

# Emirates reduces fares for travellers from Bangladesh

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Emirates has announced special return fares for both business and economy class travellers from Bangladesh to select destinations in the USA, Europe, Africa and Middle East, the airline said in a statement yesterday.

Passengers travelling from Dhaka can book their return journey to North America starting at \$1,278 for economy class and \$3,392 for business class, as well as other destinations across the carrier's global network for travel between September 11 and December 31 this year, it said.

For Europe, the return fare starts at \$1,007 for economy class and \$2,393 for business class. The fares are inclusive of all applicable taxes.

"Every time you fly with Emirates, we offer passengers something new to enjoy from the experience as we are constantly working to ensure our passengers have an enjoyable and exciting journey," said Khalid Ali J Hassan, Emirates' area manager for Bangladesh.

"These special fares reiterate our commitment to offer more value for money to our loyal customers travelling from Bangladesh whilst enjoying Emirates' award winning product and service", he said.

The offer is valid for purchase of tickets within August 31. Return travel should be completed before March 15, 2015.

Passengers can avail the special fares by purchasing the tickets from either Emirates offices in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet or from any travel agency in Bangladesh or online at [www.emirates.com/bd](http://www.emirates.com/bd).

## Give incentives for skilled workforce

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Through the three awareness campaigns facilitated by SkillFUL, almost 10 million people have been informed about the importance of quality skills training in the six target districts. SkillFUL has also aided in creating linkages whereby four banks and four micro-finance institutes have begun offering loans to TSPs, graduates and trainees.

So far, some 101 trainees have received loans to fund their enrolment in TSPs and 30 graduates got loans for business start-ups. The project is funded by the EU and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

## Bangladesh keen to join BRICS Bank

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Finance ministry sources said the Economic Relations Division has sent a letter to Bangladesh ambassadors in the five countries to enquire whether the country can join the bank.

Bangladesh has also communicated to Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Pankaj Saran its willingness to become a member of NDB.

# Robi holds career festival at Dhaka University

DU CORRESPONDENT

Robi Axiata yesterday launched a career festival for the students of the business faculty at Dhaka University to familiarise them with the employment opportunities at the telecom company.

The event, Robi Career Carnival, at the business studies faculty was organised in association with the DU business faculty.

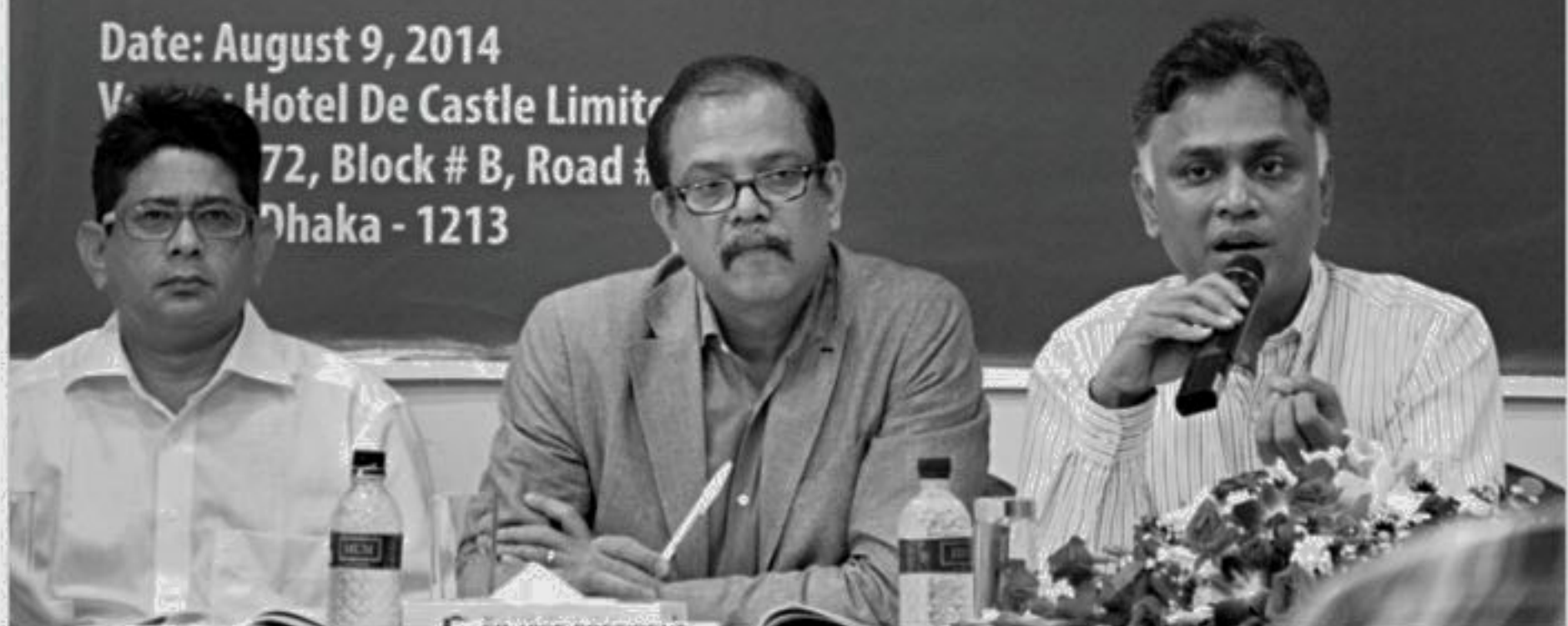
As part of the event, a memorandum of understanding was signed between Robi and the business faculty to facilitate internship opportunities for DU students at Robi. Students will be informed of the job opportunities available at Robi and a number of workshops will be organised to introduce students to various techniques of preparing CVs, writing cover letters and preparing for job interviews, according to the MoU.

