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Dhaka-Kolkata freight train from next month

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Bangladesh and India are set to launch a container train service to facilitate faster and cheaper transport of goods between the two countries such that bilateral trade goes way beyond the existing \$6 billion.

The container train, which will operate between Dhaka and Kolkata, will start its trial run from next month, according to a decision taken at an inter-governmental meeting on railway on September 13-15 in New Delhi.

"This will be a new service, so we need to see whether merchants use railway to carry container to and from India," said a senior official of Bangladesh Railway yesterday.

The move comes after the Container Corporation of India and Container Company of Bangladesh Ltd signed a preliminary agreement over facilitating greater cooperation in freight operations between the two countries during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to New Delhi in April.

A full rake of empty containers will go to Dhaka through the only broad-gauge connection through Gede (India)-Darshana (Bangladesh) border gates in West Bengal.

Bangladesh will send the rake loaded with their export cargo, according to a

report by Indian newspaper The Hindu Business Line.

Before the launch of the container train service on commercial basis, the required rules and procedures will be formulated, officials said.

The service may go on to have a major cost impact on the \$6-billion bilateral trade, which is currently dominated by non-containerised road cargo -- mostly through the Benapole-Petrapole border in West Bengal, according to the Indian newspaper.

To add to the problem, India-Bangladesh road cargo is subjected to heavy rent-seeking and delay, especially in the 70-km congested stretch between Kolkata and Petrapole.

Loading and unloading of non-containerised road cargo at the border further makes the trade costly and unsafe.

Transporting goods by container is less risky for both businesses and authorities as the containers would remain locked on the way to the customs stations, said Mohammad Ehteshamul Hoque, first secretary of Customs International Affairs at the National Board of Revenue.

"Internationally, transporting goods through containers is rising, so we also encourage this," he added.

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Beximco Pharma enters Canada

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Beximco Pharmaceuticals has become the first Bangladeshi company to export medicines to Canada.

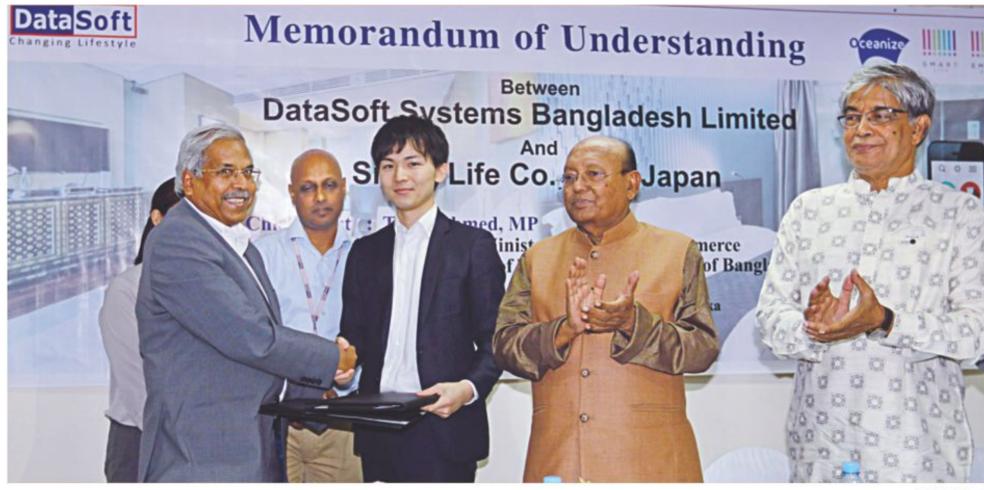
The first consignment of Olopatadine, a sterile ophthalmic product, was delivered to the North American country on Saturday, Beximco said in a statement.

Health Canada, a department of the Canadian government responsible for national public health, approved Olopatadine (0.1 percent solution used for treating symptoms of eye allergy) in the last financial year.

According to IMS data, the current market size for Olopatadine eye drops (of all strengths) in Canada is \$14 million.

"The entry into the Canadian pharmaceutical market, following the successful launch of our first product in the US last year, is a significant step forward in strengthening our presence in North America," said Nazmul Hassan, managing director of Beximco Pharma.

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Mahboob Zaman, managing director of DataSoft Systems Bangladesh, and Bunta Mabuchi, director of Smart Life, a Japanese company, exchange the signed documents of a deal at a programme at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka hotel yesterday. Tofail Ahmed, commerce minister, was also present.

DataSoft to build 10,000 smart homes in Tokyo

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Local firm DataSoft Systems will establish 10,000 smart homes in Tokyo using the next generation Internet of Things (IoT) solutions in what can be termed a spectacular leap for the country's IT industry.

"This is a breakthrough for the ICT industry as well as the whole country," said Mahboob Zaman, managing

director of DataSoft Systems Bangladesh.

In the next phase of technology, all objects, whether automobile or home appliance, will be connected with the internet like living things, he added.

Under an agreement signed yesterday with Japanese Smart Life, DataSoft will develop the concept and supply all the IoT solutions for 10,000 apartments.

Solutions include controlling and minimising power usage, gas leakage prevention, water wastage minimisation, room temperature control, and ensuring security, said Sami Al Islam, DataSoft's project coordinator.

