

Mohammad Bayazed Bashar, deputy general manager for planning and development at DBL Ceramics, and M Abu Hasib Ron, head of sales, pose at the company's national sales conference at the Gulshan Club in Dhaka on Sunday.

Toyota-Panasonic venture to start EV battery development in April

Toyota Motor Corp and Panasonic Corp have agreed to set up a joint venture that will begin developing electric vehicle (EV) batteries from April, as the Japanese companies gear up for an expected surge in demand.

The new company, called Prime Planet Energy and Solutions, will develop prismatic - or square-shaped - batteries that will be available to any automaker, the two companies said in a statement on Monday.

It will begin operations on April 1 with more than 5,000 employees, with Toyota owning 51 per cent and Panasonic holding the remainder, the pair said.

The venture reflects the aim of the Japanese companies to become bigger global players in the automotive battery of affordable EVs, as stricter environmental regulations worldwide accelerate a shift toward environmentally friendlier cars.

"Batteries - as solutions for providing energy for automobiles and various other forms of mobility, and as solutions for various kinds of environmental issues - are expected to fulfill a central role in society going forward," the companies said in the statement.

Panasonic has been the exclusive supplier of cylindrical batteries for US EV maker Tesla Inc, but has been looking to expand its list of customers by stepping up development of the prismatic batteries more widely used in the industry. Tesla last month announced it would also source batteries from South Korea's LG Chem Ltd

Apple supplier to assemble key iPhone component in new India plant

REUTERS, New Delhi

Taiwan's Wistron Corp plans to assemble printed circuit boards (PCBs) for iPhones at its new plant in southern India, two sources said, highlighting Apple Inc's push to expand manufacturing in the world's second-biggest smartphone market.

The local assembly of PCBs by Wistron's India unit will be a first for the contract manufacturer, which began making Apple's low-priced SE model in the southern tech hub of Bengaluru in 2017. It currently assembles the 6S and 7 iPhone models there as well.

A PCB is a bed for key components such as processors, memory and wireless chip sets that are the heart of an electronic device. Once assembled, or populated with components, PCBs account for about half the cost of a smartphone.

some 65 km (40 miles) from Bengaluru, is expected to become operational by April, the sources said, adding that it will make iPhone 7 and 8 models, some of which will be

The facility will be capable of producing up to 8 million smartphones annually, they said.

The plan is part of Wistron's 30 billion rupee (\$422.12 million) investment proposal submitted to the Karnataka state government in 2018.

Wistron's bigger rival Foxconn, which began making iPhone XR models in India last year, already Beijing wage a disruptive battle over assembles PCBs for those devices trade and technology. locally.

The deepening of PCB assembly components, smartphone



REUTERS/FILE

Wistron's second iPhone plant, A salesman uses his iPhone at a handset store in New Delhi.

Modi's government to boost local manufacturing and create new jobs. On Saturday, India said in its

federal budget that it will from April begin taxing imports of populated PCBs at a higher 20 per cent, from the previous rate of 10 per cent.

Wistron did not respond to a request for comment. Apple, which still makes most of its iPhones in China, has gradually moved to expand production in other countries as Washington and

In India, a market with 1.1 billion wireless connections and about more than 250 so far, threatens in India will help Cupertino, Calif.- 480 million smartphones, Apple's to disrupt India's production of based Apple save on import taxes premium devices have proven smartphones if it continues to spread, too costly for many consumers.

levied by Prime Minister Narendra The company's market share by shipment volumes is just over 1 per cent, though it was among the fastest growing smartphone brands in India in the quarter to Dec. 2019, according to market researcher Counterpoint.

India remains largely dependent Apple declined to comment. on China for supplies of smartphone parts such as cells, display panels, camera modules and printed circuit

The coronavirus outbreak in China could cause a delay in Wistron and Apple's plans for India, one of the

The epidemic, which has killed Reuters reported previously.

India's manufacturing activity hits near eight-year high

REUTERS, Bengaluru

manufacturing expanded at its quickest pace in nearly eight years in January with robust growth in new orders and output, a private survey showed on Monday, suggesting the economy may be getting back on firmer footing.

In response to the jump in sales, factories hired new workers at the fastest rate in more than seven years.

If sustained, the improvement in business conditions could point to a gradual economic recovery in coming months, as forecast by analysts in a Reuters poll last month, after growth slowed to a more than six-year low in the July-September quarter.

The Nikkei Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index, compiled by IHS Markit, jumped to 55.3 last month from 52.7 in December. It was the highest reading since February 2012 and above the 50-mark separating growth from contraction for the 30th straight month.

"The PMI results show that a notable rebound in demand boosted growth of sales, input buying, production and employment as firms focused on rebuilding their inventories and expanding their

De Lima, principal economist at IHS Markit, said in a news release.

A new orders sub-index that tracks overall demand hit its highest level since December 2014 and output grew at its fastest pace in over seven and a half years, pushing manufacturers to hire at the strongest rate since August 2012.

output prices rose at a slower pace, months.

increases in new business," Pollyanna indicating overall inflation may have eased after hitting a more than five year high of 7.35 per cent in December, although probably not below the Reserve Bank of India's medium-term target of 4 per cent.

