

Toyota forecasts record net profit

AFP, Tokyo

Japanese car giant Toyota on Tuesday revised its earnings forecast, saying it expected to see a record annual net profit thanks to a weaker yen and US tax cuts.

Japan's top carmaker expects to bank a net profit of 2.4 trillion yen (\$22 billion) for the fiscal year to March 2018, up from its November estimate of 1.95 trillion yen.

Annual sales are now forecast at 29 trillion yen, up from an earlier projection of 28.5 trillion, the Prius maker said.

In May, the company announced its first drop in annual profit for five years, which it blamed on the cost of customer incentives in the key US market.

Toyota said net profit rose 40.5 percent to 2.0 trillion yen for the nine months to December, on sales of 21.8 trillion yen, which were up 8.1 percent.

Toyota officials said the profits were the result of several factors, including a weaker yen, US tax cuts and company cost-cutting measures.

"In the US, the corporate tax cuts of 2017 resulted in a reduction in income taxes of 291 billion yen," helping push up net income, senior managing director Masayoshi Shirayanagi told reporters.

Central banker takes stab at bitcoin 'bubble'

AFP, Frankfurt am Main

The head of the Bank of International Settlements, the central bank for central banks, on Tuesday lambasted bitcoin as a speculative bubble and said authorities need to be ready to protect public trust in the financial system.

While acknowledging the intention of bitcoin's developers to create

public trust in the financial system.

While cryptocurrencies, led by bitcoin, soared in value last year, authorities in most countries stood on the sidelines, while in some countries they embraced the technology that promises to cut the costs of financial transactions.

But as the value of bitcoin -- the best-known virtual currency -- has tumbled from its December high of

Carstens said the volatility of cryptocurrencies undermined their utility for transactions and a store in value, thus apparently leaving their main use as a means for criminals to move money.

"If the only 'business case' is use for illicit or illegal transactions, central banks cannot allow such tokens to rely on much of the same institutional infrastructure that serves the overall financial system and freeloader on the trust that it provides."

He called for particular vigilance in allowing cryptocurrencies to "piggyback" on the financial system with links to regular bank accounts.

A number of leading US and British banks have recently announced bans on purchasing bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies with credit cards.

Bitcoin trading exchanges, which function like brokerages and hold their client balances, have proved targets for hackers, with a Japanese exchange Coincheck hit by a \$530 million heist last month.

Carstens, formerly the head of Mexico's central bank, said that cryptocurrencies may not yet pose a systemic risk.

"But if authorities do not act preemptively, cryptocurrencies could become more interconnected with the main financial system and become a threat to financial stability," he said.

Cryptocurrencies have also come under criticism for using vast amounts of electricity.



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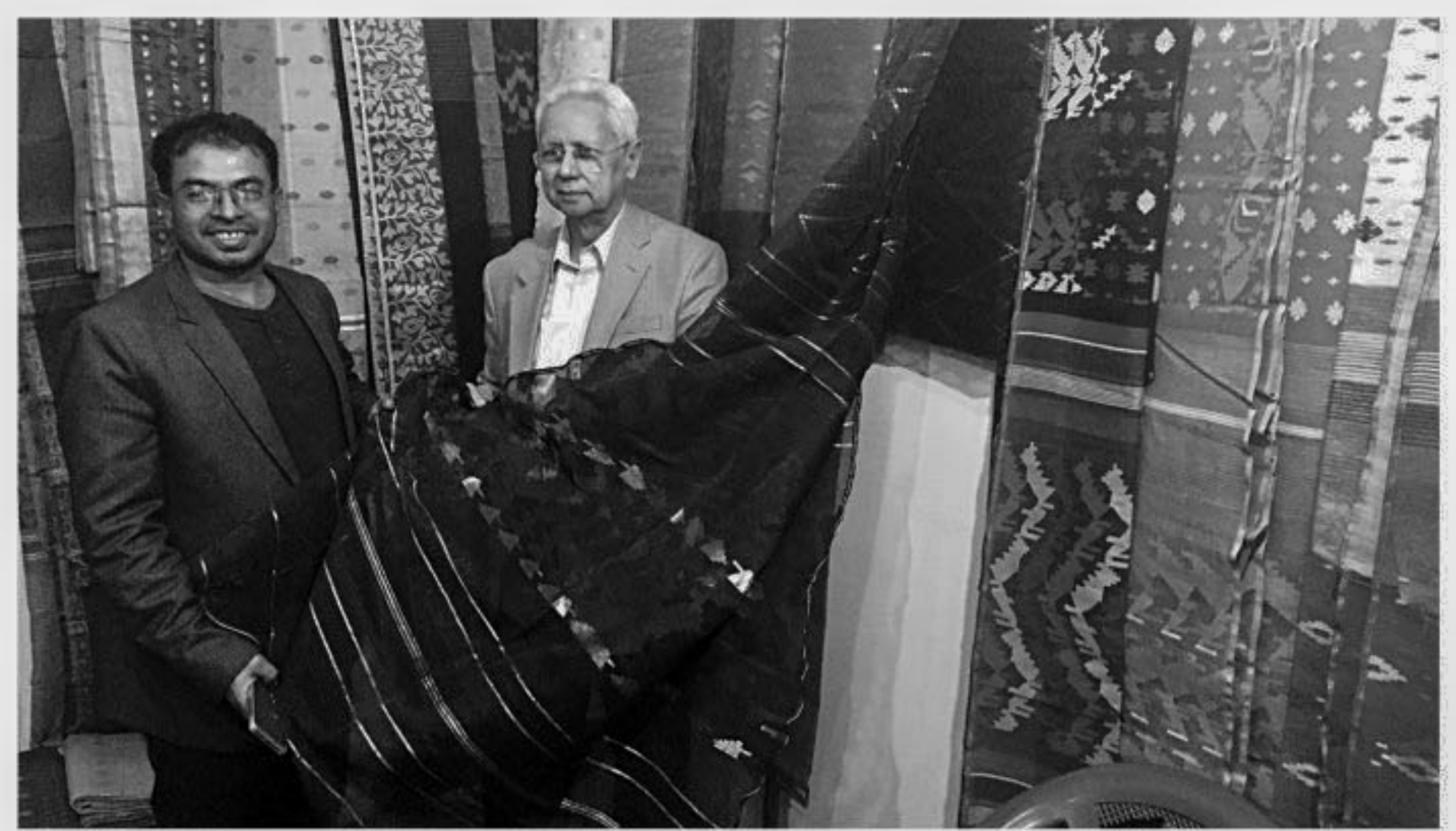
Authorities need to be vigilant as cryptocurrencies could undermine the public trust in the financial system, experts say.

