



Bangladesh and Italy strengthen textile technology partnership at ITA–ACIMIT B2B workshop in Dhaka

Bangladesh and Italy reaffirmed their long-standing partnership in the textile and apparel sector at a B2B Workshop titled "Latest Italian Technology of Spinning, and Finishing – A Way Forward to Stronger Bangladesh–Italy Business Cooperation." The event, promoted by the Italian Trade Agency (ITA) and ACIMIT (Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers) with the support of the Embassy of Italy in Dhaka, brought together Italian machinery manufacturers, Bangladeshi textile entrepreneurs, technology providers and industry associations to discuss the future of textile manufacturing and explore new business opportunities. The programme featured technical presentations, keynote addresses and dedicated business-to-business meetings between Italian suppliers and Bangladeshi manufacturers.

Opening the workshop, H.E. Antonio Alessandro, Ambassador of Italy to Bangladesh, reaffirmed the growing partnership between the two countries and said the relationship extends beyond trade to knowledge exchange and industrial development. While acknowledging Italy's long-standing contribution to Bangladesh's textile sector through advanced machinery, he also stressed the importance of expanding cooperation in education. He proposed closer collaboration between Italian and Bangladeshi universities to strengthen textile design education and develop future design professionals who can support the industry's evolving needs.

Delivering the keynote industry presentation, Antonietta Baccanari, Commissioner of the Italian Trade Agency (ITA), highlighted Italy's global leadership in textile machinery manufacturing. She said Italy is home to around 300 textile machinery manufacturers, employing approximately 12,500 people, with annual production valued at nearly €1.9 billion. Around 86% of Italian textile machinery production is exported to more than 130 countries, demonstrating the industry's strong international competitiveness.

She noted that Asia accounted for around 40% of Italy's textile machinery exports in 2025, while Bangladesh has become one of the most promising markets for Italian manufacturers. According to her presentation, exports of Italian textile machinery to Bangladesh rebounded by 17% in 2025, reaching approximately €71 million, reflecting local manufacturers' continued investment in modernization. She said Italian companies are committed to supplying flexible, customized and energy-efficient technologies that support Bangladesh's transition toward higher-value textile production and encouraged participants to use the B2B meetings to establish long-term business partnerships.

Representing ACIMIT, Alice Vago, Head of Training & Member Relations (Project Manager) for ACIMIT, said, "Bangladesh and Italy have built a mutually beneficial relationship through trade, technology and industrial cooperation. While Italy remains an important destination for Bangladeshi apparel exports, Italian textile machinery continues to be recognized worldwide for its engineering excellence, reliability and innovation. In addition, sustainability, automation, digitalization and circular production are reshaping the global textile industry, investing in advanced manufacturing technologies is increasingly important for maintaining competitiveness."

Alice added that Bangladesh has already established itself as a global leader in sustainable apparel manufacturing through significant investments in green factories and responsible production. Looking ahead, she identified strong opportunities for technology transfer, industrial collaboration, skills development and long-term partnerships between Italian machinery manufacturers and Bangladeshi textile producers, particularly as European markets place greater emphasis on sustainability and traceability. She encouraged participants to transform discussions during the B2B meetings into practical business cooperation that benefits both countries.

Speaking as a distinguished guest, Shah Rayeed Chowdhury, Director of BGMEA, emphasized that stronger Bangladesh–Italy business relations should be built through continuous collaboration between industries. He highlighted the significant opportunities for Italian investment in Bangladesh's growing non-cotton textile sector, alongside other emerging industries, and called for stronger business-to-business partnerships through trade fairs, exhibitions and regular industry engagements. He also noted that sustainability, automation, digitalization and circular manufacturing are becoming defining factors of global competitiveness, making closer cooperation with Italian technology providers increasingly important for Bangladesh's transition toward higher-value manufacturing.



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Mohammad Hatem, President of BKMEA, said Bangladesh's apparel industry is entering a new phase where future competitiveness will depend on innovation, productivity and technological excellence. He stressed that advanced spinning, weaving, dyeing and finishing technologies are essential for improving efficiency, reducing production costs, conserving energy and water, and meeting the sustainability expectations of international buyers. He added that collaboration with Italian technology providers would support Bangladesh's transition toward higher-value manufacturing while strengthening the country's position as a preferred sourcing destination for sustainable apparel.

Chowdhury Mohammed Hanif Shoeb, Director of BTMA, said Bangladesh's primary textile sector, representing 1,883 member mills with more than US\$32 billion in private investment, remains the backbone of the country's textile and apparel industry. He noted that Italian machinery has played an important role in improving productivity, precision engineering, reliability and sustainability across Bangladesh's spinning, weaving, knitting, dyeing, finishing and denim sectors. Referring to BTMA's business delegation to Italy in 2024, he said the visit created new opportunities for technology transfer, investment and institutional collaboration. He encouraged entrepreneurs to make full use of the B2B meetings to develop long-term partnerships with Italian technology providers.

The workshop concluded with dedicated B2B meetings between 11 Italian textile machinery manufacturers and Bangladeshi textile companies, providing opportunities to discuss technology transfer, investment and long-term commercial collaboration across spinning, weaving, dyeing, finishing and textile processing.

