

Staff Reporter

A high-level trade delegation from the Netherlands representing ICT, food security, logistics, technology, waste management, water management and shipping sectors is scheduled to arrive here today (Monday) to explore potential areas for collaboration.

The Netherlands want to make Bangladesh a hub for their IT outsourcing, apart from extending technological support and collaboration in the areas of flood and water management.

Nyenrode Business University and Dutch Embassy in Dhaka are arranging the four-day visit.

The delegation members met the Bangladesh Ambassador in the Hague Sheikh Mohammed Belal on September 2 and shared their plan regarding the visit.

A good number of IT companies are looking for partners in Bangladesh for their outsourcing need, said an official here. They found that Bangladesh has many more aspects to do business. Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) and Dutch Embassy in Dhaka will host a B2B matchmaking event on September 9-10 at the BASIS premises.

Representatives from leading Dutch IT companies will take part in the event. Already around 45 BASIS member companies have shown their interest in B2B meetings with Dutch companies.

Around 2,000 companies are active in the Dutch water sector. Of them, 1500 are in water technology and 500 in delta technology.

Now Netherlands is completely free from flood, thanks to technologies and know-how for flood and water management.

The Dutch companies are also keen to work with Bangladesh partners in the areas of water and flood management.