

## Discussion on freelancing held

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Eastern Bank PLC, in association with Bangladesh Freelancer Development Society (BFDS), organised a panel discussion on "Freelancing: Moving towards a Smart Bangladesh" at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday.

MA Mannan, minister for planning, as chief guest shed light on how the government is aiding citizens in such a manner that even from remote parts of the country, freelancers are able to work and earn foreign currency, according to a press release.

Tanjiba Rahman, chairperson of the BFDS, moderated the discussion, where Md Abdur Rahim Khan, additional secretary of the ministry of commerce, and Md Mostafa Kamal, additional secretary and director general of the department of ICT, took part as panelists and highlighted the significance of freelancing towards building a Smart Bangladesh.

Among others, Ahmed Shaheen, additional managing director and head of corporate banking of the bank, and M Khorshed Anwar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME banking, were present.



Ali Reza Iftikhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank PLC, presents a crest to Planning Minister MA Mannan, chief guest of a panel discussion on "Freelancing: Moving towards a Smart Bangladesh" organised by the bank, in association with Bangladesh Freelancer Development Society, at the former's head office in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

## China's nighttime economy on cusp of big growth

ANN/ CHINA DAILY

China's nighttime economy is on track for faster development, experts said at a recent tourism forum.

This is based on the market performance and trends observed during spring and summer this year, said Dai Bin, president of the China Tourism Academy (CTA), at the 2023 China Nighttime Economic Forum in Sanya, Hainan province, recently.

"With the development of urbanization and consumption, consumer behavior has undergone changes, and the need for cultural experiences, consumption and services at night has grown stronger," Dai said.

Currently, the nighttime economy links with almost all walks of life, especially the consumer goods and services industry.

Nighttime consumption is gaining a bigger foothold of the total, and the period between 6 pm and 10 pm is now deemed by many as the golden hours of the nighttime economy, he added.

Related consumption scenarios have also expanded, with nighttime entertainment consumption seen rising, Dai said.

"In addition to traditional consumption venues like dining and shopping, there are new entertainment activities, such as performing arts, scripted shows, light shows, music festivals and live house performances.

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The nation has designated 243 venues dedicated to nighttime consumption," he said.

According to the CTA, the development of the nighttime economy in key towns and tourist villages, such as Hongcun in Anhui province and Nianhua Bay in Jiangsu province, has helped bridge the differences between cities and towns, and more consumers, especially in small towns, have a better consumption experience at their doorstep.

Since the nation optimised its Covid-19 response measures in December, China's tourism sector has been on a recovery track, and it is imperative for the nation to find new driving forces and explore new tourist attractions to boost its momentum, experts said.

"Sanya, as one of the most well-known coastal tourism cities in China, sees most of its seaside tourism products available only during the daytime. Efforts extending the consumption scenarios will support its ambitions of building itself into a major international tourism consumption destination," Dai said. "Sanya, if it succeeds in this direction, will be a sample case for coastal cities across China."

Dai also said that amid the construction of a free trade port, more international tourists will arrive in Hainan in the future.

Albert Yip, director-general of the Sanya Tourism Promotion Board under the municipal government, said: "The forum is a representative, influential and professional forum, which can provide guidance for the future development of Sanya's nighttime economy."



Md Akhtar Hossain, upazila nirbahi officer of Shyamnagar, cuts a ribbon to inaugurate an agent banking outlet of the South Bangla Agriculture & Commerce (SBAC) Bank at Uttar Kadamtala of Munshiganj in Shyamnagar of Satkhira recently.

PHOTO: SBAC BANK

## SBAC Bank opens agent banking outlet in Satkhira

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South Bangla Agriculture & Commerce (SBAC) Bank Ltd recently launched an agent banking outlet at Uttar Kadamtala of Munshiganj in Shyamnagar, Satkhira.

Md Akhtar Hossain, upazila nirbahi officer of Shyamnagar, inaugurated the outlet as chief guest, said a press release.

