Safiya Usman	Officer	Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC)
17.	Pakistan	Mr. Abdul Samie	Director General	Board of Investment of Pakistan SEZ and Projects
18.		Ms. Mamoona Naz	Assistant Director	
19.	Türkiye	Ms. Kezban AKKURT	Head of Department	Ministry of Industry and Technology General Directorate of European Union and External Relations Department of International Organizations
20.		Mr. Barış Görkem TALAY	Assistant Specialist (Industry and Technology)	



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21.		Ms. Anara DAYLAN	Expert	Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) General Directorate of European Union and External Relations
22.	D-8 Secretariat	H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam	The Secretary-General	D-8 Secretariat
23.		Mr. Punjul S. Nugraha	Director for Economy and External Relations	D-8 Secretariat
24.		Mr. Ismail Bello	Executive Assistant	D-8 Secretariat
25.		Mr. Sheik Moinuddin	ICT Assistant	D-8 Secretariat

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Discussion on

D-8 Special Economic Zone



Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA)

Prime Minister's Office

July 31, 2023



Mission



100

Setting up 100
Economic Zones
across the country



\$40B

Production worth of
40 Billion USD



10M

Generating employment
for 10 Million people

BEZA

BEZA

- A statutory government Agency under PMO for facilitating planned Industrial Establishment: Foreign & Local

EZs

- Government
- G2G
- PPP
- Private
- SEZ
- Other GOB Entities

What BEZA does?

- Develop Zones
- Allocate Land
- Provide Utilities
- Facilitate approvals
- Support by OSS
- Attractive incentives
- Special care for foreign investors

BEZA: Category of EZ



Government Economic Zone (BSMSN)



G2G Economic Zone (BSEZ-Japanese EZ, Araihaazar)



PPP Economic Zone (Mongla EZ)



Private Economic Zone (Meghna/City EZ)



Special EZ (Tourism Parks/IT Parks)



EZ Developed by other GOB Entities (BEPZA EZ)



Update on GOB EZs

EZs	Investors (Numbers)	Land Allotted (Acres)	Proposed Investment (USD)	Expected Employment (Numbers)
BSMSN	151	5,266.47	18,538.64	7,75,126
Sabrang	24	103.29	394.85	12,414
Jamalpur	18	185.15	233.31	8,255
Shreehatta	6	227.7	1,306.20	4,4931
Moheshkhali	4	770.00	3,122.38	9,330
Total	203	6,552.61	23,595.36	8,50,056



BEZA's Achievement

97

Approved EZs
(GOB 68 + Private 29)

11

Producing EZs
(GOB 3 + Private 8)

29

Implementing EZs
(GOB, PPP & G2G 12 + Private 14 + TP 3)

41

Industries in Production
(GOB & Others 6 + Private 36)

50

Industries Under Construction

26

Approved Investment (Billion USD)

15

Products & Exports (Billion USD)

43

Employment (,000)

125

OSS Services

Why
BEZA?

Adequate
Land 61,000+ acres

Uninterrupted
Utility Connection Electricity, Gas, Water, SWTP, CETP

Incentives
Fiscal & Non-fiscal

Simplified
Business Procedure

Market
Both domestic & International

FISCAL INCENTIVES



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get the details



INCOME TAX



100% off: 1st 3 years
80%-20% off: 4th - 10th year

DIVIDEND TAX



No tax: 10 years

CAPITAL GAIN TAX



No tax: 10 years

VAT EXEMPTION



No Vat on Gas,
Electricity and Water

ROYALTY, TECH. KNOW-HOW etc.



No tax: 10 Years

INCOME OF FOREIGN WORKER



No tax: 3 years

DUTY FREE IMPORT



No duty: Capital Machinery &
Construction Material

Unique
in EZs



NON-FISCAL INCENTIVES



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BOND FACILITIES



Duty free import & export of
raw materials

EASY CUSTOMS



Separate procedures for
customs in EZs

TELEPHONIC TRANSFER



Demand from Japan: No
limit of TT

REMITTING REVENUE EARNED IN BDT



Local Currency to
Foreign Currency

SENDING OF DIVIDEND/PROFIT



100% profit allowed to
send home

REPATRIATION OF DISINVESTMENT



100% allowed

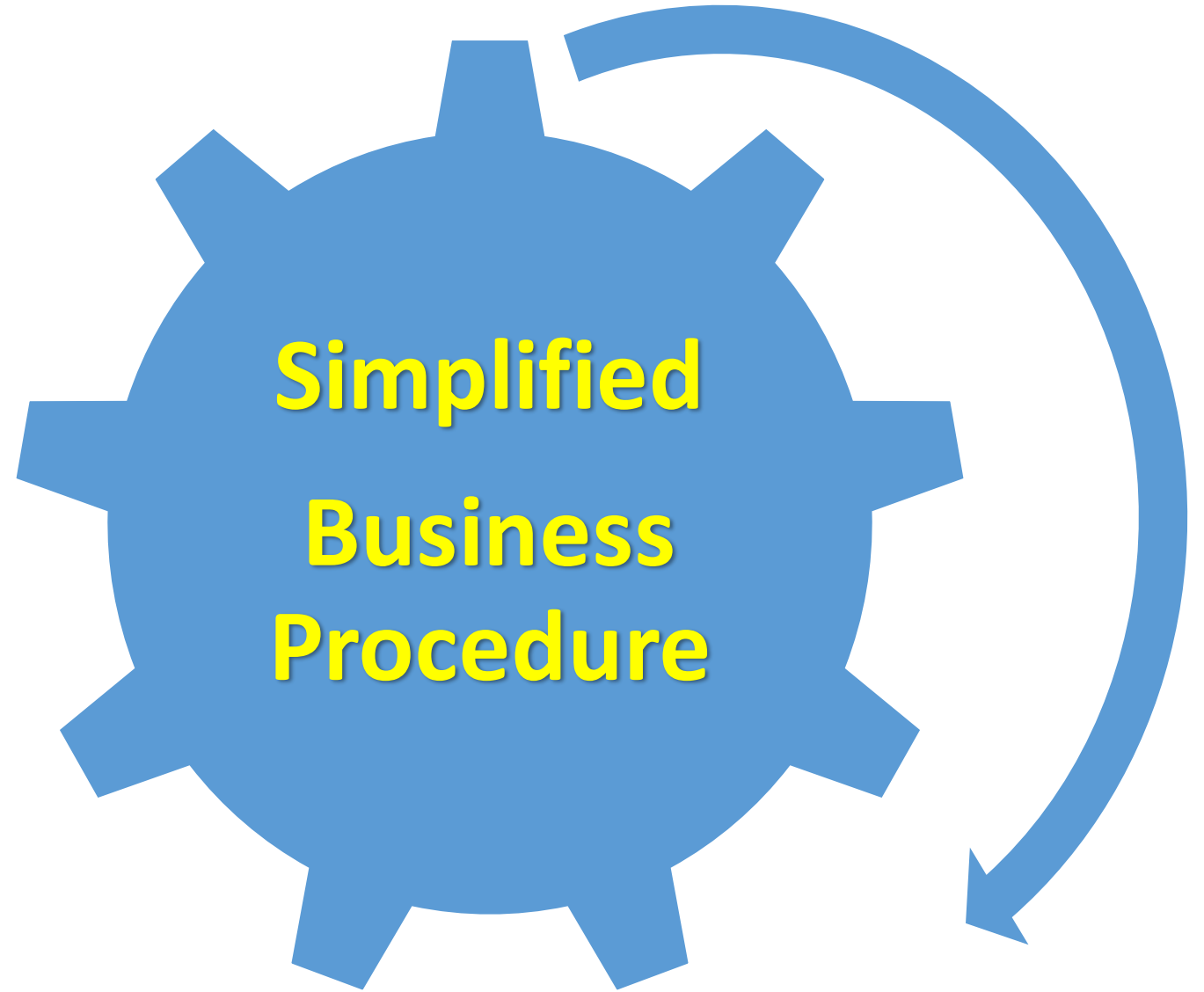
SENDING OTHER FEES



Need no permission upto 6%
turnover

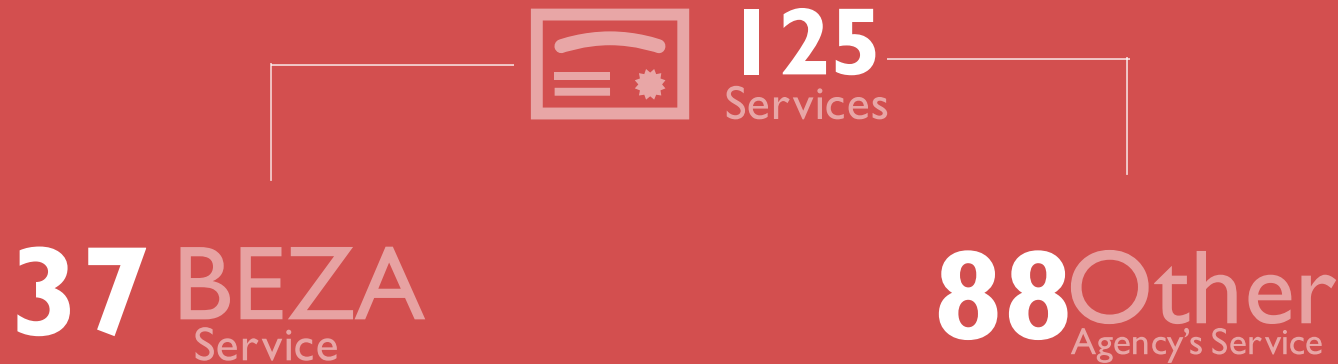
Unique
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BEZA OSS Centre

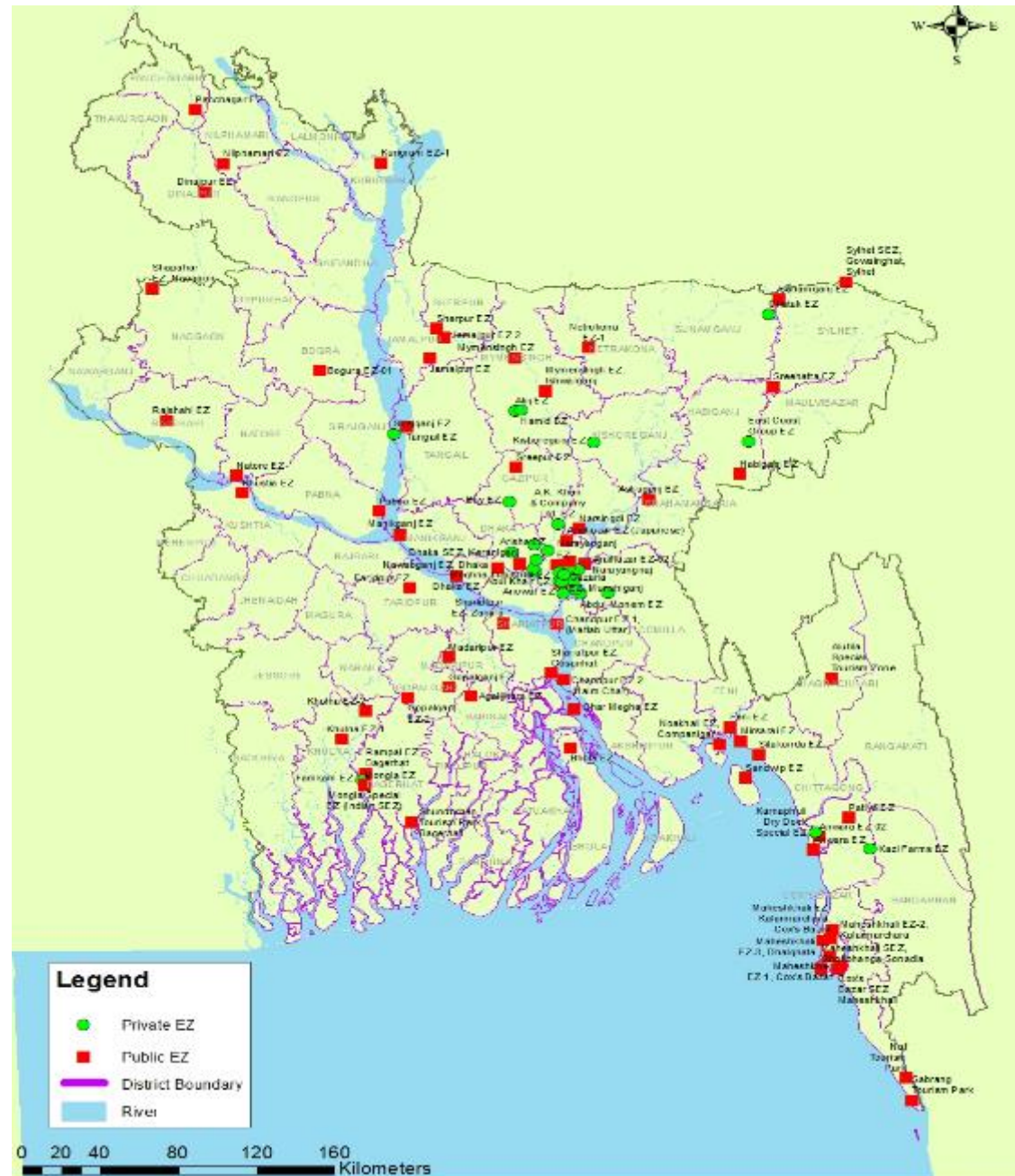
BEZA OSS Centre started in October 2019. Since then this center has been working ceaselessly to streamline the service delivery process following SOPs.



- Single Window
- Under One Umbrella
- Cost Saving
- Time Saving
- Accountability
- Transparency



Our EZs

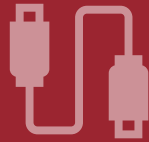


BSMSN

The Flagship Project



33,800 Acres
of Land



Dedicated
Utility
Supply



Power-Hub



Central
Effluent
Treatment
Plant



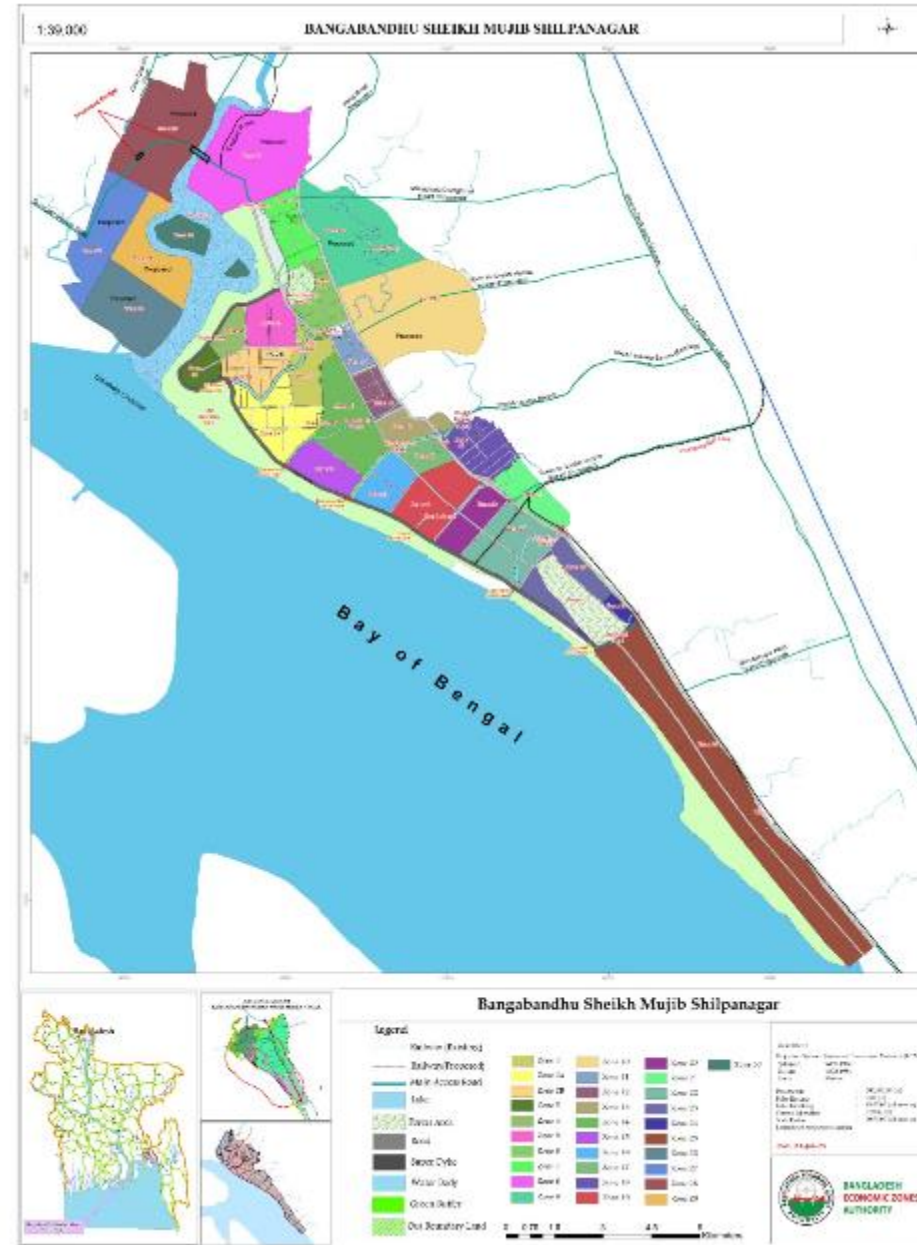
Dedicated
Sea Port



Green Zone



BSMSN

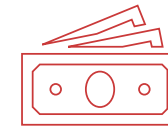




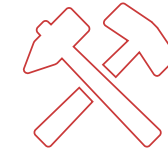
Jamalpur EZ



Once fully operationalized 45,000 new jobs will be generated



26.6 Million USD worth of Investment Proposal has already been received



3 industries have started construction in this 437 acres Zone





Srihatta EZ



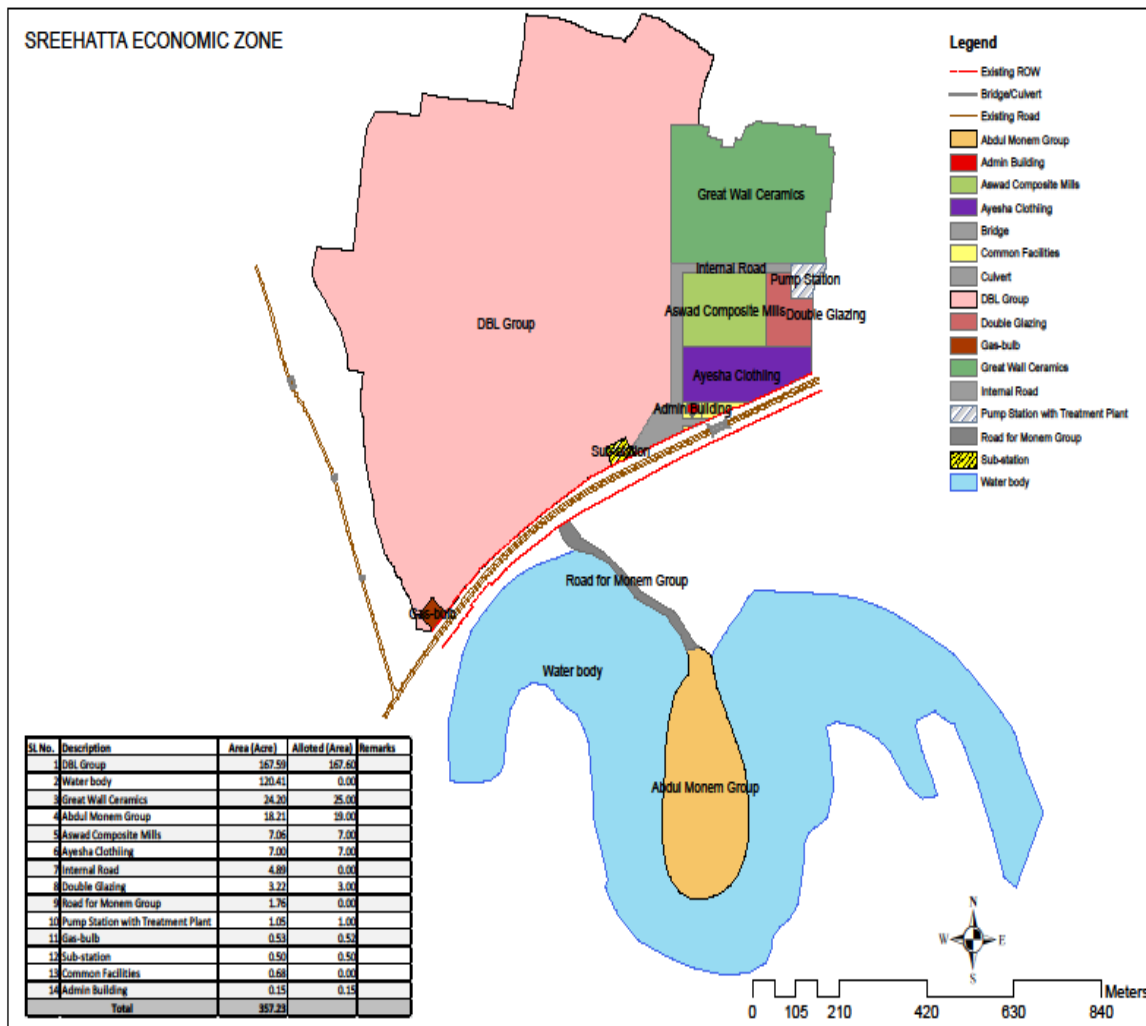
44,000 new jobs
Are expected to
be generated