The project is set to fetch DataSoft about \$8,000 from each of the apartments and a service fee of \$10-15 from every unit each month.

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HSBC launches seventh Export Excellence Awards

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HSBC Bangladesh yesterday launched the seventh edition of HSBC Export Excellence Awards to recognise exporters for their contribution towards sustainable growth of the economy.

Francois de Maricourt, CEO of HSBC Bangladesh, launched the award at a ceremony at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka hotel.

Every exporter is eligible to apply and can nominate oneself and even a fellow by filling up a form by October 5, according to the bank.

The nomination form and other details are available at www.business.hsbc.com.bd/eea.

The exporter of the year award will be presented in four categories, each under specified annual export turnovers.

The awards will be given in four categories: exporter of the year in garments category with annual export turnover over and up to \$100 million; exporter of the year in apparel supply chain and backward linkage with annual export turnover over \$10 million; exporter of the year in traditional and emerging sectors (non-RMG/textiles) with annual export turnover over \$10 million; and exporter of the year in SMEs (non-RMG/textiles) with annual export turnover up to \$10 million.

Winners are selected based on different aspects such as annual contribution to national exports, diversity, responsibility, sustainable business practices and governance strengths of businesses, the bank said in a statement.

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Francois de Maricourt, centre, CEO of HSBC Bangladesh, speaks at a press conference at Sonargaon hotel yesterday on the launch of the seventh edition of HSBC Export Excellence Awards. Mahubur Ur Rahman, deputy CEO, and Talukdar Noman Anwar, country head for communications, also spoke.

BB not giving new Islamic banking licences

It has no regulatory framework to monitor the industry

JEBUN NESA ALO

More and more banks are showing interest in converting into full-fledged Islamic banks but the central bank is not giving new licences for the expansion of the shariah-compliant finance.

The reason is the absence of a regulatory framework that would enable proper monitoring of the Islamic banking industry, said a senior Bangladesh Bank official.

The BB has long been working on a uniform shariah law framework but could not finalise yet, he added.

Three conventional banks -- Standard, Jamuna and IFIC -- had

applied to the BB several years ago to switch to Islamic banking but they did not get the green light.

"We want to go for Islamic banking because people are more interested in it," said Mamun-Ur-Rashid, managing director of Standard Bank, adding that the Islamic banking sector has been outperforming the conventional banking industry.

Shafiqul Alam, managing director of Jamuna Bank, said they had tried for several years to obtain permission from the central bank to launch Islamic banking.

"Now we have abandoned the plan."

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Govt to make IPR laws time-befitting

BSS, Dhaka

The government has taken initiatives to make the existing laws on intellectual property rights (IPR) time-befitting to protect the local innovations, inventions and creations, experts said. As part of the initiative, the government has already started taking opinion of international and local experts, Jay A Erstling, an international intellectual property expert, told news agency BSS yesterday.

Erstling has been invited to deliver a keynote speech at a seminar on the "Role of intellectual property rights for the growth of ICT industry in Bangladesh".

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Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited ("DSE"), the premier bourse of Bangladesh, was demutualized in 2013 under the Exchanges Demutualization Act, 2013 by separating the trading rights from ownership with an objective to bring in superior corporate governance.

According to the provision of the Exchanges Demutualization Act, 2013 and the Demutualization Scheme of DSE, up to 25% of total issued shares of DSE shall be sold to Strategic Investor. Additional shares may be sold to the strategic investor, if allowed by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) in greater interest of the capital market.

In pursuant with this requirement and with a vision to be the leading exchange in the region and a key driver of economic growth, DSE is seeking potential Strategic Investors locally and internationally. The potential strategic investors can be from the following broad categories:

- Exchanges;
- Technology Firms;
- Institutional Equity Investors having long term capital market experience; and
- Banks and Financial Institutions.

The potential strategic investors are expected to have, among others:

- Strategic fit (industry experience, market experience, credibility, etc);
- Value proposition balanced with strategic considerations; and
- Cultural compatibility.

Shareholders have created value for the exchange over long time. Hence, it is very important to receive the right financial considerations for offloading shares to Strategic Investors.

Details of the Demutualization Act, Scheme and financials of DSE are available on our website www.dsebd.org.

All interested potential strategic investors are hereby requested to submit EOI by **09 November 2017**. Interested parties are encouraged to submit EOI at the earliest in order to execute a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), obtaining access to Data Room and further information etc.

EOI should include, among others, a clear intent to be strategic investor of DSE, company/consortium members' brief profile, eligibility as strategic investor considering the relevant provisions of the Exchanges Demutualization Act, 2013, Demutualization Scheme of DSE and DSE (Board and Administration) Regulations, 2013 etc. EOIs will be scrutinized upon receipt to determine eligibility following which NDA will be signed with eligible parties. Access to Data Room will be granted by prior appointment following signing of the NDA. The deadline for submission of technical and financial offers in separate sealed envelopes by eligible parties is by **3:00 pm on 15 November 2017**. For more information on timeline and detailed procedures, please contact us at the following address:

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