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China in the global economic and textiles space

Seshadri Ramkumar, Professor, Texas Tech University, USA

Ongoing geopolitical and economic scenarios highlight the growing prominence of China in the world order.

On October 20, as part of celebrating the harvest in the High Plains of Texas, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce hosted Luke Lindberg, Founder and Principal, E. Pluribus Unum, LLC. Mr. Lindberg in his services at EXIM Bank of the United States has had firsthand experience in dealing with China and provided an overview on China's status in the world.

"China is an important market and a competitor for the United States," stated Lindberg. The transition of China from a nation of famine to a feasting one within one to two generations is remarkable and hence it is important to be cognizant of China's aspirations.

President Xi Jinping in his speech at the recent Communist Party of China's National Congress highlighted the importance of development focusing on domestic economy, strengthening education and innovation. The congress highlighted the aspirations of China to strengthen its security, grow its domestic economy to gain an upper hand on its growth. The recent GDP numbers show that China has witnessed a growth of about 3.9% in the

3rd Quarter relative to last year, while domestic demand has been weak.

The zero Covid-19 policy has played a role in the slowing of Chinese economy, and this is a setback for China's ambition to be a dominant superpower. A growth of about 3-4% is not sufficient to achieve such a status commented Professor Rashid Al-Hmoud, Department of Economics, Texas Tech University.

Lindberg viewed that China aspires to be the sole superpower to overtake the United States. To counter competition from China, it is important that countries focus on innovation, build trade alliances, and invest in foreign diplomacy, added Lindberg.

China hopes to be less import-dependent, which necessitates exporting nations to explore alternate markets, explore new technologies and develop value-added products. This is clear now with the dire situation of cotton spinning mills in States like Andhra Pradesh in India which are dependent on exports to China.

To my question on the ongoing political crisis in the United Kingdom and its impact on economy, Lindberg opined that it is important for United States



Figure: China is an important market and a competitor for the United States.

to have robust trade deals with countries to enhance trade. "Going on trade missions is important," added Lindberg. Countries like China need agricultural imports from the United States, particularly cotton from the High Plains of Texas. 40% of soybeans from South Dakota end up in China stated Lindberg.

"China continues to be an important market for U.S. cotton and is number 1 or number 2 in terms of cotton imports from the United States," stated Shawn Wade, Director of Policy Analysis and Research at Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Texas is expected to produce 3.4 million bales (480 lbs. per bale) this year, and almost all of it will be exported. While

China's cotton imports are high, in recent years its yarn imports are slowing down indicating a shift towards growing domestic manufacturing, which is a priority highlighted this past week in the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

Countries like Brazil and Australia are trying hard to capture the Chinese cotton market, while Chinese favor quality and reliability of the U.S. cotton highlighted Lindberg.

The ongoing global economic crisis, political instability in some regions of the world, aspirations of China and Russia, weakening consumer confidence all necessitate the need for new pathways for the global textiles sector.

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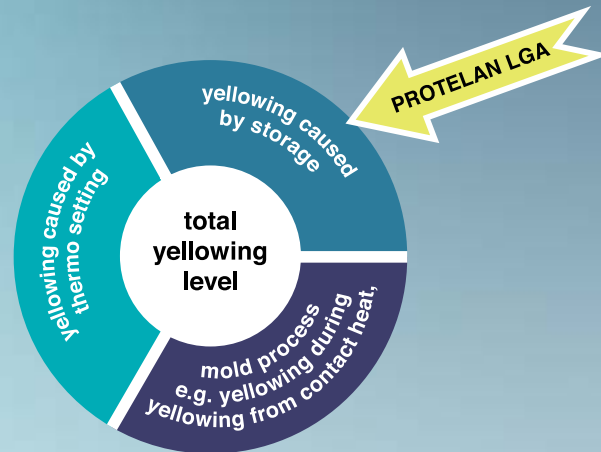


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Higg, bluesign and ZDHC form partnership to fast-track textile chemical management

Sayed Abdullah

Higg, the sustainability insights platform for the consumer goods industry, recently announced it is developing partnerships with Bluesign and ZDHC (Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals) to accelerate the use of environmentally-safe chemicals among global brands and manufacturers. The announcement brings two of the world's leading voices in sustainable chemical

management to Higg's industry-leading data and analytics platform to continue the expansion of data sources available on the Higg platform.

