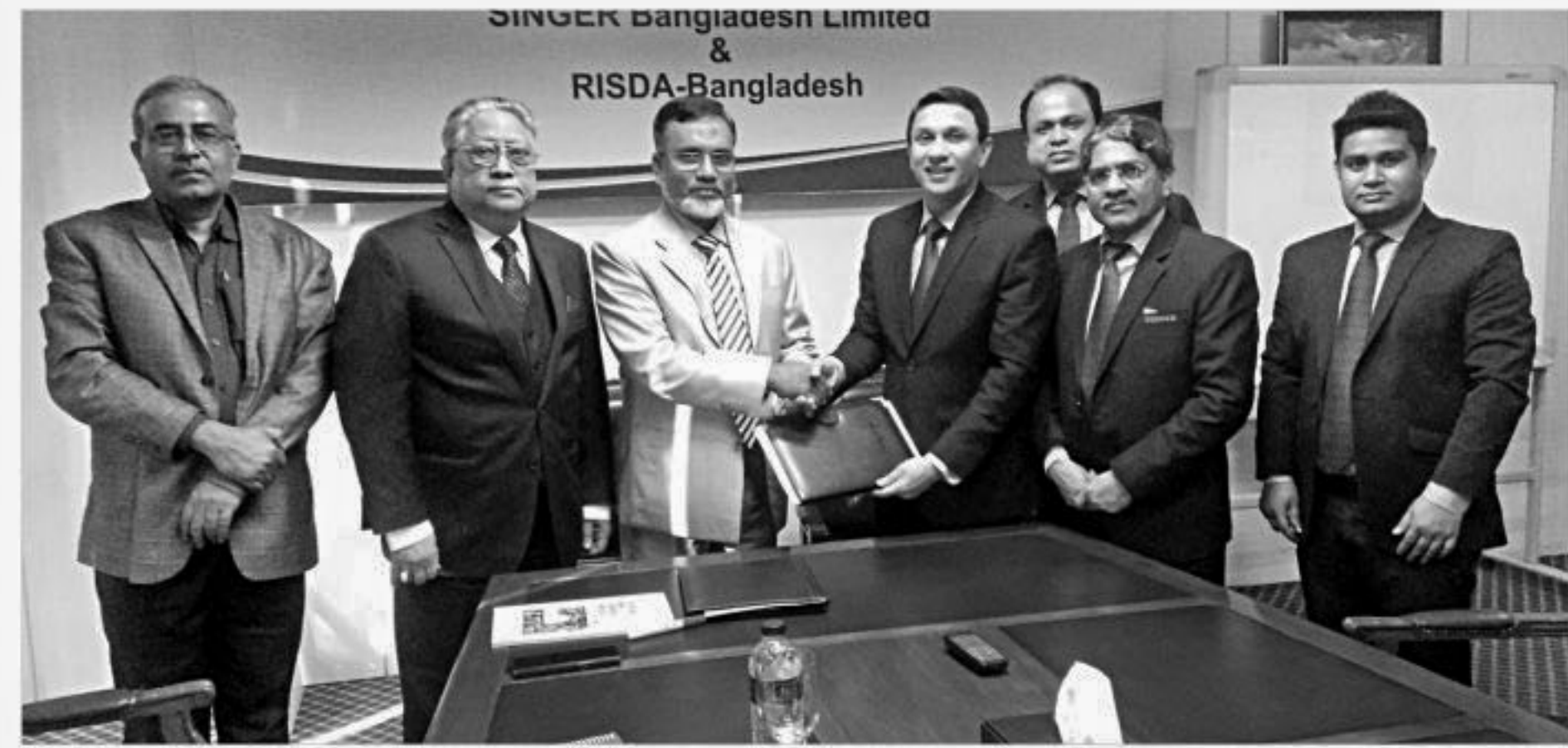




Bank Asia Chairman A Rouf Chowdhury, Vice Chairman Mohd Safwan Choudhury, Executive Committee Chairman Rume A Hossain, Audit Committee Chairman Mashiur Rahman, directors Maj Gen (retd) Mohammad Matiur Rahman, Romana Rouf Chowdhury, Dilwar H Chowdhury and Enam Chowdhury, and President and Managing Director Md Arfan Ali attend the bank's two-day annual business conference, Business Meet 2019, at Royal Tulip Sea Pearl Beach Resort in Cox's Bazar on Saturday.



MHM Fairoz, CEO of Singer Bangladesh, and Md Hemayet Hossain, executive director of Risda-Bangladesh, an NGO, exchange documents of a deal at the former's head office in Dhaka on Saturday facilitating instalment facilities to Risda's beneficiaries purchasing Singer products.

# Cracks appear in China economy

AFP, Beijing

Cracks are opening in China's mighty economy: investors are backing away from deals, factories are moving abroad and companies are shedding jobs.

