

## Bangladesh, Australia discussing ways to enhance trade, investment

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Dhaka: Bangladesh and Australia have discussed ways to enhance trade and investment between the two countries with the aim of coming up as key trade partners.

On February 17, Bangladesh High Commissioner to Australia Sufiur Rahman had a meeting with Australia's Minister for Trade, Tourism, and Investment Dan Tehan at his parliament office for this purpose.

They both expressed their confidence to identify immense potentials both countries have to come forth as key trade partners.

The meeting was held ahead of the upcoming Joint Working Group's meeting scheduled to be held on February 22 in Canberra. They expressed that the JWG would operationalise TIFA beyond optics, and advance trade and investment interactions for mutual benefit.

Australia has recently announced to commission multiple studies to identify key opportunities in Bangladesh for Australian businesses in the infrastructure, IT, mining, and other potential sectors, that the Bangladesh High Commission has repeatedly been advocating for the last three years.

The meeting was attended by Gary Cowan, First Assistant Secretary North and South Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Lachlan Smith, Adviser to the Minister.

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