

4G rollout to double the number of internet users: Huawei



Second from right, David Sun, president and chief executive officer of Huawei Southeast Asia region, poses at the Huawei Southeast Asia LTE Summit 2015 held in Bangkok yesterday.

SHAMIM ASHRAF, from Bangkok

China's leading ICT solution provider Huawei yesterday said the deployment of the fourth generation of mobile data technology could quickly double the number of mobile internet users in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is ready for LTE, commonly marketed as 4G or LTE (long-term evolution), which is a standard for wireless communication of high-speed data for mobile phones and data terminals.

"In Bangladesh, the convergence of 2G and 3G with LTE would generate a lot of employment by enhancing economic activities," Bob Cai, president of Huawei LTT FDD Network, said at its Southeast Asia LTE summit in Bangkok.

Showcasing its LTE TDD, small cell and antenna and IBS products at yesterday's summit, Huawei demonstrated how the deployment of these technologies impact the networks and maximise spectrum efficiency in the region.

"To address the increasing growth in data traffic and rising demand for mobile broadband coverage, operators in Southeast Asia have been looking into ways to adopt advanced wireless network solutions and LTE technologies," David Sun, president and chief executive officer of Huawei Southeast Asia region, said in his welcome speech.

The challenges remain in terms of LTE deployment costs, subscriber attraction, brand awareness, and product management, Huawei said in a statement.

Representatives from Thailand's National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission, GSMA Asia, Global Mobile Suppliers Association and Qualcomm, and leading global operators and service providers, including Spark NZ and HKT, attended the programme.

Among the 54 commercial LTE TDD networks, Huawei supported 40 in 26 countries, including China, Japan, India, UK, Italy, Canada, Brazil, Saudi Arabia and South Africa.

LTE has become the fastest developing mobile communications technology ever, with Asia Pacific accounting for 47 percent of LTE connections. The top LTE markets are: USA, China, Japan, South Korea and the UK.

India is going to launch LTE this year with Reliance Jio.

Only 18 percent of the population is using internet in Bangladesh, even though official data shows almost double the number of internet connections currently active, according to industry insiders.

More than 44.6 million internet connections are active, but there were just 28 million unique users as of March.

Internet data consumption stands at 69 gigabits per second (Gbps) as of December 2014, against just 2.33 Gbps recorded at the end of 2008.

Around 82 percent of the population is yet to experience the internet, and the World Bank ranks Bangladesh at 137 out of 146 countries in its Knowledge Economy Index.

ICT products of Huawei are used in more than 170 countries and regions and it has remarkable market share in Bangladesh.

Most of the equipment could be smoothly upgraded to LTE, which will save a lot of investment, Cai told The Daily Star.

In line with the 'Vision 2021 Digital Bangladesh' strategy, Huawei has been actively involved in Bangladesh's ICT and telecom industry.

"We are the major participant in the national broadband network infrastructure in Bangladesh."

The China-funded 'Info-Sarker' project will help Bangladesh achieving its 'Vision 2021', Cai said.

In September 2013, Huawei signed a framework agreement with Grameenphone, Banglalink and Airtel to deploy 3G network.

In August last year, Huawei signed the framework agreement with Banglalion on LTE network development and expansion.

In 2014, the revenue of Huawei's carrier business increased by 16.4 percent to \$31 billion globally, with a strong contribution from mobile broadband network roll outs.



Christoph Horn, head of global communication passenger cars of Mercedes-Benz, and Rob Moran, director of Mercedes-Benz USA Communications, pose with the World Car of the Year award at a ceremony at the New York International Auto Show recently. Rancon Motors of Rangso Group is the authorised distributor of Mercedes-Benz in Bangladesh.

China gauge shows manufacturing activity still shrinking: HSBC

AFP, Beijing

China's manufacturing activity contracted at a slower pace in May, an HSBC survey showed Thursday, but companies cut back production and jobs despite government attempts to reinvigorate the world's second-largest economy.

The preliminary reading for the British banking giant's purchasing managers' index (PMI) came in at 49.1 for this month, improving from a final figure of 48.9 in April, it said in a statement.

