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## 3<sup>rd</sup> International Study Visit Program on Financing MSMEs in Bangladesh

Dhaka, Bangladesh

November 11 - 15, 2018

(excluding of travel time)

## INTRODUCTION

Bangladesh has achieved unprecedented success in the sphere of micro credit. The history of micro credit in Bangladesh spans for period of four decades. It is admitted in the world that Bangladesh has introduced micro credit. However, reducing poverty to a minimum level needs accelerated agricultural growth to ensure food security, comprehensive rural development, target based creation of employment in the MSME sector. The micro credit adds to the vibrancy of local economic life by facilitating production, exchange and consumption. Micro credit improves access to micro saving services and contributes to enhance social benefits with greater emphasis on female borrowers leading to active participation of women in the economic activities and decision making process. The impart of micro credit is substantial in Bangladesh in offering greater choice of financial services to the poor and reducing poverty. Currently, Bangladesh Bank is encouraging the commercial banks to develop partnership or linkage programs with the micro credit institutions for delivery of agricultural credit.

## FOCUS

This study visit program aims to showcase the MSME programs in Bangladesh and identify how financing MSMEs has contributed to spur production and created linkage among the different stakeholders in the economy.

## PARTICIPANTS

The program may be attended by male or female senior bank officers, middle management and other officers involved in MSMEs financing and development. .

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

### **November 10, Saturday**

- ✚ Arrival of Participants

### **November 11, Sunday**

- ✚ Administrative Briefing
- ✚ Overview of MSME Programs and Initiatives in Bangladesh
- ✚ Presentation of MSME Financing Initiatives of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd.
- ✚ Presentation of the activities of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation

### **November 12, Monday**

- ✚ Visit and Interaction with Islami Bank Bangladesh
- ✚ Visit and Interaction with SME entrepreneurs of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd. and presentation of their products

### **November 13, Tuesday**

- ✚ Visit and Interaction with an SME Foundation
- ✚ Visit and interaction with its clients

### **November 14, Wednesday**

- ✚ Visit and interaction with WEAB Office
- ✚ Visit and interaction with MSME entrepreneurs and showcasing their products
- ✚ Country Paper Presentation
- ✚ Closing, Evaluation and Awarding of Certificates

### **November 15, Thursday**

- ✚ Visit and Interaction with a micro enterprise selected by MRA
- ✚ Cultural Exposure

### **November 16, Friday**

- ✚ Departure of Participants

## ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

### **Schedule and Venue**

The program will be conducted in **Dhaka, Bangladesh** from **November 11 – 15, 2018**, exclusive of travel time.

### **Training Fee**

The nominating agency will bear the expenses for international round trip air ticket, meals, cost of hotel accommodation and other incidental expenses along with the management and facilitation fee to CENTRAB amounting to USD200.00 per participant.

Local transport for field visit, training materials and supplies and other administrative costs will be provided by Bangladesh Bank.

The management and facilitation fee of USD200.00/participant should be remitted by telegraphic transfer to **APRACA CENTRAB**. However, all bank charges including that of the intermediary bank shall be for the account of the remitter.

## **Accommodation**

Nominees are advised to stay at Hotel Purbani International in Dhaka. Kindly wait for the advisory from APRACA CENTRAB regarding the arrangement for the booking of the hotel accommodation.

## **Dress Code**

Formal attire is suitable for the opening ceremonies. For the other days of the study visit program, smart casual wear is alright.

## **Travel and Airport Reception**

Participants will be met by the organizer's staff provided flight schedules are sent in advance.

## **Travel Requirement**

Participants will arrive at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka. The organizer's staff/representatives will receive them directly from airport to hotel and vice versa at the time of departure.

## **Travel and Medical Insurance**

The nominating institution should cover for the participants' comprehensive health/accident insurance. APRACA CENTRAB and its officers will not be responsible for any costs related thereto.

## **Reservations and Nominations**

Kindly accomplish the nomination and application form and send to the contact person not later than **September 21, 2018**.

## **Contact Person**

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