The production of textile chemicals has a significant impact on the global environment. According to a recent report conducted by ZDHC, between six and eight percent of all greenhouse gasses can be attributed to



Figure: Higg recently announced it is developing partnerships with Bluesign and ZDHC to accelerate the use of environmentally-safe chemicals among global brands and manufacturers.

chemicals produced in the textile industry. Individually, Bluesign, ZDHC, and Higg help consumer goods businesses improve how chemicals are used in their design and manufacturing processes. The use of hazardous chemicals in the production of apparel garments also harms garment workers who handle them and has the potential to cause serious adverse health impacts on the end consumer.

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Officina39 starts 'Just One Step Process' to save resources

Zakir Hossain

Officina39 expands further its Aqualess mission with its 'Just One Step Process', which combines several of its finishing solutions to save time, energy and water.

Andrea Venier, company CEO, told Inside Denim at Kingpins Amsterdam said, "We are constantly working on reducing the number of processes and washes that are traditionally applied in garment finishing."

According to the company,

to place a raw garment in the machine and have a garment with a basic vintage effect come out ready to be dried, already treated, bleached and softened.

Also, the possibility of combining its Novascaper Indigo, or Remover IND/J-N, a potassium permanganate replacement, with its Oz-One Powder or Aqualess Aged waterless enzymes, followed by its nebulization auxiliary to

soften the products.

As a result, in a single go, requiring just a few rinse cycles in between, a finished and treated product is obtained.

On the other hand, they work closely with machine manufacturers to develop products adapted to the evolution of technology and to improve or optimize their potential, he said.

Meanwhile, in a partnership with indigo supplier BluConnection and denim mill Naveena, showcased at Kingpins, Officina39's solutions reduced water usage by 75%, the company said.



Figure: Officina39 starts 'Just One Step Process' to save resources.

In a partnership with BluConnection's DenimBlu30 and BluWit, a new plant-based reducing agent that eliminates the need of hydrosulfite in the dyeing processes.

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Dow presents silicone ink for printing on highly elastic garments

Nurnahar Tania

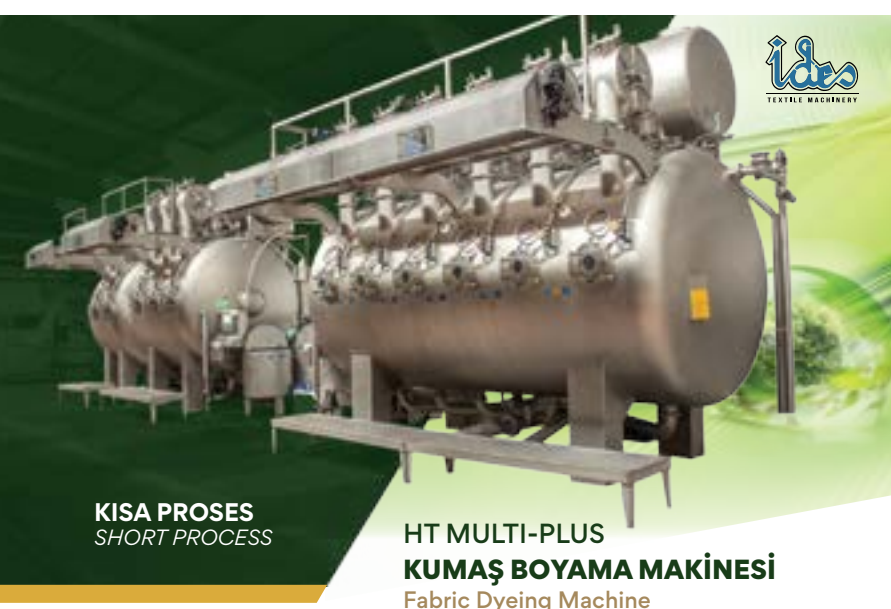
As the apparel market is growing globally. In sportswear and loungewear, the use of polyester, nylon and blends of these materials with elastane is also on the rise.

So, to support this higher demand for synthetic textiles, Dow (NYSE: DOW) is launching a patented silicone ink – SILASTIC™ LCF 9600 M Textile Printing Ink Base – that can be used for printing on synthetic and cotton fabrics, particularly highly elastic garments.

In recent years, the increased use of synthetic yarns has resulted in greater performance requirements on ink chemistries such as durability, elongation and ease of use in highly elastic sportswear.

Also, Dow leveraged the exceptional benefits of silicone ink bases with products such as SILASTIC™ LCF 9600 Textile Printing Ink Base and SILASTIC™ 9601 Textile Printing Ink Base.

