

# ABS

*Bridging the gap between Sweden and  
Bangladesh*

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# ABS: Introduction to ABS



## Objectives:

- To explore and strengthen Bangladeshi Socio-culture in foreign environment.
- To establish Sweden-Bangladesh educational network.

## Facts:

- Founded on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2003.  
58

Registered Members:

- General Member: 31

Alumni Member: 10

- Counseling Members: 11

Honorary Members: 6

- Registration Status:

- Registered in Sweden, Reg. No. 802419-5466

- Registered at Chalmers Association of Bangladeshi Students

# ABS: Bangladeshi Students in Göteborg



	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>New comer</b>	3	17	14	16	40	14
<b>new PhD students</b>		1	1	4		4
<b>Total PhD Students</b>	5	6	7	11	8	11
<b>Total Bangladeshi Students</b>	9	24	35	42	57	35
<b>ABS member</b>			35	42	49	31

# Activities

- Student Counseling
- Cultural Events
- Sports Activities
- Humanitarian Activities
- Building base for Educational network
- Miscellaneous



# ABS: Pohela Baishakh

- Celebration of Bengali New year
- Interact with the community to **build cultural network**

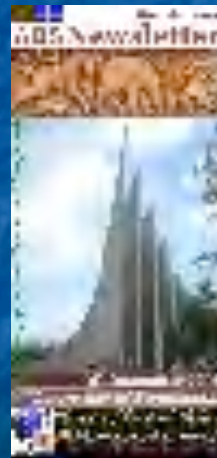


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# ABS: Newsletter



- *To promote the image of Bangladesh*
  - *Four publications/year since February 2005*
  - *The ultimate target is to publish an E-journal or E-magazine*
  - *Available: <http://abs.chs.chalmers.se/jml/content/blogcategory/16/29/>*

