# Bangladesh Pharma Industry: Opportunities in Global Generics



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# Bangladesh... an emerging economy

Goldman Sachs

JPMorgan citigroup

S Merrill Lynch

STANDARD &POOR'S

Moody's Investors Service

- Fast growing economy with consistent GDP growth over 6%
- Goldman Sachs has placed Bangladesh in its "Next 11" countries to watch
- Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase and Merrill Lynch consider Bangladesh to be the next Asian success story
- Standard Chartered has included Bangladesh in the prestigious "7% Club"
- Bangladesh is included in the "PWC30" list of high growth economy by 2050
- BD ranks #1 in HSBC's Global Trade Confidence Index 2015 (ahead of US, Germany, China and others)
- Standard & Poor's (S&P) and Moody's have adjudged Bangladesh economic outlook as 'stable'
- + 2nd largest apparel exporter;  $8^{th}$  largest remittance recipient in the world

# **Pharmaceutical Industry**

#### A success story

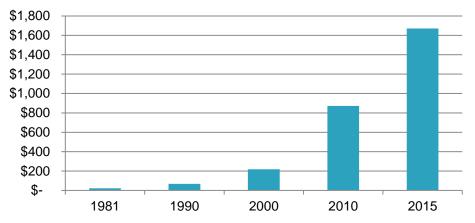
- The sector has grown from strength to strength over the last 40 years
- Evolved from an import dependent to self reliant, export oriented sector
- Technology and knowledge based sector; not easy from an LDC country faced with enormous economic challenges
- The only LDC that has a well developed pharma sector
- Pharma sector has huge export potential



#### Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Market

- Total market size >\$1.6 billion (IMS 2015)
- Nearly self sufficient; 98% demand met by local production
- Historically good growth maintained (>10%; last 3 yrs ~15%)
- Declared as the thrust sector owing to huge export potential
- Largest white collar labor intensive employment sector
- Registered pharmaceutical companies: 257

### Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Market (in Constant 2015 US \$)



	Top 10 Companies	
	Share of	Share of
	Sales	Growth
2012	66.26%	69.36%
2013	67.00%	74.70%
2014	68.30%	80.54%
2015	68.31%	68.45%









### **Global Accreditations**

# ✿ USFDA

- ☆ Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), Australia
- ☆ ANVISA, Brazil
- ✿ EMA
- 🛠 UK MHRA
- ✿ Health Canada
- ✿ TFDA, Taiwan

# Capabilities in Hi-tech Delivery Systems



### Export potential

- Export base is small but is growing fast
- The Government has declared Pharma as the *Thrust Sector*
- Medicines are being exported to more than 100 countries
- Leading companies are making forays into highly regulated markets of US, EU and Australia

# Some of our global clients

#### **UNICEF**

□ KK Women's & Children's Hospitals, Singapore

Raffles Hospital, Singapore

**ADF** France

CENABLAST, Chile

□ Save the Children

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RafflesHospital





# **Opportunities in Global Generics**

- Currently valued at ~ \$350 b
- Generic drugs will continue to grow maintaining healthy rate
- Drugs worth more than \$150b coming off patent by 2020
- Rising healthcare cost, particularly cost of medicine has become a global concern
- Developed countries are increasingly promoting access to generic drugs
- MNCs are outsourcing their production from cost-effective destinations
- Major generic hubs India and China are losing cost advantages

# Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Market



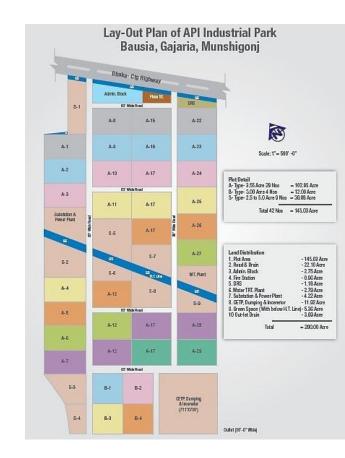
Medicine price in Bangladesh is currently among the lowest in the world

- Generic Sofosbuvir \$6 (BD) vs brand \$1000 (12-week @84000)
- Generic Harvoni \$12 (BD) vs brand \$1130 (12-week@95000)
- Anti-cholesterol Crestor 10mg (rosuvastatin) @\$0.25 in BD vs \$7.25 (US)
- Anti-diabetic drug Januvia 50mg (sitagliptin) @\$0.25 in BD \$11.25 (US)

Savings of more than 99%

# **API Industrial Park**

- This is being set up by the GoB at Munshiganj,
  37 Km from the capital city Dhaka
- to achieve self-sufficiency in API production
  to gain competitive advantages in global marketplace
  - Total land area: 81 Hectares
  - Overall project cost \$30 million
  - Handover within 2016



#### **TRIPS** Advantage



Bangladesh and other LDCs are exempted from patent protection for an extended period until 2033 (from original 2016). Bangladesh is allowed to produce any patented medicines without taking prior permission from innovator. Pascal Lamy and Roberto Azevedo visited pharma facilities of Beximco and Square respectively and were highly impressed seeing the world-class pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities in the country.