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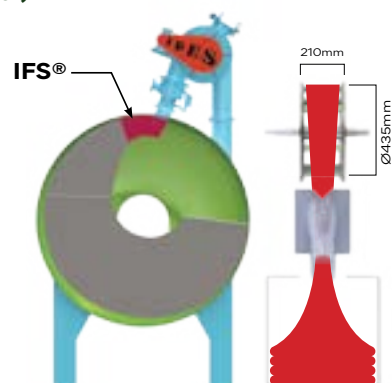
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Man-made fiber to thrive textile sector

Saleh Ahmed Tasin

A meeting held with the industry representatives from across the value chain on 27 October in India.

During the meeting Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Textiles, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Commerce & Industry said,

Major growth of textiles will come from Man-Made Fibre industry.

Meanwhile, the industry representatives included producers of PTA, MEG, Fibre, Yarn, Fabric and garments.

Regarding this, Piyush Goyal said, "We should aspire to



Figure: Major growth of textiles will come from Man-Made Fibre industry.

reach a stage where the entire demand is fulfilled by domestic supply thus making the industry Atma Nirbhar. This will secure the raw material availability to lakhs of weavers involved in the polyester value chain, thereby leading to enhanced production.

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Rieter to present latest innovations in ITME 2022 India

Yeasin Miah

Rieter will present its latest innovations in its systems, components and services at the upcoming India ITME 2022 in Uttar Pradesh (India), taking place from December 8 – 13, 2022. The company's technology portfolio is designed to help customers succeed in markets shaped by rising energy and raw material costs.

Autoconer X6 – key machine for highest efficiency

The automatic winding machine Autoconer X6 perfectly completes the Rieter ring and compact-spinning systems. The machine serves as the final quality assurance in

the ring and compact-spinning process and is key to the performance of the subsequent process stages. The Multilink system with Multilot offers maximum flexibility to handle a different type of yarn.

Full flexibility with compacting solutions

The Rieter compacting devices – COMPACTapron, COMPACTeasy and COMPACTdrum – are the right solution for every application. Spinning mills can change quickly between ring and compact yarn and offer customers a broader product range. This gives them an edge in the market.

ESSENTIALorder – purchasing parts with a few clicks

Based on existing customer information, the webshop ESSENTIALorder visualizes which Rieter machines and systems are available inside each spinning mill. It therefore offers a personalized shopping experience and facilitates order management, enabling spinning mills to optimize their internal stock levels. ESSENTIALorder is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

SSM NEO-FD for efficient twisting production

SSM is presenting NEO-FD, the assembly-winding machine for precision wound



Figure: Rieter autoconer X6.

packages for twisting. It meets all requirements for efficient production. The machine features the auto-doffing option and the online back-pressure system for low and high package densities. With ergonomic design and proven technology, the machine cuts maintenance and service costs to a minimum.

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MyNFT to launch vending machine in London event

Rahbar Hossain

Multi-chain non-fungible token (NFT) marketplace MyNFT has made the announcement of showcasing its debut physical NFT vending machine at this year's NFT.

Cointelegraph reported, London event scheduled to take place for November 2-4, 2022.

This new concept was developed by multichain NFT marketplace MyNFT, which is looking to allow customers to create, trade and migrate the asset across any blockchain at a low cost.

The vending machine, which will be revealed during the NFT. London conference, enables users to purchase an NFT quickly, without the need for a digital wallet.

With the machine, customers can choose an item from the marketplace's inaugural collection of donated NFTs and purchase it for 10 pounds.



Figure: Multi-chain non-fungible token (NFT) marketplace MyNFT has made the announcement of showcasing its debut physical NFT vending machine at this year's NFT.

The concept will be located just outside of the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in London's Westminster, where anyone passing can use the machine to purchase up to five NFTs.

The revenue from the machine will be donated to Giveth, an initiative that aids public services and education in developing countries, and Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, which provides specialist nurses to ill children.

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BGMEA urges Jordache to increase apparel sourcing from Bangladesh

S N Abdullah

BGMEA President Faruque Hassan called upon Jordache Enterprises to strengthen partnerships with its Bangladeshi suppliers and increase sourcing from Bangladesh.

He requested the American clothing brand to collaborate with Bangladeshi apparel manufacturers to build their capabilities in producing garments which have high demand in the global market. "As Bangladesh is increasingly

focusing on diversifying products and upgrading technologies, global buyers like Jordache have opportunity to work with the suppliers to develop innovative high-end products and source them. It would create a win-win situation for both sides," he said.

Faruque Hassan made the comments while exchanging views with Assaf Safran, Vice President, Sourcing, Production and Compliance, Jordache Enterprises at BGMEA Complex on October 31.

