

**Press Release**

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Bi-annual Consultations on Development Cooperation between the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany was held in Dhaka on May 25-26, 2016. Mr. Abul Mansur Md. Faizullah, Additional Secretary of ERD formally inaugurated the Consultations Meeting. Among others H.E Dr. Thomas Prinz, German Ambassador to Bangladesh was also present in the meeting.

Mr. Abul Mansur Md. Faizullah, Additional Secretary (Europe Wing), ERD and Mr. Dr. Wolfram Klein, head of South Asia Division, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany led their respective delegations. After a fruitful discussion, both sides finalized and signed the Summary Record of the meeting. In the Consultations, the following issues were confirmed as priority areas for Bangladesh-German mutual Cooperation:

1. Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency;
2. Good Governance/Rule of Law/Human Rights;
3. Adaptation to Climate Change in Urban Areas;

In addition to the priority areas, some projects in Health Services and Biodiversity are also discussed as ongoing issues. Both parties also agreed upon that the forthcoming negotiation to finalize the projects and programs vis-a-vis financial commitments will be held in Germany at the last quarter of 2016.

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