



Makam E Mahmud Billah, head of retail products and segments at Standard Chartered Bank Bangladesh; Md Mahiul Islam, head of brand and marketing, and Nazim Shafkat Choudhury, director of Nazimgarh Resorts, attend the signing of a deal at a programme. Nazimgarh Resorts will provide the credit and debit cardholders of the bank with a range of exclusive benefits, including 35 percent discount on published room rates.

Banks lending more freely again in early 2017: ECB

European businesses and households enjoyed easier access to credit in the first quarter of 2017, the European Central Bank said Tuesday, reversing tighter lending conditions seen at the end of last year.

A loosening of the standards banks use to judge creditworthiness "continued across all loan categories" as banks compete for borrowers' business, the ECB said in a press release.

According to central bank figures, lenders eased requirements for businesses by 2.0 percent, after a 5.0-percent tightening in the last quarter of 2016. Meanwhile, mortgage loans became significantly easier to come by, with standards 5.0 percent looser - compared with a 1.0-percent tightening on home loans between October and December.

Banks expect to toughen creditworthiness rules for business loans slightly in the second quarter, while

keeping those for house-buyers broadly stable, the ECB found in its poll of 139 eurozone lenders between March 16 and 31. On the other side of the equation, demand for loans "continued to increase across all loan categories," the central bank said.

With interest rates at historic lows, businesses took advantage by taking out new loans or refinancing existing ones, while a rising housing market and low interest rates also encouraged home buyers to take on mortgages.

Puma ups forecast

German sportswear maker Puma said Tuesday it set a new quarterly record for sales between January and March, springing over the 1.0-billion-euro barrier and upping its forecasts for the year.

Revenues at the Bavaria-based group grew by 18 percent year-on-year to 1.005 billion euros (\$1.1 billion) in currency-adjusted terms, while operating, or underlying profit added 70.1 percent to reach 70.2 million.

Puma, which counts high-profile sports stars such as sprinter Usain Bolt and celebrities including singer Rihanna among its celebrity endorsements, said first-quarter net profit reached 49.6 million euros -- almost double last year's figure.

Footwear sales grew 24.8 percent to reach 498.9 million euros, with more modest growth in its clothing and accessories segments.

LinkedIn membership reaches half a billion

The professional social network LinkedIn said Monday its membership had swelled to 500 million, as its user base showed steady growth following its acquisition last year by Microsoft.

"We recently crossed an important and exciting milestone," LinkedIn vice president Aatif Awan said in a blog post.

"We now have half a billion members in

200 countries connecting, and engaging with one another in professional conversations and finding opportunities through these connections on LinkedIn."

Microsoft's \$26 billion acquisition of LinkedIn which was completed in December was the biggest-ever deal for a social media company.

At the time of the announcement last June, LinkedIn had 433 million registered users.



Benjamin de Fouchier, managing director of Daraz BD Ltd, and Musa Kamal Mahmud, general manager of Hussain Trading Company Ltd, attend the signing of a deal at the headquarters of Daraz Bangladesh at Banani in Dhaka yesterday. Daraz has become the online partner of Hussain Trading, a concern of Rangs.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority
Office of the Project Director
Dhaka Integrated Traffic Management Project
South Nagar Bhaban (13th Floor), Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000
Website: www.dtca.gov.bd

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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) For Selection of Consulting Firm

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has allocated public funds for the cost of implementation of Dhaka Integrated Traffic Management Project (DITMP) in four (4) intersections of Fulbaria, Paltan, Mohakhali and Gulshan-1. Dhaka Transport Coordination Agency, being the executing agency of the DITMP intends to apply a portion of the fund to eligible payments under the contract for Consultancy Services by a Consulting Firm (The "Consultant") for Publicity and Advertisement works for the project.

The services include in brief:

The Consultant shall conduct all media related work for Publicity and Advertisement work of DITM Project.

The experience, resources and delivery capacity to be provided are:

The consulting firm must have 15 (fifteen) years of experience of all media related work for Publicity and Advertisement including design and implement communication and public awareness strategies in order to positively highlight the project purpose, achievements, good practices and lessons learned.

