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Good morning!

Thank you for the kind introduction. Why are we all standing here on Patenga Beach?

Why are we cleaning up this Beach? We are here because we care. We care ... we care about Bangladesh, beautiful Bangladesh. Bangladesh ... this is our home. If we don't take care of our home, then who will?

America is partnering with Bangladesh to help save Bangladesh's environment and its natural wonders.

... natural wonders such as the nation's forests, its mountains, its rivers, and, of course, its beaches.

... natural wonders such as the Hoolock Gibbons in the northeast, the Asian Elephants in the southwest, and the Royal Bengal Tiger in the Sundarbans.

That's why we are here ... to keep Bangladesh beautiful for the next generation and the next and next ...

Preserving Bangladesh makes good environmental sense, and it also makes good business sense. Beautiful Bangladesh, beautiful Bangladesh is increasingly a destination for eco-tourism and eco-tourism creates jobs, lots of jobs. Saving Bangladesh is a double win: we save our home and we create jobs.

So, that's why we're here on Patenga Beach ... to clean and preserve Bangladesh.

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