



Michael Foley, CEO of Grameenphone, poses with students of Sir John Wilson School during a child online safety session, an awareness programme of Grameenphone in partnership with Brac, at the school in Dhaka yesterday. Sabrina Shaheed, principal of the school, and Mahmud Hossain, chief corporate affairs officer of the mobile operator, were also present.

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Asean signs free trade, investment pacts with Hong Kong

REUTERS, Manila

Hong Kong on Sunday signed free trade and investment pacts with the ten-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations, in what one of the Chinese territory's senior officials called a "loud and clear" vote against rising regional trade protectionism.

The pacts conclude nearly three years of talks, are expected to take effect on January 1 at the earliest, and aim to bring "deeper and bolder" integration of market access with the bloc, said Edward Yau, Hong Kong's commerce and development secretary.

"In the face of protectionist sentiments in other parts of the world, these two agreements are in fact a loud and clear vote from all of us here for freer and more open trade," Yau said.

"Hong Kong, being a free trade promoter and advocate of a strong, rule-based multilateral trading system, will continue to take this path-way, continue to do our utmost."

Total merchandise trade between Hong Kong and Asean was HK\$833 billion (\$107 billion) last year, official figures show. Total services trade was HK\$121 billion (\$16 billion) in 2015.

The Asean Hong Kong China Free Trade Agreement (AHKCFTA) was signed on the sidelines of a summit of the regional grouping in the Philippine capital of Manila.

It came after leaders attending an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit in Vietnam agreed to tackle "unfair trade practices" and "market distorting subsidies" in a statement on Saturday that bore the imprint of US President Donald Trump's efforts to reshape the

global trade landscape.

That summit offered a contrast between the vision of US President Donald Trump's "America First" policy and a traditional consensus favouring multinational deals that China now seeks to champion.

While Hong Kong already has one of the world's freest and most open economies, the pacts will see many Asean countries gradually eliminate or slash customs duties on goods from the former British colony that returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

Professional services are also expected to benefit, with increased investment flows, Yau added.

The Asean grouping includes Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Samiul Islam, executive director of MAX, hands over a cheque to Nadim Khandaker, an associate professor of North South University, at a programme at the university in Dhaka. The infrastructure development company funded a research initiative of the university titled "Frontiers in Energy and Infrastructure".



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Date: 12/11/2017

e-Tender Notice (OTM) No. 03/2017-2018

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SI No.	Package No.	Tender ID No.	Name of work	Tender security (Tk.)	Tender last selling date & time	Closing date & time	Opening date & time	Time for completion
01	WD-04	135138	Construction of 12-Storeyed Academic-cum-Research Building with basement floor including sanitary, internal electrification and fire fighting works.	2,28,00,000.00	10/12/2017 at 16:00	11/12/2017 at 13:00	11/12/2017 at 13:00	17 (seventeen months)
02	WD-05	134973	Construction of Administrative Annex 10-Storeyed North Building including sanitary, internal electrification and fire fighting works.	90,00,000.00	10/12/2017 at 16:00	11/12/2017 at 13:00	11/12/2017 at 13:00	17 (seventeen months)
03	WD-06	135116	Construction of rest part 10-Storeyed of 2nd Female Students' Hall for 700 seat capacity including sanitary, internal electrification and fire fighting works.	1,00,00,000.00	10/12/2017 at 16:00	11/12/2017 at 13:00	11/12/2017 at 13:00	17 (seventeen months)
04	WD-08	134122	Construction of Multipurpose Building up to 4th floor with 10-Storeyed foundation including sanitary, internal electrification and fire fighting works.	50,00,000.00	10/12/2017 at 16:00	11/12/2017 at 13:00	11/12/2017 at 13:00	17 (seventeen months)
05	WD-09	133883	Construction of Senior Teachers & Officers Quarters up to 4th floor with 10-Storeyed foundation (Grade 3&4) (2-unit for each floor) including sanitary, internal electrification and fire fighting works.	18,00,000.00	10/12/2017 at 16:00	11/12/2017 at 13:00	11/12/2017 at 13:00	17 (seventeen months)

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Airbus, Boeing close in on \$30b deals

REUTERS, Dubai

A battle for orders erupted on day one of the Dubai Airshow on Sunday as Europe's Airbus and its US arch-rival Boeing prepared to fire opening salvos worth almost \$30 billion.

Airbus was widely expected to announce a fresh order worth \$16 billion at list prices for the world's largest passenger jet, the A380, from Dubai's Emirates, injecting new life into its soft-selling superjumbo programme.

But sources familiar with the matter said Boeing could try to upstage its European competitor by grabbing a surprise early order worth \$12-13 billion for its 787-10 Dreamliner.