3 Industries are being
built and within a
year another 2 will
start construction



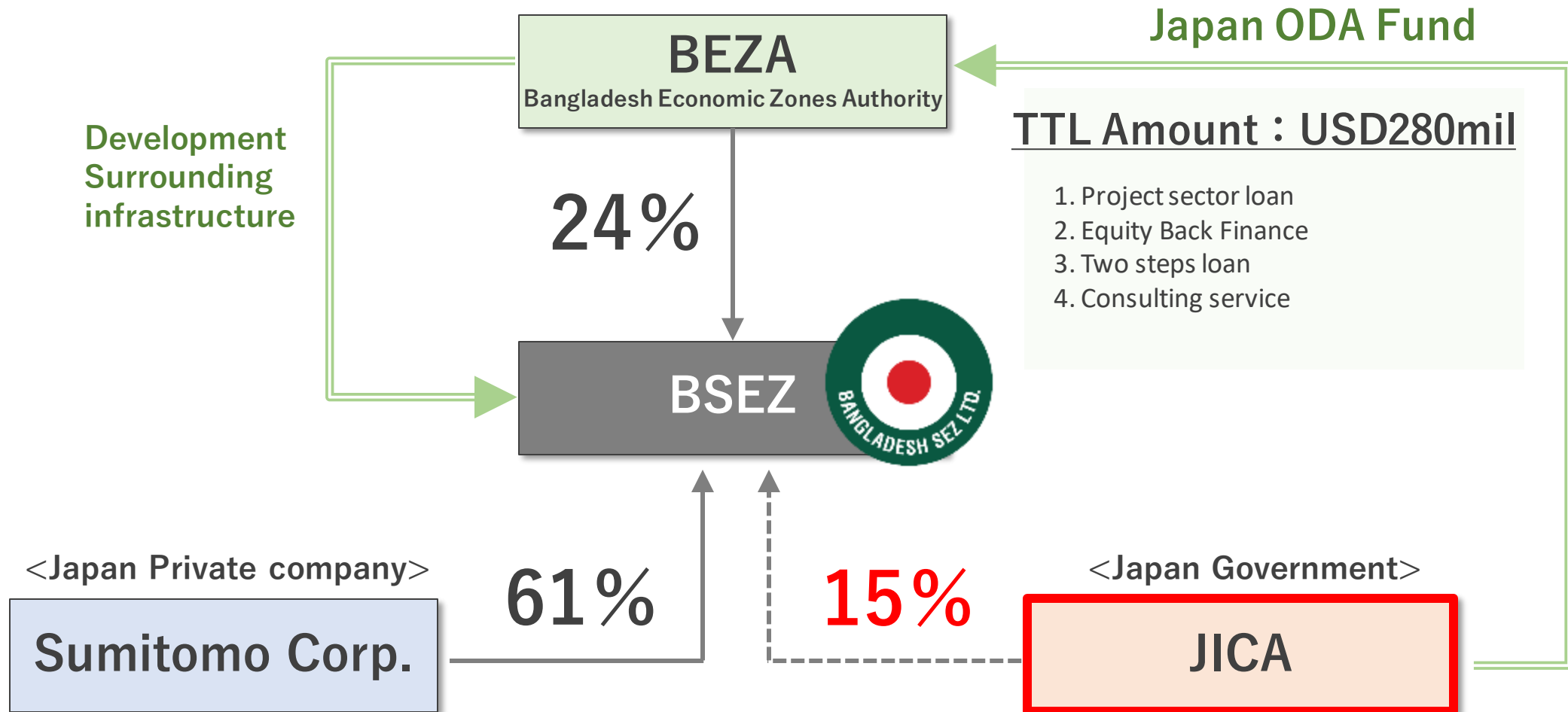
Investment proposals to the
tune of 1306 Million USD have
been received and 231 Acres
of Land has been allotted to 6
industries



BSEZ

- Bangladesh Special Economic Zone
- G2G between Government of Bangladesh & Government of Japan
- 1,000 acres of land
- Developer: Sumitomo Corporation, Japan
- Joint Venture between BEZA & Sumitomo
- Located in Araihasar, Narayanganj (30 km from Dhaka Airport)

BSEZ: JV Structure



Area: 1,000 acres

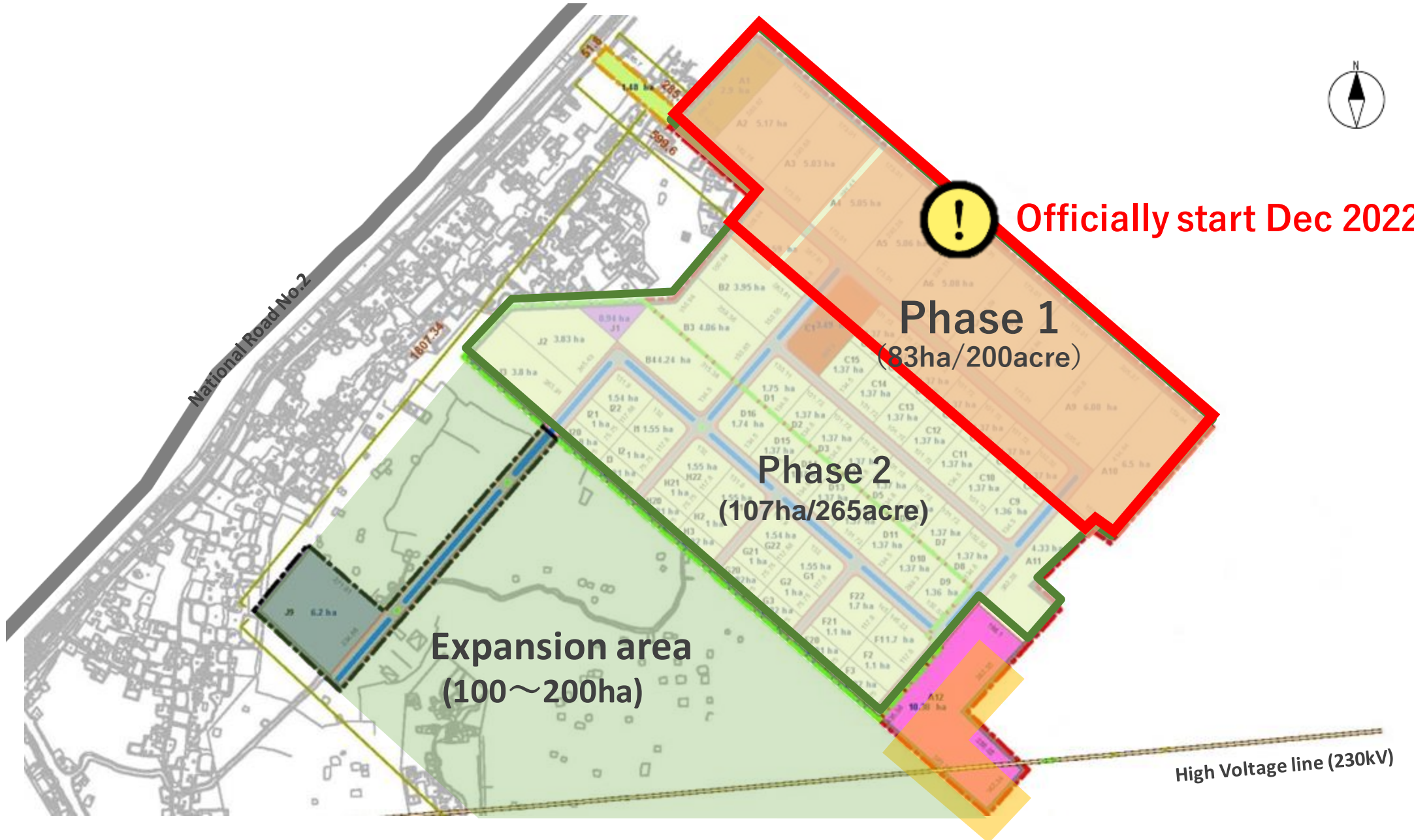


Officially start Dec 2022.

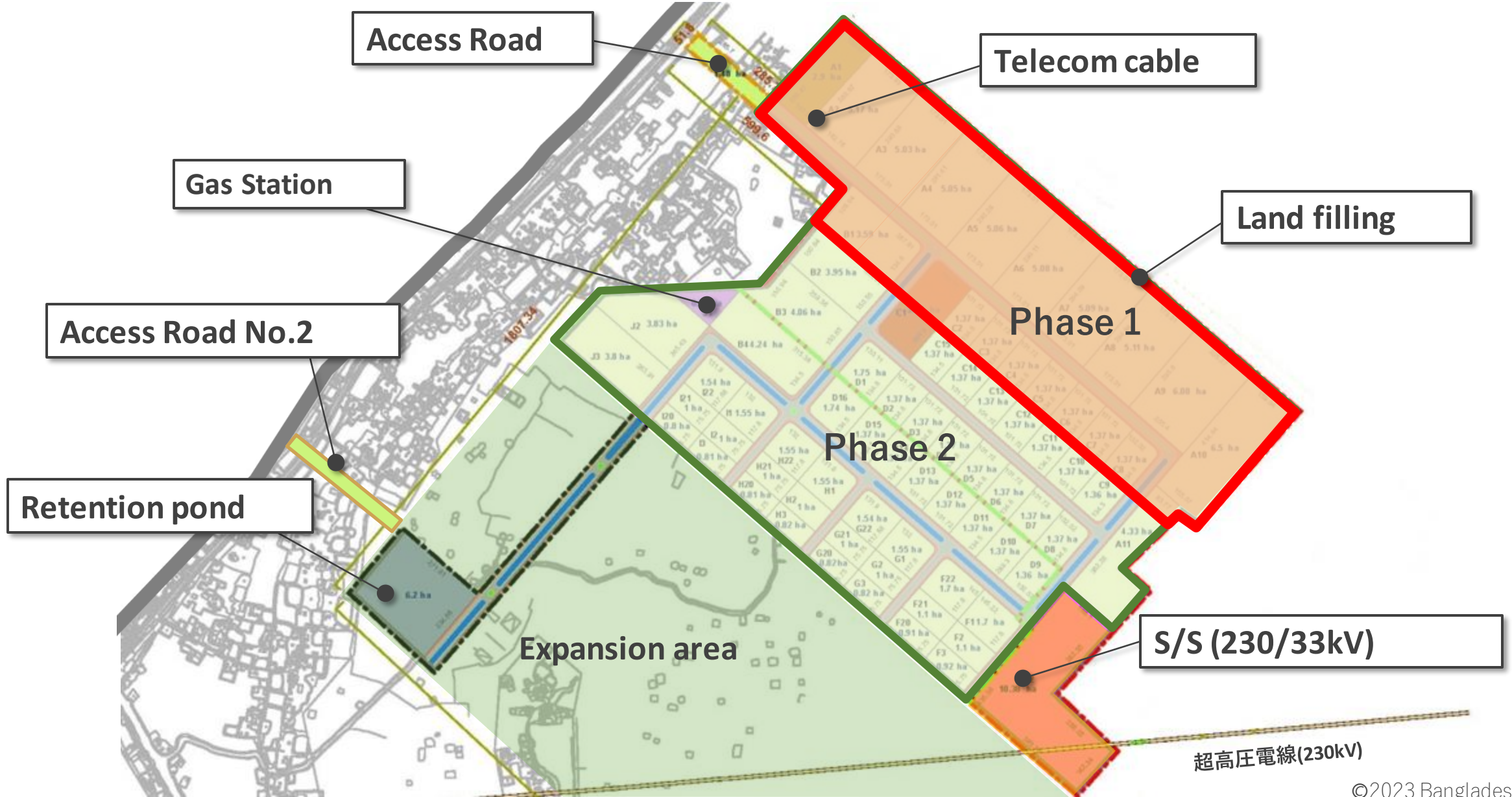
Phase 1
(83ha/200acre)

Phase 2
(107ha/265acre)

Expansion area
(100~200ha)

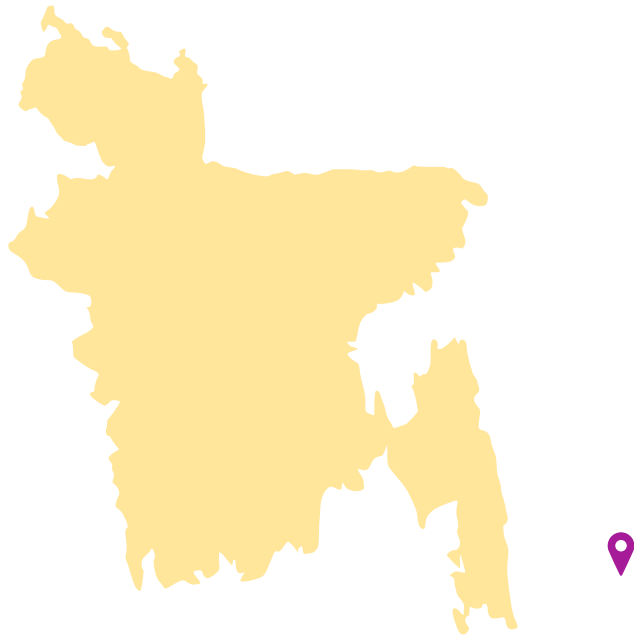


BEZA Developed Offsite Infrastructures

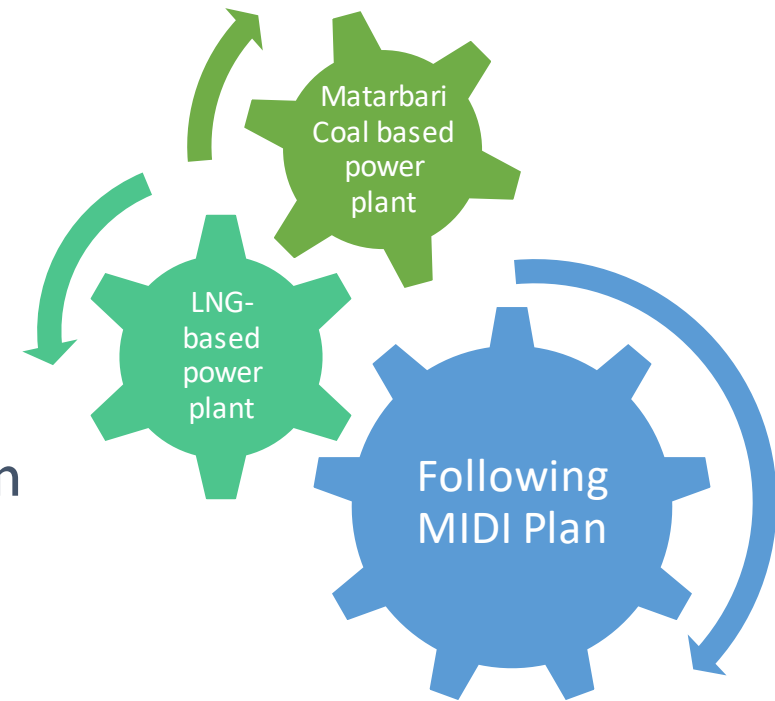


Maheshkhali EZ

Maheshkhali Economic Zone (Dalghata) located besides the Bay of Bengal and Matarbari Coal based power plant and total area is about 3500 acres.



