



Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen, and others attend a celebration on the occasion of Dhaka-China Day 2025 in the capital's North South University on Thursday.



## Impressed by China's poverty alleviation

*Fisheries adviser Farida says on the occasion of Dhaka-China Day 2025*

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Farida Akhter, adviser to the ministry of fisheries and livestock, has praised China's strategy for lifting people out of poverty, highlighting its approach to basic education, housing and medical care.

Speaking at Dhaka-China Day 2025 at North South University on Thursday, she said, "Bangladesh values the friendship with China with great respect because of the achievements and leadership China has shown globally in the transformation of the economy and in bringing people out of poverty. China's targeted poverty alleviation strategy, I am really impressed with that ... The guarantee of basic education, housing and medical care is very

much appreciated."

She noted that over the past four decades China had lifted more than 800 million people out of extreme poverty, accounting for 75% of global poverty reduction, and said Bangladesh hoped to follow a similar path.

On trade, Farida stressed the importance of fisheries and livestock products in Bangladesh-China relations. She said exports of fish and fishery products to China reached \$71m in 2023 and 2024, and Bangladesh had requested approval for 13 more items, including Golda prawns. Bangladesh also imports veterinary medicines, vaccines and feed additives from China.

Farida highlighted potential areas for future collaboration, including climate-resilient livestock housing, joint research on zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance, and Chinese investment in aquaculture, seafood processing and hatcheries.

At the event, Chinese ambassador Yao Wen hoped that the bilateral relations would "continue to rise to new heights" though people-to-people engagement and cultural exchange.