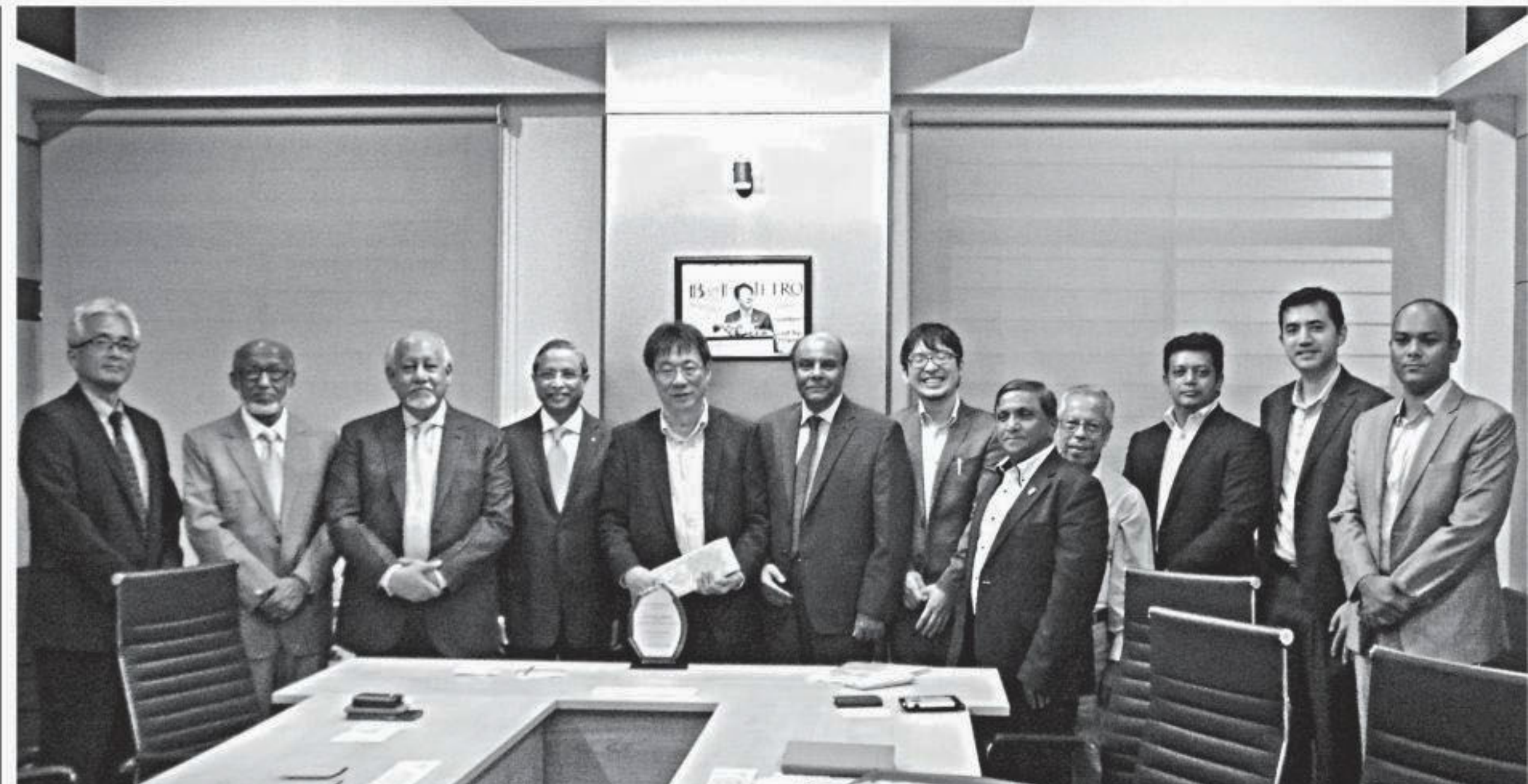




Selima Ahmad, centre, president of the Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, attends a panel discussion on "Women in Informal Sector: Challenges and Opportunities in Non-traditional Occupations" at Spectra Convention Centre in Dhaka yesterday. The event was organised under a Building Skills for Unemployed and Underemployed Labour project which is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the European Union.



Yasushi Akahoshi, president of Japan External Trade Organization (Jetro), poses during a meeting with the board of directors of the Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JBCCI) at Jetro's Dhaka office yesterday. The directors explained their business relations with Japan and requested Akahoshi to encourage more Japanese to come over to do business.

Saudi Arabia replaces energy minister with king's son

AFP, Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's King Salman on Sunday replaced the energy minister with one of his sons, state media said, in a major shakeup as the Opec kingpin reels from low oil prices.

The appointment of Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, half-brother of de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, marks the first time a royal family member has been put in charge of the all-important energy ministry. He replaces veteran official Khalid al-Falih as the world's top crude exporter accelerates preparations for a much-anticipated stock listing of state-owned oil giant Aramco, expected to be the world's biggest.

