

Bangladesh Brand Forum honours 127 creative campaigns

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Bangladesh Brand Forum (BBF), in collaboration with Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity, awarded 127 creative campaigns in the 12th edition of the prestigious advertising awards ceremony in Bangladesh, styled "Commward: Excellence in Creative Communication" at InterContinental Dhaka.

The awards were given across 25 categories in four ranks -- bronze, silver, gold and grand prix.

The 12th edition of Commward had five grand prix winners, 19 gold winners, 39 silver winners and 64 bronze winners, said a press release.

"The accolades presented today will remain a testament to our collective efforts to accept innovations and apply them for greater purposes," said Shariful Islam, founder and managing director of BBF.

Commward 2023 honoured Ramendu Majumdar, an actor, stage director, and theatre producer, with the outstanding lifetime achievement award for his contributions to industry.



Award-winning creative campaigners in the 12th edition of the prestigious advertising awards programme in Bangladesh styled "Commward: Excellence in Creative Communication" pose for photographs in the aftermath of the event at InterContinental Dhaka recently. Bangladesh Brand Forum (BBF), in collaboration with Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity, organised the event.

PHOTO: BANGLADESH BRAND FORUM

It also awarded Adcomm Ltd for its contributions to the advertising sector.

Commward was preceded by the 12th edition of Communication

Summit', attended by global experts, including Partha Sinha, president of The Times of India Group and the Advertising Club in India, Kainaz

Karmakar, chief creative officer of Ogilvy India, and Ali Shabbaz, chief creative officer and M&C Saatchi Group Singapore.

Turkey seeks to strengthen bilateral trade ties with Bangladesh: envoy

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Turkey has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening bilateral trade ties with Bangladesh, said Turkish Ambassador to Dhaka Ramis Sen.

He made the commitment during a courtesy meeting with Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) President Mahbubul Alam at the FBCCI office in Dhaka yesterday, said a press release.

Sen praised Bangladesh's remarkable development and expressed Turkey's keen interest in expanding trade relations with the country.

He extended an invitation to visit Turkey to a business delegation led by FBCCI to strengthen collaboration between the two nations.

FBCCI President Alam said Bangladesh had recently embarked on the establishment of 100 special economic zones (EPZs) across the country, attracting both domestic and foreign investors.

He encouraged Turkish investors to seize this opportunity, facilitating their entry into Bangladesh's vast consumer market and opening the door to exporting products manufactured in Bangladesh's labour friendly climate.

Alam called for the removal of customs barriers to facilitate the export of garment products to Turkey, a move that could significantly boost the textile industry in Bangladesh.

Initiatives can be taken to expand business and trade between the two countries by identifying potential sectors and businessmen and organising Business to Business (B2B) meetings, he said.

Pubali Bank deposits up 90-fold in four decades

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Pubali Bank had deposits amounting to Tk 54,994 crore and current capital of approximately Tk 4,322 crore as of June this year.

When it had begun its journey as a privatised bank less than four decades ago, its deposits stood at Tk 614 crore, as per a board meeting of the lender at its head office in Dhaka recently.

Pubali Bank is operating at home and abroad with 501 branches, 170 sub-branches, 17 Islamic banking windows and a workforce of around 9,000 employees.

"This achievement reflects our commitment to good governance and our unwavering pursuit of growth," said Monzurur Rahman, the bank's chairman, while presiding over the meeting.

"We dedicate this occasion to our customers and reaffirm our dedication to contributing to Bangladesh's prosperity," he said in a press release of the commercial bank.

"Today's 1,400th board meeting demonstrates Pubali Bank's dedication to excellence and innovation. Our experience, values and ethics motivate us to take decisions that are in the best interests of our customers," said Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO.

Hafiz Ahmed Mazumder, former chairman of the bank, Fahim Ahmed Faruk Chowdhury, Azizur Rahman, Md Abdur Razzak Mondal and Arif Ahmed Choudhury, directors, and Shahdeen Malik and Mohammad Naushad Ali Chowdhury, independent directors, were present.



Monzurur Rahman, chairman of Pubali Bank, and Hafiz Ahmed Mazumder, former chairman, cut a cake at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently celebrating its 1,400th board meeting.

PHOTO: PUBALI BANK

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (SEP 10, 2023)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 72	-2.22 ↓	0
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 50	-2 ↓	-1.01 ↓
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 45-Tk 50	-6.86 ↓	-4.04 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 95-Tk 100	2.63 ↑	-7.14 ↓
Soybean (litre)	Tk 155-Tk 160	-3.08 ↓	-9.74 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 42-Tk 45	14.47 ↑	58.18 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 80-Tk 90	13.33 ↑	100 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 50-Tk 55	0	44.44 ↑

SOURCE: TCB



Mohammad Feroz Hossain, managing director of Exim Bank, delivers his speech at the bank's "Business Development Meeting" for Dhaka north and south region at its head office on Saturday. Among others, Md Humayun Kabir and Shah Md Abdul Bari, additional managing directors, Md Zoshim Uddin Bhuiyan and Maksuda Khanam, deputy managing directors, and Md Moidul Islam, regional manager for Dhaka, were present.

