

Press Release

BGMEA SIGNS COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH UK AND SWISS FUNDED PROGRAMME SUDOKKHO



BGMEA office bearer Dr. Rubana Huq signed a collaboration agreement on 29th August 2019 with Sudokkho, a UK and Swiss government funded programme. Under the agreement BGMEA will get technical assistance from Sudokkho for providing training consultancy service to the RMG industry. The technical assistance will further encompass transferring Sudokkho's knowhow into the academic curriculum BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology (BUFT). The RMG and Textile Industry Skills council (RTISC) and BGMEA affiliated training centers will also get technical assistance under the agreement.

Mr. Erling Petersen, Team Leader of Sudokkho signed the agreement on behalf of the programme and hoped for a fruitful and active collaboration with BGMEA. Dr. Rubana Huq, President BGMEA expressed her satisfaction with the programme and how it is successfully assisting the RMG factories in establishing effective in-factory training system to increase efficiency of the sewing machine operators. Sudokkho has established in-factory training centers in over 120 factories. The training system increase the skill of sewing machine



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operators in 15 to 20 days. After which, they can be placed on the production floor at 45% to 65% efficiency rate.

Mr. Asif Ibrahim- Director BGMEA, Mr. Miran Ali- Director BGMEA, Mr. Shihaboddoja Chowdhury- Director BGMEA, Mr. Mamunur Rashid- Joint Secretary BGMEA, Mr. Suresh Mahto- Skills and Employment Director Sudokkho, Mr. Ashfaq Enayetullah, Business and Market Development Lead Sudokkho, Mr. Ehasanul Huq- MRM Lead Sudokkho and Mr. Biplab Biswas- Grants Coordinator Sudokkho were among the other who were present during in the signing ceremony.



Sudokkho is a seven-year private skills market development programme in Bangladesh funded by UK aid through its Department for International Development (DFID) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Sudokkho builds upon the TVET reform agenda of the government of Bangladesh. The programme is executed by the Directorate of Technical Education (DTE), Government of Bangladesh. Palladium International is implementing the programme in consortium with SwissContact and British Council.

Sudokkho tests and scales-up market-driven, quality skills training systems within the readymade garments and construction sectors that will stimulate further investment in training by trainees, private training providers and employers. Sudokkho aims to ensure employment of 65,000 poor people, including women and disadvantaged populations, after successful completion of training through its partnerships with privately owned training service providers (PTPs) and industry-based training (IBT) initiatives.

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