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Minister Fedeli eyes on greater Trade relations with Bangladesh



Caption: Consul General Nayem Ahmed with Minister Victor Fedeli

Victor Fedeli, the Minister for Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, Canada congratulated the people of Bangladesh on the Birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and wished all the best in its endeavour to celebrating the 'Mujib Year'. Minister Fedeli conveyed this while receiving Bangladesh Consul General Nayem Uddin Ahmed at his office at the Ontario Trade Ministry on Thursday, 20 February 2020.

Consul General Nayem Ahmed told the Minister that 2020 and 2021 are the two landmark years for Bangladesh, as it celebrates the great Birth centenary of the Father of the Nation followed by the 50th anniversary of the Independent Bangladesh. He said that Bangladesh is emerging as one of the fastest growing economies in the world under the dynamic leadership of the daughter of the Father of the Nation Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Consul General also mentioned that the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina places great importance on the relationship with Canada and is keen to develop new avenues of trade and investment relations with Canada.

Ontario Minister stressed cooperation on the environment friendly nuclear energy reactors, economic immigration, renewable energy, green tech., education and Hi-tech IT based cooperation. Minister Fedeli mentioned that Ontario currently requires another 250,000 skilled jobs, where Bangladesh can be a great source of skilled manpower. Consul General Nayem Ahmed expressed his strong interest to work with the Ontario Government for bringing skilled and semi-skilled labour from Bangladesh.

Consul General Nayem Ahmed particularly emphasised on the cooperation in ICT, pharmaceuticals, waste and water management, renewable energy, veterinary medicine, tertiary medical equipment and health services as priority areas. He requested the Minister to send a Trade Mission to Bangladesh to witness the huge economic development taking place in Bangladesh under the present Government and determine prospective areas of trade and investment. Ontario Trade Minister conveyed that his government is actively considering sending a Trade Mission to Bangladesh soon.



Caption: Consul General Nayem Ahmed with Norm Miller, MPP

Earlier in the day, the Consul General also met Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier of Ontario Mr. Norm Miller, MPP and discussed on various issues of mutual interests.