PHOTO: EXIM BANK

US, Vietnam upgrade ties

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"We can trace a 50-year arc of progress between our nations, from conflict to normalization, to this new elevated status," he said.

Vietnam is having to navigate frosty relations between Washington and Beijing as it seeks its own foothold in the international economic competition.

Top Chinese officials, possibly including President Xi Jinping, are expected to visit Vietnam in the coming days or weeks, officials and diplomats said, as Hanoi seeks to maintain good relations with all superpowers.

It also comes as Vietnam's longstanding relationship with Russia faces tests over the war in Ukraine, including talks with Russia over a new arms supply deal that could trigger US sanctions.

Reuters has seen documents describing talks for a credit facility that Russia would extend to Vietnam to buy heavy weaponry, including anti-ship missiles, antisubmarine aircraft and helicopters, anti-aircraft missile systems and fighter jets.

One of them, a letter sent in May by Vietnam's Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh to the Russian government, showed interest in the possible new deal.

A Vietnamese military officer confirmed the authenticity of the letter and the talks for a new \$8 billion credit facility to buy heavy weaponry.

A spokesperson for Vietnam's foreign ministry did not respond to multiple requests for comment on the documents, which show Moscow pushing for months for a loan deal that would bypass Western sanctions on Moscow.

Hanoi is in similar talks with multiple arms suppliers including the United States. In recent weeks, Vietnam has engaged in several high-level defence meetings with top Russian officials.

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Corrigendum of Invitation for Tender
Reference No. CEDP/BGCDP/2020-21/G-21/215 Date: 11.09.2023
The undersigned has to inform that due to unavoidable circumstances the amendment has been issued for procurement of following package:

Package name	Tender ID	Description	Original date & time	Revised date & time
G-21: Procurement of Furniture & Fixtures for Smart Class Rooms of Bhola Govt. College, Bhola	867485	Tender closing date and time	13-Sep-2023 14:00	18-Sep-2023 14:00
		Last date and time of tender security submission	13-Sep-2023 01.30pm	18-Sep-2023 13:00

All other things of published IFT (Reference No. CEDP/BGCDP/2020-21/G-21/214, Date: 30-Aug-2023) will remain unchanged.

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Ref No. UHC/golap/e-tender/2023-2024/763 Date: 10-09-2023

e-Tender Notice

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/ Hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tender, please register on e-GP system portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). For more details, please contact support desk contract numbers.

e-Tender is invited in e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Dr. SUDARSHAN SEN, UH&FPO, Upazila Health Complex, Golapganj, Sylhet for the Procurement of;

Tender Id	Name of Goods	Tender/Proposal Last Selling Date & Time	Tender/Proposal Closing/Opening Date & Time
872199	Procurement of Medicine for the F.Y 2023-2024 at Golapganj Upazila Health Complex, Sylhet.	26-September-2023 10:00	26-September-2023 12:00
872200	Procurement of Medical Equipment for the F.Y 2023-2024 at Golapganj Upazila Health Complex, Sylhet.	26-September-2023 10:00	26-September-2023 12:00
872201	Procurement of Gauge, Bandgae, Cotton etc for the F.Y 2023-2024 at Golapganj Upazila Health Complex, Sylhet.	26-September-2023 10:00	26-September-2023 12:00
872202	Procurement of Linen for the F.Y 2023-2024 at Golapganj Upazila Health Complex, Sylhet.	26-September-2023 10:00	26-September-2023 12:00
872203	Procurement of Chemical Reagents for the F.Y 2023-2024 at Golapganj Upazila Health Complex, Sylhet.	26-September-2023 10:00	26-September-2023 12:00
872204	Procurement of Furniture for the F.Y 2023-2024 at Golapganj Upazila Health Complex, Sylhet.	26-September-2023 10:00	26-September-2023 12:00

e-Tender details can be downloaded on e-GP system portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for pursuer.

e-Tender will be accepted only as stated in above list; accepted tenders will be opened online immediate as stated in above list.

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10 Sept 2023
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Tender Cancellation Notice
Due to unavoidable circumstances the following tender notice have been annulled in accordance with provision ITT clause 47.1

Package No.	Name of the Services	Invitation Reference No. & date
(i) NCS-1	(i) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for Divisional Electrical Engineer (Chattogram)	(i) 54.01.1500.115.02.105.23, Date: 25.06.2023
(ii) NCS-2	(ii) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for Divisional Electrical Engineer (Dhaka).	(ii) 54.01.1500.115.02.106.23, Date: 25.06.2023
(iii) NCS-3	(iii) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for Divisional Electrical Engineer (Pahartali).	(iii) 54.01.1500.115.02.107.23, Date: 25.06.2023
(iv) NCS-4	(iv) Procurement of Skilled & unskilled labour service for Senior Assistant Electrical Engineer (AC) Pahartali.	(iv) 54.01.1500.115.02.108.23, Date: 25.06.2023

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