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Masihul Huq Chowdhury, additional managing director of Midland Bank, and Morshedul Alam Chaklader, CEO of Total Air Services Ltd, general sales agent of Malaysia-based airline AirAsia Berhad, exchange signed documents of a deal at the bank's head office in Dhaka on Thursday. Visa credit, debit and prepaid cardholders of the bank will enjoy a 10 percent discount on the base fair for the Dhaka-Kuala Lumpur-Dhaka route.

Trump action on China trade likely to have broad support

AFP, Washington
The sanctions that President Donald Trump is poised to slap on China for stealing intellectual property from US firms should earn broad support, allowing him to rebuild a power base in Congress sapped by the recent battle over health care.

and counterfeiting, and high levels of physical pirated and counterfeit exports to markets around the globe," the US Trade Representative said in its annual report on IP issues published in April.

In addition, "China imposes requirements that US firms develop their IP in China or transfer their IP to Chinese entities as a condition to accessing the Chinese market."

But companies like Apple and Google find it hard to challenge Beijing for fear of losing access to the world's second-largest economy.

During the presidential campaign Trump vowed to hit China with a 45 percent tariff on all imported goods to address the trade deficit with the country, which totaled \$309 billion last year.

But since he took office the administration has dialed back the fiery rhetoric and tried for cooperation, including trade talks last month rebranded as the US-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue (CED).

But with little to show from those

efforts, and no help from China in containing North Korea's nuclear weapons program, Trump has launched unilateral actions to address unfair trade in aluminum, steel and now IP.

"If Trump felt he was getting good cooperation on North Korea he would not be ramping up" the trade pressure against China, Gary Clyde Hufbauer of the Peterson Institute for International Economics told AFP.

A US trade statute known as Section 301 gives US presidents broad latitude to retaliate against any trade policy in another country deemed unfair.

Trade experts say the retaliation could come in the form of targeted tariffs against specific companies, like state-owned Chinese firms thought to be benefitting from American intellectual property.

Or the White House could impose broader sanctions, like across-the-board tariffs on imports or restrictions on Chinese investments in the United States, where companies face no restrictions.



M Abu Taher, chairman of Fortuna Bangladesh, poses with dealers and officials of the company at a programme at its factory at Kunia in Gazipur on July 29. Fortuna Bangladesh is an upcoming footwear brand in Bangladesh.

FORTUNA BANGLADESH

Struggling Singapore Airlines offers crew unpaid leave

AFP, Singapore
Singapore Airlines said Friday it is offering cabin crew unpaid leave in a cost-cutting measure as it struggles to keep up in an increasingly tough market.

The company said it had offered its cabin crew the option of taking unpaid leave between September and November this year due to a "temporary surplus of crew".

"Having temporary surpluses or deficits of cabin crew is not unusual due to the nature of our business, and this voluntary scheme over a specific period of time is to ensure that we efficiently manage crew resources and operational requirements," a spokesman said. The spokesman added the airline now plans to offer the option from time to time in the future.

Singapore Airlines did not say how many of its 8,200 crew members had so far taken up the offer or how many staff they hoped would choose to partake in the scheme.

It last resorted to the measure in 2009, after the global financial crisis. Aviation analyst Shukur Yusof of Endau Analytics told AFP it showed "legacy carriers" were finding it harder to survive.

"(Singapore Airlines's) business travel segment has been hit hard and more are turning to low cost carriers," he said.

Toyota discussing stronger alliance with Mazda

AFP, Tokyo
Toyota said Friday it would discuss strengthening its partnership with Mazda as reports said they were close to a deal on a capital tie-up and building a \$1.6 billion factory in the United States.

Toyota was marginally lower. Toyota said it would discuss its partnership with the Hiroshima-based company at a board meeting later in the day.

"In May 2015, Toyota and Mazda signed a memorandum of understanding to explore various areas of collaboration," Toyota said in a statement.

"We intend to submit a proposal to our board of directors today regarding the partnership with Mazda," it said while withholding further details.

Mazda issued a similar statement. The Nikkei daily reported the two firms were closing in on a capital partnership to pave the way for the possible establishment of a joint-

venture US auto plant and joint development of key electric vehicle technologies.

They were negotiating a deal in which Toyota would take a roughly five percent stake in Mazda, which in turn would invest in the other party as well, the leading business daily said.

Bloomberg News reported the two were considering a deal to have cross-shareholdings and build a \$1.6 billion assembly plant in the United States.

The US plant would have the capacity to produce 300,000 vehicles a year and create 4,000 jobs, Bloomberg quoted people familiar with the matter as saying.

It would be operational by 2021, it said.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD Maintenance Circle, Dhaka.