- Suitable for LPG Terminal, Ship Building & Petroleum
 - Energy Hub of the Country
 - Proposed Deep Sea-Port
 - Prospectus Ready



Tourism Parks



1,050 Acres



293 Acres



9,000+ Acres

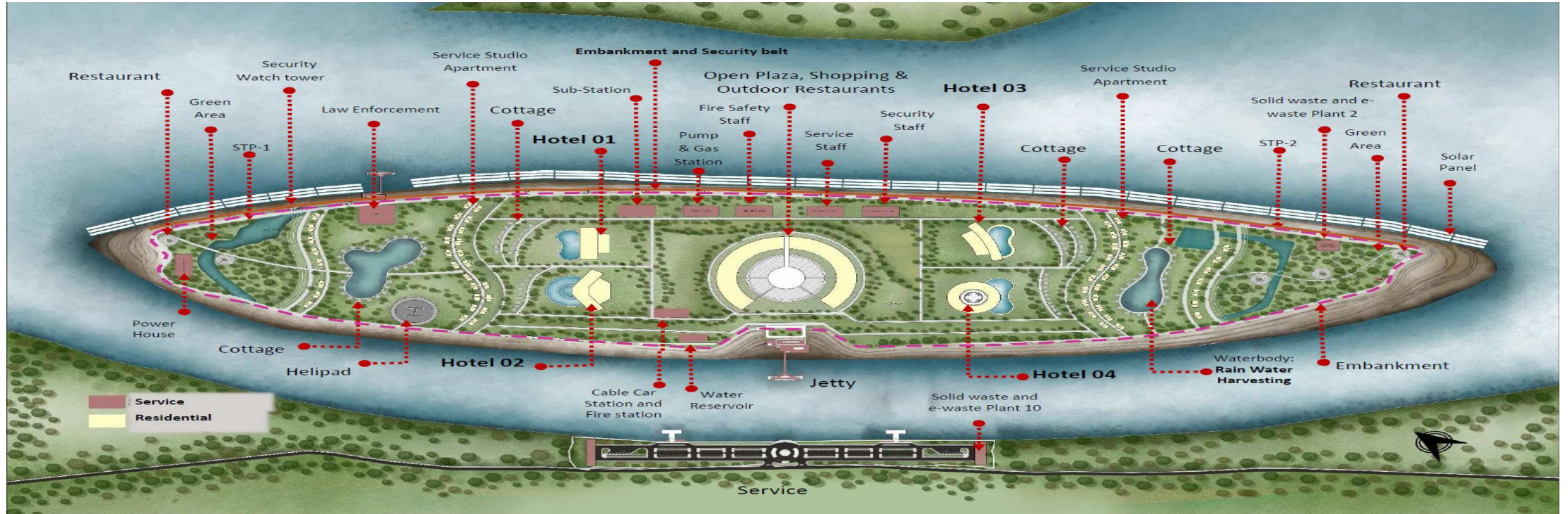
Sabrang Tourism Park



- Connected to Cox's Bazar via Marine Drive
 - 120 KM Long Coast Line
 - Prospectus Ready

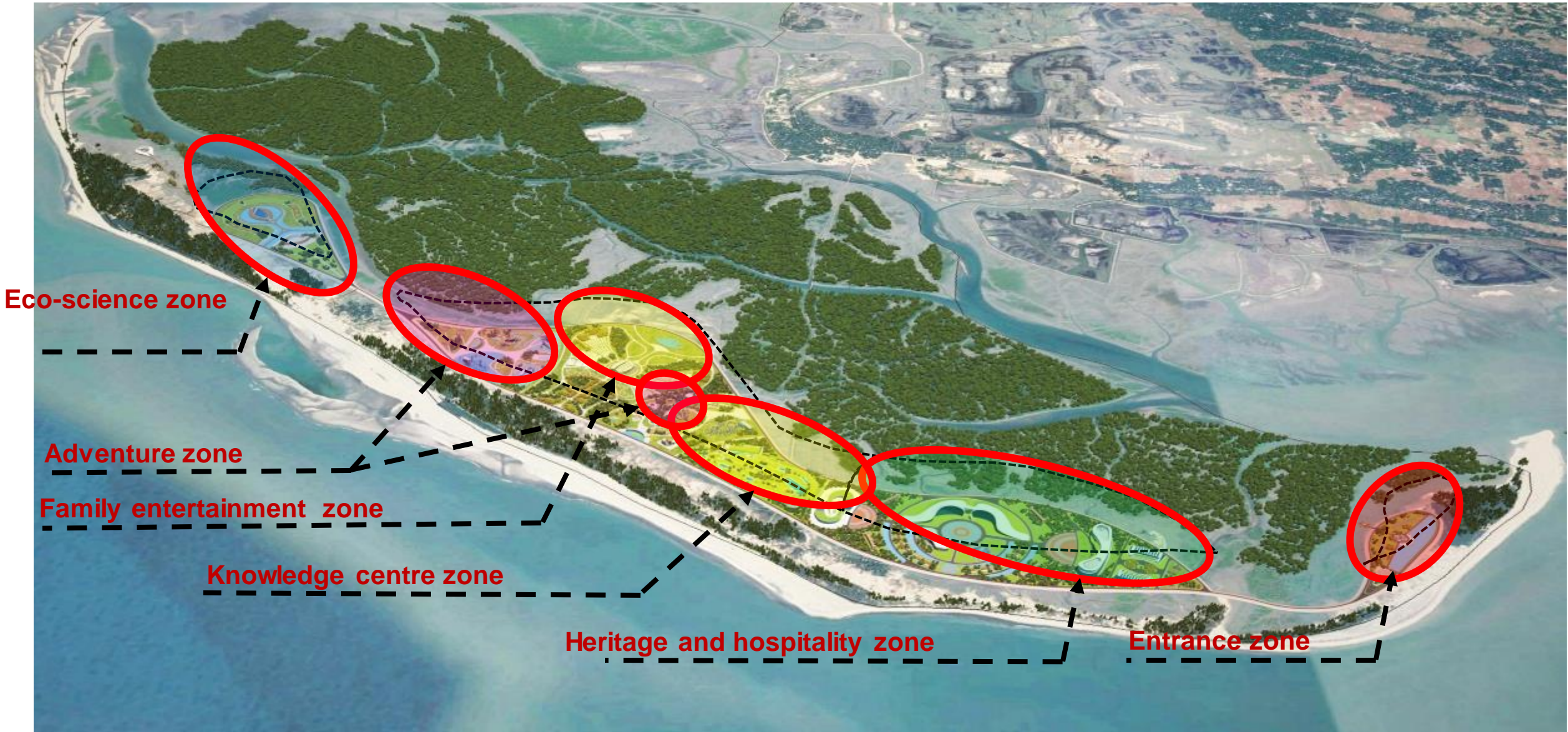


Naf Tourism Park



- Close to Cox's Bazar
- Island based Tourism
- 1 hour proximity to Cox's Bazar Airport
- 5.3 km long cable car from the main land
 - Prospectus ready

Sonadia Eco-Tourism Park



Social Responsibility

BEZA has set an initial target of planting 2 million trees in EZs. 20% have already been planted



Relief Distribution among 7000 families during Pandemic



Building Houses for 800 homeless families



Training local people for skill development enhancing employment opportunity



POTENTIAL INVESTMENT SECTOR

at
Economic
Zones



Garments & Garment Supporting Industries



Agro-products and agro-processing products



Integrated Textile



Leather and leather Products



Shipbuilding



Automobile



Food & Beverage



Paint & Chemical



Paper & Products



Plastics



Light Engineering
(Including auto-parts and bicycles)



Pharmaceutical Products



Power and Solar



Petrochemical

Development Partners



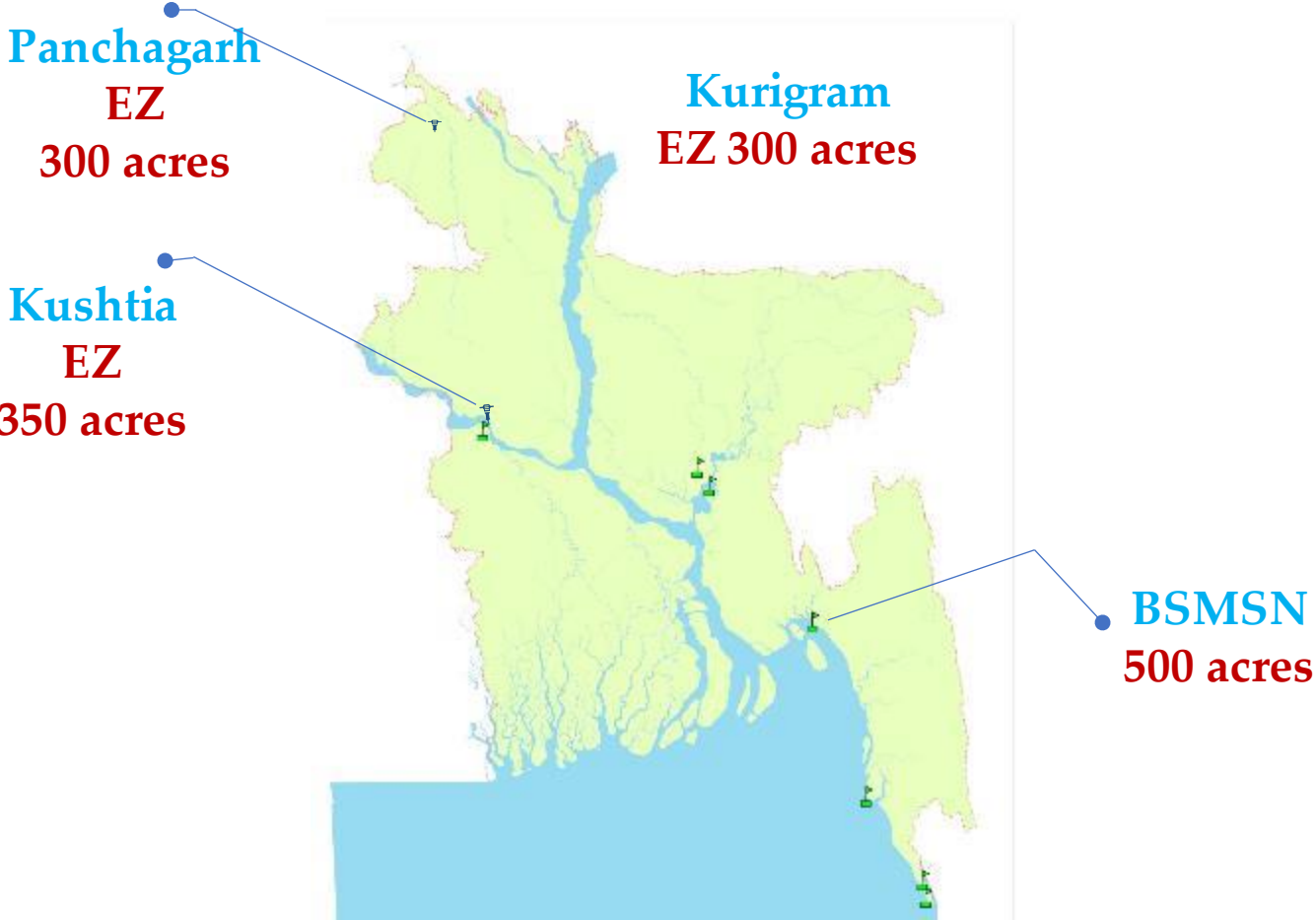
Investors



Investors



Potential Sites for D-8 SEZ



Management Structure



- Government to Government (Foreign Entity)

- Foreign Entity:

means any Enterprise, Company, Consortium, Joint Venture Company or Group of Companies or Industries nominated, recommended or selected through any due process by the Other Government (Government of any country other than Bangladesh).

Management Structure

Role of D-8 Secretariat

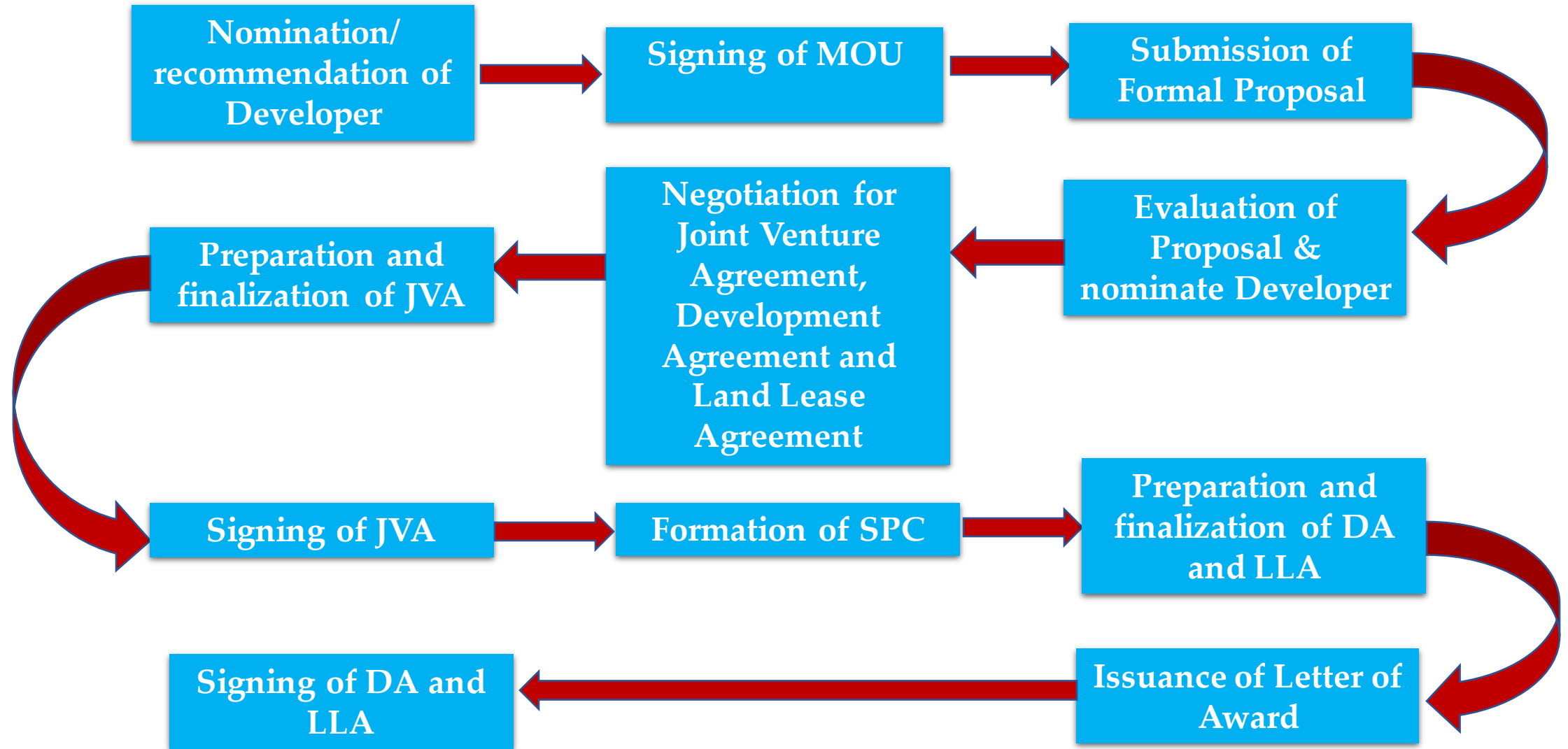
- Will lead, coordinate and facilitate:
 - Nominating of a Developer, which will be responsible for construction of the on-site infrastructures as well as operation and management of the EZ through SPC.
 - Arrangement of financing for off-site infrastructure development.
 - Support in investment promotion from the member states. Investment could be opened to any foreign investors.
 - Establish a Special Unit at the D-8 Secretariat for coordinating

Management Structure

Role of BEZA

- Allocate the required Land.
- Establish the Off-site Infrastructures:
 - Land Development
 - Connecting the Utility Services (Electricity, Gas and Water) at the Door-Step of the Zone.
- Support through OSS Center/Zone Manager
- Equity Shareholder of the Joint Venture Company (JVC)/SPC
- Formulate, approve and sign the MOU, Joint Venture Agreement, Development Agreement and Land Lease Agreement.

Process of Selection/Appointment of Developer



Proposed Financial Model

- ❖ Equity shareholding by injecting Proportionate share capital to the SPC under Joint Venture Agreement;
- ❖ Land Lease to SPC by BEZA for 50 Years with an upfront one time payment;
- ❖ Sharing Profit/Loss of the SPC; and
- ❖ Sharing Assets & Liabilities of the SPC.





BANGLADESH ECONOMIC ZONES AUTHORITY





BEZA

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100 economic zones are being setup across the country and I am urging Bangladeshi expatriates and the foreigners to invest in Bangladesh, capitalizing on the benefits offered by the government



Sheikh Hasina

Honorable Prime Minister
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh





Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Prime Minister's Office
Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority



Shaikh Yusuf Harun
(Senior Secretary)

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

In the last few decades, Bangladesh has achieved astounding development and has now become an 'emerging tiger'. With the farsighted plan of the present government, we have started the journey from agro-based to industrialized economy. Due to its investment-friendly policies, easy availability of manpower and geopolitical reasons-Bangladesh is currently one of the most attractive destinations for investors. Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) patronized by the Honorable Prime Minister, has emerged as a dynamic investment promotion organization of the country. The encouraging news is that Bangladesh has moved to the top among the LDC countries in the UNCTAD report on foreign investment and one of the notable indicators in investment in special Economic Zones in all potential areas of Bangladesh including backward and less developed regions, the economic venture of this organization has become

more vibrant. In line with the target of establishing 100 economic zones and aiming to generating 10 million direct and indirect employments, BEZA is working persistently to achieve a dignified economic growth and better investment scenario. BEZA is keen to welcome any foreign or local investment **in diverse sectors**. BEZA emphasizes on creating value for the investors maintaining One Stop Service (OSS), customer satisfaction, free flow of information, stakeholders' participation and competitive incentive packages for the investors. Besides, BEZA is working consistently to streamline its objectives and strategies **related** to some very pertinent issues like sustainable Development Goal, Vision 2021, and Vision 2041 that are related to economic and social development of the country. I am confident that this organization will provide ample opportunities by setting some salient strategies and standards that can help us in achieving sustainable economic growth and better investment scenario.