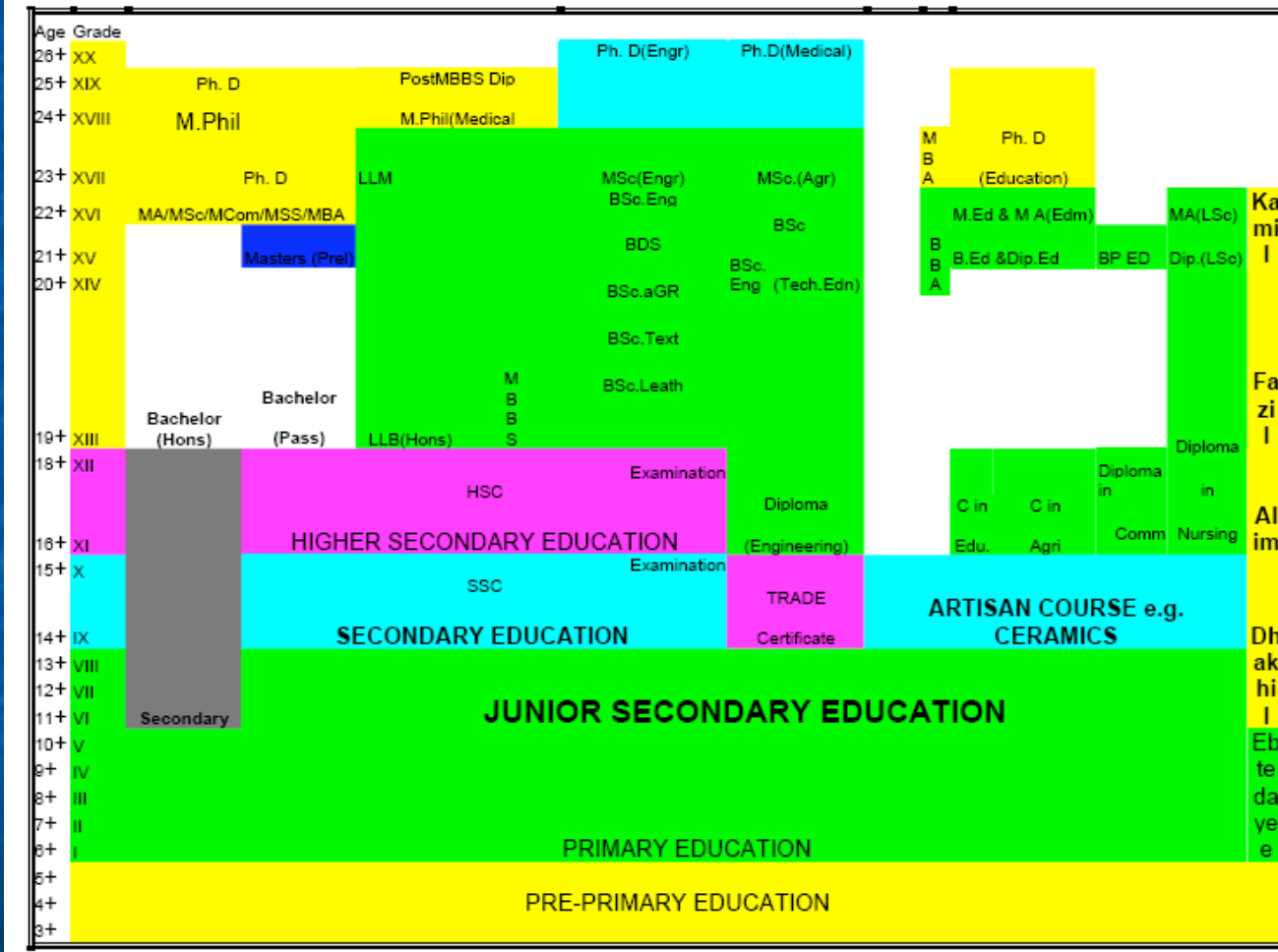


Source: Development of Education, National Report of Bangladesh, September 2004  
 Ministry of Education

# Higher Studies in Bangladesh



Present Educational Structure of Bangladesh





# Higher Studies in Bangladesh

No	Type of institution	No. of Instn.	No. of Teachers		No. of Student		
			Total	Female	Total	Female	
1.	Govt. Degree College		138	2712	479	115532	50762
2.	Non-Govt. Degree College		931	34263	6010	626013	228153
3.	Govt. Degree Honors College		43	1598	225	66831	21910
4.	Non-Govt. Degree Honors College		18	917	202	20177	8833
5.	Govt. Masters College		60	3771	879	241399	81147
6.	Non-Govt. masters College		25	1788	513	55113	21263
7.	Public University		21	6101	927	104736	25812
8.	Private University		52	4543	631	44604	7795
Total (University Education):			73	10644	1558	149340	33607

- *High Quality Students*
  - *Good theoretical knowledge*
  - *Lack of research oriented education*





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## Basic Education Data and Indicators in Bangladesh



### 4. Financial Information on Education

Public expenditure on education, Human Development Report 2005

Fiscal Year	As % of GDP	As % of total GOB expenditure
2002	2.4	15.5

Government Budget on Education, BANBEIS 2004

Fiscal Year		Revenue	Development	Total Budget
2004-5	Taka (mil)	46,088.5	30,706.0	76,794.5
	\$* (mil)	725.8	483.5	1,209.3

\*@ 63.5 T/\$

Allocation of Revenue Budget (2004-5), BANBEIS 2004

Sub sector	Budget Allocation (Taka, Mil)	Budget Allocation* (\$, Mil)	%
Primary & Mass Education	16,210.8	255.3	35.17
Secondary & Higher Education	23,099.2	363.8	50.12
Technical Education	480.5	7.3	1.00
University Education	4,091.2	64.4	8.88
Other Subsidiary Services (MOE)	925.1	14.6	2.01
Administrative (MOE)	925.1	14.6	2.01
Administrative (MOPME)	251.2	4.0	0.54
Dev. Programme Revenue (MOE)	125.4	2.0	0.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,088.5</b>	<b>725.8</b>	<b>100.00</b>



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## 6.08 Average Monthly Employment by Major Division Groups