Memo No : 4138

Date: 03.08.2017

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works			
2	Agency	Public Works Department			
3	Name of Procuring Entity	Superintending Engineer, PWD Maintenance Circle, Dhaka.			
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present			
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Works			
7	Invitation Reference No.	20.00.0000.411.14.07.17-182			
8	Date	25.04.2017			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)/National Competitive Bidding (NCB)			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and Source of fund	Development Budget, Government of Bangladesh			
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	None			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project /Programme Code (if applicable)	Not available.			
13	Project /Programme Name (if applicable)	Construction of Residential Flat and Dormitory Building at Abandoned House in Chittagong City.			
14	Tender Package No.	WDc (WD4.2+WD8.2)			
15	Tender Package Name	Construction of 12-Storeyed Building at Abandoned House No- 52 and 11-Storeyed Building at Abandoned House no- 114, Panchlaish Residential Area, Chittagong including Civil, Sanitary, Internal Electrification, Site improvement and Gas connection.			
16	Tender No	T-01/2017-2018			
17	Tender Publication Date	On or before 09.08.2017			
18	Tender Last Selling Date	11.09.2017 up to 17.00 hours			
19	Tender Closing Date and Time	12.09.2017; Time 12.00 hours			
20	Tender Opening Date and Time	12.09.2017; Time 14.00 hours			
Name & Address of the office (s)					
	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD Maintenance Circle, Dhaka.			
	Selling Tender Document (Others)	Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD City Division/ Dhaka PWD Division-I/II/III/IV/ Medical College PWD Division/ Motijheel PWD Division/PWD Resources Division/ Sher-e-Bangla Nagar PWD Division-I/II/III/ Savar PWD Division/ Mohakhali PWD Division/ PWD Maintenance Division Dhaka/Chittagong, PWD Chittagong Division-I, Chittagong/ PWD Khulna Division-I, Khulna/ PWD Rajshahi Division-I, Rajshahi/ PWD Sylhet Division, Sylhet/ PWD Barisal Division, Barisal/ PWD Rangpur Division, Rangpur.			
21	Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Dhaka PWD Sub-Division-V under Dhaka PWD Division-IV, Purta Bhaban, Dhaka. (i) Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD Maintenance Circle, Dhaka. (ii) Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Azimpur Division, Dhaka (iii) Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Resource Division, Dhaka (iv) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka. (v) Office of the Police Commissioner, Dhaka Metropolitan Police.			
	Opening Tender Document	Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD Maintenance Circle, Dhaka.			
22	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender meeting	Not Applicable			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
23	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	a. The tenderer (/firm) shall have minimum 10 (ten) years of general experience in building construction. b. The tenderer must have an experience in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number of building of similar nature (i.e. minimum 7 (seven) storied building with Piling Works) including civil, sanitary & electrical works amounting to BDT 32 (Thirty Two) Crore through a single tender/contract during last 5(five) years in any Government / Semi-Government / Autonomous organization of Bangladesh. c. The tenderer must have a minimum average annual construction turnover of BDT 40 (Forty) crore over last five years. d. The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderers shall be BDT 7 (Seven) crore. e. The minimum Tender Capacity shall be 38 (Thirty Eight) Crore. f. The tenderer must have up-to-date Electrical ABC and Supervisory license from Electrical Licensing Board, Govt. of Bangladesh. g. Tenderers having quoted the tender price more than 10 (Ten) percent above or below the official cost estimate, the tender will be rejected. h. Rate in figure should be quoted three digits after decimal and total amount obtained by multiplying rate and quantity of work will be counted three digits after decimal point. <i>The full eligibility and qualification criteria will be available in details in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS, section 2) of Tender Document.</i>			
24	Brief Description of Works	Construction of Pile foundation; R.C.C. works; M.S. fabrication work, plastering, painting, floor and wall tiles, wood work, window with thai aluminum including glass, other sanitary & electrical works suitable for residential building.			
25	Brief description of Physical Services	Not Applicable			
26	Price of Tender Document (BDT)	4000 (Four thousand) only.			
	Lot no.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender Security amount (BDT)	Completion time
27	1	Construction of 12-Storeyed Building at Abandoned House No- 52 and 11-Storeyed Building at Abandoned House no- 114, Panchlaish Residential Area, Chittagong including Civil, Sanitary, Internal Electrification, Site improvement and Gas connection.	Chittagong	BDT. 120 (One Hundred and Twenty) Lac only.	21 (Twenty one) months
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
28	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Ashraful Alam			
29	Designation of official inviting tender	Superintending Engineer			
30	Address of official inviting tender	PWD Maintenance Circle, Dhaka.			
31	Contact details or official inviting tender	Tel: 02-9352404, Fax 02-9358175 Email: se_maint@pwd.gov.bd			
32	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.				

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