The Consultant will be contracted mainly to provide the information for better understanding of the pilot project and to disseminate the rules and manners on traffic for the success of the pilot project. The consultancy includes design and printing of poster, leaflet, bill board, banner, sticker for public awareness. Implementation of street interview at four intersections and related communication to media highlighting 4 intersections planned to be improved under the pilot project. The consultant's task includes and not limited for motivating and educating road users on proper use of traffic rules and regulations and good practices on road uses.

Availability of appropriate skills among staff are:

1. Team Leader should have minimum Master Degree in Journalism or Public Relation or Project Management or Communication or Sociology or any other relevant subject with 15 years experience.
2. If Consultant's team consists of more than one key expert, the experts must have different academic qualification and shall have minimum Master Degree including 10 years experience in relevant field including minimum 5 years experience in conducting street interview for similar activities.
3. The Consultant's team shall include Graphics Designer, Script Writer and Managerial staff.

The DITMP now invites eligible applications to indicate their interest in providing the services. The EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of registration of firm, age of firm, availability of key professionals, bio-data of skilled professionals who will perform the job, experience of the firm in conducting publicity and advertisement work, support service of the firm, etc. Consulting firm will be selected using the method in accordance with the Public Procurement Act 2006 and Public Procurement Rules 2008 issued by the GoB. It is expected that the services will be carried out within 01 year from the date of commencement (possible commencement on early June, 2017 and completion on June, 2018).

Association with other consultant is not allowed.

Interested applicants may obtain further information at the address below and obtain the Request for Application document from the office of the undersigned during normal office hours (9.00am-5.00pm).

Expression of Interest (maximum 30 pages) shall be submitted by 12.00 noon on 22.05.2017, in sealed envelope delivered to Project Director, Dhaka Integrated Traffic Management Project, South Nagar Bhaban, Fulbaria, Floor 13th, Dhaka-1000 and be clearly marked "Request for Expressions of Interest for Selection of Consulting Firm for conducting Publicity and Advertisement work for Dhaka Integrated Traffic Management Project."

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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HSBC wins mandate on \$100b Saudi Aramco IPO: CEO

REUTERS, Hong Kong

HSBC Holdings Plc has been formally mandated as an adviser on the initial public offering of Saudi Arabia's national oil giant Aramco, expected to be the world's largest ever IPO, HSBC's chief executive said on Monday.

Europe's biggest bank joins peers including JPMorgan Chase & Co and Morgan Stanley on the deal, which is expected to raise some \$100 billion and is the centrepiece of the Saudi government's ambitious strategy to diversify away from oil.

HSBC's Chief Executive Stuart Gulliver announced the bank's appointment on the deal at a shareholders' meeting in Hong Kong, confirming a Reuters report in February that the bank was close to being mandated on the hottest investment banking ticket in the world.

Gulliver also said HSBC is confident it can maintain dividend payouts in the foreseeable future and expects to exceed risk-weighted asset and cost-saving targets.

Despite earnings pressure, HSBC has retained its dividend payout ratio at a higher level in the last few years, at a time when some of its peers, including Standard Chartered, withheld dividend payments for 2016.

The bank may have to move "some thousand roles" from Britain to Paris depending on how the country's Brexit negotiations with the European Union unfold, chairman Douglas Flint added, reiterating the bank's previous estimates of staff moves.

HSBC last month named AIA Group boss Mark Tucker as the new chairman of its board, replacing veteran Flint, whose departure will end one of the longest-serving management partnerships at a major global bank. CEO Gulliver is also due to leave in 2018, and one of the main tasks facing Tucker immediately after taking over the new role in October will be selecting a new chief executive for Europe's biggest bank.

Reliance lifts Jio investment above \$30b after record year

REUTERS, Mumbai

Reliance Industries plans to spend a further \$2.8 billion on its Jio telecoms business in the current quarter, it said on Monday, taking its investment in the venture to more than \$30 billion.

Reliance derives the bulk of its revenue from its core refining and petrochemicals operations, but the group has bet big on Reliance Jio Infocomm. The project backed by Reliance owner Mukesh Ambani launched in September in a flurry of cheap phones, free voice and cut-price data plans that have forced rivals to respond.