	(In Number)			
<b>Industrial Group</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97(e)</b>
Food, Beverage And Tobacco	135544	133023	145281	150627
Textile, Wearing Apparel And Leather Industries	918318	972040	1284750	1528981
Wood And Wood Products Including Furniture	14102	13432	14419	14606
Paper And Paper Products, Printing And Publishing	34216	35290	41115	45157
Chemicals And Chemical Petroleum, Coal, Rubber And Plastic Products	49427	51261	59691	65708
Non-Metallic Mineral Products Except Petroleum And Coal	26375	26562	51567	76020
Basic Metal Industries	15235	15226	17456	18730
Manufacture Of Fabricated Metal Products, Machinery And Equipment	48801	47288	95904	143712
Other Industries And Handicrafts	7293	10226	3855	3429
<b>Total</b>	<b>1249311</b>	<b>1304348</b>	<b>1714038</b>	<b>2021022</b>

- **Economic Growth of Bangladesh 5-6%**

# Student flow to Sweden



- *Awareness*
- *Promotion*
- *Funding*
- *Role of Swedish Embassy*
- *Accommodation*

# Different perspective...



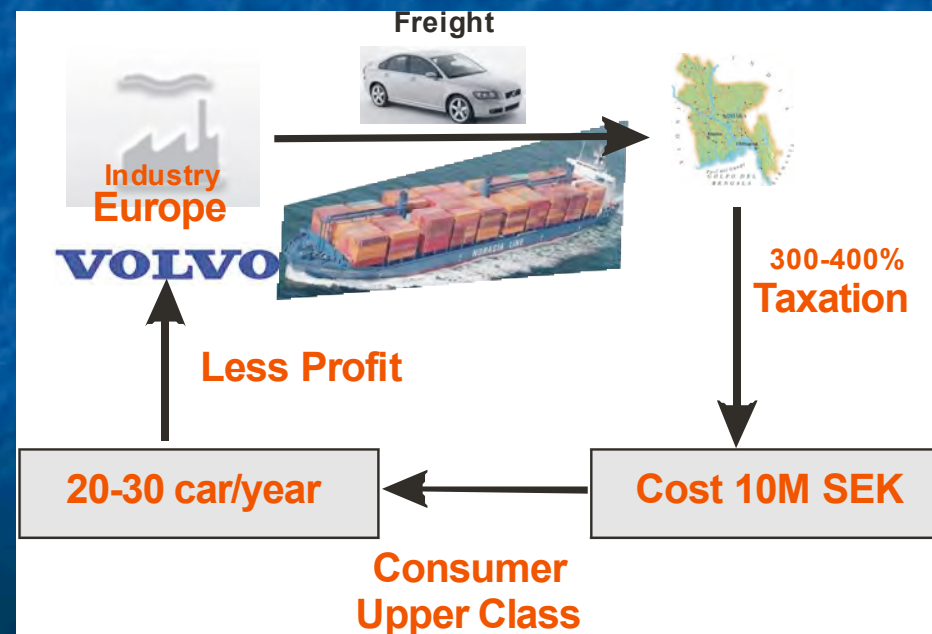
- **UCEP:**  
*underprivileged  
Children Educational  
program (8<sup>th</sup> grade)*
- **Higher education**
- **Educational  
Network**
  - **Swedish University +  
Bangladeshi  
University**

Upper class	0.05 %
<b>Middle and upper- middle class</b>	<b>5-7%</b>
Lower middle class	10%
Lower class	43%
Below Poverty	40%

# Educational Network



- ***Bridging the Gap between Sweden and Bangladesh***
  - *Win win situation*
  - *Trade between Bangladesh and EU*

