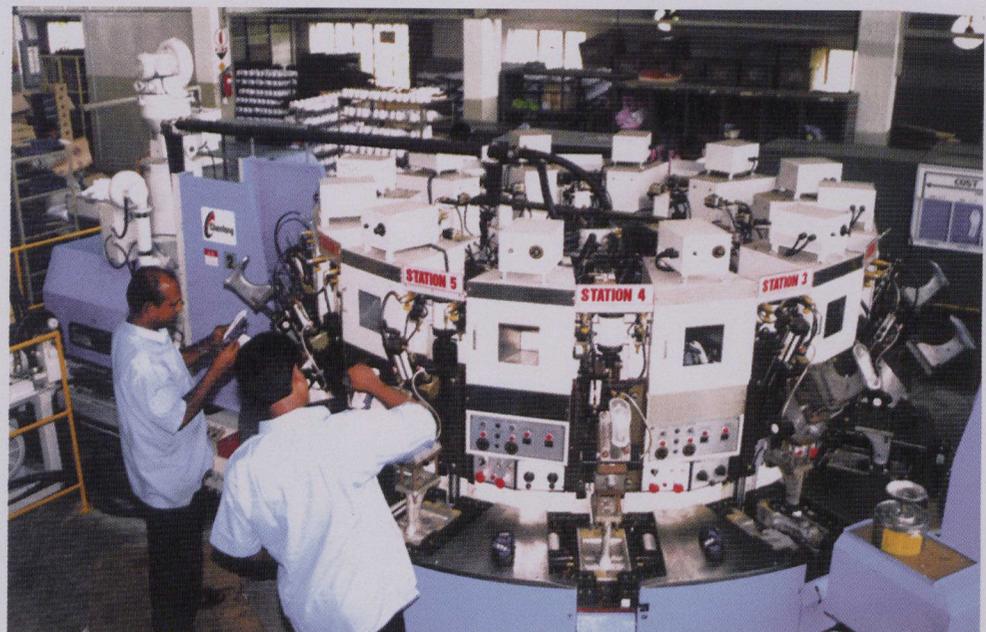




Export processing zone-Chittagong



Shoe Factory

In addition to offering opportunities for investment and sales in infrastructure areas, Bangladesh offers major reserves of natural resources, in particular natural gas. These resources have attracted the attention of major corporations such as Shell, Unocal and Cairn Energy.

A market of 130 million in itself, the country also offers access to neighbouring regions of South Asia (Bhutan, parts of India) and can serve as a base for labour-intensive manufacturing operations.

In the last 30 years, Bangladesh has succeeded in establishing: a hi-tech garment industry; a micro-credit system to alleviate poverty; and the largest Non Government Organisation in the world.