The index, compiled by information services provider Markit, tracks activity in China's factories and workshops and is regarded as a barometer of the health of the Asian economic giant.

Thursday's figure marks the third consecutive month the index has been below the 50 point mark that separates contraction from growth.

The production sub-index fell for the first time this year, underlining deteriorating operating conditions, Annabel Fiddes, an economist at Markit, said in the statement.

Copying Alibaba, India e-tailers woo small sellers for growth

REUTERS, Mumbai

Indian e-commerce firms are offering funding help and tech support to woo small retailers, emulating a strategy used by Chinese online retail giant Alibaba Group Holding Ltd to expand into the towns and villages home to the majority of consumers.

India's biggest e-tailers such as Flipkart, Snapdeal and the local arm of Amazon.com Inc are online marketplaces, with commission from sellers accounting for the bulk of their revenue.

This makes tapping the small and medium enterprises vital to India's economic growth key, as these firms account for about 45 percent of the country's total industrial output, business lobby SME Chamber of India says, and have a strong following in the towns and rural areas where hundreds of millions of Indians are rapidly coming online thanks to cheap smartphones.

"Alibaba is our big inspiration. We are following their model because they have created something impactful," Snapdeal Chief Executive Kunal Bahl told reporters on Thursday. Alibaba, the world's biggest e-commerce firm by transaction value, supports small businesses on its platforms.

Bahl was speaking after Snapdeal followed Amazon.com in launching a partnership with the country's largest lender, the State Bank of India, to help provide funding to small retailers that sell on their websites.

These sellers are often unable to get bank loans easily, which stymies their growth, Bahl added. "They can buy and sell more. Their margins improve and they reinvest. It's a win-win for us," he said.

Garnering scale is important for companies seeking growth in India's rapidly expanding online retail sector, which attracted \$5 billion in foreign funds in 2014 alone, according to Morgan Stanley. The sector is expected to grow to \$102 billion by 2020, the investment bank predicts.



Md Humayun Kabir, deputy commissioner of Jessore, hands the papers of stipend to a student at Basatpur in Jessore recently, as part of a CSR programme of City Bank, initiated by MRDI and implemented by local daily Gramer Kagoj. Hasibur Rahman, executive director of MRDI, was also present.



Toufiq M Seraj, managing director of Sheltech, and Saamiya Seraj, a director, attend a press meet on Sheltech Budgetary Fair 2015 in Dhaka yesterday to discuss building code compliance in minimising risk of damage by earthquake.



Deen Mohammad, chairman of Phoenix Finance and Investments, and SM Intekhab Alam, managing director, attend the company's 20th annual general meeting at Muktijuddho Smrity Milonayaton in Kakrail, Dhaka yesterday. The company announced 20 percent cash dividends for 2014.

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre Savar, Dhaka-1343.

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Invitation for Tender

Urgent Procurement of Car & Microbus

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Public Administration (MOPA)
2 Agency	BPATC, Savar, Dhaka.
3 Purchaser Name	Rector, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre, Savar, Dhaka-1343
4 Purchaser Code	Not Applicable
5 Purchaser District	Dhaka
6 Invitation for	01) 01 (One) No. Car & 02) 01 (One) No. Microbus
7 Invitation Ref No	13/2014-2015
8 Date	21.05.2015

KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
10 Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh
11 Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12 Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13 Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14 Tender Package No.	01 & 02
15 Tender Package Name	01) 01 (One) No. Car & 02) 01 (One) No. Microbus
16 Tender Publication Date	22.05.2015
17 Tender Last Selling Date	Date: 04.06.2015 Time: 05.00 PM
18 Tender Closing Date and Time	07.06.2015 12.00 PM
19 Tender Opening Date and Time	07.06.2015 03.00 PM
20 Name & Address of the office(s)	Address - Selling Tender Document (Principal) Assistant Director (Purchase & Store), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343 - Selling Tender Document (Others) N/A - Receiving Tender Document 1) Office of the Director (Administration), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343 2) Deputy Director, BPATC, 49 New Eskaton Road, Dhaka.
21 Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Office of the Director (Administration), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka- 1343 Place: Rector's Conference Room Date: 26.05.2015 Time: 3.00 PM