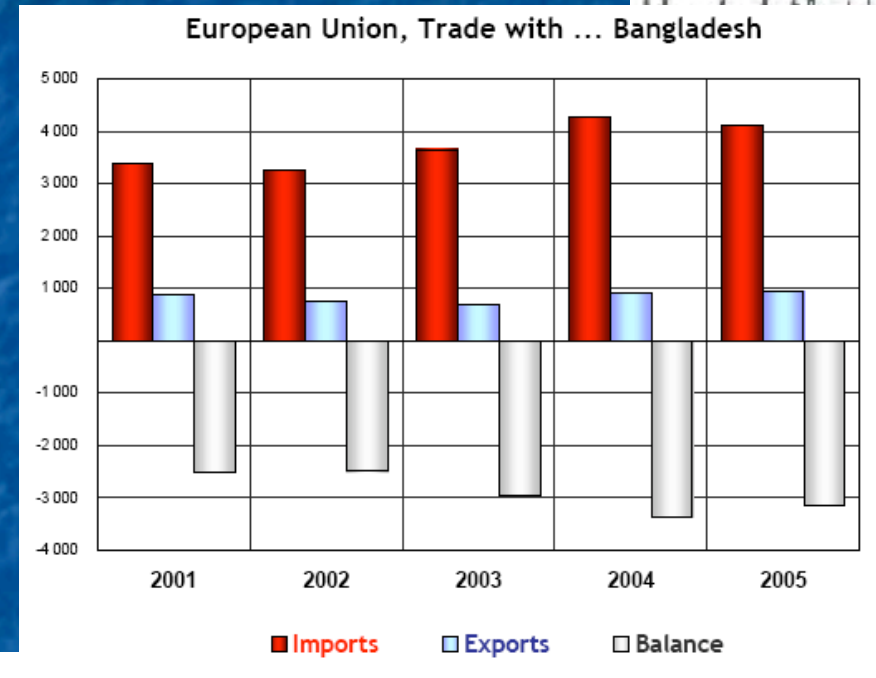


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BANGLADESH'S TRADE BALANCE WITH MAIN PARTNERS

(2005)

The major import partners

Partners	Mio euro	%
World	10 781	100.0
1 India	1 568	14.5
2 China	1 503	13.9
3 EU	982	9.1

