



VIYELLATALK

CORPORATE NEWSLETTER

DISCUSSION ON "SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE" AT ANNUAL ADB MEETING



Our Chairman, David Hasanat, attended a discussion for sustainable textiles on the sidelines of the Asian Development Bank's meeting on 4th May 2016 in Frankfurt, Germany. He was one of the panelists at the discussion "Partnership for Sustainable Textile" where he stressed the importance of occupational health and safety. Other panelists in attendance were top management at the ADB, delegates from the International Labor Organization (ILO) and high-ranking German government officials. This discussion demonstrates VIYELLATEX's expertise in the apparel industry and its significance in the global playing field.

INTERFAB ACHIEVED WOOLWORTHS SUPPLIER EXCELLENCE AWARD



Interfab Shirt Manufacturing Limited received "Supplier Excellence Award" for the second time from Woolworths, South Africa, the first being back in 2013. They have been recognized with this award for being the Best Quality Supplier for 2016. This is a great achievement for the company as Interfab continues to dominate the shirt manufacturing market. Mr. Munadil Rasheq, Head of Sales, and Mr. Yousuf Al Karim, Sr. Executive of Sales, were presented the award by Mr. Phillip Barron, Technical Manager of Woolworths Menswear, and Mr. Anton Peters, Sourcing Manager, in Cape Town, South Africa. Woolworths is a long-term partner of Interfab and have been working together for around 10 years!

CRAGHOPPER'S FIRST VISIT IN VIYELLATEX BUSINESS UNITS



Ms. Joanne Black, Buying Director, CRAGHOPPERS, UK visited VIYELLATEX business units on 20th June. Ziauddin Ahmed, COO of VIYELLATEX welcomed her and gave a presentation on VIYELLATEX's business strategies and journey since it set foot into the garments sector. S. Sivakumar, Deputy Sales Head at Sales & Distribution, and Syed Shahid Iqbal, assistant manager at Sales & Distribution was also present. Craghoppers is a British clothing company that primarily deals with outdoor active wear. They have been in operations for over 50 years and are very well renowned worldwide.

PC MEMBERS FROM INTERFAB VISITS ECO-FAB

All Members of the Participation Committee visited the new green factory of Eco Fab on 25th May. The tour was arranged and coordinated by Lt. Col. M. Hafizur Rahman (RTD), Operation Head of Eco Fab, and was directed and briefed by Ms. Aleya Aktar, HR Manager of Interfab on the site's scope and facilities. The green factory was highly appreciated by the PC members.



FIRE SAFETY TRAINING AT MIDLAND



Midland power plant conducted safety training for their personnel on 10th May at plant premises. All the employees received training on fire safety, which was then followed by a safety drill. Midland power has been in operation since 2013 and is one of the company's valued diversification ventures. It is a 51 MW gas fired Independent Power Project, which supplies to the national grid and was created in response to the country's power shortage.

PUMA TEAM VISITS ECOCOUTURE



Puma leadership team visited Eco Couture on 3rd May. The team comprised of Ms. Anne-Laure Descours, Global Director of Sourcing Apparel, Ms. Zoe Yuen, Production Director (APAC), Ms. Many Ng, Head of Dev. Fund Apparel, and Mr. Moyeen Chowdhury, Branch Manager (BD). Ziauddin Ahmed, COO of VIYELLATEX, welcomed them with a brief discussion about business strategies. They visited the VIYELLATEX units of garment, dyeing, washing, knitting, embroidery, printing and accessories and the garment production floor of Eco Couture Ltd. Puma is one of our most valued and important customers and this visit reinvigorated healthy relations.

PLEDGE HARBOR CELEBRATES ANNUAL GRADUATION DAY



Pledge Harbor celebrated their annual graduation day on 28th May 2016. It was a historic day for PHIS, as Mr. Ilham Akbar Alfatihah, a student from Indonesia, became *the first student to graduate from PHIS*. The other graduating students were from Grade 10 for successfully completed their IGCSE examinations. The event took place at the school auditorium and was a student led initiative. Students from the PYP and MYP led the hosting of the presentations that included Quran Recitation, music and dance performances. Top academic achievers for the school year were also recognized with accolades at the showing.

MARKS & SPENCER TEAM VISITS VIYELLATEX SPINNING AND ECOCOUTURE

"MARKS & SPENCER" Menswear leadership team which includes Ms. Alex Roythorne, Mr. Gerard Murphy, Mr. Aaron Smith, Mr. Alamgir Kabir, Ms. Jessica Hill and Ms. Lucy Stallman, visited VIYELLATEX Spinning on 4th May 2016. During this visit, the M&S team was given updates of the new business developments that have been taking place in VIYELLATEX. Mr. Ziauddin Ahmed, C.O.O VTL, accompanied the team to VIYELLATEX Spinning where Mr. Saiful Islam, Project Head, gave them a tour of Units 1 and 2 that are currently still under construction. Later the team was taken to Eco-Couture, where Ms. Shwapna Bhowmick, country manager of M&S, joined them, to further discuss business development.



A 3-Day Eye Camp was arranged for workers at VIYELLATEX Ltd. and Eco Couture. A total of 457 workers had their eyes tested by the Tongi Adhunik Eye Hospital from the 16th to 18th of May. This ensures employee safety and significantly decreases the chance of any of our employees experiencing vision related complications. The program was held at both facilities and was inaugurated by Mrs. Kaniz Fatema Zareen, Director of the Group. The eye camp program was facilitated by the Tongi Adhunik Eye hospital, a very renowned health care provider in their field.

EYE CAMP AT VIYELLATEX AND ECO-COUTURE



GIII TEAM VISITS VIYELLATEX



The GIII leadership team made two separate visits to VIYELLATEX this May. The first was on the 2nd of May, lead by Ms. Irene Ayoub, Vice President of Global Sourcing and Ms. Helena Lee, President of Production. The second was on the 31st of May, lead by Mr. Hamish Andrew Steven, vice president of GIII. Mr. Masum Khan, Country Head (BD) of GIII was present for both visits. There was strong emphasis on the Eco Couture division, commonly referred to as the "Opera house", which is VIYELLATEX group's first green factory. GIII is one of the worlds largest apparel groups and it has been in operations since 1956.

BLOOD FOR THALASSAEMIA PATIENTS



VIYELLATEX organized a blood donation program on 4th June with the assistance of Bangladesh Thalassaemia Samity, in an effort to create awareness among employees. Mrs. Kaniz Fatema Zareen, Director of VIYELLATEX, participated and donated blood. Workers and management staff of VTL, Eco Couture and Interfab donated over 100 bags of blood for thalassaemia patients. Thalassaemia is a form of inherited blood disorder that obstructs the transportation of oxygen and the function of red blood cells. Bangladesh is one of the few countries worldwide where this disease is a growing problem.