

## UK assures support to make BD aviation hub

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Dhaka : Visiting British Minister for International Trade Nigel Huddleston on July 5 assured his government's best support in realising the dream of making Bangladesh an aviation hub and sharing expertise in the tourism sector.

He made the remarks while holding a meeting with the State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam and State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Md Mahbub Ali at the state guest house Padma in the capital.

The meeting discussed at length about the existing and future avenues of cooperation particularly in the aviation sector including purchasing new aircraft from Airbus, technical support and capacity building as well as organising joint workshops.

They also discussed about collaboration and assistance in the tourism sector, expansion of trade as a whole with an emphasis on the service sector and Commonwealth Trade and Investment Forum that is scheduled be held in the

capital in September.

The British minister assured the participation of a good number of British companies to the upcoming Commonwealth Trade Fair in the capital and a wider support in disaster management.

The meeting ended with commitments to advancing the historical and multifaceted relations between the two countries.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Secretary Md Mokammel Hossain, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh Chairman M Mafidur Rahman and British High Commissioner in Dhaka Sarah Cooke were part of the delegation present at the meeting.