

# Dutch team offers help in ship building

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Bangladesh is well placed to emerge as a base for shipbuilding in South Asia, and a visiting Dutch Maritime trade body said here Tuesday that more shipyards will be needed to make Bangladesh a strong player in this emerging sector.

"It's an emerging market... Bangladesh has good infrastructure but the important thing is that more shipyards are needed here to increase the number of ships to be built here," said Fred Oldenhuizing, leader of the Dutch Maritime Trade Mission.

As president of Bangladesh Dutch Chamber of Commerce (BDCC), he told businessmen at the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) at a meeting chaired by DCCI

president Abul Kasem Khan, with the Director of Board of Investment (BoI) Tofazzal Hossain Mia and President of European Bangladesh Federation of Commerce and Industry Wali

Tasar Uddin, also addressing the meeting.

"Our companies have lot of experience...they are very ambitious to explore the possibilities in Bangladesh in the maritime

sector. We can combine knowledge, experience and strength of Dutch companies to help Bangladesh ensure firm position in shipbuilding sector in the future," he said.



**DCCI president Abul Kasem Khan, speaking at the business meeting with Dutch Maritime Trade Mission at DCCI office in the city yesterday. —Independent photo**