Announcing record profit for the 2016/17 financial year, Reliance said the additional investment is required for its fibre network as it expands Jio's 4G reach. Analysts and investors have expressed concern over the time it will take Jio to recover its heavy outlay, but its head of strategy, Anshuman Thakur, said there would be a "drastic drop" in investment after the current quarter.

Jio racked up 108.9 million subscribers by the end of March, Reliance said. It started charging for internet data this month, after more than seven months of free services, but has kept prices low. "Jio is witnessing the largest migration from free to paid services in history," said Reliance Chairman Ambani.

Ambani's aggressive strategy to capture market share has led to rivals consolidating. His younger brother Anil Ambani's Reliance Communications merged with smaller rival Aircel and in February India's biggest telecoms company Bharti Airtel bought out the Indian operations of Norway's Telenor.

That was followed by Britain's Vodafone announcing a merger with Idea to create the biggest telecoms company in India.

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Invitation for Tender

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1	Ministry/division	Technical & Madrasa Division, Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	Not used at present.
3	Procuring entity name	Technical & Madrasa Division, Ministry of Education.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Procurement Regarding Laptop, Desktop Computer, Color Printer, Printer, UPS, Scanner, Projector.
7	Invitation Ref No.	57.00.0000.041.07.016.17-482
8	Date	24 April 2017.

KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement method Open tender method (National competitive bidding).

FUNDING INFORMATION

10 Budget and source of funds GOB.

11 Development partners (if applicable)

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12 Project/programme code (if applicable)

13 Project/programme name (if applicable)

14 Tender package No. 01

15 Tender package name Procurement Regarding Laptop, Desktop Computer, Color Printer, Printer, UPS, Scanner, Projector.

Date

16 Tender publication date Within 03 (three) days after issuing the tender notice.

17 Tender last selling date 15 May 2017 on or before 12:00 noon.

Date Time

18 Tender closing date and time 16 May 2017 V 12:00 noon

19 Tender opening date and time 16 May 2017 V 12:15pm

20 Name & address of the office(s) Address

- Selling tender document (principal) Assistant Secretary (Admin-02) Technical & Madrasa Division Ministry of Education Room # 913, Govt. Paribahan Pool Building, Dhaka-1000.

- Selling tender document (others) N/A.

- Receiving tender document Assistant Secretary (Admin-02) Technical & Madrasa Division Ministry of Education Room # 913, Govt. Paribahan Pool Building, Dhaka.

- Opening tender document Assistant Secretary (Admin-02) Technical & Madrasa Division Ministry of Education Room # 913, Govt. Paribahan Pool Building, Dhaka.

21 Place/date/time of Pre-tender meeting (optional) <type in name>

Date Time

N/A N/A

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22 Eligibility of tenderer This invitation for tenders is open to eligible tenderers/dealer/agent/supplier.

Purchase receipt of tender document (original).

Up-to-date trade license (2016-2017).

In case of limited company, the certificate of incorporation.

Income Tax Certificate for the fiscal year 2015-2016 with TIN number.

Bank Solvency Certificate and other conditions mentioned in the bid document.

VAT Registration Certificate (up-to-date).

Experience Certificate and other conditions mentioned in the bid document.

Catalogue & Drawing (if applicable) to be submitted by the bidder.

23 Brief description of goods Procurement Regarding Laptop, Desktop Computer, Color Printer, Printer, UPS, Scanner, Projector.

24 Brief description of related services As per bid document.

25 Price of tender document (Tk.) BD Tk. 1,350/= (one thousand three hundred & fifty Taka only) cash.

Sl No. Lot No. Item No. Identification of lot Location Tender security amount (Tk.) Completion time in days/weeks/months

26 01 i Laptop Technical & Madrasa Division, Ministry of Education 60,000/- Within 14 days from the date of contract signing

ii Desktop Computer

iii Color Printer

iv Printer

v Scanner (A4 size)

vi Scanner (Legal size)

vii UPS

viii Multimedia Projector set (with installation)

27 Name of the official inviting tender Mohammad Shahidullah.

28 Designation of the official inviting tender Assistant Secretary (Admin-02).

29 Address of the official inviting tender Technical & Madrasa Division Ministry of Education, Room # 913, Govt. Paribahan Pool Building, Dhaka-1000.

30 Contact details of official inviting tender 9575807 (Office).

31 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

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