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BANGLADESH

“A RAPIDLY TRANSFORMING ECONOMY”

“Bangladesh the Next China”
McKinsey & Company

“Bangladesh is the fastest growing economy in the Asia-Pacific region”
ADB

“Bangladesh one of the Frontier 5 economies”
J.P.Morgan

“The Next Eleven” Bangladesh among the 11 nations, have high economic potential”
Goldman Sachs



“Bangladesh marked the highest proportion (73.2%) of expansion as the future business plan for Japanese firms in next 1-2 years.”
JETRO

Bangladesh is Becoming South Asia’s Economic Bull Case
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Bangladesh is 9th Emerging Stable Economy among 66 countries
The Economist

“28th & 23rd largest economy of World by 2030 & by 2041”
pwc

“Bangladesh will be the 12th economic power of the world in 2050”
UBS

Bangladesh 2nd fastest growing economy in South Asia
THE WORLD BANK

COMPETITIVE EDGE OF BANGLADESH IN INVESTMENT SEGMENTS

Export
Oriented

Abundance of competitive work-force,
Labor cost advantage, Duty free Market
Access, Bond Facilities in Ezs

Consumer
Market

Population of more than 170 Million, along with
3 billion regional market with Young and Brand
Conscious Consumers

Process
Simplification

Investment Facilitation through One Stop
Service Center (OSSC)

Infrastructure/
Energy

Number of Mega Projects, Volume of ODA,
External Finance

Unencumbered
Land

Unencumbered land for Industrial
Development



VISION 2041 FOR BANGLADESH



GDP Growth
9.9%

01

02
**GDP Per
Capita (USD)**
12,500

**Investment to
GDP**
46.88%

03

04
**Share of
Industry to
GDP**
33-35%

**FDI to GDP
ratio**
3%

05

06
**Export
Earnings
(USD)**
300 billion

**Infrastructure
Investment
(USD)**
1,150 Billion

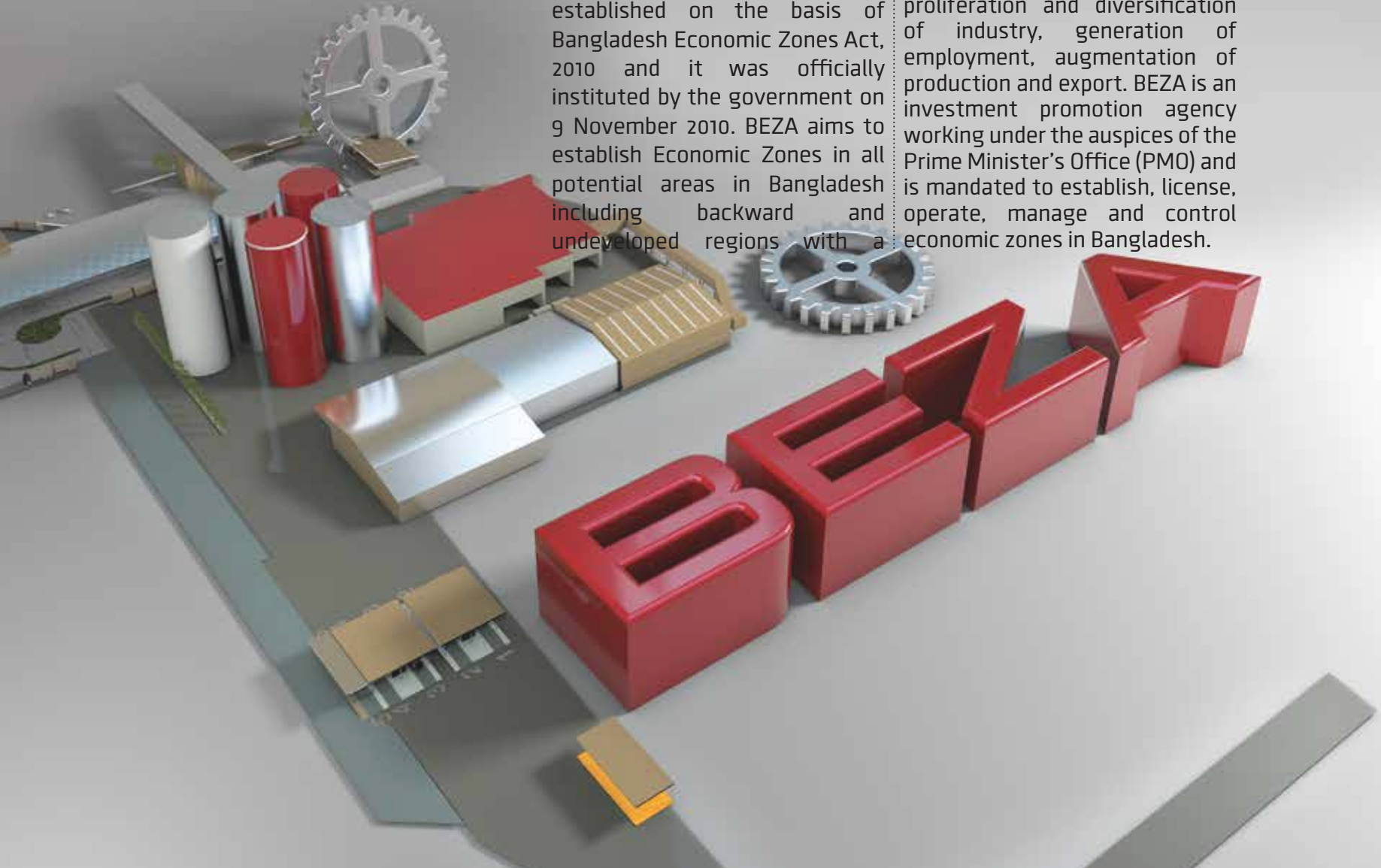
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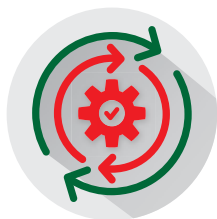
BEZA AT A GLANCE

Background

Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) was established on the basis of Bangladesh Economic Zones Act, 2010 and it was officially instituted by the government on 9 November 2010. BEZA aims to establish Economic Zones in all potential areas in Bangladesh including backward and undeveloped regions with a view to fostering rapid economic development through proliferation and diversification of industry, generation of employment, augmentation of production and export. BEZA is an investment promotion agency working under the auspices of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and is mandated to establish, license, operate, manage and control economic zones in Bangladesh.



MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE



**Executive
Board**



The Governing Board is the highest body that undertakes overall policy decisions. It is headed by the Honorable Prime Minister with top-level representations from Ministries or Divisions of Industries, Commerce, Finance, Planning, Science and Information and Communication Technology, Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Communications, Labour and Employment, Environment and Forests, Agriculture, Posts and Telecommunications, Foreign Affairs, Home, Shipping, and the Prime Minister's Office including the apex chambers and private sectors.

The Executive Board consisting of an Executive Chairman (as Chief Executive) and 3 Executive Members to oversee day to day operation of BEZA.



VISION

To become a driving force for sustainable development and a world class investment promoter and service provider.



MISSION

BEZA's mission is to persistently create value for the investors by establishing attractive investment facilities in the Economic Zones through one-stop service center and competitive incentive packages.



Objectives of BEZA

- Develop 100 EZs
- Create 10 million job opportunity (Direct & Indirect)
- Foster planned industrialization while generating additional production/Export worth 40 billion USD.

-VISION-



MISSION

OBJECTIVES

Offerings of EZs

**Adequate
Land**



**Incentives
(Fiscal &
Non fiscal)**



**Uninterrupted
Utility
Services**

**Market
(Domestic
& International)**

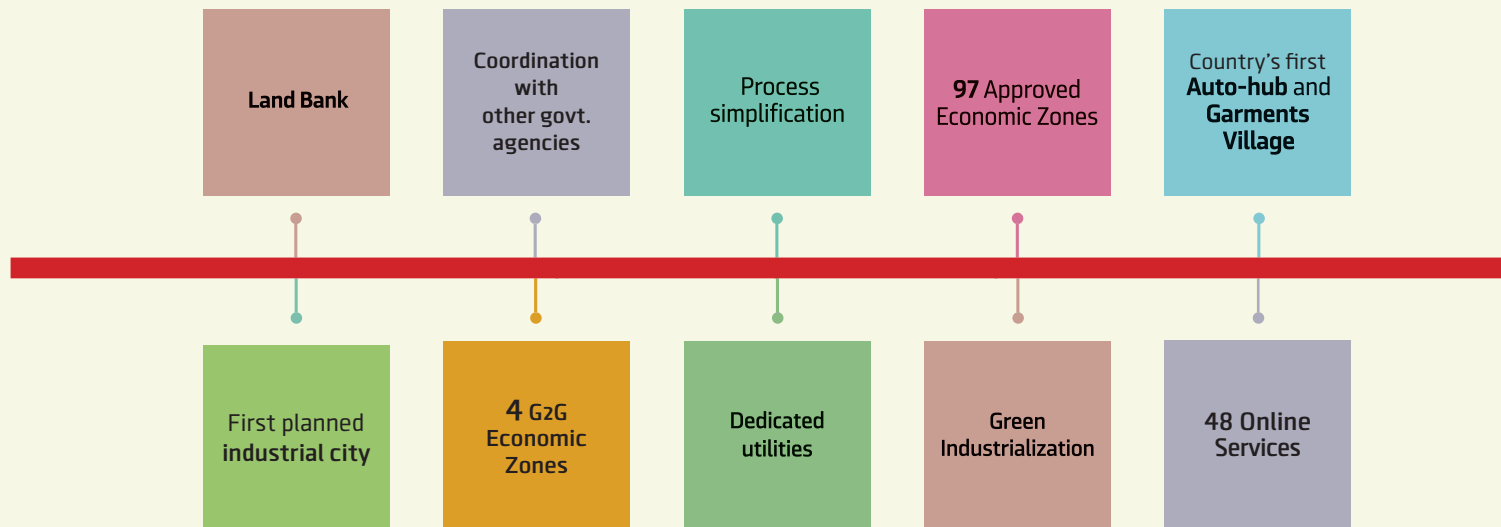


**One Stop
Service
Center**



**State-of
the-art
Infrastructure**

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF BEZA





CATEGORIES OF ECONOMIC ZONES



As per BEZA act government/
developers may develop the
Economic Zones following method:

01

Economic Zones established through Public and Private Partnership by local or foreign individuals, body or organizations.

04

Government to Government (G2G) Economic Zones

02

Private Economic Zones established individually or jointly by local, non-resident Bangladeshi or foreign investors, body, business organizations or groups.

05

Special Economic Zones established privately or by public-private partnership or by the Government initiative, for the establishment of any kind of specialized industry or commercial organization.

03

Government Economic Zones

06

Economic Zones establishment in collaboration with and/or partnership between Government Authorities of Organizations

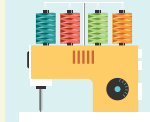
POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS SECTORS



Garments & Garment
Backward Linkage Industries



Agro-products and agro-
processing products



Integrated Textile



Leather and leather
Products



Shipbuilding



Automobile



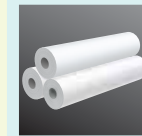
Food & Beverage



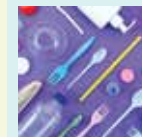
Electronic, Smartphones
& Computers



Paint & Chemical



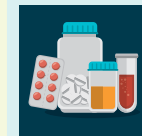
Paper & Paper Products



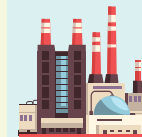
Plastics



Light Engineering
(Including auto-parts and
bicycles)



Pharmaceutical Products



Power & Energy



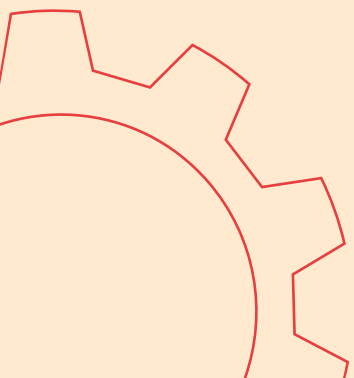
Solar Park



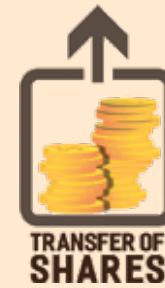
INCENTIVES FOR DEVELOPERS AND UNIT INVESTORS

Government has provided multiple incentives, to the developers of the Economic Zones as well as to the unit investors. The incentive structure for investment includes exemption of Taxes, custom/excise duties and non-fiscal incentives such as no FDI ceiling, issuance of work permits and recommendation for residency/Citizenship.

Incentives for EZ Developer



Unit Investors – Non-Fiscal



Please visit www.beza.gov.bd for further details



ONE STOP SERVICE CENTER (OSSC)

125 SERVICES

48 ONLINE
SERVICES

- Project Clearance
- Land Allotment
- Visa Assistance
- Local Sales Permit
- Visa Recommendation
- Local Purchase Permit
- Sample Import Permit
- Sample Export Permit
- Land Use Plan
- Trade License
- Work Permit

BANGABANDHU SHEIKH MUJIB SHILPANAGAR (BSMSN)

Located on the mouth of Feni river and covering 25 km of coast line along Sandeep channel of the Bay of Bengal, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN), the flagship project of BEZA, is being developed on a contiguous land of 30,000 acres adjoining Mirsarai, Sitakunda and Sonagazi- three upazilas of Chattogram and Feni. The site is free from any habitat and protected by a super dyke. For

BSMSN, BEZA intends to build strong partnership with the private sector and entrepreneurs. The authority has prepared a comprehensive master plan for developing this self-sustaining Industrial City including commercial Sea Port, Rail Connectivity, Marine Drive, Residential Area, Tourism Park, Power Plant, Hospital, School and University etc.

BEZA's Target from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar



Ensure employment
for 1.5 million people
within next 15 years

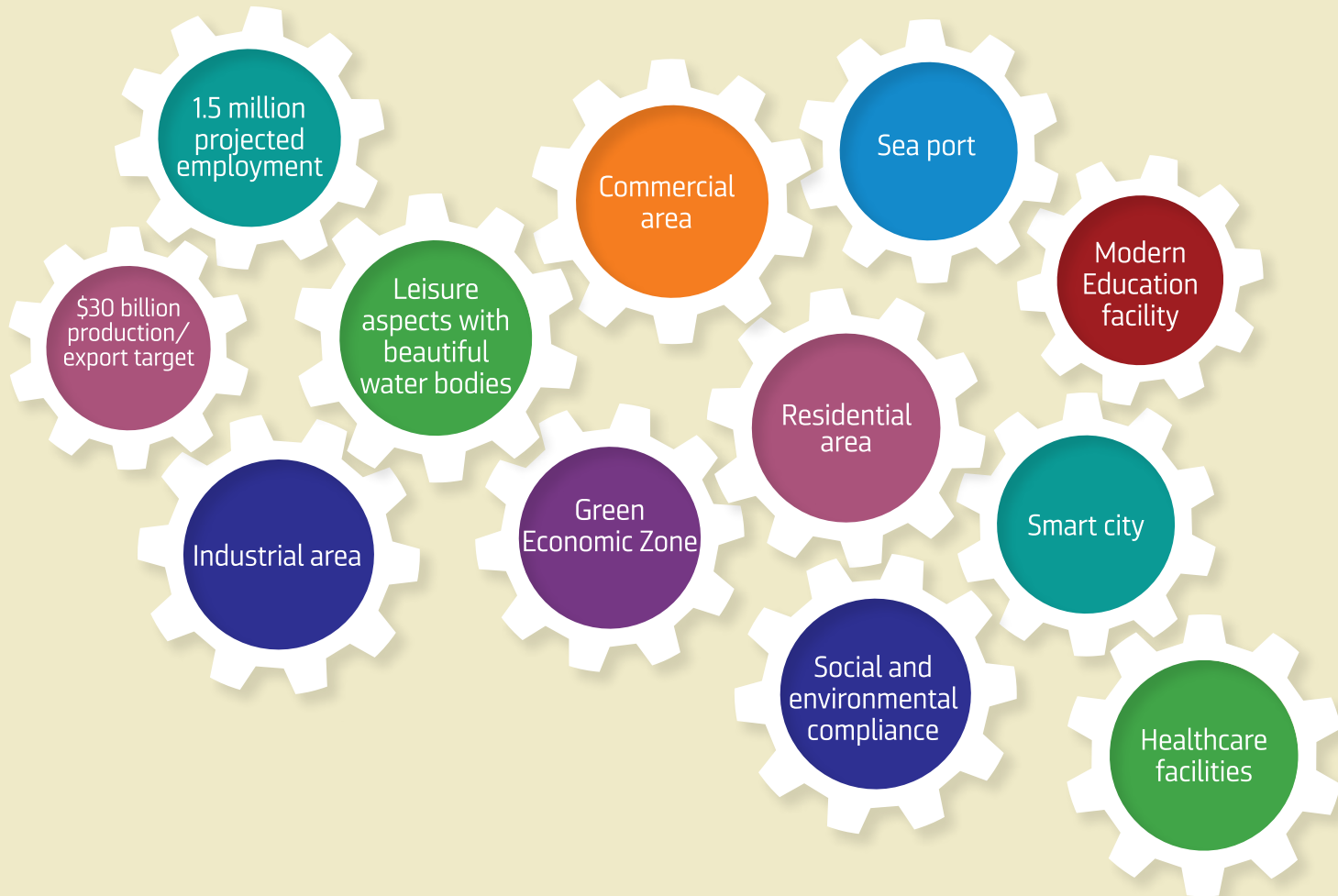


Ensure \$25 billion
production/export
from this industrial
enclave



Develop a planned
Industrial City on
30,000 acres of land









WHY BANGABANDHU SHEIKH MUJIB SHILPANAGAR?



MOHESHKHALI ECONOMIC ZONE (DHALGHATA)

Moheshkhali Economic Zone (Dhalghata) is located besides the Bay of Bengal and total area is about 3500 acres. BEZA has allotted about 510 acres of land to TK group. This investor will build a Petrochemical production base and large LPG terminal in Moheshkhali EZ. According to the plan, SPL will build petrochemical refinery, warehouse of petrochemical products and LPG terminal. Modern jetty facility will also be installed there for loading and unloading raw materials and products.

Potential Investment Sector

 Heavy Machinery, Iron, Steel and Metal	 Food & Beverage
 Shipbuilding	 Paper & Products
 Motorbike Assembly	 LPG Terminal
 Petrochemical	 Pharmaceutical Products

Why Moheshkhali Economic Zone (Dhalghata)?





SHREEHATTA ECONOMIC ZONE

The Zone is located at junction of Moulvizar, Sylhet and Habiganj District. Six conglomerates including on non-resident Bangladeshi women entrepreneur have already invested in the zone. The proposal consists of estimated USD 1.5 billion investment with expected employment creation of 45,000.

Proposed
employment
45,000

Utility
- Natural gas
- Water
- Electricity

Land already
allocated

Approved
Investment
**USD 1.5
billion**



GREAT WALL
CERAMIC INDUSTRIES LTD.

AM Abdul Monem Ltd.

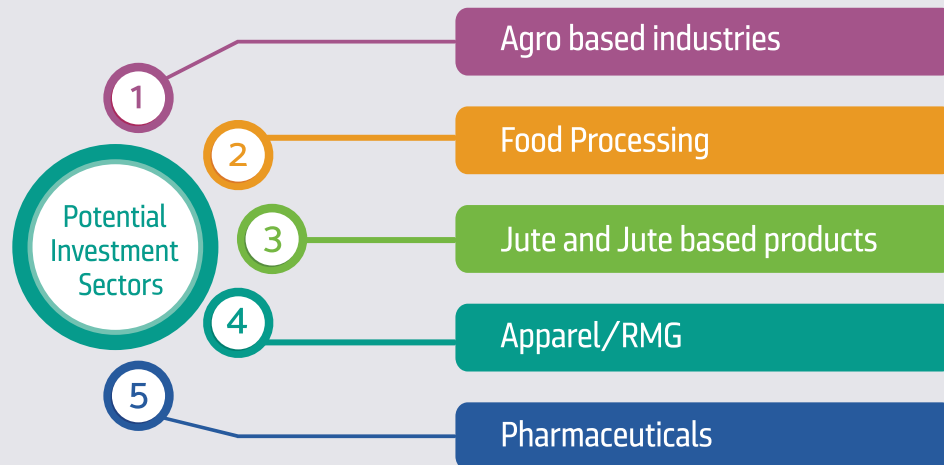


Palmal
Group

JAMALPUR ECONOMIC ZONE

Jamalpur district has comparative advantage in terms of abundant agricultural and livestock resources accompanied by favorable labor-cost. With the prospect of harnessing those potentials of the district and the surrounding regions, the strategically chosen Jamalpur EZ is expected to attract local and foreign investment.”