"Khalid al-Falih has been removed from his position," the official Saudi Press Agency said, citing a royal decree. "His royal highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman is appointed minister of energy." Since his appointment as oil minister in 2016, Falih has been the face of Saudi energy policy but the veteran technocrat had seen his portfolio shrink in recent weeks. His ouster comes just days after he was removed as chairman of Aramco and replaced by Yasir al-Rumayyan, governor of the kingdom's vast Public Investment Fund.

Falih's powers were diminished last month when the world's top oil exporter announced the creation of a new ministry of industry and mineral resources, separating it from his energy ministry.

It was widely speculated that top officials were dissatisfied with Falih as oil prices sagged ahead of the Aramco IPO. Economic uncertainty fanned, by an ongoing US-China trade war, has dragged Brent crude prices to around \$60 a barrel in recent weeks, well below the \$85 mark that

experts say is needed to balance the Saudi budget.

The Opec petroleum exporters' cartel and key non-Opec members are scheduled to meet in Abu Dhabi on Thursday to review their strategy on limiting production to halt a slide in prices.

Cartel kingpin Saudi Arabia, which pumps around a third of Opec's oil, has resorted to massive production cuts to lift prices since the market crash in mid-2014.

It was unclear whether there would be a change in policy under Prince Abdulaziz,



Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Khaled al-Falih, right, speaks in presence of Deputy Oil Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, left, at a press meet in Vienna, Austria on July 1.

who joined the oil ministry in the 1980s and has held a variety of senior roles.

"Prince Abdulaziz is a very seasoned veteran of Saudi and Opec policy making," Bob McNally, president of Rapidan Energy Group, told Bloomberg News.

"He won't have a learning curve. I don't expect any big rupture in current Saudi oil policy." His appointment further concentrates power within the king's family. His other son, Prince Mohammed bin Salman, controls the major levers of power and is heir to the Arab world's most powerful throne.

A younger son, Prince Khalid bin Salman, is deputy defence minister.

Smooth succession: Jack Ma eases out of a thriving Alibaba

AFP, Shanghai

Jack Ma steps down next week as chairman of Alibaba, but the start-up he built into an online retail behemoth is expected to keep thriving into a new era thanks to a culture of innovation he helped nurture.

A former English teacher whose often playful image shattered the stereotype of the drab Chinese executive, Ma officially leaves on Tuesday, his 55th birthday.

Ma plans to put his vast fortune -- among China's biggest at \$41 billion -- into initiatives serving his first love, education, following the footsteps of a fellow tech innovator he admires: Bill Gates. The departure of charismatic founders from big tech companies typically causes hand-wringing and wobbling share prices, but not at Alibaba.

The company's operational reins have for a couple of years now been in the hands of a respected team of executives who have kept it on e-commerce's cutting-edge.

Ma was Alibaba's driving force and a frequently irreverent ambassador for the company, known for stunts like a Michael Jackson-inspired dance at an Alibaba anniversary celebration two years ago and starring in his own kung fu short film.

He is expected to retain some advisory functions. But the transition to figures like CEO Daniel Zhang, and co-founder and executive vice chairman Joseph Tsai -- announced exactly a year ago -- may prove to be the "gold standard" for tech-company succession, said Jeffrey Towson, an equity investor and professor at Peking University.

"He succeeded at what Steve Jobs, Bill Gates and (Yahoo co-founder) Jerry Yang failed at, which is making themselves redundant," said Towson, who has authored books on China's leading companies.

"He built a really robust culture at Alibaba and they are still just innovating like crazy." Ma was a cash-strapped Chinese entrepreneur when he convinced friends to give him \$60,000 to start Alibaba in the eastern city of Hangzhou in 1999. With monthly active users of more than 750 million today, Alibaba helped to unlock China's massive consumer power, coincidentally



Alibaba Group Chairman Jack Ma is dancing to a medley of Michael Jackson songs during the Alibaba Annual Party at the Huanglong sports center in Hangzhou in China's eastern Zhejiang province.

a key objective of the government today as it seeks to fuel domestic demand to lessen the reliance on fickle foreign trade.

Its Taobao and Tmall platforms have helped countless businesses grow.

"(Ma) has been the driving force for the development of China's internet industry and economy. He is (China's) entrepreneurial godfather," said furniture maker Cheng Huaibao.

Cheng, 30, is one of millions of small businessmen, often located in so-called "Taobao villages" -- communities whose economies are oriented towards Alibaba's vast market -- who leapt into commerce thanks to the company.

Cheng started making bunk beds in 2010 in eastern Jiangsu province with 10 staff. Today his thriving operation has 100 employees.

"Without Teacher Ma, I wouldn't have come out and started my own business," Cheng said,

using a common Chinese term of respect.

There have been criticisms.

