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Dhaka Summit on Skills, Employability and Decent Work 2016

In addition to the GFMD Summit held earlier this month in Dhaka, IOE Secretary-General Linda Kromjong addressed high-level dignitaries, including the Prime Minister of Bangladesh HE Sheikh Hasina at the "Dhaka Skills, Employability and Decent Work Summit: A national Dialogue".

This tripartite summit, co-organised by IOE member - the Bangladesh Employers' Federation (BEF) - was opened by HE Sheikh Hasina of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Linda Kromjong, who spoke during the high-level opening session, highlighted the importance of access to education as a key driver to build an inclusive society, to generate economic growth and reduce poverty.

"Better educated people with the right skills will attract investment and will offer business opportunities for Bangladesh and in doing so will create jobs and a bright future," she said.

The Summit attracted over 300 participants from business, government and workers and concluded with the endorsement of the Dhaka Declaration (available in the side panel).

As a part of her visit to the region, Linda Kromjong visited three companies in Bangladesh: ready-made garment producer Babylon, pharmaceutical company Incepta and leatherwear producer Picard Bangladesh Limited. Linda Kromjong commented "All three companies
showed clearly that doing business in a responsible manner is a driver of further expansion and sustainable growth."