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Trade Facilitation Reforms for SMEs

The case of Bangladesh

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Objective of the Presentation



- Briefly discuss Bangladesh's Participation in International Trade and role of SMEs
- To provide an overview of implemented and ongoing Trade Facilitation reforms specially for SMEs in Bangladesh
- To discuss future Trade Facilitation Challenges for Bangladesh



Introduction

- Bangladesh has posted a robust and resilient economic performance over the past decade, accompanied by a sustained decline in poverty.
- The average annual real GDP growth of the Bangladesh economy during the last ten years was over 6%, aided by conducive macroeconomic policies, strong export growth and favourable weather. GDP growth was broad based with agriculture, industry and service sectors performing well.
- Export-led growth, largely induced by increasing ready-made-garment (RMG) exports and remittances from overseas workers, have been the drivers for Bangladesh's economic development in the past decades. Poverty declined from 57% of the population in 1990 to 31.5% in 2010 and estimated at 25.6% in 2014.



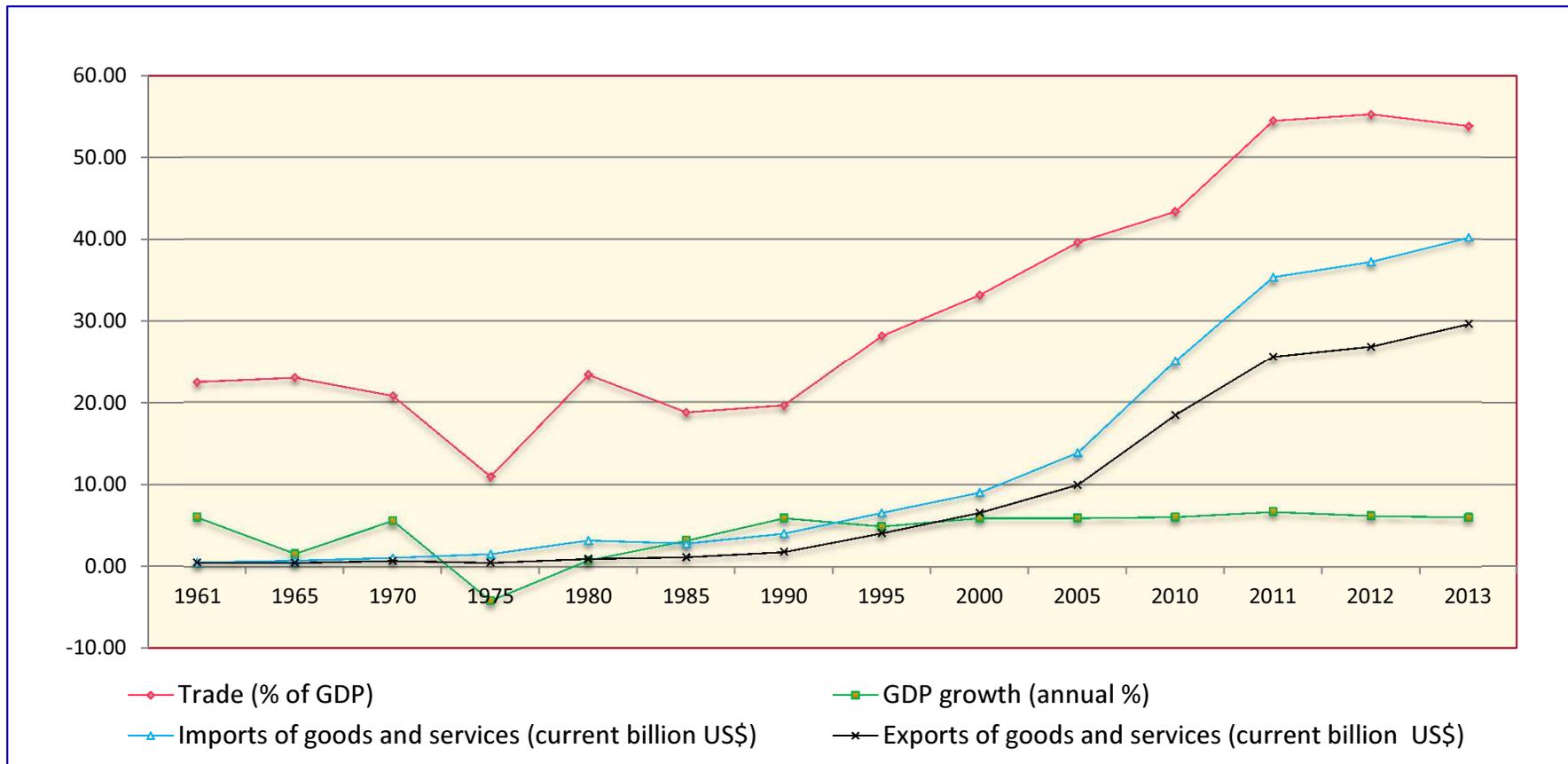
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- Bangladesh's involvement in international trade has been increasing significantly in the past decades, with export values more than quadrupling in the period 2001/02 to 2011/12 and the ratio of total trade to GDP accounting now more than 50% of GDP.
- However, comparing the trade to GDP ratio with other countries in the region, it shows that there is still room for improvement, which confirms Bangladesh's strategy of accelerating economic growth by increased and diversified exports, including increased services exports, resulting in deeper integration into global trade.