Alibaba and its imitators are accused of fostering rampant commercialism and materialism and the selling of counterfeit goods. Chinese e-commerce today also produces mountains of packaging material, contributing to a rising national garbage problem.

And some of Ma's comments have drawn barbs, including recently dismissing concerns that Chinese workers were toiling excessive hours, as did the news last year that he was a Chinese Communist Party member.

But Alibaba has continued to expand its ecosystem, pushing into cloud computing, entertainment, and a "new retail" concept -- combining online ordering with bricks-and-mortar stores -- while its Alipay finance unit has pioneered cashless digital payments.



ZM Ahmed Prince, head of marketing of Bashundhara LP Gas Limited, attends a reception it organised for its distributors' meritorious children in the capital's Bashundhara residential area.

iPhone to share the spotlight with services at Apple's big event

AFP, San Francisco

The iPhone will be front and center at Apple's upcoming media presentation even as the California tech giant steps up its efforts in content and services for its devices.

In its trademark, tight-lipped style, Apple disclosed little about its plans for Tuesday's event at its headquarters in the Silicon Valley city of Cupertino.

For years now, Apple has hosted events in the fall to launch new iPhone models ahead of the holiday shopping season.

Speculation is that Apple will introduce three upgraded iPhones, including "Pro" models, and a successor to its more affordable iPhone XR, as premium handset prices hover around \$1,000.

Some analysts say services, subscriptions and online content will share the stage with the

company's glitzy hardware as Apple seeks to shift its focus.

"I think it is going to be the first year the event is going to also be about services," Creative Strategies analyst Carolina Milanesi said.

"We might get to see what Apple looks like as a company when they are talking about services and hardware as one product," Milanesi was curious to see whether Tuesday's presentation includes offers iPhone deals that "bundle" music, television or game services with new handsets.

"You have an opportunity to really bring value to the hardware with services," Milanesi said.

Apple recently released a smartphone-generation credit card in the US and is keen to launch its TV+ streaming service before Disney goes live with a rival service in November.

Many wonder whether the launch of Apple

TV+ will be among Tuesday's announcements.


With Hollywood stars galore, Apple unveiled streaming video plans along with news and game subscription offerings as part of an effort to shift its focus to digital content and services to break free of its reliance on iPhone sales.

The company also plans to launch a new game subscription service called Apple Arcade internationally by the end of this year.

Apple managed to grow its overall revenues, albeit by a modest one percent, to \$53.8 billion, even as iPhone revenues plunged nearly 12 percent in the April-June period.

The company delivered strong growth from digital content and services that include its Apply Pay and Apple Music, along with wearables and accessories like the Apple Watch and Air Pods.

Some of those accessories could also get upgrades on Tuesday.



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Invitation for Tenders (IFT) No.: 01/2019-20

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh			
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operatives, Local Government Division.	
2	Agency	Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC).	
3	Procuring entity name	Chief Conservancy Officer, Rajshahi City Corporation.	
4	Procuring entity district	Rajshahi	
5	Invitation for	Supply of 1600 Litter Adalticide Pesticide.	
6	Invitation Ref. No.	46.12.5081.007.07.013.18.211	
7	Date	07.09.2019	
KEY INFORMATION			
8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (NCT).	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
9	Budget and source of funds	GOB & RCC's Own Fund.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
10	Tender package name	Supply of 1600 Litter Adalticide Pesticide.	
11	Tender publication date	09.09.2019	
12	Tender last selling date	25.09.2019 (During Bank hour).	
		Date	Time
13	Tender closing date and time	26.09.2019	Up to 02:00pm
14	Tender opening date and time	26.09.2019	At 03:00pm
15	Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
	- Selling tender document	Agrani Bank Ltd., Nagar Bhaban Branch, Rajshahi City Corporation.	
	- Receiving tender document	Office of the Secretary, Nagar Bhaban, Rajshahi City Corporation.	
	- Opening tender document	Office of the Secretary, Nagar Bhaban, Rajshahi City Corporation.	
16	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Place	Date
		Office of the Chief Conservancy Officer, Nagar Bhaban, Rajshahi City Corporation.	18.09.2019
			Time
			11:00am
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
17	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	As per Tender Data Sheet & Tender Document.	
18	Brief description of goods	Supply of 1600 Litter Adalticide Pesticide.	
19	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Tk. 3,000.00 (three thousand) (non-refundable).	
20	Identification of tender	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)
	Supply of 1600 Litter Adalticide Pesticide	Central Store, Nagar Bhaban, Rajshahi City Corporation.	1.00 lac
			Completion time in days/weeks/months
			15 (fifteen) days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
21	Name of official inviting tender	Sk. Md. Mamun	
22	Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Conservancy Officer.	
23	Address of official inviting tender	Rajshahi City Corporation.	
24	Contact details of official inviting tender	Mob. No. 01715-844287	Fax No. 0721-772140
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.		
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