The world's second-largest economy is losing steam, hitting its slowest growth in almost three decades last year, and flagging further in recent months.

While gross domestic product grew at 6.6 percent in 2018 -- a rate

that would be the envy of most nations -- China's efforts to cut its debt mountain have weighed on the economy. Private businesses in particular face new hurdles as costs rise and financing becomes harder to come by, while the trade war with the United States has not helped.

Here is a look at some of the struggles faced by Chinese companies and people:

Feeding China's addiction to video games seemed an easy bet for

Beijing Yixin Technology, a tech startup behind the mobile game Farm Take Home.

The game allows players to harvest wheat, raise chickens and plant apple trees -- a bucolic refuge from the pressures of urban China.

But in real life, the tech firm has struggled to find investors.

"In December our company's funding ran out, we had an investment lined up, but the money never came through," said chairman Cui Yi.

"This month I arranged another

investor, then he backed out too. I think we can't hold out."

His company is not alone.

Venture capital funding dried up at the end of last year. Total investment in the fourth quarter fell 13 percent from a year earlier, according to data from Preqin market research.

Policymakers are partly to blame, pushing a war on debt and financial risk that has cut the funding flowing into investment firms, industry insiders say.

## INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMME

# Saudi seeks to attract \$427b

REUTERS, Riyadh

Saudi Arabia aims to attract private sector investments worth 1.6 trillion riyals (\$427 billion) over the next decade through an industrial development programme aimed at diversifying the economy, Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said on Saturday.

Investments will be made through the National Industrial Development and Logistics Program (NIDLP), one of the programmes set out under Vision 2030, a

wider reform strategy led by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and intended to wean the economy off hydrocarbons and create jobs for Saudis.

Falih said the kingdom would on Monday announce projects worth 70 billion riyals that are "ready for negotiations" under the NIDLP to boost industry, mining, energy and logistics.

At a later stage, it plans to announce projects in the military, chemicals and small businesses industries worth \$50 billion, he added without giving a timeframe.



Sayem Ahmed, chairman of Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL), speaks at a session of the bank's two-day "Managers' Conference-2019" at Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka recently. Abul Kashem Md Shirin, CEO, was present.



Dhaka Bank Chairman Reshadur Rahman, Vice Chairman Md Amirullah, Founder Chairman and Director Abdul Hai Sarker, Sponsor and Former Chairman ATM Hayatuzzaman Khan and CEO Syed Mahbubur Rahman pose with officials at its annual managers' conference for 2019 at Hotel Royal Tulip Sea Pearl Beach Resort in Cox's Bazar recently.

Gopalganj Technical School and College Gopalganj-8100					
Invitation for Tender					
IFT Ref No. 37.03.3532.400.06.001.19/604				Date: 20/01/2019	
1	Ministry/division			Ministry of Education.	
2	Agency			Directorate of Technical Education (DTE).	
3	Procuring entity name			Principal, Gopalganj Technical School and College, Gopalganj-8100.	
4	Procuring entity code			Not used at present.	
5	Procuring entity district			Gopalganj	
6	Invitation for			Tender, Goods.	
7	Invitation Ref. No.			37.03.3532.400.06.001.19 /604	
8	Date			20/01/2019	
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement method			Open Tendering Method (OTM)/National Competitive Bidding (NCB).	
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and sources of fund			International Development Association (IDA).	
11	Development partners			IDA (World Bank).	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/program code			5-2551-5030	
13	Project/program name			Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP).	
14	Tender package No.			GTSC/STEP/AF/GD-01	
15	Tender package name			GTSC/STEP/AF/GD-01 (Supply & installation of equipments for different trades)	
16	Tender last selling date			17/02/2019 up to 5:00pm	
17	Tender closing date and time			19/02/2019 at 12:00 noon.	
18	Tender opening date and time			19/02/2019 at 12:30pm.	
19	Name and addresses of the office(s)				
	Selling tender document			Office of the Principal, Gopalganj Technical School and College, Gopalganj-8100.	
	Receiving and opening tender document			Office of the Principal, Gopalganj Technical School and College Gopalganj-8100.	
12	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting			Office of the Principal, Gopalganj Technical School and College, Gopalganj-8100. Date & time: 03/02/2019 at 11:00am.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
21	Eligibility of tenderer			(a) The tenderer shall have a minimum of five years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (b) The tenderer shall have successfully completed minimum one number supply contract of similar goods and related services for goods, the contract value must be at least Tk. 15,00,000.00 (fifteen lac) only within last five years. (c) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility shall be Tk. 15,00,000.00 (fifteen lac) only. (d) Others eligibility criteria as mentioned in the TDS and other part of the tender document.	
22	Price of tender document			Tk. 1,000.00 (one thousand) only [non-refundable] each tender document.	
23	Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount in Tk.	Completion time after contract signing
	GTSC/STEP/AF/GD-01	Supply & installation of equipments for different trades	Gopalganj Technical School and College, Gopalganj-8100	Tk. 40,000.00 (forty thousand) only	02 (two) weeks
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
24	Name of official inviting tender			Md. Mizanur Rahman.	
25	Designation of official inviting tender			Principal	
26	Address of official inviting tender			Gopalganj Technical School and College, Gopalganj-8100.	
27	Contact details of official inviting tender			Telephone : 02-6685423; www.tscgopal.gov.bd; e-mail: gtscgopalganj@gmail.com	
28	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders or annul the tender proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever.				
Md. Mizanur Rahman Principal Gopalganj Technical School & College Gopalganj					
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## Germany to phase out coal by 2038

