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- H.E. Sheikh Hasina**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister, Bangladesh
- H. E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**  
Hon'ble President, Turkey
- H.E. Joko Widodo**  
Hon'ble President, Indonesia
- H.E. Hassan Rouhani**  
Hon'ble President, Iran
- H.E. Muhammadu Buhari**  
Hon'ble President, Nigeria
- H.E. Muhyiddin Yassin**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister, Malaysia
- H.E. Imran Khan**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister, Pakistan
- H.E. Mostafa Madbouly**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister, Egypt
- H.E Md. Zahid Ahsan Russel MP**  
Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Youth and Sports Bangladesh  
and Chair of D-8 Youth
- H.E. Ambassador Dato' Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari**  
Secretary General of D-8
- H.E. Ambassador Askar Mussinov**, Assistant Secretary  
General for Science and Technology of OIC.
- Dr. Mansur Muhtar, Vice President**, Country programs of  
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group.
- Excellencies, esteemed presence, ladies and gentlemen,

**Assalamualaikum and Good Morning/Afternoon,**

It is my pleasure to join D8 Summit Dhaka 2021. On behalf of the private sector of D8 CCI, my heartiest congratulations to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina MP of Bangladesh on her new responsibility as the Chair of D-8.

This year marks the birth centenary of Bangladesh's Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence and Bangladesh's LDC graduation with 5 year transition period. Based on Bangabandhu's foundation, visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has led Bangladesh to middle income country and we are confident on our progress towards Developed nation by 2041. Since 2008, our GDP grew 400%, trade grew 240% and pre covid poverty was reduced from 46% to 21%.

On Covid Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's prudent fiscal, non fiscal measures and grants with 4.44% of our GDP helped us to absorb the shock in 2020 and our dynamic and resilient private sector managed 5.24% GDP growth because of enabling environment of business friendly Bangladesh's government

## **D8 Business Forum**

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On April 5 2021, FBCCI organized the 10<sup>th</sup>D8 Business Forum jointly with Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), D-8 CCI with participation of all National Chambers of D-8 countries and hon ministers. At the Business Forum,Turkey handover the responsibility to Bangladesh as chairmanship of D8 CCI. We are confident to build on our heritage and focus on targeted measurable approaches aligned with D8 agendas and joint declaration of D8CCI.

## **Closing**

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**Ladies and Gentlemen,** in closing, we look forward to our future engagements maximizing our knowledge and resources towards complementary cooperation with out of the box sustainable equitable engagements. Thank you all.