Total Area: 436 acres



Land allotment
going on...

Ready
to **CONNECT**



Gas



Water



Power



G2G ECONOMIC ZONES

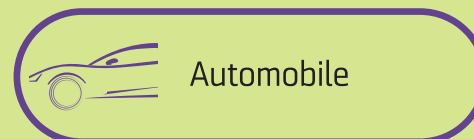
G2G EZ is a fairly new concept embraced by BEZA with an aim to host investors especially, but not exclusively, from the respective counterpart of the arrangement. BEZA has successfully negotiated with Japan, India and China for establishing Government to Government EZs in the country.

BANGLADESH SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE (BANGLADESH JAPAN (G2G) ECONOMIC ZONE)

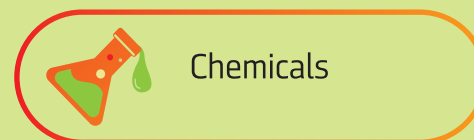
Japan, the largest bilateral development partner of Bangladesh, has always been seen as a trusted friend by Bangladeshi people. The relentless support of successive Japanese government in almost every major sectors in Bangladesh is always well appreciated here. The bilateral relationship has reached a new height as the Government of Bangladesh embarked on the venture with the government of Japan for the establishment of Japanese Economic Zone at Narayanganj under G2G arrangement. Touted as the future industrial hub by many, this EZ is expected to host and promote big scale investment from Japan. BEZA and Sumitomo Corporation of Japan have entered a Joint Venture Agreement to develop this 1000 acres zone.



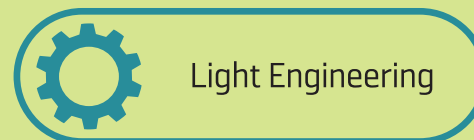
Potential Sectors



Automobile



Chemicals



Light Engineering



Textile

CHINESE ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL ZONE (CEIZ)



Deepening cooperation in bilateral trade relation between China and Bangladesh is inarguably required for the greater benefit of national economy and livelihoods of the people of Bangladesh. With this view, government of Bangladesh approved the establishment of Chinese Economic and Industrial Zone at Anowara, Chattogram on 781 acres of land adjacent to the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Tunnel (Karnafuli Tunnel), the first underwater tunnel of South Asia. Very near to the Chattogram City, Chattogram Sea Port and Shah Amanat International Airport, the specialized G2G Economic Zone is estimated to bring about 1 billion dollar foreign direct investment from China.

Potential Sectors



Pharmaceutical



Automobile
assembly



Chemicals



Textile and Garments



Light Engineering

INDIAN ECONOMIC ZONE (MIRSARAI & MONGLA)

Bangladesh and India signed a MoU for establishing two G2G Economic Zones under BEZA in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar in Mirsarai and Mongla. Indian Economic Zones will be developed under Indian concessional line of credit. Adani Ports and SEZ Limited will develop Indian Economic Zone at Mirsarai.



Potential Sectors



Agro-food



Light Engineering



Chemicals



LNG/LPG



Automobile assembly



Textile and Garments



Pharmaceutical

PPP ECONOMIC ZONE

Mongla Economic Zone

This Economic Zone has been established on 205 acres of land at Mongla, Bagerhat. Due to the close proximity of Mongla Port, the zone is already luring potential conglomerates. Offsite works have been completed and onsite ground works are continuing in full swing.



Mirsarai Economic Zone

Mirsarai Economic Zone at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar is the second public private partnership model EZ initiated by BEZA. This zone is fully furnished with offsite utilities. Onsite development works are also in progress.

SABRANG TOURISM PARK

Sabrang Tourism Park will be the first exclusive tourism park in the Cox's Bazar district encompassing an area of 1027 acres. Sabrang is adorned with amazing hill and sea beach territory, multifaceted diversity and exquisite beauty. The purest air, lofty hill, sea and lagoon create perfect conditions for the development of all types of tourism & entertainment.



Advantages of the Zone

-  Located with exclusive beach front
-  Half an hour Sea cruise to St. Martin- a coral island
-  8 km away from Teknaf land port
-  60 Minutes proximity to Cox's Bazar International Airport
-  Access to the Bay of Bengal
-  Well-connected by road and sea
-  Availability of local operators in tourism sector



NAF TOURISM PARK

Naf Tourism Park will be the first island-based tourism park in Bangladesh with an area of 271 acres. This park, with a magnificent scenic beauty, is located on an almond-shaped island surfaced in the midst of a river adjacent to Teknaf Upazila of Cox's Bazar.

Advantages of the Zone



Located beside the hill range of Teknaf in the midst of Naf river



One hour Sea Cruise to St. Martin - a coral island



Teknaf Land Port only 0.4 km from the tourism park



1 hour proximity to Cox's Bazar Airport

Specialty of Tourism Park

- Theme Cruise
- 5 Star Hotel
- Cable car
- Multi Formatted Food Court & Themed Pavilions
- Jungle Jogging Tracks, Night Camps, Eco Friendly Resorts
- Mini Golf Course, Light and Sound show
- Entertainment zone
- Sky bridge
- Oceanarium, Water sports Complex
- Game parlours, Birds Watching and View Towers
- Harbour Bridge

Service
Accommodation



SONADIA ECO-TOURISM PARK

During the construction and operation phase of eco-tourism park the existing eco system including flora-fauna and other natural elements will be conserved carefully along with a splendid Jhau forest created by BEZA. Furthermore special conservatory will be incorporated in the tourism park to preserve the natural lives of crabs, turtles and birds.

The main attractions will be

- Resort
- Hanging Restaurant
- Children Park
- Eco-Cottage
- Swimming Pool
- Fun lake
- Aqua Park
- Water sport
- Golf

Eco-science zone

Adventure zone

Family entertainment zone

Knowledge centre zone

Heritage and hospitality zone

Zone Entrance





PRIVATE ECONOMIC ZONES

Government is keen to endorse local investment and planned industrialization with the aim to crowd in more private participation in economic zones. As a result BEZA has awarded 20 prequalification licenses to potential conglomerates.

Among them 12 Private Economic Zones received final licenses. Till now USD 3 Billion investment has been done and 30000 employments have been generated in these zones.



The Major Licensees

1. Meghna Economic Zone
2. Abdul Monem Economic Zone
3. Aman Economic Zone
4. Bay Economic Zone
5. Meghna Industrial Economic Zone
6. City Economic Zone
7. Sirajganj Economic Zone
8. Karnafuly Dry Dock Special Economic Zone
9. East West Special Economic Zone
10. Kishoreganj Economic Zone
11. Hoshendi Economic Zone
12. Cumilla Economic Zone

REPUTED INVESTORS IN ECONOMIC ZONES





GREEN ECONOMIC ZONE INITIATIVE



BEZA is committed to the long-term sustainability of the economic zones. As part of it, it is consistently striving to develop economic zones maintaining resilience, sustainability and zero emission.

The objective of the Green and Resilient Economic Zone (GREZ) guideline is to establish a new national performance standard for EZs in Bangladesh and to enhance their competitiveness.

It aims to enhance the sustainability, resilience, and competitiveness of EZs through actions, such as mitigating and avoiding greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, pollution, and resource depletion; setting higher labour standards and fostering greater community development; and avoiding and minimising damages and business disruptions from natural disasters and shocks. The guideline also aims to promote and scale up the development of GREZs in Bangladesh through establishing a voluntary GREZ Certification Programme for EZ management entities. Also, BEZA is steadfast to reduce the impact of negative externalities by

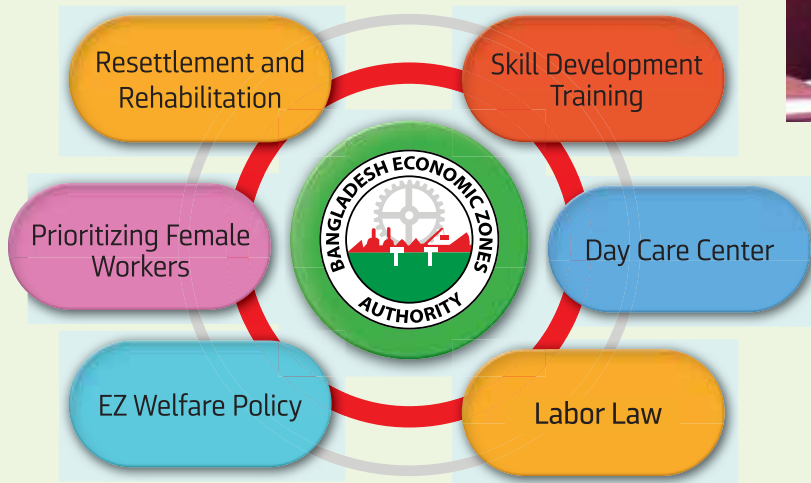
including desalination plant, rainwater harvesting system, water treatment plant, central effluent treatment plant, solid waste treatment plant, solar energy production, sewage management and flood management. Avenue plantation all along access road, creation of green belt all around respective plots, greener recreation facilities with beautiful lakes and water bodies remains high on the agenda. Development partners like IFC, UNDP, WRG 2030 and World Bank are consistently collaborating with BEZA in many aspects of green industrialization with their technical expertise.

BEZA has begun mandatory plantation of two million trees in economic zones to make them green and environment-friendly.

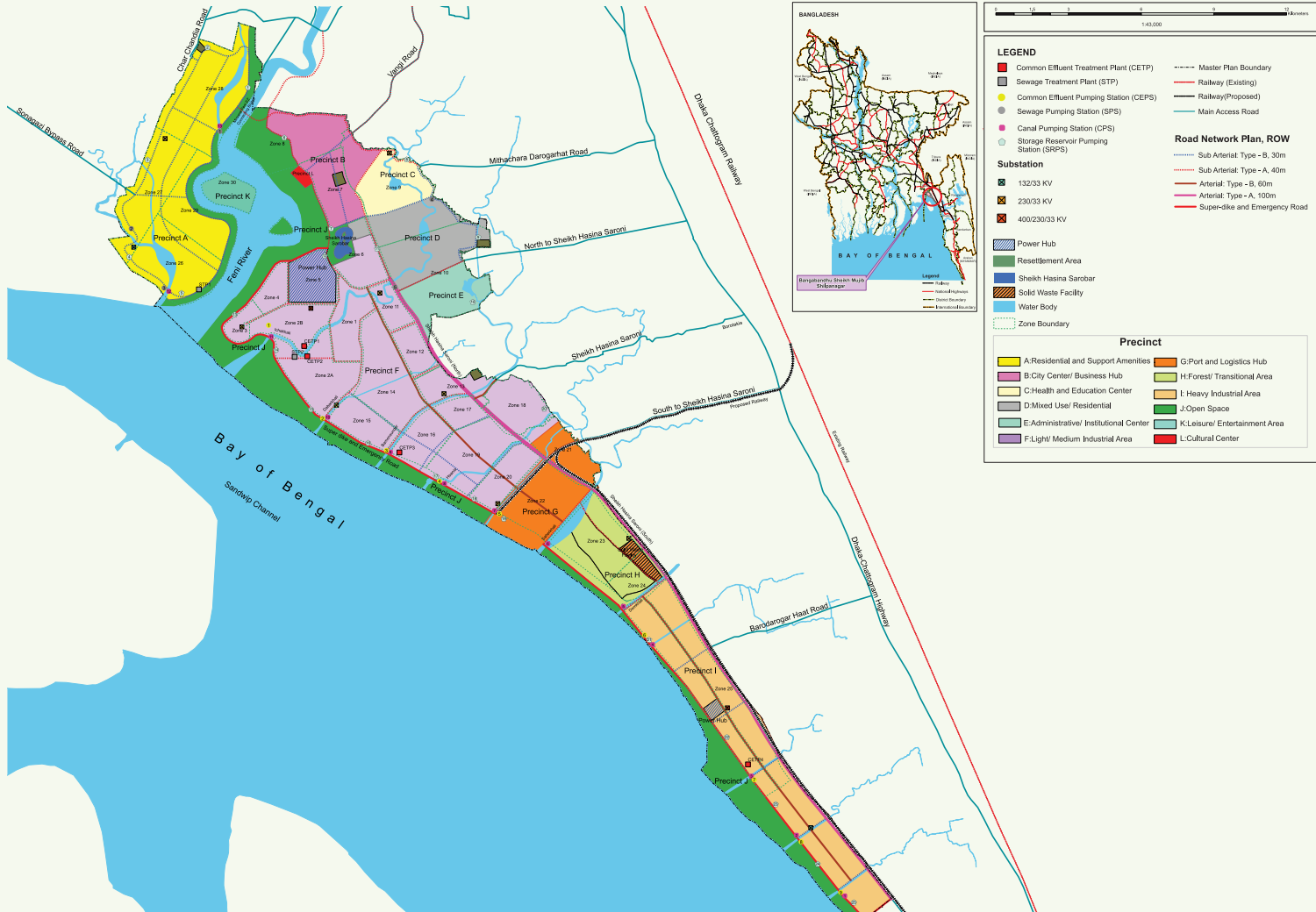


SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

BEZA strongly believes in integrated development with societal contribution and coherence. Hence, the authority plans to Upgrade skill of 30000 people under the PRIDE project, which has been prepared exclusively to develop Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpanagar and 6 more EZs. Under social responsibility BEZA is also taking initiative for ;



MASTER PLAN OF BANGABANDHU SHEIKH MUJIB SHILPANAGAR



**YOUR INVESTMENT
OUR CARE ...**





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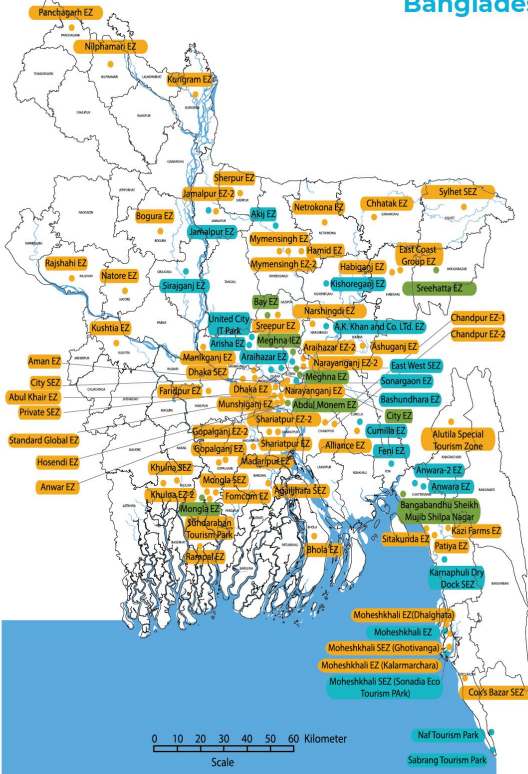
BEZA OBJECTIVES

100
Economic Zones
by 2030

10
Million
Employment

\$40
Billion
Additional
Production/Export

Bangladesh



- IMPLEMENTED EZ
- WORK IN PROGRESS EZ
- APPROVED EZ

PROMINENT FOREIGN INVESTORS OF BEZA

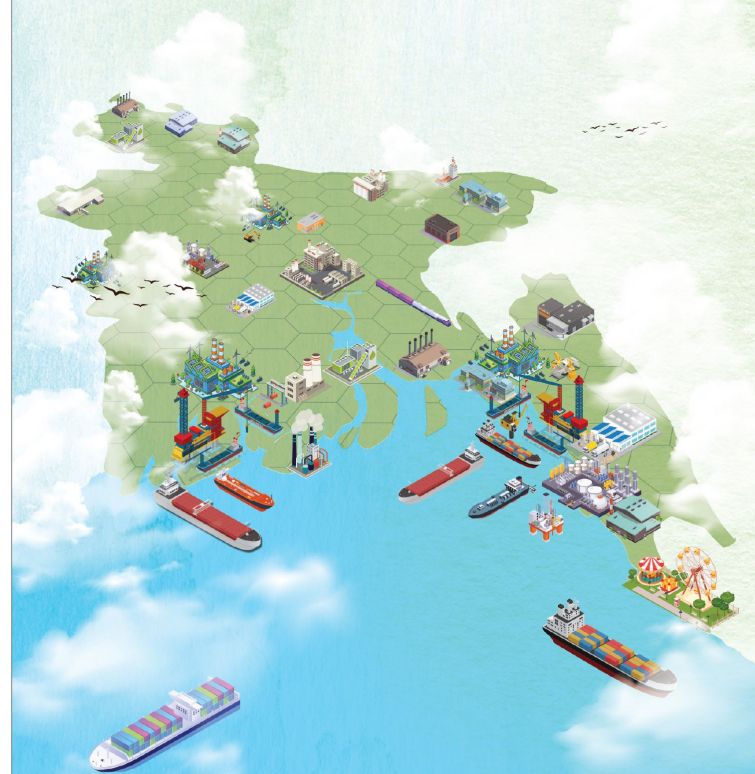


INVEST IN ECONOMIC ZONES INVEST IN BANGLADESH



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BANGLADESH A DEVELOPMENT MIRACLE

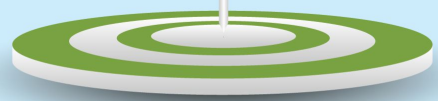


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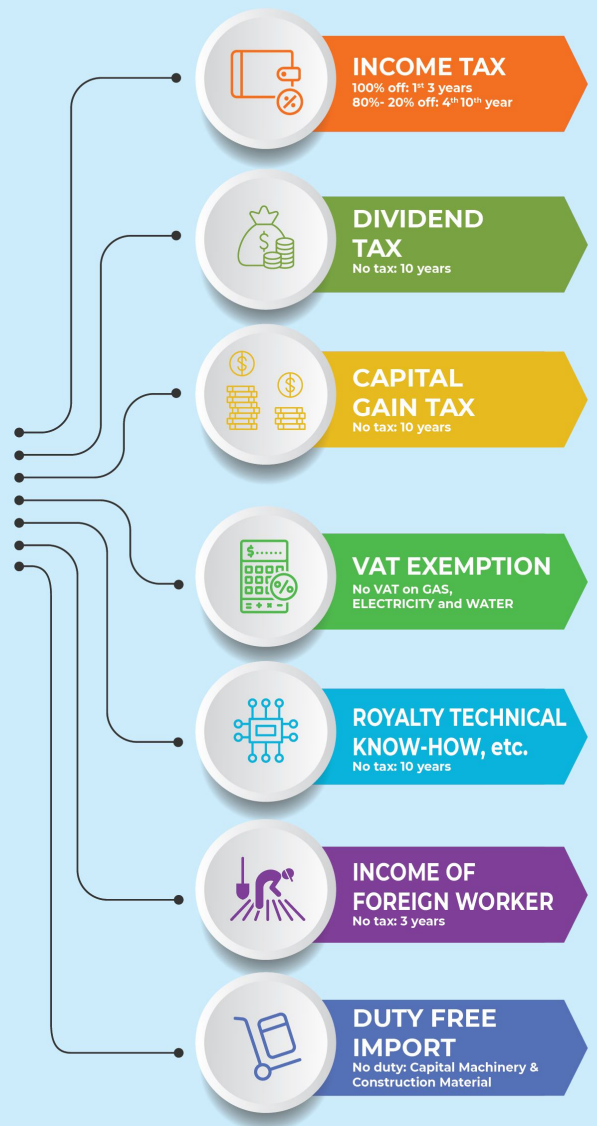
BEZA