"This initiative is intended to inform students of the kind of skills that we look for while recruiting," Matul Islam Nowshad, chief corporate and people officer of Robi, said at the programme.

"We plan to hold such events in future with other leading universities of the country as we scout the country for worthy talents to help us transform into a great company," he said. "This career carnival will certainly make it easy for our students to find their start in their careers. Such events dispel all misconceptions about finding a job and help them plan their careers," said Shibli Rubayat Ul Islam, dean of Faculty of Business Studies, while thanking Robi for the support.

## 10th Annual General Meeting of Leathergoods & Footwear Manufacturers & Exporters Association of Bangladesh (LFMEAB)

Date: August 9, 2014  
Venue: Hotel De Castle Limited  
72, Block # B, Road # 1, Dhaka - 1213



LFMEAB

Syed Nasim Manzur, president of Leathergoods and Footwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association of Bangladesh, attends the 10th annual general meeting of the association at De Castle Hotel in Dhaka recently.

## Ananda looks to rent out two ships to foreign clients

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Earlier in 2007, the Ananda Group concern received orders from German and Singaporean buyers for eight ships worth \$89.4 million or about Tk 700 crore, to be delivered between September 2009 and December 2010.

The local shipbuilder failed to stick to the lead time, which made the buyers withdraw the orders in 2010.

The move put its financier IBBL in a sticky position, as it had to honour its performance bonds and refund guarantees worth \$58.71 million to the buyers.

As is practice in shipbuilding contracts, the purchaser is required to pay instalments to the yard in advance of delivery of the vessel, and to secure those instalments, the shipyard is required to provide a 'refund guarantee' from a bank.

The bank undertakes the responsibility that if the purchaser ends the contract for good reason or if the builder for any reason fails to refund the advance instalments, it will reimburse the amount on the builder's behalf.

Performance bond, essentially, is a surety bond issued by a bank to guarantee satisfactory completion of a project by a contractor.

Ananda's total liabilities with IBBL stood at Tk 456.34 crore in June last year, and the central bank instructed the bank to make provisions against the sum, which IBBL duly acted on, according to Mohammad Abdul Mannan, its managing director.

The bank is now examining the pros and cons of renting out the ships, he added.

Established in 1983, Ananda Shipyard and Slipways Ltd is the first Bangladeshi shipbuilder to deliver a seagoing vessel to a foreign customer.

## Faster IPO subscription project takes off next month

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The stockbrokers and the merchant banks will transfer the money of successful IPO applicants to the issuer company's escrow account.

Investors that are not successful in the lottery will be allowed to withdraw or use their proceedings immediately after the lottery. In addition to the pilot project,

investors can also make IPO subscription through the existing system.

Presently, retail investors need to attach cheque or cash to the completed IPO application form and hand it in to the issuer's designated banks. After the lottery, successful applicants get allotment certificates; while unsuccessful applicants have to collect refund warrant to encash the subscription fees.