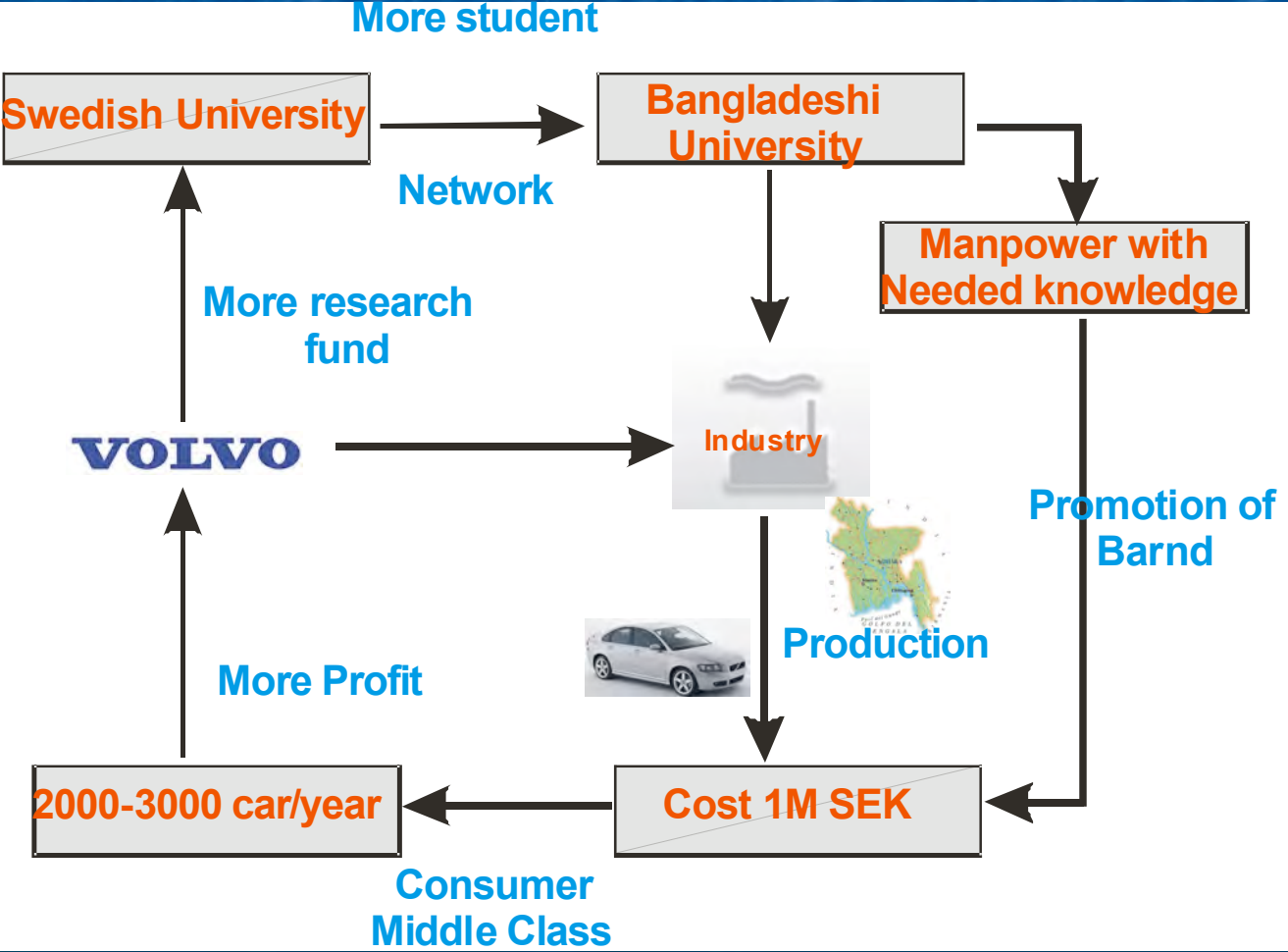
The major export partners

Partners	Mio euro	%
World	6 813	100.0
1 EU	3 197	46.9
2 USA	1 610	23.6
3 Canada	221	3.2

The major trade partners

Partners	Mio euro	%
World	17 594	100.0
1 EU	4 179	23.8
2 USA	1 873	10.6
3 India	1 664	9.5

# Educational Network



# Summary

- *Studnet from Bangladesh*
  - *Scholarship, TA and RA*
  - *Promotion and assistance*
- *Educaional Network*
  - *Collaboration and Assistance*
  - *Sandwitch Program*
  - *Web based*