"In many ways, there lies an important asset for Bangladesh. I believe Bangladesh has the potential to become Singapore in South Asia." – Pascal Lamy, ex-DG, WTO (during his Bangladesh visit in March 2012)

"Bangladesh can continue to consolidate its economic and social advancement" - WTO DG Roberto Azevedo (in Bangladesh, June 2014)

Significant generic drug capabilities; Skills in diverse dosage delivery systems

Focus on R&D and Regulatory Affairs Growing pipeline for US, EU and Australia



Cost of labour is among the lowest in the world; 4 to 6 times cheaper than India and China

Sound track record of partnership/alliance with global MNCs

Availability of skilled manpower; Increasing investment in R&D

Increasing number of international accreditations; Global footprint in more than 100 countries

Investor friendly environment ; WTO/TRIPS waiver till 2032 12:08 AM, February 24, 2015 / LAST MODIFIED: 01:59 AM, March 12, 2015

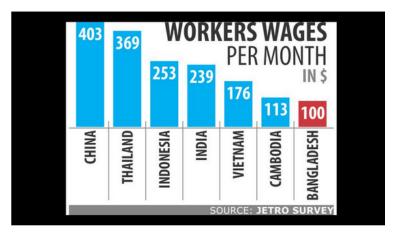
# Bangladesh a top choice for Japanese investors: survey

#### Suman Saha



Most Japanese firms operating in China choose Bangladesh as the second best investment destination after India due to lower production costs here, according to a survey by Japan External Trade Organisation (Jetro).

Due to sluggish operations and struggle for expansion of business in China, firms are expanding their operations mainly in Bangladesh, India, Vietnam and Thailand.

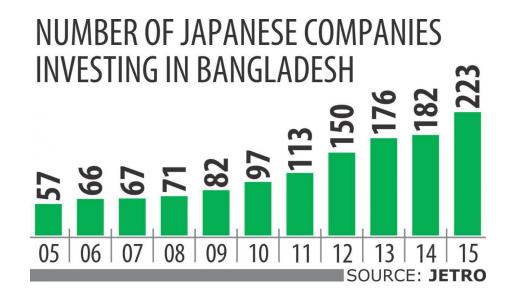


# JAPAN: An all-weather friend of Bangladesh

Japan recognised the People's Republic of Bangladesh on February 10th, 1972, soon after its independence. Japan was thus one of the earliest countries to officially recognise Bangladesh. Warm friendship has been fostered between the people of the two countries since then and Japan is historically the biggest bilateral development partner of Bangladesh.

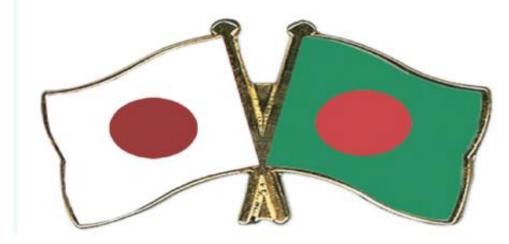


Every year, more than a hundred Bangladeshi students receive Japanese Government Scholarships to study in Japan, and Bangladesh is one of the largest recipient countries of these scholarships in recent times. So far 3430 Bangladeshi students have been to Japan under the scholarship since 1955.



# Japanese NIPRO Corporation forays into

# Bangladesh Health sector with JMI in 2012



Japanese investment USD 45 ML following 3 Companies







# **Presently operating in 20 global**









#### **The Challenges Facing Japan**

Demographics High Drug Prices Low Generic Penetration High Cost of Skilled Personnel

#### The Japanese Strength

2nd Largest Pharmaceutical Market in the World Reputation for Exceptional Quality Expertise in R&D

#### Areas of Collaboration with Bangladesh

High-quality, low cost Manufacturing Base for Accessing Japanese Market, World Markets, and TRIPS Advantage

> Contract Research Regulatory Expertise