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Overview of Bangladesh's International Trade



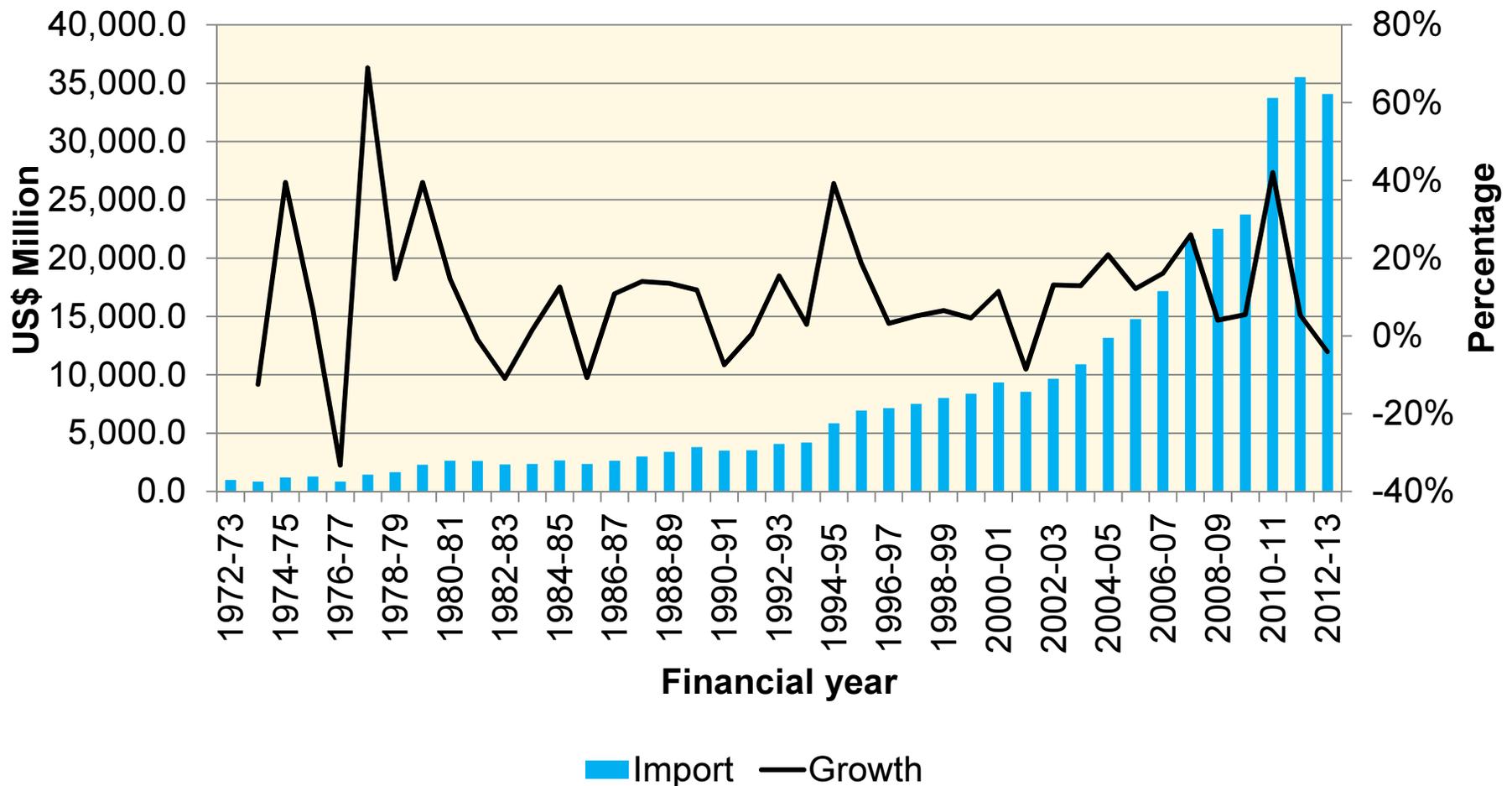
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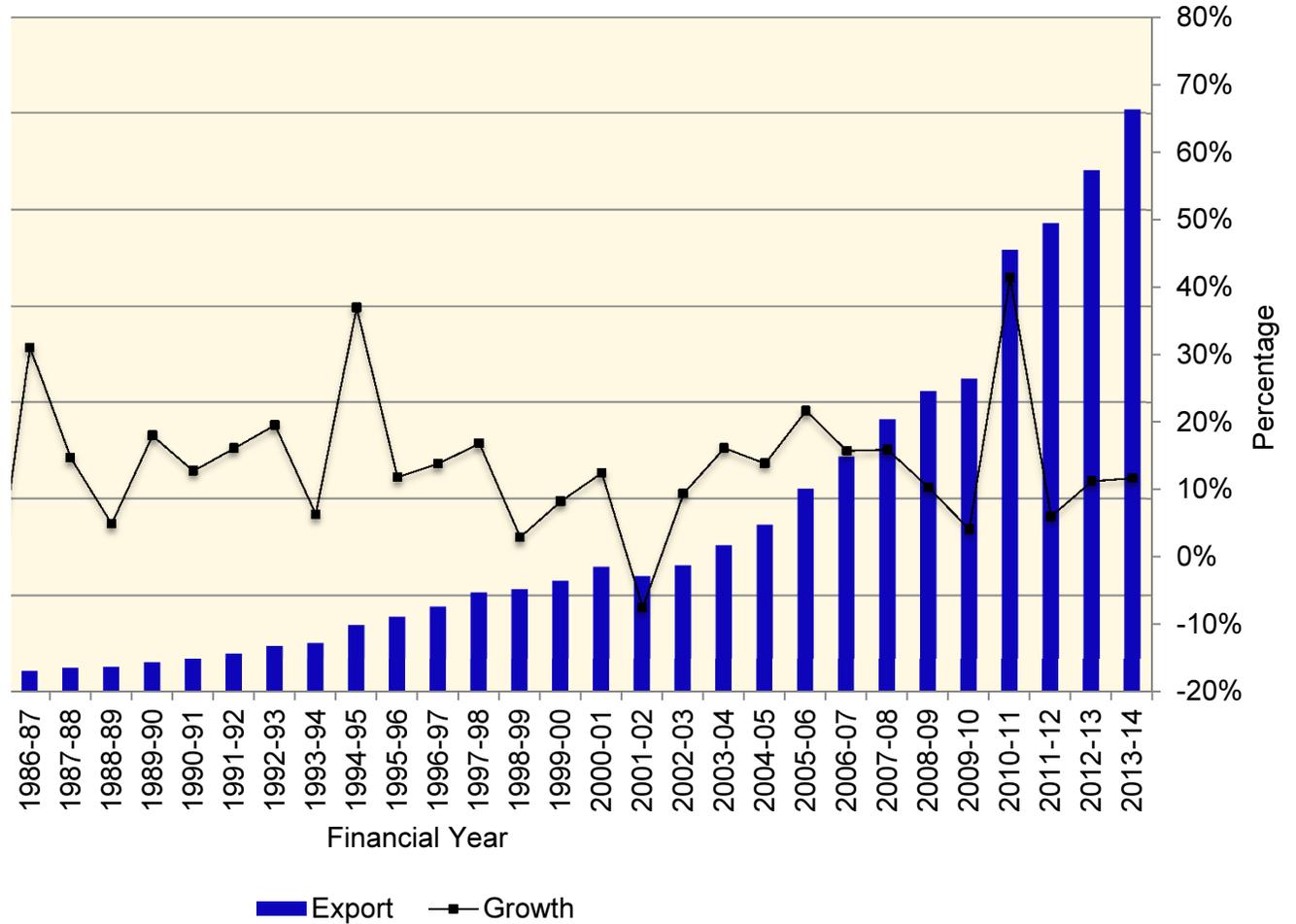


Overview of Trade Performance of Bangladesh (Import)



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Trade Performance of Bangladesh (Export)



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