David Toledo, Director, Production; Mary Perez, Head of Woven Division, Jordache Enterprises; Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad, Country Manager, Jordache Bangladesh Liaison Office; Ashaab Adeeb Hassan, Director, Giant Group; and S M Majedur Rahim, Director, Giant Group were also present at the meeting.

The BGMEA President the Jordache team to the Made in Bangladesh Week which will be organized by BGMEA in Dhaka on 12-18 November 2022



Figure: BGMEA President Faruque Hassan called upon Jordache Enterprises to strengthen partnerships with its Bangladeshi suppliers and increase sourcing from Bangladesh.

to promote Bangladesh and the RMG industry globally.

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Future-proofing women garment workers in Bangladesh through Oporajita

Sazzad Sujon

The Ready-Made-Garments (RMG) industry employs approximately 4.1 million people in Bangladesh, with women holding a sizable 56 percent of the jobs. But this is a declining trend from the 1990s, when women made up almost 90 percent of the RMG workforce.

Despite its positive contribution to women's financial empowerment over the decades, the sector has not made the same rate of progress in ensuring

decent work environment, and diversifying job roles for women workers. The clear majority of the women workforce is disproportionately employed in low-skilled jobs, with minimal opportunities for career mobility.

At the same time, the use of automation and digital technology is making its way into the textile industry, and approximately 2.7 million RMG workers in Bangladesh stand to lose to their livelihoods in the next 20 years. Women are

particularly at risk, as they are often employed to execute the tasks which are highly susceptible to automation. These uncertainties are worsened by the negative gender stereotypes on women not being able to handle high technology, along with the economic insecurities in health, social safety nets and other aspects in their daily lives. There are multi-layered and interconnected challenges with a limited scope of improvement, if multiple

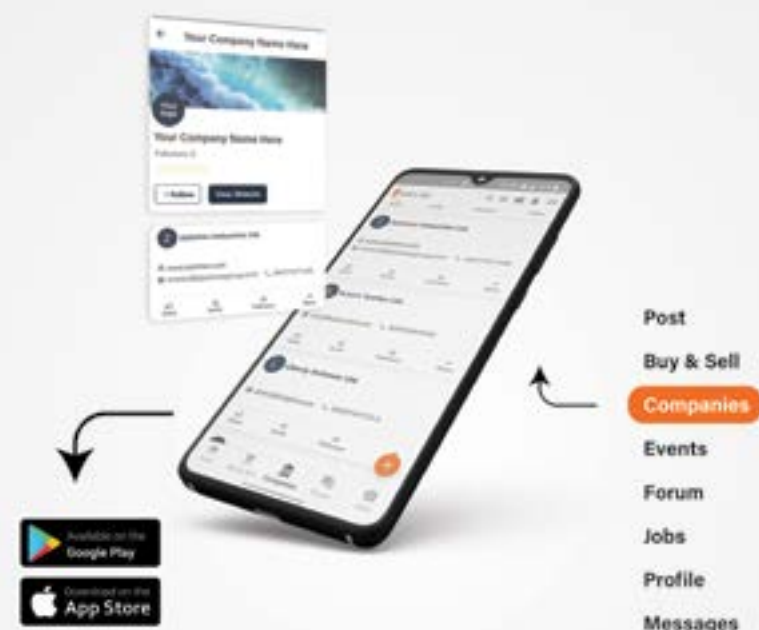


Figure: Through the initiative 'Oporajita' multiple partners are joining hands to equip women garment workers for a future defined by automation and digitalization. Courtesy: H&M Foundation

aspects are not addressed simultaneously.

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Canadian brand Reitmans to increase sourcing from Bangladesh

Amena Kamal Khan

BGMEA President Faruque Hassan called upon clothing brand Reitmans to strengthen its partnership with Bangladeshi apparel suppliers that has been built upon mutual trust and commitment to enhance trade.

He also requested the Canadian brand to explore avenues of how they could collaborate with their suppliers in developing value-added products and increase sourcing those products from Bangladesh as it would benefit both sides.

He came up with the call during a meeting with Gary Ross, Chief, Global Sourcing at Reitmans, held at BGMEA Complex on October 19.

Pauline Ng, Managing Director, Reitmans Canada Limited Asia, was also present at the meeting.



Figure: The Canadian clothing company operates several store brands, including Reitmans, Penningtons, Addition ELL, Hyba, Thyme, RW&CO.

The Canadian clothing company operates several store brands, including Reitmans, Penningtons, Addition ELL, Hyba, Thyme, RW&CO.

They discussed various trade-related issues including the global apparel market situation and Reitmans' plans of business expansion in Bangladesh.

Faruque Hassan highlighted the points why Bangladesh is regarded the globe's prime sourcing destination.

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