Boeing was close on Sunday to the deal to sell around 40 of the longest version of its Dreamliner family, also to Emirates, the sources said.

Airbus, Boeing and Emirates all declined comment.

Emirates partners with Mercedes, Jeremy Clarkson for new first class

REUTERS, Dubai

Dubai airline Emirates joined forces with Mercedes-Benz and motoring journalist Jeremy Clarkson to launch its new first-class suites on Sunday, inspired by the styling of luxury car interiors.

Emirates, which was the first airline to put showers on commercial jets, rolled out the futuristic design at the start of the Dubai Airshow.

"This is the first time we have seen anything like this in the civil aviation world," Emirates President Tim Clark said.

The six fully enclosed cabins for its Boeing 777 jets feature seats that recline into flat beds and a 32-inch television.

B/E Aerospace, recently acquired by Rockwell Collins, is the supplier of the seats.

Emirates said it spent "many millions" of dollars developing the new premium section over several years.

"The investment is an awful lot of money," Clark said, declining to disclose

exactly how much the airline had spent.

Emirates has placed high-definition cameras outside the planes, enabling passengers sitting in the middle of the first class cabin to have a window-like experience.

The airline has recruited Jeremy Clarkson, co-presenter of Amazon car show Grand Tour, for their advertising campaign to promote the new first class.

"You may not like him, but most people find him amusing, sometimes a little irritating, but he is very impactful," Clark said.

Clarkson was dropped from co-presenting BBC's Top Gear in 2015 after he physically attacked a producer.

The size of the suites will reduce the number of first-class seats on Emirates' 777s from eight to six.

Clark said Emirates was studying how to add them to its A380 fleet, and dismissed skepticism of first class by other airlines, telling reporters that there was strong demand for the premium class including on routes to China, Paris, and London.

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Invitation for Tender (Works)

Tender Notice No. 09/2017-18

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Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time	Opening date & time
01.	129092	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-02 Periodic Maintenance of Polashbaria UP Office-Nohata GC via Chakulia Road from Ch. 00m-1670m under Mohammadpur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255663018. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
02.	129093	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-03 Periodic Maintenance of Nohata Girls College-Hanan Mredha House from Ch. 00m-180m under Mohammadpur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255665170. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
03.	129094	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-04 Periodic Maintenance of Binodpur UP-Madhappur Hat via Thakurer Hat & Churargati Hat Road from Ch. 6962m-8225m under Mohammadpur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255663015. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 17:00pm	23-11-2017 17:00pm
04.	129095	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-05 Periodic Maintenance of Road from Kamapur WAPDA Road to Jalal House via Kamapur College at Ch. 00m-200m under Sreepur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255955291. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
05.	129096	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-06 Periodic Maintenance of Arpara G.C-Arpara Shalikha RHD Road Ch. 00m-550m under Salikha upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255852014. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
06.	129097	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-07 Periodic Maintenance of Balidia-Laxmipur Road from Ch. 00m-1400m under Mohammadpur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255664084. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
07.	129098	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-08 Periodic Maintenance of Road from Sreepur Bazar-Sreepur UP Road at Ch. 00m-300m under Sreepur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255953012. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
08.	129099	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-09 Periodic Maintenance of Road from Mortozapur-Bakhera Hat Road Ch. 00m-1420m under Sreepur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255954007. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
09.	129100	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-10 Periodic Maintenance of Churargati-Bahalbaria Road from Ch. 00m-1350m under Mohammadpur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255664041. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
10.	129101	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-11 Periodic Maintenance of Balidia UP Office-Rarikhali Hat via Gopinathpur Hat Road from Ch. 7415m-8484m under Mohammadpur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255663006. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
11.	129102	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-12 Periodic Maintenance of Overlay Beroil R&H-Beroilpolita Bazar via Beroilpolita UP Office Road at Ch. 00m-826m under Sadar upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255574100. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
12.	129103	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-13 Periodic Maintenance of Road from Thakelpur-Durgapur Road Ch. 00m-950m under Sreepur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255954048. overlay	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
13.	129104	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-14 Periodic Maintenance of Mohammadpur UZ HQ-Horekrishnupur Road from Ch. 6380m-6838m under Mohammadpur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255663010. Road Rehab	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm
14.	129105	e-Tender/LGED/Mag/GOBM/17-18/W-15 Periodic Maintenance of Mohammadpur H/Q to Balidia UP Office Road from Ch. 00m-840m under Mohammadpur upazila Dist. Magura. Road code 255663017. Road Widening	22-11-2017 16:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm	23-11-2017 13:00pm

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