



Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, vice chancellor of Dhaka University, and Selim RF Hussain, managing director of Brac Bank, pose for photo at a programme at the university in the capital on May 28. The bank will give scholarship to 40 meritorious students of business studies faculty.

Samsung Electronics may add NAND capacity at China plant

REUTERS, Seoul

Tech giant Samsung Electronics Co Ltd said on Monday it is considering adding NAND memory chip production capacity at its manufacturing base in China amid an industry-wide boom that will likely fuel record sales for memory suppliers.

Samsung, the world's biggest memory chip maker by sales, has already invested \$7 billion in the Xi'an facility to make 3D NAND memory chips. The chips are used for high-end data storage products on electronic devices such as smartphones, personal computers and data servers, and their prices have surged in recent months as suppliers struggle to keep up with demand.

"Samsung Electronics is considering various investment options to address the NAND flash market, including Xi'an, China, but nothing has been decided yet," the company said in a regulatory filing without elaborating on details such as scale of potential investment.

South Korean media reports earlier on Monday said Samsung was in advanced talks with the Chinese authorities to add 3D NAND chip capacity in Xi'an, and that construction could begin before the year-end.

Memory chip companies are expected to enjoy record revenue and profit in 2017, driven by growing demand for more processing firepower in consumer electronics, and diminishing production yield on investment as technology grows more sophisticated. Researcher IHS expects this year's memory industry revenue to jump 32 percent to a record \$104 billion.

Industry executives and analysts said 3D NAND suppliers will likely struggle to keep up with orders throughout 2017.

Samsung and its rivals have been boosting 3D NAND investment accordingly. While Samsung has so far not given specific targets, it said in April that capital expenditure would rise significantly this year in part due to plans to boost 3D NAND production capacity.

Modi seeks to repair trade ties with Russia

AFP, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will seek to repair India's drifting partnership with Russia when he meets President Vladimir Putin this week, amid wariness over Moscow's renewed interest in New Delhi's backyard, analysts say.

The two leaders will look to stem a decline in trade between the once robust economic partners and resolve tensions over their shifting global alliances when they meet on Thursday ahead of a summit in Saint Petersburg.

The two countries enjoyed a 70-year alliance forged during the Cold War, when the Soviet Union was India's largest trading partner, diplomatically and main arms supplier, providing everything from tanks to aircraft.

But the relationship became unmoored following the collapse of the USSR, as India underwent an economic transformation and increasingly sought to build trade ties with Western nations.

That process has accelerated in recent years as New Delhi has orbited closer to Washington, and Russia has fostered relationships with India's chief regional rivals Pakistan and China, analysts say.

Russia remains an important partner for India but "the basis for the relationship is, however, very weak," said Dhruva Jaishankar, foreign policy fellow with Brookings India.

"People-to-people exchanges are limited, young Indians are less likely to study Russian, and even areas like energy and information technology, where the two countries have comparative advantages, are underdeveloped," he said.

The two leaders are expected to discuss a framework agreement for Moscow to supply more reactors to a nuclear plant in southern India as the country seeks to reduce its reliance on highly polluting coal.

Russia has supplied two reactors to the plant under a long-delayed agreement, and has been pushing to supply more.

A revival of two-way trade, which slumped to below \$8 billion in 2015

despite an ambitious bilateral target of achieving \$30 billion by 2030, will be a key priority during Modi's visit.

New Delhi, which is the world's top arms buyer, once relied on Moscow for its military hardware, but has increasingly turned to the United States, France and Israel to update its Soviet-era defence equipment in recent years.

Furthermore, Modi is now seeking to manufacture military hardware locally, asking foreign firms to work with domestic contractors under his "Make in India" campaign, in a bid to reduce reliance on costly imports.

Although Russia is close to finalising a deal to build Kamov military helicopters in India, its recent pivot towards Pakistan has not gone unnoticed in New Delhi.

Moscow lifted its embargo on arms supplies to India's arch rival in 2014, according to Russia's ITAR-TASS news agency, and was holding talks on supplying Islamabad with combat helicopters.

Moscow also rattled India recently with its decision to support the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, a project opposed by New Delhi because it runs through the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

The last few years have seen "a parting of the ways on many big issues, in particular on Afghanistan", where Moscow is seeking to broker a peace deal with Taliban insurgents, Jaishankar said.

Moscow -- which fought a disastrous military campaign in Afghanistan during the Soviet era -- has been increasingly flexing its muscles on the world stage, hosting a regional conference earlier this year that was aimed at facilitating peace talks between the Taliban and Kabul.

India has been a key supporter of Kabul's government and has poured more than \$2 billion into the country since the former Taliban regime -- which was allied with Pakistan -- was toppled in 2001.

But, while New Delhi has traditionally taken a dim view of attempts to negotiate a peace settlement with the Taliban, it does not see Russia's renewed role in Afghanistan as hostile, said Brahma Chellaney from the New Delhi-based Centre for Policy Research.