PRIME BANK

Md Nader Khan, former chairman of Prime Bank, inaugurates the relocated premises of the bank's Agrabad branch in Chittagong on Monday. Imran Khan, vice chairman of the bank's executive committee, was also present.



ACRAB

Muzaffar Ahmed, chairman of the Association of Credit Rating Agencies in Bangladesh, leads a delegation of the association to meet Finance Minister AMA Muhiith at the latter's office in Dhaka recently.

# StanChart awards agriculture heroes

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Rashedul Karim, owner of Creation Pvt Ltd, Alimul Ahsan Chowdhury, managing director of Alim Industries, and Md Rafiqul Islam Mondal, director general of BARI, received the award on behalf of their respective organisations.

Speaking as chief guest, Matia Chowdhury paid tribute to the farmers for their contributions in making the country self-sufficient in food production.

"Our agriculture sector is a wonderful story of progress that needs to be celebrated and deserves to be shared."

She said the country's farmers have supported the country by taking interest in agriculture and putting their best efforts to produce food for the growing population, defying many challenges.

The three-time agriculture minister said the award has opened a new chapter to deepen the country's commitment towards agriculture.

"I hope this initiative will inspire our grass-root farmers, dairy, crops and livestock distributors, marketing agencies and logistic service providers to enhance their commitment towards the sector's development."

The agriculture sector accounts for nearly 20 percent of the country's gross domestic product and represents 47.5 percent of the

total labour force.

"It is high time to recognise the contribution of the farmers of the nation. This award is our attempt to recognise individuals and organisations that have played exemplary roles through innovation and hard work," said Jim McCabe, chief executive officer of SCB.

The best practices displayed by each individual and farm and their ensuing successors are all part of the country's story of growth and resilience, he said.

"Tonight marks the beginning of this formal recognition."

As part of the award programme, the bank will subsequently engage the awardees within the sector to enhance their knowledge and inspiration, which will encourage the farmers to produce more and benefit the sector as a whole, according to McCabe.

"This award will spur innovation and modernisation amongst the thousands of farmers across the country toiling away to meet the nation's demand."

"At Standard Chartered, we promise to be here for the people, to be here for progress, and to be here for good. Our commitment to that end will remain unchanged."

The SCB CEO took the opportunity to commend the central bank for its focus on agriculture finance, which is promoting financial inclusion and thus ensuring bal-

anced growth approach for the nation.

Shariful Islam, chief executive officer of Bangladesh Brand Forum, said the tremendous growth in rice production was possible by the farmers' fast adoption of high-yielding crop varieties developed by scientists and rapid expansion of irrigation infrastructure through private investment in tube wells.

"This was also possible because of the tremendous support provided by the government and the private sector's drive to support the sector and ensure food security for Bangladesh."

"But, one will miss the real picture of the sector merely looking through the numbers, as the true story lies with the farmers, the spirited individuals who despite odds and challenges have continued to increase food production, feeding us all. They represent the true essence and soul of the nation."

Syed Ferhat Anwar, a member of the jury board and also a professor of the Institute of Business Administration, announced the names of the winners.

Bitopi Das Chowdhury, head of corporate affairs of SCB, also spoke.

The oldest and largest foreign bank in Bangladesh, SCB has exceeded the farm lending target set by the central bank in the last three years. The bank lends agriculture loans through microcredit organisations.

## Skilled manpower needed to achieve development goals

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

A four-day international summit that ended yesterday emphasised that Bangladesh should work to improve the number of skilled manpower and energy generation to achieve the sustainable development goals.

The country should also take steps to ensure better utilisation of resources and quick implementation of policies and improve infrastructure to achieve the goals, Qazi Kholiuzzaman Ahmad, chairman of Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation, said at the closing ceremony of the event.

Bangladesh should set target and indicators to attain the development goals more comprehensively, said Ahmad, who is also the convener of event: Bangladesh Summit on Sustainable Development 2014.

The government should monitor the progress of the nationally set goals, he said.

Eminence, a local non-profit organisation, organised the summit at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhavan, Dhaka University.

Global Citizen's Forum on Sustainable Development hosted the programme. The forum is an open and inclusive forum for people to engage with and commit to the challenges of building a sustainable future for all.

The country has an adaptive population, inclusive democracy and hard-working people, according to Bangladesh Civil Society Declaration on SDGs 2014 made by the summit participants.