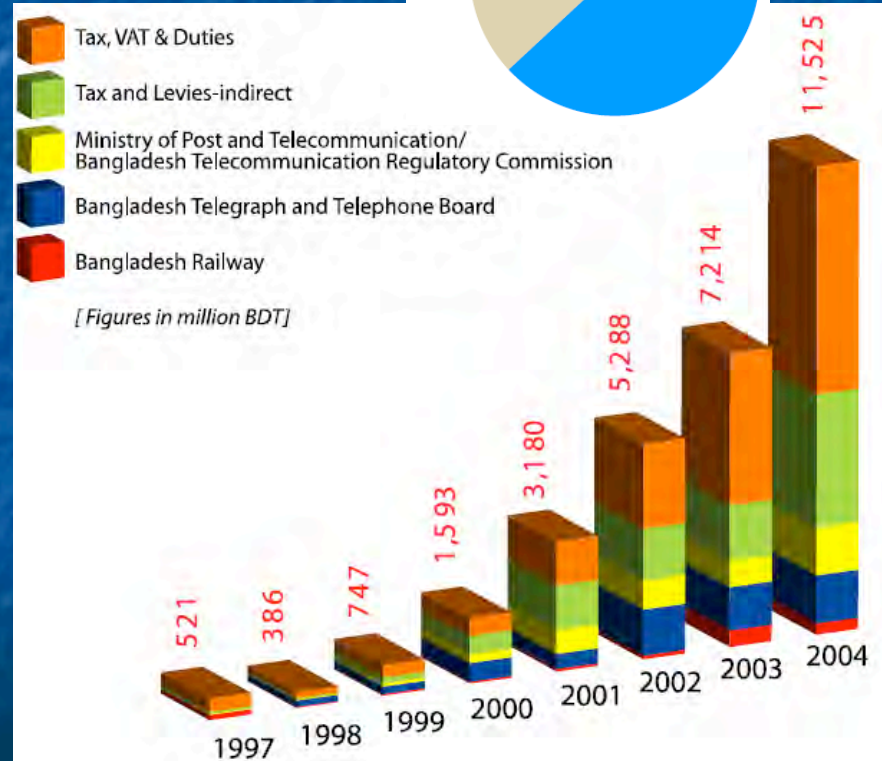
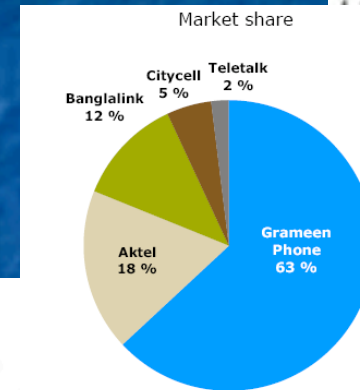
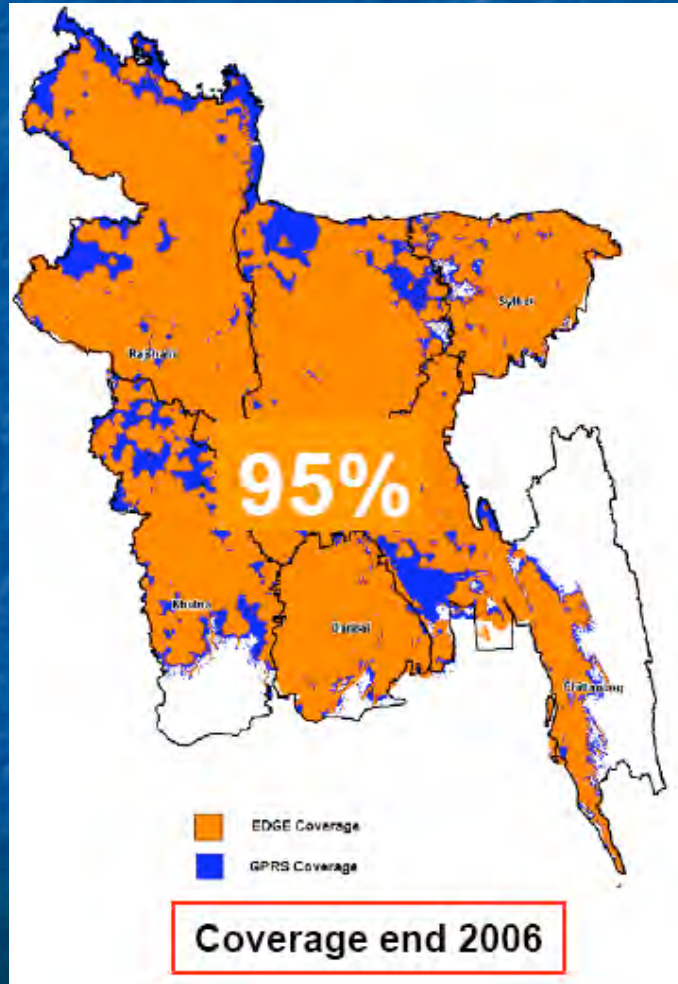
# Conclusion remark



- *Grameen Phone*
  - *Iqbal Qadir- "Connectivity is Productivity"*
  - *"We are not Redcross"*
  - *Telenor – 62% share*
  - *Ericsson – 55% of infrastucture*
  - *10 Million consumer in 10 years (63% of total market)*
  - *30 Million in 2009*



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- *Microsoft*
  - *Chris Atkinson, President South East Asia, Microsoft*
    - *University linkage*
    - *Course update and resource*
    - *Human resource development*
  
- *ABS's wishes*
  - *Study of Bangladeshi market's potential*
    - *30 Million*
    - *Manpower having Swedish educational background*
    - *Promotion of Brand*

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## Thank You

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