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22 Eligibility of Tenderer	Manufacturers/Sole Distributors of new Car & Microbus having authorization from the manufacturer.
23 Brief Description of Goods	01) 01 (One) No. Car & 02) 01 (One) No. Microbus
24 Brief Description of Related Services	Required
25 Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Tk. 2,000/= (Two thousands) for each
26 Package Identification of Package No.	Location Identification of Package Amount (Tk) Completion Time in Weeks / Months
01	01 (One) No. Car BPATC, Savar, 85,000/- (Eighty five thousand taka only) 2 Weeks
02	01 (One) No. Microbus BPATC, Savar, 95,000/- (Ninety five thousand taka only) 2 Weeks

Purchaser DETAILS

27 Name of Official Inviting Tender	Mohammad Shafiuzzaman Bhuiyan
28 Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy Director (Finance), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343
29 Address of Official Inviting Tender	BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343
30 Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	7746617 Fax-7745029 moszaman@gmail.com
31 Tender document is available in the BPATC Website:	www.bpatc.org.bd
32 The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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বাংলাদেশ লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র
সভার, ঢাকা-১৩৪৩।
নং-০৫.০১.২৬৭২.১৩০.০৭.৩৯৪১৪-১৪৯৭ তারিখ: ২১/০৫/২০১৫

পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

০১। সংস্থার নাম: বাংলাদেশ লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র, সভার, ঢাকা-১৩৪৩।
০২। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং: ১৪/২০১৪-১৫
০৩। মালামাল/কাজের বিবরণ ও স্থান: ক্রমিক ১৫ এর তালিকা অনুযায়ী।
০৪। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য: ঐ
০৫। দরপত্র সিকিউরিটি: ঐ
০৬। মালামাল/কার্য সম্পাদনের সময়: ঐ
০৭। দরপত্রাদাতা/ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা: ঐ
০৮। বাজেট এবং অর্থের উৎস: কেন্দ্রের রাজস্ব বাজেট।
০৯। সহকারী পরিচালক (ক্রয় ও ভান্ডার), বিপিএটিসি, সভার, ঢাকা।
১০। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়: ০১/০৬/২০১৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়)
১১। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়: ০১/০৬/২০১৫ তারিখ বেলা ১২:৩০ টা পর্যন্ত।
১২। দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান: পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) এর অফিস কক্ষ, বিপিএটিসি, সভার, ঢাকা অথবা আঞ্চলিক লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র, ৪৯, নিউ ইকটন রোড, ঢাকা।
১৩। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়: পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) এর অফিস কক্ষ, বিপিএটিসি, সভার, ঢাকা।
০১/০৬/২০১৫ তারিখ বিকাল ০৩:৩০ টা।
১৪। Pre-Tender Meeting - এর স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়: রেকর্ডস কনফারেন্স কক্ষ, বিপিএটিসি, সভার, ঢাকা।
২৬/০৫/২০১৫ তারিখ বিকাল ০৩:৩০ টা।
১৫। দরপত্র প্যাকেজ/আইটেমের নাম:

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০১	গাড়িচালক ও ৪র্থ শ্রেণীর কর্মচারীদের সাজ-পোশাক ক্রয়	৫০০/-	২৫,০০০/-	২০ (বিশ) দিন	মালামাল সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন সরবরাহকারী/ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান

১৬। কেন্দ্রের ওয়েবসাইট www.bpatc.org.bd এ উল্লিখিত টেন্ডার সিডিউল পাওয়া যাবে।
১৭। কাজটি জরুরী ভিত্তিতে সম্পন্ন করা হবে।
১৮। যে কোন কারণে কেন্দ্র কর্তৃপক্ষ সকল দরপত্র/দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি সংশোধন/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

(মোহাম্মদ শফিউজ্জামান ভূঁইয়া)
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