#### STUDENTS AT VIRGINIA TECH RECIEVES T-SHIRTS FROM VIYELLETEX GROUP



VIYELLATEX sent T-shirts for students in Virginia Tech University for their celebration of Independence Day on March 26th this year, which was organised by the Bangladesh Student Association. Virginia Tech is one of the leading engineering universities and research institutes in the world with more than 31,000 students and 240 undergraduate and graduate degree programmes.

### PLEDGE HARBOR CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

Students and staff of PHIS celebrated Earth Day on April 22nd through various activities. The students started the day by planting trees on the premises. After which, under supervision, the kids took to the streets to distribute leaflets among the community in an effort to highlight how every small step to protect the environment can make a big difference. To further emphasize the point, students and staff collected 20 kilograms of rubbish, both biodegradable and non-biodegradable, in eight bags for safe disposal.



### MANAGEMENT TEAM BUILDING AND TRAINING EVENTS



Interfab's management staff took part in a teambuilding event at Dream Square, Mowna in Sreepur on April 1st. The attendees participated in three creative games there, through which they could demonstrate their intelligence and capacity building. While, VIYEL-LATEX management staff took part in a daylong training on "Basic Supervisory Skills" on April 2 at Palm View, Army Golf Club as part of the company's management development programme.



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## CORPORATE NEWSLETTER

#### INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS BANGLADESH POTENTIAL



Standard Chartered Bank and City Bank hosted the 4th Bangladesh Investment Summit in Hong Kong in late April. The event emphasized on the country's macroeconomic conditions, investment opportunities along with the risks involved.

The event, coordinated by Finance Asia, had representatives from the private and the public sector. Our Chairman, Mr. David Hasanat, attended the event as a panelist in the discussion on "Export Potential and ICT Development". The state minister of ICT, Mr. Zunaid Ahamed Palak, moderated the panel discussion, which discoursed on key export sectors and potentiality of the ICT market in Bangladesh. State minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Shahriar Alam, was also a member in the panel along with the Chairman of Aamra Group, Mr. Syed Faruque Ahmed and CEO of Epic Group, Mr. Ranjan Mahtani.

### FOURTH RAPPORT CONFERENCE ON WOMEN LEADERSHIP

Mrs. Kaniz Fatema Zareen, director of VIYELLATEX Group, participated in the fourth Rapport International Conference on Women Leadership held in Dhaka on April 30th. Ten female executives from the group also attended the conference. Mrs. Zareen received recognition for her excellence in corporate leadership with an Award as one of the Business Leaders of Bangladesh in 2015.



We deeply mourn on the sudden demise of M Mosharaff Hossain, chairman and managing director of Rapport Bangladesh Limited.

## VIYELLATEX JOINS SESSION ON UNICEF'S CHILD RIGHTS AND BUSINESS PROGRAMME



Garment manufacturers were invited to a UNICEF consultation session on children's rights and business programme held on March 3rd at the UNICEF Bangladesh office.

Mrs. Kaniz Fatema, director of VIYELLATEX, attended the event, which was an exciting corporate social responsibility engagement opportunity for businesses. In the session, she spoke of the company's best CSR practices, which were highly praised by other participants and UNICEF.

Ms. Ladly, CSR Consultant, and Mr. Amit, HR Sustainability, also participated in the session.

## INTERFAB AND M&S SUPPORT COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Interfab Shirt Manufacturing Ltd and M&S jointly organised a health fair on March 12, 2016.

The main objective was to inform garment workers and their family members of how they can get financial support and better health and family planning services from nearby service centres of the community.

Ten government and nongovernmental health organisations, including Care Bangladesh, GSK and BRAC joined the fair.



#### OLYMP OFFICIAL VISITS ECD SCHOOL OF INTERFAB



Ms. Silke Wippert, head of production management at Olymp, visited pre-kindergarten schools under Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme on March 23rd. The school is a free of cost institution that helps underprivileged and disabled children. Ms. Wippert spent time with the schoolchildren, handing out gifts and chocolates. VIYELLATEX GROUP has six ECD schools in various locations.

## HEARING AIDS FOR MARGINALIZED CHILDREN

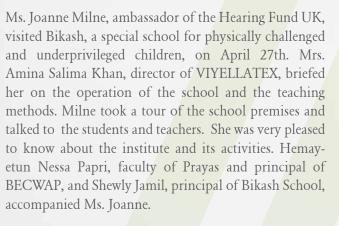


Kaniz Fatema Zareen, director of VIYELLATEX and president of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West, with the support of her club, Hearing Fund UK and Starkey Hearing Foundation USA, initiated a first-of-its-kind hearing aid programme in Bangladesh. VIYELLATEX GROUP and Centre for Zakat Management were major sponsors of the event, which installed 1,000 hearing aid devices to 500 recipients, mostly children, in four different venues in Dhaka.

Health Minister, Mohammed Nasim, inaugurated the occasion while, Joanne Milne, ambassador of the Hearing Fund UK, and Amina Salima Khan, director of VIYELLATEX, graced the programme as chief guests.

Starkey Hearing Foundation of USA provided the devices through Hearing Fund UK, whilst Starkey's Indian wing provided technical support.

#### AMBASSADOR OF UK HEARING FUND VISITS BIKASH SCHOOL





#### FREE HEALTH CHECKUP FOR BIKASH STUDENTS



VIYELLATEX arranged free health checkups for Bikash School students on March 20th, 2016. Students were examined during the daylong general health checkup session. Delightfully, there were no complications with any of the students.

The school is a joint sponsor initiative of VIYELLA-TEX Welfare Trust and OLYMP-Bezner-Stiftung charitable foundation based in Germany. It provides support and education to nearly 150 underprivileged, blind and physically disabled students from Nursery to Class 5.