REUTERS, Berlin

Germany should shut down all of its coal-fired power plants by 2038 at the latest, a government-appointed commission said on Saturday, proposing at least 40 billion euros (\$45.7 billion) in aid to regions affected by the phase-out.

The roadmap proposals, a hard-won compromise reached early on Saturday after more than 20 hours of talks, must now be implemented by the German government and 16 regional states.

They embody Germany's strategy to shift to renewables, which made up more than 40 percent of the energy mix last year -- beating coal for the first time -- and follow a 2011 decision to halt nuclear power.

Chancellor Angela Merkel's cabinet welcomed the plan hammered out by the commission that included 28 voting members from industry, academia, environmental groups and unions, plus three non-voting members from the ruling parties.

"Less CO2, more new jobs, a secure power supply and affordability: a strong signal," Economy Minister Peter Altmaier said on Twitter.

The panel, which began its work in June, said at least 40 billion euros in aid should be provided for coal-mining states affected by the exit, less than the roughly 60 billion euros they had sought.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh					
Office of the Principal Technical Training Center, Patuakhali E-mail: ttcpatuakhali@gmail.com					
IFT Ref. No: TTC/Ptua/STEP/2018-19/8828				Date: 28/01/2019	
Invitation for Re-Tender (Goods)					
1	Ministry/Division		Ministry of Expatriates Welfare & Overseas Employment.		
2	Agency		Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training.		
3	Procuring entity name		Principal, Technical Training Center, Patuakhali.		
4	Procuring entity district		Patuakhali.		
5	Invitation for		Tender, Goods.		
6	Invitation Ref. No.		TTC/Ptua/STEP/2018-19/8828		
7	Date		28/01/2019.		
KEY INFORMATION					
8	Procurement method		Open Tendering Method (OTM)/National Competitive Bidding (NCB).		
FUNDING INFORMATION					
9	Budget and source of funds		International Development Association (IDA).		
10	Development partners		IDA (World Bank).		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
11	Project/program code		5-2551-5030		
12	Project/program name		Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP), DTE.		
13	Tender package No.		PTTC/STEP/AF/GD-2		
14	Tender package name		Supply and Installation of Equipment for Different Trades.		
15	Tender last selling date and time		17/02/2019 up to 02:00pm.		
16	Tender closing deadline		18/02/2019, 12:00 noon.		
17	Tender opening date and time		18/02/2019, 12:30pm.		
18	Name & address of the office(s)		Office of the Principal, TTC, Patuakhali.		
	Selling tender document				
	Receiving tender document		Office of the Principal, TTC, Patuakhali.		
	Opening tender document		Office of the Principal, TTC, Patuakhali.		
19	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting		Place: Office of the Principal, TTC, Patuakhali. Date: 11/02/2019, Time: 11:00am.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
20	Eligibility of tenderer (detail stated in TDS)		(a) Shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (b) The tenderer must have successfully completed minimum (1) one number supply contract of <b>BDT. 12,00,000.00 (twelve lac)</b> in specific/similar goods and related services within <b>last 5 (five)</b> years, i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. (c) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is <b>BDT. 12,00,000.00 (twelve lac) for Package PTTC/STEP/AF/GD-2.</b>		
21	Brief description of goods		Mentioned in tender document.		
22	Brief description of related services		N/A		
23	Price of tender document		Tk. 1500.00 (Taka one thousand & five hundred) only.		
24	Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (BDT)	Completion time after contract signing (weeks)
	PTTC/STEP/AF/GD-2	Supply and Installation of equipment for different trades	Office of the Principal TTC, Patuakhali	35,000/-	08 (eight)
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
25	Name, designation, address and contact details of official inviting tender		Md. Golam Kabir, Principal, TTC, Patuakhali. Phone: 0441-63676, email: ttcpatuakhali@gmail.com		
26	If it is not possible to receive and open the tenders on the fixed date due to unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue.				
27	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.				
			Md. Golam Kabir Principal TTC, Patuakhali		
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