According to the declaration, the government should take steps to reduce poverty, bring transparency and accountability in governance, ensure healthy lives and inclusive and equitable quality education and access to energy and infrastructure. The declaration will be finalised soon to present locally and globally, according to the organisers.

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১.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী দপ্তরের নাম	অধিনায়কের কার্যালয়, র‍্যা-১, আরআরএফ ভবন, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।
২.	সম্প্রদায়িক সংস্থা	অধিনায়কের কার্যালয়, র‍্যা-১, আরআরএফ ভবন, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।
৪.	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি স্মারক নং ও তারিখ	র‍্যা-১/১৩০২/২/রেশন/৫ তারিখ ১৪ আগস্ট ২০১৪।
৫.	কাজের নাম	ভোজ্য তৈল (সয়াবিন) সরবরাহ।
৬.	কাজের সময়সীমা	২০১৪-২০১৫ অর্থ বৎসরে ০১ অক্টোবর ২০১৪ হতে ৩১ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৪ পর্যন্ত।
৭.	অর্থের উৎস	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স হতে অর্থ বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে।
৮.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সময়সীমা	আগামী ১৫ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৪ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সকল কার্যদিবসে।
৯.	দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	অধিনায়কের কার্যালয়, র‍্যা-১, আরআরএফ ভবন, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।
১০.	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	১৬ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৪ বেলা ১২০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে অধিনায়কের কার্যালয়, র‍্যা-১ এর কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র বারে।
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১২.	দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	১৮ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৪ তারিখ ১২৩০ ঘটিকা।
১৩.	দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয়ের প্রাক যোগ্যতা ও শর্তাবলী	পিপিআর/২০০৮ এবং এর তদীয় সংশোধনী বিধি মোতাবেক দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয়ে ইচ্ছুক প্রার্থীকে প্রাক যোগ্যতা যাচাইয়ের জন্য নিম্নোক্ত দাপ্তরিক কাগজপত্রের মূলকপি কর্তৃপক্ষকে অবশ্যই প্রদর্শন করবেনঃ ক। নাগরিকত্ব সনদ, হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, টিআইএনসহ হালনাগাদ পরিশোধিত অয়রক সনদ, মুসক (ভোট) রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট এবং ফার্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিকানা সম্পর্কিত এফিডেভিট এর মূলকপি অথবা প্রতিনিধির ক্ষেত্রে প্রথম শ্রেণীর ম্যাজিস্ট্রেট/নোটারী পাবলিক প্রদত্ত ক্ষমতাপত্র, দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণকারী মালিক এবং প্রতিনিধির সদ্যতোলা ০১ (এক) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, ঠিকাদারের সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের প্রয়োজনীয় আর্থিক সচ্ছলতার সনদপত্র। খ। যে কোন স্বনামধন্য প্রতিষ্ঠানে অথবা স্বনামধন্য তৈল উৎপাদনকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের সরবরাহকারী হিসেবে ভোজ্য তৈল সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতা সার্টিফিকেট (সংশ্লিষ্ট সংস্থার উপর্যুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত) দাখিল করতে হবে। গ। বাজারে প্রচলিত ০৩ (তিন)টি ব্র্যান্ডের নাম যথা (১) রূপচাঁদা (২) তীর মার্কা (৩) ফ্রেস কোম্পানির নাম উল্লেখসহ প্রতিটি দর উল্লেখ করতে হবে। এছাড়া অন্য কোন কোম্পানির তৈল এর নাম উল্লেখ করা যাবে না। ঘ। দাখিলকৃত কাগজপত্রের সঠিকতা বিষয়ে কোন প্রকার সন্দেহ সৃষ্টি হলে যাচাই বাছাই ব্যতীত আবেদনকারীর নিকট দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে না। ঙ। দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয়ে ইচ্ছুক প্রতিষ্ঠানকে “কালো তালিকাভুক্ত নয়” মর্মে নিজ প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক প্যাডে প্রতিশ্রুতিবদ্ধ মুচলেকা দিতে হবে। চ। এছাড়াও অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে। ছ। দরপত্রের সকল কার্যক্রম “The Public Procurement Act-2006” ও The Public Procurement Regulations-2008 এবং এর তদীয় সংশোধনী বিধি মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে।

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