an alternative payment system with no government involvement, "it has become a combination of a bubble, a Ponzi scheme and an environmental disaster", said BIS's general manager, Agustín Carstens.

Delivering a lecture co-hosted by Germany's central bank, Carstens said that authorities need to be vigilant as cryptocurrencies could undermine the

nearly \$20,000 to less than half that value with wild daily swings, regulators have taken a more critical outlook.

China recently vowed to fully stamp out cryptocurrency trading after cracking down on it late last year. South Korea has also cracked down on cryptocurrency exchanges to reduce the risk of money laundering.



BANGLADESH HIGH COMMISSION IN NEW DELHI

Syed Muazzem Ali, Bangladesh high commissioner to India, visits a stall showcasing Jamdani saris at the 25th Guwahati International Trade Fair in Assam on Monday. This year 18 Bangladeshi stalls on Jamdani and Benarasi saris and readymade garments are participating in the show.



NRB

Md Mehmood Husain, CEO of NRB Bank, and Hanif Zakaria, chief commercial officer of Regent Airways, exchange documents after signing an agreement at the bank's corporate head office in Dhaka on Sunday. The bank's credit cardholders will avail zero interest facility and 10 percent discount on the airline's base fares on all international flights and 7 percent discount on domestic ones.

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Memo No: LGED/UE/CHAN/CTG/PEDP-III/2017-18/109 Date: 05/02/2018

e-Tender Notice No: 03/2017-18

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

| Sl. No. | Tender ID | Name of work | Last selling date & time | Closing date & time | Last date & time of tender security | Opening date & time |
|---------|-----------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 01. | 159834 | Construction of Boundary wall including Gate of Barama, Bepari Para & Chagachar GPS. | 04-03-2018 17:00 | 05-03-2018 15:30 | 05-03-2018 14:00 | 05-03-2018 15:30 |
| 02. | 160244 | Construction of Boundary wall including Gate of Dakkhin Gasbaria & Dakkhin Hasimpur GPS. | 04-03-2018 17:00 | 05-03-2018 15:00 | 05-03-2018 14:00 | 05-03-2018 15:00 |

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BP's annual profit rockets

AFP, London

British energy major BP said Tuesday that 2017 net profits rocketed to almost \$3.4 billion (2.7 billion euros), boosted mostly by a recovery in the crude oil market.

Earnings after taxation for the full year compared with \$115 million in 2016, BP said in a statement.

"The results primarily reflected higher oil prices," the London-listed giant said.

The news comes one week after Anglo-Dutch rival Royal Dutch Shell announced an annual profit of \$13 billion.

World oil prices had leapt by some 15 percent to finish the year at \$60 per barrel, helped by oil cartel OPEC's efforts to limit its production.



TOTAL BANGLADESH

Manzoor Murshed Siddiqui, managing director of Total Bangladesh, poses with the company's distributors at "Total Bondhu 2017" celebrating Total's 15th anniversary, at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka recently.