BEZA OFFERS

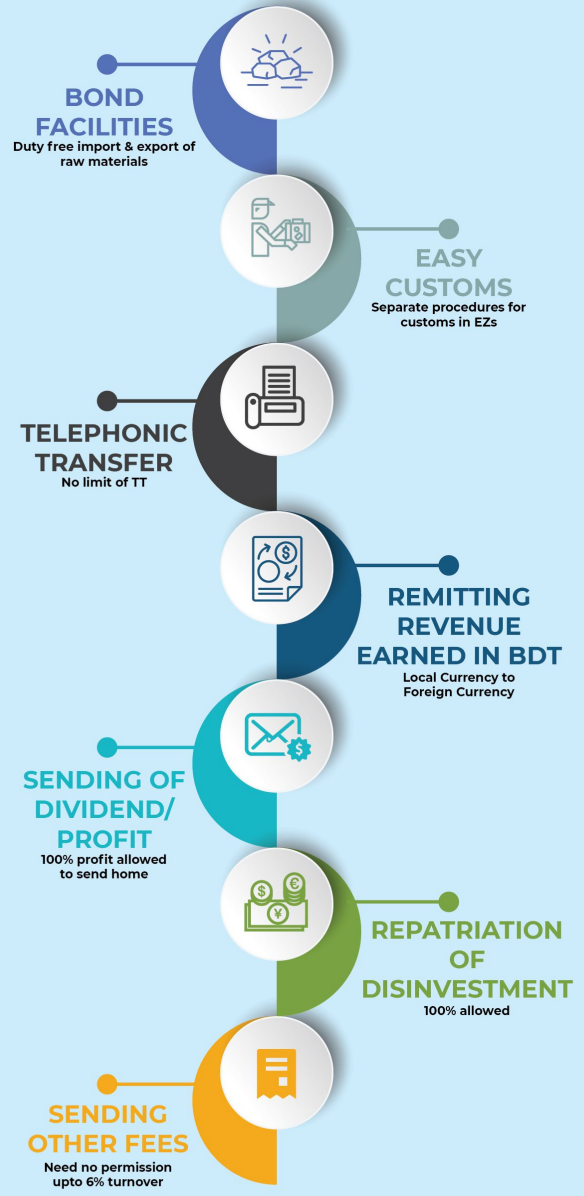
- 01 Adequate Land
- 02 Uninterrupted Utility Connection
- 03 One Stop Service
- 04 Quality Infrastructure
- 05 Attractive Incentive Packages



FISCAL INCENTIVES



NON-FISCAL INCENTIVES



Incentives for Developers

Serial	Incentives	Explanation	Gazettes
1	Income Tax exemption of varying degree for 12 years including 100% exemption for 1 st 10 Years.	1st 10 years – 100% 11th year – 70% 12th year – 30%	SRO No 227-Law/Income Tax/2015 Date: 08 July, 2015 of Internal Resources Division
2	Income tax exemption on dividend for 10 years	100% Exemption	SRO No 299/Law/Income Tax/2105 Date: 8 Oct, 2015 of Internal Resources Division
3	Income tax exemption on capital gains from transfer of shares for 10 years	100% Exemption	
4	Income tax exemption on royalties, technical know-how and technical assistance fees etc for 10 years	100% Exemption	
5	Duty free import of goods to be used for the development of Zones (except for MS Rod/Bar, Cement, Pre-fabricated Building, Iron/Steel Sheet)	100% Exemption	SRO No 208- Law/2015/45/Customs Date: 1 July, 2015 of Internal Resources Division
6	Land development tax exemption	100% Exemption	SRO No. 05-Law/2016 Date: 11 Jan, 2016 of Ministry of Land
7	Exemption from tax sub tax, rate, toll, fees etc imposed under section 65 of Local Government (Union Parishad) Act, 2009	100% Exemption	SRO No. 333-Law/2015 Date: 12 Nov, 2015 of Local Government Division
8	Exemption from tax on transferring immovable property imposed under section 44 of Upazilla Parishad Act, 1998	100% Exemption	SRO No. 328-Law/2018 Date: 11 Nov, 2018 of Local Government Division
9	Exemption of Stamp Duty on registration of loan document with Scheduled Bank	100% Exemption	SRO No. 7-lw/2016 Date: 12 January, 2016 of Internal Resources Division
10	Stamp duty is exempted at the time of transferring land in favor of the Consortium, Joint Venture (Private EZ developers) formed for the purpose of setting up the zone.	100% Exemption	SRO No. 287- Law/2017/08.00.0000.040.22.005.15 Date: 21 Sep, 2017 of Internal Resources Division
11	Income Tax deducted at source (under section 53H of the Income Tax Ordinance 1984) is exempted at the time of transferring land in favor of the Consortium, Joint Venture (Private EZ developers) formed for the purpose of setting up the zone.	100% Exemption	SRO No. 120-Law/Income Tax/2018 Date: 26 Apr, 2018 of Internal Resources Division
12	Registration fees (Registration Act 1908) is exempted at the time of transferring land in favor of the Consortium, Joint Venture (Private EZ developers) formed for the purpose of setting up the zone.	100% Exemption	Circular No. R-6/1M-11/2017-269 Date: 19 Sep, 2017
13	Exemption of stamp duty on the land lease agreement between BEZA & Developers	100% Exemption	SRO No. 08-Law/2016 Date: 12 Jan, 2016 of Internal Resources Division
14	Exemption of stamp duty on lease registration	50% Exemption	SRO No. 06-Law/2016 Date: 12 Jan, 2016 of Internal Resources Division
15	EZ investors are waived from Board	Completely	SRO No. 108-Law/2016 Date: 21 April,

	of Investment Act, 1989	Exempted	2016 of Prime Minister's Office
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Incentives for Unit Investors

Serial	Incentives	Explanation	Gazettes
1	Income Tax exemption of for 10 years (except edible oil, sugar, flour, cement, iron and iron related products)	Extent -100% (for 1st, 2nd , 3rd year) 4th year – 80% 5th year – 70% 6th year – 60% 7th year – 50% 8th year – 40% 9th year – 30% 10th year – 20%	SRO No 104-Law/Income Tax/2020 Date: 25 March, 2020 of Internal Resources Division
2	Income tax exemption on dividend for 10 years	100% Exemption	SRO No 299/Law/Income Tax/2105 Date: 8 Oct, 2015 of Internal Resources Division
3	Income tax exemption on capital gains from transfer of shares for 10 years	100% Exemption	
4	Income tax exemption on royalties, technical know-how and technical assistance fees etc for 10 years	100% Exemption	
5	Exemption from Income Tax on the income of expatriate for 3 years	50% Exemption	SRO No. 298- Law/Income Tax/2015 Date: 8 Oct, 2015 of Internal Resources Division
6	Exemption from double taxation subject to the existence of double taxation agreement	subject to the double taxation agreement	NBR
7	VAT on Land Lease Agreement registration at Local Registration Office.	100% Exemption	NBR letter no-08.01.0000.068.22.034.12/52, Date: 15/02/2022
8	Duty free import of capital machinery and construction material (except for MS Rod/Bar, Cement, Pre-fabricated Building, Iron/Steel Sheet)	100% Exemption	1. SRO No. 124-Law/2021/13/Customs Date: 24 May, 2021 of Internal Resources Division. 2. SRO No. 113-Law/2021/02/Customs Date: 24 May, 2021 of Internal Resources Division.
9	Warehousing Station	Entire EZ has been declared as warehousing station.	SRO No 211/Law/2015/48/Customs Date: 1 July, 2015 of Internal Resources Division Amendment: SRO No 304/Law/2017/77/Customs Date: 22 Oct, 2017 of Internal Resources Division

10	Home Consumption & Other Bond Facilities, Warehouse Operator	All the unit investors in EZs are entitled to this facility	<p>1. SRO No 211/Law/2015/48/Customs Date: 1 July, 2015 of Internal Resources Division Amendment: SRO No 304/Law/2017/77/Customs Date: 22 Oct, 2017 of Internal Resources Division</p> <p>2. SRO No 181/Law/2008/2209/Customs Date: 26 June, 2008 of National Board of Revenue Amendment: SRO No. 203-Law/2017/48/Customs Date: 20 June,2017 of National Board of Revenue Amendment: SRO No. 136-Law/2020/87/Customs Date: 03 June,2020 of National Board of Revenue Amendment: SRO No. 194-Law/2020/104/Customs Date: 30 June,2020 of National Board of Revenue</p> <p>3. Notification No. 42/2017/Customs/199 Date: 2 May, 2017 of National Board of Revenue Amendment: 288/2017/Customs/529 Date: 21 Dec, 2017 of National Board of Revenue Amendment: 195/2018/Customs/197 Date: 6 May, 2018 of National Board of Revenue</p>
11	Dedicated Customs Procedure(Economic Zone)	All the industries in EZs are eligible	<p>Notification No. 42/2017/Customs/199 Date: 2 May, 2017 of National Board of Revenue Amendment: 288/2017/Customs/529 Date: 21 Dec, 2017 of National Board of Revenue Amendment: 195/2018/Customs/197 Date: 6 May, 2018 of National Board of Revenue</p>
12	20% sale of finished product to Domestic Tariff Area (DTA)	20% of the export volume of last fiscal year	<p>Notification No. 42/2017/Customs/199 Date: 2 May, 2017 of National Board of Revenue Amendment: 288/2017/Customs/529 21 Date: Dec, 2017 of National Board of</p>

13	Sub-contracting with DTA allowed	100% Allowed	Revenue Amendment: 195/2018/Customs/197 Date:6 May, 2018 of National Board of Revenue
14	Exemption of Customs Duty, Regulatory Duty, VAT, Supplementary Duty for import of vehicles (up to 2000 cc, one sedan car and one microbus/pick up van/ double cabin pick up)	100% Exemption	SRO No. 210- Law/2015/47/Customs Date: 1 July, 2015 of Internal Resources Division Amendment: SRO No. 312- Law/2015/57/Customs Date: 28 Oct, 2015 of Internal Resources Division
15	Duty exemption on export	100% Exemption	1 st Schedule of The Customs Act,1969
16	Exemption from VAT on Utility services related to production of goods	100% Exemption	SRO No. 190-Law/2019/47-VAT Date: 13 June, 2019 of Internal Resources division
17	Land development tax exemption	100% Exemption	SRO No. 05-Law/2016 Date: 11 Jan, 2016 of Ministry of Land
18	Exemption of stamp duty on lease registration	50% Exemption	SRO No. 06-Law/2016 Date: 12 Jan, 2016 of Internal Resources division
19	Exemption from tax sub tax, rate, toll, fees etc imposed under section 65 of Local Government (Union Parishad) Act, 2009	100% Exemption	SRO No. 333-Law/2015 Date: 12 Nov, 2015 of Local Government Division
20	Exemption from tax on transferring immovable property imposed under section 44 of Upazilla Parishad Act, 1998	100% Exemption	SRO No. 328-Law/2018 Date: 11 Nov, 2018 of Local Government Division
21	EZ investors are waived from Board of Investment Act, 1989	Completely	SRO No. 108-Law/2016 Date: 21 April, 2016 of Prime Minister's Office
22	Regulatory framework of foreign exchange transactions of enterprises operating in EZs.	Completely	FE Circular No. 21 of 11 May 2017 incorporated at chapter 20 of the Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Transactions-2018 (GFET), Vol-1 of Bangladesh Bank
23	Foreign investment in Bangladesh including EZs	No restrictions except few sectors	As per appendix-4 of Industrial Policy-2016
24	Ceiling of FDI	No ceiling of foreign contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial Policy- 2016 of Ministry of Industries • FE Circular No. 21/2017 of Bangladesh Bank
25	Repatriation of dividend earned against the investment	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No permission from Bangladesh Bank (paragraph 31, chapter 10 of GFET, paragraph 9 of FE Circular No. 21/2017 and paragraph 9, chapter 20 of GFET by Bangladesh Bank) ○ Dividend can be credited in foreign currency accounts maintained by foreign investors in Bangladesh (FE Circular No. 26 of 7 July 2020 of Bangladesh Bank)

26	Repatriation of sales proceeds of investment	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Detailed instructions outlined at FEID Circular No. 01 of 6 May 2018 of Bangladesh Bank ○ Relaxation vide FEID Circular Letter 01 of 18 June 2020 of Bangladesh Bank in the following counts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) No permission from Bangladesh Bank is required for remittance of sales proceeds of shares regardless of amount provided that fair value is determined through net asset value approach on the basis of latest audited financial statements, and the financial statements contain no revalued assets. (b) No permission from Bangladesh Bank is required to repatriate sales proceeds of shares up to Tk 10.00 million without valuation reports. (c) Sales proceeds exceeding Tk 10 million upto Tk 100 million may be remitted abroad based on the fair value determined on the basis of appropriate valuation methods.
27	Loan from external sources	100%	Paragraph 8 of FE Circular No. 21/2017 and paragraph 8, chapter 20 of GFET of Bangladesh Bank
28	Repatriation of Royalty, Technical Know-how & Technical Assistance Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For new project, not exceeding 6% of the cost of the imported machinery • For ongoing concerns, not exceeding 6% of the previous year's sales as declared in the income tax return 	Paragraph 11 of FE Circular No. 21/2017 and paragraph 11, chapter 20 of GFET of Bangladesh Bank
29	Telephonic Transfer (TT)	No limit	Paragraph 7 of FE Circular No. 21/2017 of Bangladesh Bank
30	FC Accounts for EZ enterprises	Extent - Full	Paragraph 4 of FE Circular No. 21/2017 and paragraph 4, chapter 20 of GFET of Bangladesh Bank
31	FC Accounts for foreign nationals working in EZ enterprises	Extent - Full	Paragraph 1, chapter 13 of GFET of Bangladesh Bank
32	Remitting income of foreign nationals working in EZs	75 % of current income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paragraph 12 of FE Circular No. 21/2017 and paragraph 12, chapter 20 of GFET of Bangladesh Bank ○ FE Circular No. 24 of 23 June 2020 of Bangladesh Bank

33	Industries operating in Domestic Processing Area (DPA) of EZs can meet their foreign payment obligation on account of Royalty, Technical Know-how & Technical Assistance Fees from their Taka Account		FE Circular No. 41 of 04 October, 2020
34(a)	Market exploration assistance for all types of industries (A/B/C) operating in EZs against export of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandals and bags made of synthetic & fabrics - Agro processing goods 	4% Cash Incentive on the condition of a minimum value addition of 30%	1. Paragraph 9 of FE Circular No. 35, dated 22 September 2019 of Bangladesh Bank; 2. Paragraph 2 (b) of FE Circular No. 29, dated 20 September 2022 of Bangladesh Bank.
34(b)	Assistance for all types of industries (A/B/C) operating in EZs against export of all the products except for the ones mentioned in 33 (a).	1% Cash Incentive	Paragraph 2 (b) of FE Circular No. 29, dated 20 September 2022 of Bangladesh Bank.
35	Backward Linkages of raw materials to sell for export-oriented industries	100%	Paragraph 06 of FE Circular No. 21/2017 of Bangladesh Bank
36	Formation of Joint Venture Industries		FE Circular No. 21/2017 of Bangladesh Bank
37	Special cash incentives against export of textile goods including readymade garments		FE Circular No. 01, dated 07 January 2020 of Bangladesh Bank
38	Issuance of work permit to foreigners is allowed	Up to 5% of total officers/employees of an industrial unit	Notification No. 03.068.004.09.00.00.016.2018-664 (7 Nov, 2018)
39	Resident visa	For investment of US\$75000 or above	Industrial Policy- 2016 of Ministry of Industries
40	Citizenship	For investment of US\$ 1,000,000 or above	Industrial Policy- 2016 of Ministry of Industries

***Information
For
Investors***

Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA)

Prime Minister's Office

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Vision

Aspires to become a sustainable development driving force and a world class investment promoter and service provider.

Mission

- Mitigate land crisis for industrial use;
- Create fully serviced industrial land;
- Ensure compliant economic activity;
- Accelerate balanced economic development of the country.

Objectives

- Develop 100 EZs in the next 15 years;
- Create 10 million job opportunity;
- Foster industrialization by increasing additional production & Export of USD 40 billion

Regulatory Framework

- Bangladesh Economic Zones Act,2010
- Bangladesh Economic Zones Act (amendment),2015
- Bangladesh One Stop Service Act, 2018
- Bangladesh Economic Zones (Appointment of Developers etc.) Rules, 2015
- One Stop Service (Bangladesh Economic Zones) Rules, 2018
- Economic Zone Warehousing Station Rules, 2015
- Bangladesh Economic Zones(Construction of Building) Rules,2017
- Bangladesh Private Economic Zones Policy, 2015
- The Customs (Economic Zones) Procedures, 2017

Key Features

- Comprehensive industrial infrastructure
- Development under PPP (Private Public Partnership) model
- Owned and regulated by the government, but managed by the private sector
- Encompasses multiple business within each zone
- Combines both Export Processing area and Domestic Processing Area within bond
- EZ includes non-processing and commercial area
- Includes FDI and local investment

Type of Economic Zones

- a) Economic Zones established through public and private partnership by local or foreign individuals, body or organizations;
- b) Private Economic Zones established individually or jointly by local, non-resident Bangladeshis or foreign investors, body, business organizations or groups;
- c) Government Economic Zones established and owned by the Government;
- d) Special Economic Zones established privately or by public-private partnership or by the government initiatives, for the establishment of any kind of specialized industry or commercial organization;
- e) Establishment of Economic Zone on partnership between or initiative by the government of Bangladesh and the government of any other country; and
- f) Establishment of Economic Zone on partnership by and between one or more government corporation, Authority or Enterprise.