That might keep the central bank, which cut its key interest rate by a cumulative 135 basis points last year, Meanwhile, both input costs and on the sidelines over the coming



capacities in anticipation of further A worker grinds a metal window grill at a steel factory in Ahmedabad.

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Invitation for Tender

Sealed tender is hereby invited from the bidders for supply of MSR for Community Clinic. As per PPR-2008, terms and conditions are as follows: KEY INFORMATION

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| 1 | Ministry/Division | on | | | th and Family Welfare (MOHFW), | | | | |
| 2 | Agency | | | Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), MOHFW. | | | | | |
| 3 | Procuring enti | W-1 | | Line Director, Community Based Health Care (CBHC), DGHS. | | | | | |
| 4 | | Procuring entity code | | | 224021006 | | | | |
| 5 | Procuring enti | ly district | | Dhaka. | | | | | |
| 6 | Invitation for | Invitation for | | | Procurement of MSR for Community Clinic. | | | | |
| 7 | Invitation for o | ffer Ref. No. | | CBHC/Proc./RPA-GOB/MSR(C.C)-23/2019-2020/34 | | | | | |
| 8 | Date | | | 03.02.2020 | | | | | |
| 9 | Procurement method | | | Open Tender Method (OTM). | | | | | |
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| 10 | Budget and source of funds | | | RPA-GOB. | | | | | |
| 11 | Developments | | | None. | | | | | |
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| 12 | Project/progra | | | 224021006 | | | | | |
| 13 | Project/progra | analytical decisions. | | Community Based Health Care (CBHC). | | | | | |
| 14 | | | | CBHC/R-GD2/2019-2020 | | | | | |
| 15 | | Tender package No. Tender package name | | | MSR for Community Clinic. | | | | |
| 16 | | | | 04.02.2020 | | | | | |
| | Tender publication date Tender last selling date and time | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | | | | 24.02.2020 at 5.00pm. | | | | | |
| 18 | Tender closing date and time | | | 25.02.2020 at 12.30pm. | | | | | |
| 19 | | Tender opening date and time | | | 25.02.2020 at 2.30pm. | | | | |
| 20 | Name and address of the office a) Selling of tender documents a) Office of the Line Director, CBHC, DGHS, BMRC Bhaban (1st Floor | | | | | | | | |
| | b) Receiving of tender documents | | | Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. b) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. c) Central Medical Store Depot (CMSD), Tejgaon, Dhaka. a) Office of the Line Director, CBHC, DGHS, BMRC Bhaban (1st | | | | | |
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| | c) Opening of tender documents | | | Office of the Line Director, CBHC, DGHS, BMRC Bhaban (1st Floor) Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. | | | | | |
| 21 | Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting | | | N/A. | | | | | |
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| 23 | | escription of goods | | Supply of MSR (39 items) for 1165 Community Clinics. | | | | | |
| 24 | | on of related services | | Not applicable. | | | | | |
| 25 | Price of tender documents Taka | | | Taka 10,000 (ten thousand) only by Treasury Challan (with CTR) Code No. 1-2711-0000-2366 to be deposited Sonali Bank Ltd or Bangladesh Ban (non-refundable). | | | | | |
| 26 | No. | Identification | | Location | Tender security amount in BDT | Completion time (in weeks) | | | |
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| PROC | URING ENTITY D | ETAILS | | | | | | | |
| 27 | Name of officia | | Dr. Sahadeb Chandra Rajbongshi. | | | | | | |
| 28 | | official inviting offer | | Line Director, CBHC, DGHS. | | | | | |
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This is online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System Portal

(http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents of following package

from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to 04-Mar-2020 12:00am.

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| 1 | EU/CPW-02 | Improvement of earth filling works at Proposed Karnafuli Upazila Complex Area under Shikolbaha union Karnafuli Upazila, Chattogram. | 412702 | 04-Mar-2020 11:00am | 04-Mar-2020 15:00pm |

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Indonesia' palm oil exports hit record in 2019

REUTERS, Jakarta

The world's top palm oil producer Indonesia exported a record 36.18 million tonnes of palm oil and its products, including biodiesel and oleochemical last year, data from the Indonesia Palm Oil Association (GAPKI) showed on Monday.

Exports rose by 4.2 per cent from 34.71 million tonnes in 2018, supported by rising demand from China, the Middle East and African markets, which offset declines in demand from other countries notably India, chairman Joko Supriyono said.

He said India, the world's top vegetable oil buyer, recorded the biggest decline among shipment destinations last year following higher import tariffs on Indonesian shipments compared to those from rival Malaysia.

Supriyono said production growth in 2020 is expected to slow as drought and a cut in fertiliser usage last year will likely affect yield. He also said GAPKI was monitoring the impact of the spread of coronavirus in China on palm oil demand.

GAPKI said Indonesia produced 47.1 million tonnes of crude palm oil (CPO) last year and 4.6 million tonnes of palm kernel oil. By comparison, in 2018 the country produced 43 million tonnes of CPO and 4.3 million tonnes of kernel oil.

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Address of official inviting offer

Contact details of official inviting offer

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