Mohan Kumar Mandol, local agent and an executive director of the Local Environment Development and Agricultural Research Society (LEDARS) -- a non-governmental organisation -- presided over the ceremony, while Mohammad Shaiful Azam, senior vice president and head of digital banking department of the bank, was present as special guest.

Among others, Md Sajedul Alam Khan, senior vice-president and head of Khulna branch, and Md Firoj Chowdhury, head of agent banking department, were present.

## Prime Bank partners with Asia Foundation

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Prime Bank recently signed strategic partnership agreements on payroll and cash management solutions with The Asia Foundation, a USA-based non-profit international development organisation.

Shams Abdullah Muhaimin, deputy managing director-transaction banking at the bank, Mamur Ahmed, head of consumer sales, and Kazi Faisal Bin Seraj, country representative of the foundation, inked the agreements at the bank's head office in Dhaka, said a press release.

Under the deals, the foundation's employees will gain access to a range of exclusive benefits, including privileged offers on consumer loans and credit cards from the bank.

They will also leverage the bank's digital corporate and cash management solution, PrimePay.

These specialised offerings aim to empower employees to achieve their financial goals while enjoying a seamless banking experience.



Shams Abdullah Muhaimin, deputy managing director-transaction banking of Prime Bank, and Kazi Faisal Bin Seraj, country representative of The Asia Foundation, exchange signed documents of agreements at the former's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

## Global Islami Bank holds business review meeting

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Global Islami Bank has arranged a "Quarterly Business Review Meeting, October-2023" for Dhaka zone.

Syed Habib Hasnat, managing director of the bank, inaugurated the meeting at the bank's head office in the capital yesterday, said a press release.

The conference's main purpose was to review the current business position of the branches and sub-branches to analyse the potential opportunities for future growth through proper utilisation of human resources, it said.



Syed Habib Hasnat, managing director of Global Islami Bank, attends the bank's quarterly business review meeting for Dhaka zone at its head office in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: GLOBAL ISLAMI BANK

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পক্ষেঃ ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক।

( ৪.৫ ইঞ্চি ৪ কলাম )

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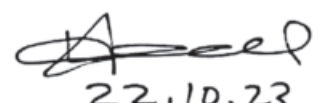
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**e-Tender Notice (NCT)**

e-Tender is in the e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procuring of following goods.

Tender ID	Name of Tender	Package No	Last Selling Date	Closing & Opening Date	Remarks
887907	Purchase of Non-EDCL Medicine for the FY 2023-2024	UHC/KALIA/MSR/2023-2024/01	07-Nov-2023 15:00 pm	08-Nov-2023 11:30:00 am	OTM
887908	Purchase of Medical Instrument for the FY 2023-2024	UHC/KALIA/MSR/2023-2024/02	07-Nov-2023 15:00 pm	08-Nov-2023 11:30:00 am	OTM
887909	Purchase of Linen Items for the FY 2023-2024	UHC/KALIA/MSR/2023-2024/04	07-Nov-2023 15:00 pm	08-Nov-2023 11:30:00 am	OTM
887910	Purchase of Chemicals Re-Agent for the FY 2023-2024	UHC/KALIA/MSR/2023-2024/05	07-Nov-2023 15:00 pm	08-Nov-2023 11:30:00 am	OTM
887911	Purchase of Medical Furniture for the FY 2023-2024	UHC/KALIA/MSR/2023-2024/06	07-Nov-2023 15:00 pm	08-Nov-2023 11:30:00 am	OTM
887912	Purchase of Gauze, Bandage, Cotton for the FY 2023-2024	UHC/KALIA/MSR/2023-2024/03	07-Nov-2023 15:00 pm	08-Nov-2023 11:30:00 am	OTM

1. This is online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
2. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.
3. Detail about the Tender have shown in e-Tender notice and e-Tender document. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP help Desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

  
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