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Memo No. 46.11.1600.002.ত:প্র-5.14.18.020 Dated: 5-2-2018

Corrigendum Notice
e-Tender Notice: CCC/ADP-120cr/2017-19/01

Due to some unavoidable reason Tender memo No.- 46.11.1600.002.36.SE-5.18/009 Dated-17.01.2018 has been made the following amendment for mentioned tender ID. All concerned are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

| Sl No. | Package No. & tender ID | Name of works | Field name | Old value | Corrected value |
|--------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 1 | DICPC/W-06/Lot-2 Tender ID-153066 | Development of Jibonmistry Road at 6 No. East Sholoshahar Ward | Document last selling date & time Meeting end date & time Closing date & time Opening date & time Last date & time for tender/proposal security submission Tender/proposal security (Amount in BDT) (Lot No: Single) | 12/02/2018 12:00 11/02/2018 17:00 12/02/2018 15:30 12/02/2018 15:30 12/02/2018 13:00 250000.00 | 18/02/2018 12:00 15/02/2018 12:00 18/02/2018 15:30 18/02/2018 15:30 18/02/2018 13:00 460000.00 |
| 2 | DICPC/W-14/Lot-1 Tender ID-152791 | Dev. of Dawenji pond side mondir front side Dev. of Jogashhaban opposite goli Dev. of JM Shan opposite goli and Dev. of Goods Hills Road at 21 No. Jamalkhan Ward | Name of the works | Dev. of Dawenji pond side mondir front side Dev. of Jogashhaban opposite goli Dev. of JM Shan opposite goli and Dev. of Goods Hills Road at 20 No. Dewanbazar Ward | Dev. of Dawenji pond side mondir front side Dev. of Jogashhaban opposite goli Dev. of JM Shan opposite goli and Dev. of Goods Hills Road at 21 No. Jamalkhan Ward |

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Director, Stores & Supplies
Department of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Dhaka

Tender for Goods (Single Lot)

Ref No: CMSD/G-1739/ICT/17-18/D-6/74. Dated: 05/02/2018

| KEY INFORMATION | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 1 | Procurement method/document | ICT Open | | |
| FUNDING INFORMATION | | | | |
| 2 | Source of funds | Development Budget (Government) | | |
| 3 | Development partner | | | |
| PARTICULAR INFORMATION | | | | |
| 4 | Project/programme code | | | |
| 5 | Project/programme name | 4th HPNSP | | |
| 6 | Tender package No. | G-1739 | | |
| 7 | Tender package name | Procurement of Dental Unit | | |
| 8 | Tender publication date | 07/02/2018 | | |
| 9 | Tender last selling date | 20/03/2018 | | |
| 10 | Tender closing date and time | 21/03/2018 11:00am | | |
| 11 | Tender opening date and time | 21/03/2018 11:30am | | |
| 12 | Name and address of the office(s) | | | |
| | -Selling tender document (principal) | Central Medical Stores Depot, 30, Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 | | |
| | -Selling tender document (others) | Do | | |
| | -Receiving tender document | Do | | |
| | -Opening tender document | Do | | |
| 13 | Place/date/time for pre-tender meeting | Conference Room, Room No-115, Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD), 30, Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, 18/02/2018 11:30am. | | |
| INFORMATION FOR TENDERER | | | | |
| 14 | Eligibility of tenderer | Tender will be conducted through the International Competitive Tender (ICT) procedures specified in the tender schedule and PPA-2006 & PPR-2008. | | |
| 15 | Brief description of goods or works | Procurement of Dental Unit | | |
| 16 | Brief description of related services | Warranty, Installation, functioning & local training as per technical specification. | | |
| 17 | Tender document price | BDT 4,000/- (Bangladesh Taka four thousand) US\$ 50 (fifty) only. | | |
| 17 | Lot No. | Identification | Location | Tender security amount in Taka |
| | Single Lot | Procurement of Dental Unit | Central Medical Stores Depot, 30, Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 | Bangladeshi Taka 8,00,000.00 or equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency through a scheduled bank in Bangladesh. |
| | | | | Completion time in weeks/months |
| | | | | To be delivered on or before 14 weeks after signing of the contract/opening of L/C. Any offer of delivery beyond 14 weeks will be treated as non-responsive. |
| PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS | | | | |
| 18 | Name of official inviting tender | Brigadier General AFM Rafiqul Islam | | |
| 19 | Designation of official inviting tender | Director (Stores & Supplies) & Line Director, Procurement Storage & Supplies Management of Health Services (PSSM-HS) | | |
| 20 | Address of official inviting tender | CMSD, 30, Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka | | |
| 21 | Contact details of official inviting tender | Tel. No: 9129231 Fax: 88-02-9126547 E-mail: cmsdstore@dhaka.net | | |

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

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