Ongoing Economic Zones

Government Economic Zones (EZ)

- Total approved sites – 98
- EZs under implementation – 9 nos.
- Type of EZs – Special EZ, Country specific EZs and multiproduct EZs
- Facility – Fully serviced with all utility
- Onboard Customs facility
- One Stop Service for the investors

PPP EZs and G2G EZs

- Two PPP EZs – One in Mongla, Bagerhat and other in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpanagar, Mirsarai, Chattogram
- Four G2G EZs – CEIZ, Chattogram for Chinese investors, Araihasar EZ, Narayanganj for Japanese investors and two EZs for Indian investors; one in Mongla and another in Mirsarai
- Nature of industry – multiple product
- Facility – Fully serviced with all utility
- Onboard Customs facility
- One Stop Service for the investors

Private EZs

- 27 private EZs have been approved
- Private EZs under implementation and operation – 11 nos.
- Management: Privately built and managed
- Nature of industry – Heterogeneous product
- Facility – Fully serviced with all utility
- Onboard Customs facility
- One Stop Service for the investors

BEPZA Economic Zone

- Location - Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar, Mirsarai, Chattogram
- Area covered – 1150 acres under various stages of implementation
- Nature of industry – heterogeneous products
- Facility – Fully serviced with all utility, Onboard Customs facility, One Stop Service for the investors

BEZA's Core Functions

Broad category of functions

- Site selection of EZ
- Acquisition of EZ land
- Appoint EZ Developer
- Allotment of land on direct allotment method
- Infrastructure development
- Investment promotion
- Investment facilitation (approval, recommendation, aftercare)
- Policy advocacy

Regulatory Service

- Approval / Registration of new project
- Facilitation of utility service
- Visa recommendation
- Work permit issue
- Issuance of Import permit
- Issuance of Export permit
- Issuance of sub-contract permit
- Approval of construction permit

- Recommendation of foreign borrowing
- Approval of Royalty and Technical Assistance fees
- Issuance of license to Private EZ Developer

Facilitation service

- Responding to investment related queries
- Guidance on doing business in EZ and Bangladesh
- Investment guidance and advice in specific sector
- Addressing concerns faced by individual company

Frequently asked questions by the EZ Investors

Q 1. *What are the structural options that I could choose from in setting up a business?*

Ans: You may set up business in the Processing area of any Economic Zone under the organizational structure of a Private Limited Company, Public Limited Company or Unit of a limited Company. But in the case of Non-processing area or Commercial area of any Economic Zone you may have several organizational structures known as proprietorship, Partnership, Limited Company, Branch office, representative office, regional office.

Q 2. *Can a foreign investor be allowed to own 100% of a business entity?*

Ans: Yes, 100% ownership is allowed. Investment Policy of Bangladesh liberalize ownership of investment by any national in any enterprise except enterprises with activities listed on the 'reserve list' which are prohibited for both foreign and Bangladeshi nationals. The reserve list includes:

- a) Arms and ammunitions and other military equipment and machineries;
 - b) Nuclear power;
 - c) Security printing and minting;
 - d) Afforestation and Mechanized Extraction within the boundary of reserved forest.
- (Source: The Foreign Private Investment (Promotion and Protection) Act,1980)

Q 3. *Is there any protection mechanism for foreign investment?*

Ans: The Foreign Private Investment (Promotion and Protection) Act, 1980 provides fair and equitable treatment to foreign private investment which shall enjoy full protection and security in Bangladesh.

Q 4. *Is there any scope to change the terms of sanction?*

Ans: The terms of sanction, permission or license granted by government to an industrial undertaking having foreign private investment shall not be unilaterally changed under which the establishment of such undertaking was sanctioned; nor shall foreign private investment be accorded a less favorable treatment than what is accorded to similar private investment by the citizens of Bangladesh in the application of relevant rules and regulations.

Q 5. *Is there any scope for Indemnifications for loss of foreign investment due to unusual situation?*

Ans: Yes. As per section 6 of The Foreign Private Investment (Promotion and Protection) Act 1980, it is clearly mentioned that in the event of losses of foreign investment owing to civil commotion, insurrection, or riot, foreign private investment shall be accorded the same treatment with regard to indemnification, compensation, restitution, or other settlement as is accorded to investments by the citizens of Bangladesh.

Q 6. *Whether repatriation of foreign Investment is allowed?*

Ans: Yes. As per section 7 of The Foreign Private Investment (Promotion and Protection) Act 1980, it is clearly mentioned that in respect of foreign private investment, the transfer of capital and the returns from it and, in the event of liquidation of industrial undertaking have such investment, of the proceeds from such liquidation is guaranteed.

Q 7. *Is there any chance of expropriation and nationalization of foreign investment?*

Ans: Foreign Private Investment shall not be expropriated or nationalized or be subject to any measures having effect of expropriation or nationalization except for a public purpose against adequate compensation which shall be paid expeditiously and be free transferable.

Q 8. *Where does one apply for registration of business?*

Ans: (a) Trade license – All business organizational structure need to get Trade License from the concerned City Corporation/ Municipal Corporation/ Union Council office under which jurisdiction the business entity or the EZ is located. They may apply through BEZA's One Stop Service cell to get the Trade License, the later will expedite the process of getting the document. (b) Limited Company and Partnership Firm will apply to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms for obtaining Certificate of Incorporation/ partnership Registration Certificate (as the case is applicable). (c) All Single proprietorship, Partnership, Limited Company, Branch office, representative office, regional office need to obtain project clearance/ registration of business from BEZA.

Q 9. *Whether the business unit needs to have environment clearance certificate from the Department of Environment?*

Ans: All industrial processing unit need to have obtained Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) from the Department of Environment before start construction of industry.

Q 10. *Whether the business unit needs to have obtained Tax Identification Number (TIN), Value Added Tax (VAT) Registration Number before start the business?*

Ans: Yes the business unit need to obtain Tax Identification Number (TIN), Value Added Tax (VAT) Registration Number before start the business, In this case BEZA will facilitate in getting the above numbers under OSS.

Q 11. *What requirements must be complied with before an enterprise can enjoy Tax benefits?*

Ans: To qualify for incentives, the company or firm must register with BEZA but prior to get registration of BEZA you need to obtain Certificate of Incorporation/ Partnership registration, TIN, VAT Registration, Environment clearance.

Q 12. *What are categories of VISA available to enter Bangladesh for doing business in EZs?*

Ans: VISA Category for entering into Bangladesh:

- A-3 – Foreign citizen as per agreement signed in between the Government of Bangladesh and the Development Agency;
- FA3 – Family members of A-3 Visa holder;
- B – Business purpose travel;
- PI – Travel by prospective investor;
- FPI - Family members of PI Visa holder;
- E – Employment of foreign technician;
- FE - Family members of E Visa holder;
- E1 – To train local people/ supervise in regard to supply/ installation/maintenance of machineries and software.

Q 13. *Where to apply for VISA?*

Ans: Application along with necessary papers to be submitted to the Executive Chairman, BEZA. After due scrutiny the BEZA will recommend to the Embassy or High Commission of Bangladesh in the respective countries to issue desired VISA.

Q 14. *What are the procedures for getting “VISA On Arrival”?*

Ans: The nationals of any country where there is no Diplomatic Mission of Bangladesh, they will have to obtain “VISA On Arrival”. On getting application from the desirable foreign nationals the BEZA will recommend to respective Airport or Land Port to issue Visa on Arrival.

Q 15. *What are the criteria for issuance of Work Permit to foreign nationals?*

Ans: Every industrial unit located inside Economic Zone(s) must obtain Work Permit before employing any foreign national. For getting Work Permit the following criteria need to be fulfilled:

- Before applying for Work Permit the concerned person upon recommendation of BEZA need to obtain specific category of VISA;
- Work Permit will be discouraged unless the incumbent is having a person of specialized knowledge and skill which is not commonly available in Bangladesh;
- Before processing the appointment of foreign national the EZ unit shall have to try to appoint local people of same expertise through advertisement in the national dailies;
- Work Permit will be issued only to the foreign nationals who obtain PI Visa and E Visa.
- Work permit will be issued initially for one year. On satisfactory performance this can be extended for four years.

Q 16. *Is there any provision to allow “NO VISA REQUIRED” permission?*

Ans: Any foreign national by investing minimum USD 5.00 (Five) million in any heavy industry or long term business in Bangladesh will be eligible for getting “NO VISA REQUIRED” permission.

Q 17. *Is there any scope to use VIP lounge of Airport by the foreign investor in Bangladesh?*

Ans: Yes, EZ foreign investor/ shareholder will be entitled to use Airport VIP Lounge with prior recommendation of BEZA.

Fiscal Incentives

Income Tax Holiday:

For Economic Zone Developer (SRO.No.227- Law/Income-tax/2015 dated 08-07-15):

Applicability: Income-tax payable on all of the designated Economic Zone’s income arising out of its commercial operation. Tax holiday will start from the date of commercial operation.

Rate of tax holiday: 100% for the 1st 10 years, 70% for the 11th year and 30% for the 12th year.

Conditions:

- (1) the Economic Zone shall have to be a company registered under the Companies Act;
- (2) the Economic Zone developer shall have to obtain Tax Identification Number (TIN);

(3) the Economic Zone developer shall have to maintain accounts properly under section 35 of Income Tax Ordinance, 1984.

For Industrial Unit of Economic Zone (SRO.No.226- Law/Income-tax/2015 dated 08-07-15):

Applicability: Income tax payable on all of income of the industrial unit as set up in the economic zone arising out of its commercial operation. Tax holiday will start from the date of commercial operation.

Rate of tax holiday: 100% for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year, 80% for the 4th year, 70% for the 5th year, 60% for the 6th year, 50% for the 7th year, 40% for the 8th year, 30% for the 9th year and 20% for the 10th year.

Conditions:

- (1) the industrial unit shall have to obtain Tax Identification Number (TIN);
- (2) the industrial unit shall have to maintain accounts properly under section 35 of Income Tax Ordinance, 1984.

Exemption of Income tax for foreign employee

(SRO.No.298- Law/Income-tax/2015 dated 08-10-15):

Applicability: Foreign employee having technical knowledge employed in the company of an economic zone.

Rate of Tax exemption: 50% for a period of 3 years from the date of employment.

Conditions:

- (1) Foreign employee shall not be entitled to such exemption after expiry of 5 (five) years from the commencement of commercial operation of the company;
- (2) Foreign technician shall have to obtain Tax Identification Number (TIN);
- (3) File income tax return with the concerned income –tax authority with in the time prescribed under section 75 of Income Tax Ordinance, 1984.

Exemption of Income Tax on Dividend, Capital Gain, Royalties

(SRO.No.299- Law/Income-tax/2015 dated 08-10-15):

Applicability: The company/ industrial unit operated for the purpose of producing goods and services in any Economic Zone will be exempted from payment of income tax payable on:

- (a) Dividend declared by the said company for 10 (ten) years from the commencement of its commercial operation;

- (b) Capital gains arising out of transfer of shares of the said company within 10 (ten) years from the commencement of its commercial operation;
- (c) Royalties, technical know-how and technical assistance fees payable within 10 (ten) years from the commencement of its commercial operation;

Conditions: The company shall have to-

- (a) Obtain Tax Identification Number (TIN);
- (b) file income tax return with the concerned income –tax authority within the time prescribed under section 75 of Income Tax Ordinance, 1984.

Exemption of Custom Duty and Value Added Tax

Custom Duty and Value Added Tax on Import of Goods:

(SRO No.208-Law/2015/46/Customs dated 01-07-15), (SRO No.209-Law/2015/46/Customs dated 01-07-15) and (SRO no. 06-Law/2020/56/customs dated 06-01-2020)

Applicability: Exemption from payment of all import Duties, Regulatory Duties, Supplementary Duties and Value Added Tax(VAT) on importation of capital machineries, Spare parts and construction materials for establishing Economic Zones and or establishment of industrial units in the said zone.

Conditions:

- (1) The industrial unit shall have to be registered for the Value Added Tax;
- (2) Statement of importable goods need to be approved and certified by BEZA regarding their name, description and quantity; provided that the exemption benefit shall not be applicable for importation of easily available construction materials, such as M.S. Rod/ Bar, Cement, Pre-fabricated building, Iron/ Steel sheet.
- (3) Exemption benefit shall not be applicable for importation of goods which are not directly related to development and construction of Economic Zones such as:- Office equipment, Air conditioner, Refrigerator, Articles for household use, Food articles and other similar consumable goods.

Custom Duty and Value Added Tax on Import of Vehicles:

(SRO No.210-Law/2015/47/Customs dated 01-07-15)

Applicability: Exemption from payment of all import Duties, Regulatory Duties, Supplementary Duties and Value Added Tax (VAT) on importation of vehicles for use by the industrial units in the Economic zone.

Conditions:

- (1) The industrial unit shall have to invest at least 10 million US Dollar or equivalent money or there shall be at least 500 manpower working in the concerned industrial unit;
- (2) At the time of assessment of duties and clearance, approval and certificate in that respect from BEZA shall have to be submitted to the Custom Authority;
- (3) One Sedan car with 2000 CC engine capacity and one Microbus/ Pick up Van/ Double cabin Pick up may be imported;
- (4) The imported vehicle shall not be transferred or sold within 5 years with certain conditions;
- (5) An industrial unit may import the vehicle only once during the tenancy period;
- (6) The word BEZA shall be inscribed before the serial number on the Number Plate;
- (7) The vehicle imported shall not be used for any other activity or for any commercial purpose except for production and related activities of the importing Industrial unit.

Bangladesh Economic Zone Warehousing Station Rules, 2015

(SRO No.211-Law/2015/48/Customs dated 01-07-15)

Applicability: Each Economic Zone including the Industrial Unit within the said Zone shall be treated as Warehousing stations.

Exemption: The Industrial unit established in the Economic Zone shall import the raw materials and ingredients usable for production of its products under the Bond arrangement, without paying the Import Duty, Supplementary Duty and Value Added Tax applicable at the time of importation.

Conditions: The Industrial units of any Economic Zone who will import raw materials from abroad or procure raw materials from the domestic market for production purpose, can sell the output / goods to the domestic market; provided, they-

- (a) shall have to pay applicable Duty-Taxes for the procurement of raw materials;
- (b) Shall have to pay Value Added Tax (VAT) as applicable to finished product produced and supplied to the domestic market for home consumption.
- (c) 100% Export Oriented Industrial units of any Economic Zone will not be allowed to sell goods to the domestic market beyond the quantity as stipulated by the National Board of Revenue (NBR).

Exemption of VAT on Utility Supply (SRO No.168-Law/2015/735 – VAT dated 22-06-18)

Applicability: Industrial Unit, which is registered under VAT Act 1991 and with BEZA may get VAT exemption on utilization of electricity, water, gas and procurement of raw materials from the domestic market for exclusive use in the production process of the said unit.

Exemption:

Heading no.	H.S.Code	Description of Goods	VAT Exemption Rate
27.11	27.11.21.00	Natural Gas	80%
S025	S025.00	WASA	80%
S037	S037.00	Procurement provider (Local goods except petroleum product)	100%
S057	S057.00	Electricity supply	80%

Condition: To avail VAT exemption, the Industrial unit shall have to follow the procedure as prescribed under sub-rule 38 of VAT Rule 1991.

Exemption of Local Government Tax (SRO No.333-Law/2015 dated 12-11-15)

Applicability: Economic Zone and Industrial units established under the provisions of Bangladesh Economic Zones Act, 2010 are exempted from payment of Tax under section 65 of Local Government (Union Parishad) Act, 2009.

Exemption: Local government Tax, Cess, Rate, Toll, Fees etc

Exemption of Land Development Tax (SRO No.05-Law/2016 dated 11-01-16)

Applicability: Economic Zone and Industrial units established under the provisions of Bangladesh Economic Zones Act, 2010 are exempted from payment of Land Development Tax under section 13 of Land Development Tax Ordinance, 1976.

Exemption: Land Development Tax.

Exemption of Land Transfer Tax (SRO No.328-Law/2018 dated 11-11-18)

Applicability: Economic Zone and Industrial units established under the provisions of Bangladesh Economic Zones Act, 2010 are exempted from payment of Land Transfer Tax payable to Upazila Parishad Fund under section 44 of Upazila Parishod Act, 1998.

Exemption: Land Transfer Tax.

Exemption of Stamp Duty

Stamp Duty of PPP Economic Zone Developer (SRO No.08-Law/2016 dated 12-01-16)

Applicability: Economic Zone Developer is exempted from payment of Stamp duty imposable on signing of Lease Deed in between BEZA and the Developer. This exemption will be applicable for the first lease deed only.

Exemption: 100% of applicable stamp duty.

Stamp Duty of Industrial unit (SRO No.06-Law/2016 dated 12-01-16)

Applicability: Industrial or commercial enterprise in the Economic Zone is exempted from payment of Stamp duty imposable on the lease deed to be executed for allotment of land, building or space to a person for setting up industry or business house.

Exemption: 50% of applicable stamp duty.

Stamp Duty for Loan Document (SRO No.07-Law/2016 dated 12-01-16)

Applicability: Economic Zone Developer is exempted from payment of Stamp duty imposable on signing of Mortgage Deed between PPP Economic Zone Developer and any schedule Bank or financial institutions for raising loan to develop the designated Economic Zone.

Exemption: 100% of applicable stamp duty.

Registration Fees of Private Economic Zone Developer

(SRO No.120-Law/Income-tax/2018 dated 26-04-18)

Applicability: Private Economic Zone Developer is exempted from payment of Registration fees imposable on signing of Sale Deed between the Land owner-Sponsor of the Economic Zone and the Consortium or Joint venture Company (Private Economic Zone Developer) and the unit investor.

Exemption: 100% of applicable Registration fees.

Stamp Duty of Private Economic Zone Developer

(SRO No. 287-Law/2017/08.00.0000.040.22.005.15 dated 21-09-17)

Applicability: Private Economic Zone Developer is exempted from payment of Stamp Duty imposable on signing of Sale Deed between the Land owner-Sponsor of the Economic Zone and the Consortium or Joint venture Company (Private Economic Zone Developer) and the unit investor.

Exemption: 100% of applicable stamp duty.

Repatriation of royalty, technical know-how and technical assistance fees:

(FE Circular No.21 dated 11-05-17)

Banks (AD) also Off-shore banking units may remit the royalty, technical know-how and technical assistance fees of enterprises of EZs from their FC accounts without prior permission from Bangladesh Bank or BEZA if the total fees and other expenses connected with the above mentioned purposes do not exceed the following limit:

- (a) For new projects, not exceeding 6% of the cost of imported machinery;
- (b) For ongoing concerns, not exceeding 6% of the previous year's sales as declared in the income tax returns.

However, remittance of such fees in excess of the prescribed limit is subject to prior specific approval from BEZA.

Issuance of Trade License

(S R O No. 37-Law/2019 dated 11 February 2019)

Industrial unit(s) of Economic Zone shall obtain Trade License for operation of business within the designated Economic Zone from the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority on payment of applicable fees.