"India appreciates that Russia is re-entering Afghanistan as an important player, and in doing so, not directly working against India's interest," he told AFP.



Modi and Putin will look to stem a decline in trade between the once robust economic partners.

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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Consulting Services for Small Scale Water Resources Development Project (Phase-2)

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) towards the cost of "Small Scale Water Resources Development Project (Phase-2)" ("the Project") with the objective of expanding surface water resources development and contributing rural economic growth and poverty alleviation in the four Divisions: Dhaka, Sylhet, Mymensingh and Rangpur. This project consists of the following three components:

- 1) Component 1: Small Scale Water Resources Development (SSWRD) and other related agricultural facilities and equipment, and rural road;
- 2) Component 2: Institutional Development of Water Management Cooperative Associations (WMCAs); and
- 3) Component 3: Procurement of Goods (equipment and material).

A part of the proceeds from the loan will be utilized for consulting services for assistance of implementing the Project. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) will be the employer of this consulting services and the duration is estimated for seventy-four (74) months.

2. The scope of consulting services will include the following:

- 1) Assistance in overall management of the Project;
- 2) Technical assistance in the implementation of the Project Component Activities in an efficient and effective manner with technology transfer;
- 3) Assistance in Institutional Development of WMCAs;
- 4) Assistance in environmental and social consideration; and
- 5) Reporting of the Project in line with JICA's requirement.

3. The firm is required to provide experts in the following fields:

- 1) Planning, designing, implementation and management of water resources development projects for agricultural development;
- 2) Institutional development regarding water resources development project or agricultural development;
- 3) Procurement for water resources development projects in the field of agricultural development;
- 4) Construction Management and Quality Control for water resources development for agricultural or irrigation management projects;
- 5) Planning, implementation and management of agricultural and fisheries program;
- 6) O&M planning and training for Water Management Cooperative Associations (WMCAs);
- 7) Gender & Development or Social consideration on development projects;
- 8) Project Benefit, Monitoring and Evaluation (PBME); and Initial Environmental Evaluation (IEE) and/or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and/or Social Impact Assessment (SIA).

4. Selection of the shortlisted consultants will be made in accordance with the "Guidelines for the Employment of the Consultant under Japanese ODA Loan, April 2012" following Quality Based Selection (QBS);

http://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/oda_loans/oda_op_info/guide/

5. EOI is invited from eligible international consulting firms/organizations/institutes in single or in the form of Joint Venture, or association/consortium, which has required expertise and experience in the abovementioned areas. The firm would have:

- 1) Relevant overseas experience of similar development projects for agricultural development in developing countries, preferably in Asia Pacific and South Asia;
- 2) Experience with water resources development on irrigation management, including the institutional development and training for water management associations and government officials;
- 3) Experience with Japanese ODA loan project.

6. EOI should include the following information:

- 1) Company profile (Form-1);
- 2) Related experiences of the firm, similar assignments in projects of comparable size, condition and technical specification (Form-2);
- 3) Availability of appropriate Experts with one CV for each position attached (Form-3);
- 4) Financial information (Form-4); and
- 5) Agreement of Joint Venture, or association/consortium, if applicable (Form-1b).

7. EOI as well as forms/supporting documents attached shall be written in English. Documents originally written in other than English should be translated by the applicant into English and attached to the copy of original duly attested by competent authority.

8. Outline of the project and Forms of Expression of Interest are posted on the websites of www.lged.gov.bd, www.cptu.gov.bd and hard copy of the same is available from the office in the address given hereunder.

9. Five (5) signed copies of EOI shall be submitted in a sealed envelope through post, registered post, or delivered by hand, subscribing "Consultancy Services for Small Scale Water Resources Development Project (Phase-2)" on top of the envelope to the following address by 4:00pm, Date: 04/07/2017.

Project Director
Small Scale Water Resources Development Project (Phase-2)
Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)
LGED Headquarters, RDEC (Level-6), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.

10. LGED reserves the right to accept/reject one or all EOIs or stop the process of approval at any stage, at its sole discretion without assigning any reason and shall bear no liability whatsoever consequent upon such a decision.

11. EOIs submitted by firms will be screened, and firms will be shortlisted. Only short-listed firms will be invited to submit proposals. The result of EOIs and names of the shortlisted firms will be informed by the undersigned in writing by Fax and/or email within 60 days from the date of submission of EOIs.

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Invitation for Tender (Goods) e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following goods (details are given below):

Sl No.	Reference No.	Brief description of goods	Last selling/downloading (date & time)	Closing date & time	Opening date & time	e-Tender ID No.
1	15.55.0000.305.07.026.17.4048 Date: 28/05/2017.	Supply of Sound system equipment and accessories for class room.	13 Jun 2017 15:30	14 Jun 2017 14:30	14 Jun 2017 14:30	105413. (OTM)

This is an 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 an e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender Document from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's Branches.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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