The event was attended by BGMEA Directors Sumaiya Islam and Rumana Rashid, Mohammad Rashed, Vice President, BKMEA, along with representatives from BGMEA, BKMEA, BTMA, textile mills, machinery agents, technology providers and Italian industry delegates.

Participating Italian companies included Color Service, Corino Macchine, Danti Paolo, Durst, L.A.I.P., Lawer, Pinter Caipo, Reggiani Macchine, Salvade, Tecnorama and Ugolini, showcasing technologies covering the entire textile value chain from spinning to finishing.

Color Service is an Italian leading company in the production of automatic dosing systems for textile, rubber, tire, cosmetics, color masterbatch and food industry.

Corino Machines believes that every factory has a history, and its own journey is a testament to that belief. The company's story is shaped by its people, its machines, the technical challenges it has overcome, and the successes it has achieved along the way. Looking back on its journey, Corino Machines recognizes how much it has evolved over the years. Through steady progress and continuous improvement, it has strengthened its foundation by building on every milestone. Today, the company moves forward with confidence in the future, supported by a new generation of passionate young professionals.

With more than six decades of expertise, LAIP specializes in advanced dyeing solutions for fabrics, yarns, fibres, tops, and tow, as well as complete automated dyeing systems. Combining Italian engineering with a strong focus on sustainability, digitalization, and Industry 4.0, LAIP develops high-performance machines that optimize water and energy consumption while ensuring superior dyeing quality for textile manufacturers worldwide.

With more than 85 years of engineering excellence, Danti Paolo & C. Srl is a renowned Italian manufacturer of textile finishing machinery specializing in fabric surface finishing technologies. Based in Montemurlo, Prato, the company designs and manufactures advanced raising, shearing, polishing, brushing, and sueding machines, serving textile producers worldwide.



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Lawer specializes in automated weighing, dispensing, and dosing systems for the textile industry. With decades of expertise, the company develops intelligent automation solutions for dyehouses and chemical management, helping manufacturers improve process accuracy, reduce waste, and optimize the use of dyes, chemicals, water, and energy.

Founded in 1931, Monti-Mac is an Italian manufacturer specializing in automation solutions for sewing, cutting, and handling processes in the textile industry. The company develops advanced machinery for both traditional and technical textiles, offering solutions for fabric preparation, digital printing, finishing, and automated material handling.

MS Printing Solutions is a leading Italian manufacturer of industrial digital textile printing systems, recognized for pioneering digital textile printing technologies since 2000. Headquartered in Guanzate, Italy, the company designs and manufactures high-performance scanning and single-pass digital printers, along with integrated software solutions for textile and paper printing applications. As part of Dover Industries Italy, MS Printing Solutions combines Italian engineering excellence with continuous innovation to deliver sustainable, high-productivity printing technologies that enhance efficiency, reduce operating costs, and support the evolving needs of the global textile industry.

ROJ is an Italian textile machinery manufacturer founded in 1965 in Biella, a region renowned for wool processing and weaving excellence. The company is globally recognized for its expertise in weft insertion technology, offering high-performance weft feeders, yarn sensors, servo-controlled systems, and loom automation solutions.

Founded in 2000, Pentek Textile Machinery is an Italian manufacturer specializing in advanced textile preparation and finishing technologies. The company designs, manufactures, and services innovative machinery for continuous drying, washing, steaming, and finishing processes, with a strong emphasis on sustainability, energy efficiency, and process optimization.

Founded in 1930, Pinter Group is a global technology provider specializing in advanced solutions for spinning and weaving mills. Headquartered in Spain, the company offers a comprehensive portfolio ranging from spinning frame upgrades for value-added yarn production to Industry 4.0 monitoring systems, automation, robotics, and special yarn technologies.

EFI Reggiani is a global leader in industrial digital textile printing, offering advanced inkjet printing technologies for fashion, home textiles, sportswear, and industrial applications. Its portfolio includes high-speed digital textile printers, integrated software, and ink solutions designed to deliver exceptional print quality, production efficiency, and sustainability.

Founded in 1967, Salvadè is an Italian manufacturer specializing in textile finishing machinery, with nearly six decades of expertise in developing innovative solutions for the global textile industry. The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of steaming, drying, and specialty finishing machines designed to improve production efficiency, fabric quality, and process flexibility.

Founded in 1984 in Prato, Italy, Tecnorama is a leading developer of automated dispensing and dyeing systems for textile laboratories and production dyehouses. The company specializes in integrating precision dosing technology with robotic dyeing machines to deliver accurate, repeatable, and efficient color development from laboratory to bulk production.

Ugolini S.r.l. is an Italian manufacturer specializing in textile dyeing machinery for yarn, fabric, and staple fibre applications. Headquartered in Schio, Italy, the company designs and manufactures its machines entirely in-house, ensuring high quality, reliability, and compliance with international standards such as PED, ASME, TÜV, ANFOR, and SELO.

Founded in 1945, ACIMIT represents around 200 Italian textile machinery manufacturers, accounting for approximately 85 percent of the sector's domestic turnover. Its member companies generate annual revenues of about €2.1 billion, with exports contributing around 86 percent of total production.