



Jamilur Reza Choudhury, vice chancellor of the University of Asia Pacific; Monzoor Ahmed Chowdhury, chairperson of the board of trustees at the university's foundation, and Mohammad Borhanuddin, president and managing director (current charge) at Bank Asia, pose at "UAP Club Fair, Fall-2019" organised by the university in association with the bank on the campus in Dhaka recently.

World's biggest trade deal to be delayed to 2020

Says draft Asean statement

AFP, Bangkok

The signing of the world's largest trade pact will likely be kicked back to 2020, according to a draft statement by Southeast Asian leaders, delaying a deal craved by China to offset a painful tariff war with the US.

The 16-nation Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) spans from India to New Zealand and includes 30 percent of global GDP and half of the world's people.

Objections by India have dashed hopes of finalising the pact at this weekend's Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) summit in Bangkok, where members of the 10-nation bloc have been joined by the premiers of India and China.

"Most market access negotiations have been completed and the few outstanding bilateral issues will be resolved by Feb 2020," said a draft agreement obtained by AFP.

Negotiations have sputtered for several years, but the statement said the text of all 20 chapters was now complete "pending the resolution of one" member, believed to be India.

But it said all members were "committed to sign the RCEP" next year in Vietnam, which will take over the Asean chair.

New Delhi is worried its small businesses will be hard hit by any flood of cheap Chinese goods creating "unsustainable trade deficits" -- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in an interview published by the



Top leaders of the Asean and India pose for a group photo during the 16th Asean-India Summit in Bangkok yesterday.

Bangkok Post.

Beijing sees RCEP as a central pillar of its trade strategy for its Asian neighbourhood, and it is backed by the leaders of Asean and who represent a 650 million-strong market.

Concluding the deal has been made more pressing by the brutal tit-for-tat trade war with the US, which has chipped back at growth in China, the world's second-largest economy.

RCEP -- which includes the 10-nation Asean bloc along with China, India, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand -- accounts for 40 percent of global commerce.

The tit-for-tat tariffs lobbed by the US and China on billions of dollars worth of goods could drag growth to the lowest rate in over a decade, according to the IMF.

US President Donald Trump said he hopes to sign a deal with China's Xi Jinping in order to roll back some of the tariffs, telling reporters over the weekend an agreement could be signed in the US state of Iowa.

Chinese premier Li Keqiang said earlier in the day his country remained "firmly committed to supporting Asean centrality" as part of its regional ties.



Md Humayun Kabir, an executive director of Walton, and Munjarin Mahub Abony, the winner of "Mrs World Bangladesh 2019", exchange documents after signing a deal at the company's corporate office in Dhaka recently. Abony became the brand ambassador for Walton home appliances.



Mohammad Ismail, chairman of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, speaks at a conference for branch managers and other officials of the bank's Sylhet division in Sylhet on Saturday.

US adds 128,000 jobs in Oct amid GM strike

AFP, Washington

The US labor market took a hit in October from an extended strike at General Motors but the economy kept adding jobs at a solid pace, the government reported Friday.

The steady hiring showed demand for workers remained resilient despite President Donald Trump's protracted trade war with China, which has chilled investment and slowed the economy.

Employers added 128,000 net new jobs, the Labor Department reported in the closely watched monthly employment report, defying many economists who expected a sharper slowdown.



RN Paul, managing director of RFL Group, poses at a dealers' conference of the group's cable brand, Bizli Cables, at the International Convention City Bashundhara in Dhaka recently.

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)
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2. Agency: Information and Communication Technology Division
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4. Procuring Entity District: Dhaka.
5. Expression of Interest for Selection of: Qualified IT/ITES Firm to conduct Basic Training of Mobile Apps and Game Development (Cross Platform)
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15. Experience , Resources & Delivery Capacity Required: The bidder must provide that they have solid technical background and operational strength to undertake and take this work forward without any hindrance. Applicant must also have adequate technical ability resources and processes following are defining edge minimum eligibility criteria.
16. PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAIL: Name of the official Inviting EOI: Mohammad Abdul Hai, PAA; Designation of the official Inviting EOI: Project Director (Deputy secretary), Skill Development for Mobile Game and Application; Address of the official Inviting EOI: ICT Division, 6th floor, ICT Tower, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207; Contact Details of the official Inviting EOI: Phone:+88 028181286, Email: pd.sdmga@gmail.com
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