Non Fiscal Incentives

- a) Full repatriation of Capital and Dividend;
- b) Free Flow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI);
- c) Backward linkage facilities to and from Domestic Tariff Area (DTA);
- d) 20% local sale permitted from 100% Export Oriented Industry;
- e) Sub-contracting with DTA industries allowed;
- f) Facility to maintain Foreign Currency Account;
- g) Credit facility from home and abroad;
- h) Repatriation of dividend to non-resident shareholders;
- i) Repatriation of Disinvested proceeds by non-resident shareholders;
- j) Remittance facility by foreign nationals working in EZs;
- k) Sale of goods to local Export Oriented Industries for getting export benefit;
- l) Credit facility for 'A' category company from Off-shore Banks operated under BEZA;
- m) Inter bond transfer facilities available;
- n) Custom clearance from Economic Zone site;
- o) Security and commissariat facilities available;
- p) One Stop Service facilities to all types of permit, clearances etc.;
- q) Pool of professionals for all types of business solutions;
- r) Investment regulatory Acts, Rules, Policy, Guidelines, Orders etc.

Category of Economic Zones (EZ)

Government has so far categorized 22 Economic Zones/ SEZ/ Tourism Parks on the basis of Tariff structure to lease out land on Direct Allotment as follows:

Tariff Rate & Service charge for Leasing of Land

Government has fixed up following Tariff Rate for direct allotment of land:

1. BSMSN (Mirsarai Economic Zone, Feni Economic Zone & Sitakundu EZ):

Mode of Payment	Category of land	Rent (US\$) per sq. meter per year (including VAT)	Contract period (Year)	Total rent (US\$) per sq. meter (for 50 years)
1	2	3	4	5
Upfront/One-time Payment basis	Developed	1.00	50	50.00
	Undeveloped	0.70	50	35.00
	Specialized Infrastructure	0.745	50	37.25
Annual Rent basis	Developed	2.50	50	-
	Undeveloped	1.75	50	-
	Specialized Infrastructure	1.90	50	-

2. Total 6 EZ:

- Arai-hajar-2 EZ
- Dhaka EZ
- Shreehatta Economic Zone
- Narayanganj EZ and
- Gojaria EZ
- Bogura EZ

Mode of Payment	Category of land	Annual rent per sq. meter (US\$) (Excluding VAT)	Contract period (Year)	Per sq. meter total rent (US\$)
1	2	3	4	5
Upfront Payment (Onetime)	Developed	0.60	50	30.00
	Undeveloped	0.30	50	15.00
	Specialized Infrastructure	0.345	50	17.25
Annual rent basis	Developed	1.50	50	-
	Undeveloped	0.75	50	-
	Specialized Infrastructure	0.90	50	-

3. Total 11 EZ:

- Coxbazar Special EZ
- Moheshkhali EZ-1
- Moheshkhali EZ-2
- Moheshkhali EZ-3
- Moheshkhali Special EZ
- Moheshkhali Special EZ-4
- Moheshkhali EZ
- Naf Tourism Park (Jaliar deep EZ)
- Mongla EZ
- Jamalpur Ez
- Sylhet Special EZ

Mode of Payment	Category of land	Annual rent per sq. meter (US\$) (Excluding VAT)	Contract period (Year)	Per sq. meter total rent (US\$)
1	2	3	4	5
Upfront payment (One-time)	Developed	0.525	50	26.25
	Undeveloped	0.2625	50	13.125
	Specialized Infrastructure	0.315	50	15.75
Annual Rental Basis	Developed	1.35	50	-
	Undeveloped	0.675	50	-
	Specialized Infrastructure	0.81	50	-

4. SABRANG TOURISM PARK:

Mode of Payment	Category of land	Annual rent per sq. meter (US\$) (Excluding VAT)	Development Surcharge	Contract period (Year)	Total rent per sq. meter (US\$)
1	2	3	4	5	6
One-time Upfront payment	Developed	0.525	0.40	50	46.25
	Specialized Infrastructure	0.315	0.40	50	35.75

5. Nilphamari EZ and Chandpur EZ:

Mode of Payment	Category of land	Annual rent per sq. meter (US\$)	Contract period (Year)	Per sq. meter total rent (US\$) (Excluding VAT)
1	2	3	4	5
Upfront Payment (Onetime)	Developed	0.405	50	20.25
	undeveloped	0.2025	50	10.125
	Specialized Infrastructure	0.24	50	12.00
Annual rent basis	Developed	1.05	50	-
	Undeveloped	0.525	50	-
	Specialized Infrastructure	0.63	50	-

Service Charges and Regulatory Fees:

1.	Service Charge (On total tariff)	a) Water-Own generation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASA Price + 5% • Treatment- Price +5% • Re-cycling- Price +5% b) Electricity: Supply price+5% c) Gas: Supply price+5% d) Effluent Treatment: Price +5% e) Regulatory permit fees: BDT 500.00 per permit f) Registration of Industrial unit: US\$ 500.00 g) Design approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial unit: BDT 10,000. • Economic Zone: BDT 50,000.
2.	Conservancy charge	Per sq. meter land/factory space US\$ 0.05 per annum.
3.	Compliance charge	Medical & Environment-To be fixed up later on Workers management – to be fixed up later on

Cost of Registration of Companies and Firms

Agency: The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms

Fees for Registration of Companies & Firms:

- a) Fees for Name Clearance (NC)
 - For NC clearance: BDT100.00 for each of proposed names;
 - For time extension: BDT 100.00 for each time extension application.
- b) Stamp and Fees of Registration
 - PRIVATE COMPANY
 - **Stamps**
 - For affixing on the Memorandum of Association: BDT 500.00
 - For affixing on the Articles of Association

For Authorized Capital (BDT)	Stamp (BDT)
Up to 10,00,000	2,000.00
BDT 10,00,000 to 3,00,00,000	4,000.00
BDT over 3,00,00,000	10,000.00
 - **Registration fees:**
 - For filling 6 documents (5 filled in forms plus 1 Memorandum & Articles of Association BDT200.00 per document): BDT1200.
 - For Authorized Share Capital:
 - **Authorized Capital (BDT):**

<u>(BDT)</u>	<u>Fees</u>
- Up to 20,000	360
- Additional for every 10,000 or part after first 20,000 up to 50,000	180
- Additional for every 10,000 or part after first 50,000 up to 10,00,000	45

- Additional for every 10,000 or part after first 10,00,000 up to 50,00,000 24
- Additional for every 100,000 or part after first 50,00,000 45
- **PUBLIC COMPANY**
- **Stamps:**
 - For affixing on the Memorandum of Association: BDT 500.00
 - For affixing on the Articles of Association

For Authorized Capital (BDT)	Stamp (BDT)
Up to 10,00,000	2,000
BDT 10,00,000 to 3,00,00,000	4,000
BDT over 3,00,00,000	10,000
- **Registration fees:**
 - For filling 8 or 9 documents (7 or 8 filled in forms plus 1 Memorandum & Articles of Association BDT200 per document): BDT1600 or 1800.
 - For Authorized Share Capital:
- **Authorized Capital (BDT):** Fees (BDT)
 - Up to 20,000 360
 - Additional for every 10,000 or part after first 20,000 up to 50,000 180
 - Additional for every 10,000 or part after first 50,000 up to 10,00,000 45
 - Additional for every 10,000 or part after first 10,00,000 up to 50,00,000 24
 - Additional for every 100,000 or part after first 50,00,000 45
- **FOREIGN COMPANY**
 - For filling 6 documents (5 filled in forms plus 1 Memorandum & Articles of Association BDT 200 per document): BDT1200.
- **PARTNERSHIP FIRM (Partnership Act, 1932)**
 - Registration fee: BDT 10.00
- **Fees of Return Filing**
 - **COMPANIES (PRIVATE & PUBLIC)**
 - For filing any document within the scheduled time: BDT200 per document
 - Late fee for filing any document beyond the scheduled time: BDT 2.00 per day not exceeding BDT 1000 per document.
 - **PARTNERSHIP FIRMS**
 - For filing Form 2,5 or 6: BDT 4.00 each.
- **Stamps and Fees for Issuance of Certified Copies;**
 - **Private Company, Public Company and Foreign Company**
- **Non-judicial Stamp:**
 - For Memorandum of Association or part thereof: BDT 20.00
 - For Articles of Association or part thereof: BDT 20.00
 - For each of other document: BDT 20.00
- **Court fee (Stamp) – per application per company: BDT 20.00**
- **Other fees:**
 - For inspection of records: BDT 100
 - For copy of Certificate of Incorporation: BDT 100
 - For copy of Certificate of Commencement of business: BDT 100
 - Copying of documents for each 100 words or part: BDT 5 subject to minimum BDT100
 - Comparison of documents for each 100 words or part: BDT 5 subject to minimum BDT100.

One Stop Service

BEZA will provide/ facilitate following business support services:

- Project clearance
- Import Permit
- Export Permit
- Local Sale Permit
- Local Purchase Permit
- Sample Permit
- Sub-Contract Permit
- Permission for Utility Connection
- No Objection Certificate for Off Shore Banking License
- License for Service Provider
- Permission for Installation of STP, WTP, CETP
- Permission for Installation of Generator
 - a. Name Clearance
 - b. Certificate of Incorporation/Registration
- a. TIN Certificate
 - b. VAT Registration
- Trade License
- Building Plan Approval
- Construction permit
- Environmental Clearance
- Fire Safety Clearance
 - a. Clearance on Electrical wiring/plan/connection
 - b. Clearance on Plumbing/Water Connection
- Factory Registration with DIFE
- Boiler Registration
- Captive Power Plant
 - a. Visa Recommendation
 - b. Work Permit
- NoC for Bank Loan
- Customs Clearance

Steps to follow for Establishment of Economic Zone Public Zone

- Proposal (along with Mouza map covering khas/ private land) received from DC of respective District to set up Economic Zone.
- Proposal is to be sent to BEZA Governing Board for approval of the site.
- DC office is to send proposal again to Ministry of Land for clearance.
- DC office will proceed to give registration of the khas land in favor of BEZA for setting up EZ.
- DC office start private Land acquisition process and handover the same to BEZA.

Direct Allotment of land to the Unit Investors

- Issue Prospectus through advertisement in the newspapers and BEZA website.
- Prospectus contains but not limited to:
 - Profile of the Economic Zone;
 - Period of lease;
 - Minimum size of plot to be leased out;
 - Government approved Tariff and Service charge of the plot/ land;
 - Incentives and One Stop Service for the applicant;
 - Earnest money for application;
 - Security Deposit as applicable;
 - Contact signing money;
 - Application Form
- Evaluation of Application as per Govt. approved Evaluation Guidelines.
- A five members Evaluation Committee is headed by an Executive Member with one outsider.
- Evaluation Committee is to submit recommendations about the viability of Investment proposals.
- BEZA Executive Board is to approve Investment Proposals.
- Provisional Letter of Award (LoA) given to each Applicant to proceed for signing Lease Agreement.
- Handing over plots for development.

Allotment of land to PPP Developer

- Issue Request For Proposal (RFP) through advertisement in the newspapers and BEZA website.
- Request For Proposal (RFP) contains but not limited to:
 - Profile of the Economic Zone;
 - Period of lease;
 - Area of land to be leased out;
 - Usage of land;
 - Application money/ Earnest money/ Performance Guarantee;
 - Technical Proposal;
 - Financial Proposal;
 - Standard Developer's Agreement.
- A five members Evaluation Committee is headed by an Executive Member with one Outside Expert.
- Evaluation of the proposal is done according to the provisions of Appointment of Developers Rules and Appointment Developers Guidelines.
- Evaluation Committee will examine the Technical soundness of each applicant first.
- On the basis of getting qualifying marks in technical areas, applicant will be selected through analysis of financial score.
- Evaluation committee to submit their recommendations to BEZA Executive Board for taking decision.
- Provisional Letter of Award (LoA) given to the qualified Applicant to proceed for signing Land Lease Agreement.
- Handing over plots for development.
- The Developer allots land to the unit investors and to submit project clearance application with BEZA for registration.

Allotment of Land to G2G Developer

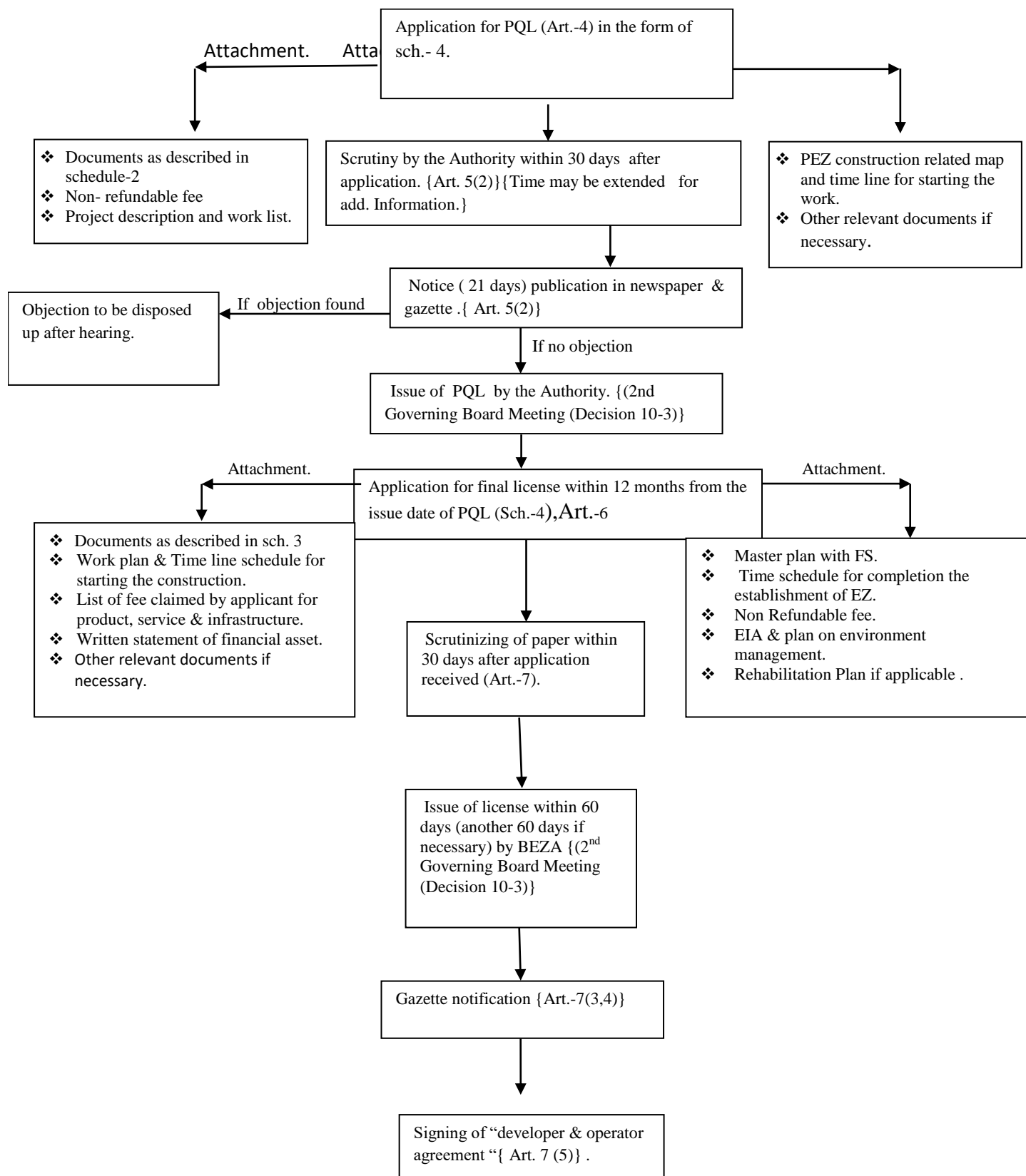
- As per the provisions of Bangladesh Economic Zones Act, 2010 (amendment) with the recommendation from respective foreign Embassy in Bangladesh, any foreign Zone Developer can apply for getting allotment of land in Economic Zone.

- Application for G2G Zone Developer is being processed/ evaluated by Processing Committee consisting of Members from BEZA, PMO, MOF, MOFA and Bangladesh Bank.
- Committee is to submit its recommendations to BEZA Executive Board.
- BEZA submit Committee recommendations to CCEA through PMO for Government approval.
- Letter of Award (LoA) given to the Applicant to proceed for signing Land Lease Agreement.
- Handing over plots for development.
- The Developer allots land to the unit investors and to submit project clearance application with BEZA for registration.

Private Zone

Selection of Private Economic Zone Developer

- As per the provisions of Bangladesh Private Economic Zones Policy, 2015 any local or foreign sponsor having unencumbered land of reasonable size may apply in the prescribed form for becoming Private Economic Zone Developer.
- Application will be scrutinized with land title, access road, availability of utility etc.
- Proposal is to be sent to BEZA Governing Board for approval of the site.
- Applicant will be issued Pre-qualification License.
- Applicant will be allowed 12 month time to conduct Feasibility study, Environment Impact Assessment of the site before granting Final License to develop the Economic Zone.
- The Developer allots land to the unit investors and submit project clearance application with BEZA for registration.



BEZA TOURISM PARK

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SABRANG TOURISM PARK

Sabrang Tourism Park will be the first exclusive tourism park in the Cox's Bazar district encompassing an area of 1027 acres. Sabrang is adorned with amazing hill and sea beach territory, multifaceted diversity and exquisite beauty. The purest air, lofty hill, sea and lagoon create perfect conditions for the development of all types of tourism & entertainment facilities.

Advantages of the Park



60 Minutes proximity to Cox's Bazar International Airport



Access to the Bay of Bengal



Located with exclusive beach front



Well-connected by road and sea



Half an hour Sea cruise to St. Martin- a coral island



Availability of local operators in tourism sector



8 km away from Teknaf land port



NAF TOURISM PARK

Advantages of the Park



Located beside the hill range of Teknaf in the midst of Naf river



One hour Sea Cruise to St. Martin - a coral island



Teknaf Land Port only 0.4 km from the tourism park



1 hour proximity to Cox's Bazar Airport

Speciality of Naf Tourism Park

- Theme Cruise
- 5 Star Hotel
- Cable car
- Multi Formatted Food Court & Themed Pavilions
- Jungle Jogging Tracks, Night Camps, Eco Friendly Resorts
- Mini Golf Course, Light and Sound show
- Entertainment zone
- Sky bridge
- Oceanarium, Water sports Complex
- Game parlours, Birds Watching and View Towers
- Harbour Bridge

SONADIA ECO-TOURISM PARK

Sonadia Eco-Tourism Park, Located at the Southern tip of Maheshkhali, will offer deep blue water off the coast. During the construction and operation phase of eco-tourism park the existing eco system including flora-fauna and other natural elements will be conserved carefully along with a splendid jhau forest created by BEZA, Furthermore special conservatory will be incorporated in the tourism park to preserve the natural lives of crabs, turtles and birds.

The main attractions will be

- Eco-Resort
- Hanging Restaurant
- Children Park
- Eco-Cottage
- Swimming Pool
- Fun lake
- Aqua Park
- Water sport
- Golf

