

Eastern Bank partners with icddr,b for healthcare waste management

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Eastern Bank signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on healthcare waste management through sustainable and environmentally friendly practices with the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b).

Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Shams El Arifeen, acting executive director and senior director of the maternal and child health division at icddr,b, inked the MoU at the bank's head office in Dhaka on Wednesday, read a press release.

Under this partnership, both organisations will host workshops and seminars across the country to share their



Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank, and Shams El Arifeen, acting executive director and senior director, maternal and child health division at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh, pose for photographs after signing a memorandum of understanding at the bank's head office in Dhaka on Wednesday.

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expertise in sustainable waste management with healthcare leaders and government officials. It also includes developing and

updating icddr,b's policies and standard operating procedures in line with sustainable practices. "Solid biohazardous medical

waste poses a significant challenge for Bangladesh and the management of medical waste is still in its early stages. We are

very happy to partner with icddr,b in this timely initiative," said Iftekhar.

"This collaboration with Eastern Bank is a testament to the importance of corporate responsibility in fostering sustainable healthcare practices. It marks a crucial step towards an eco-friendly approach in healthcare waste management," said Arifeen.

Among others, Ahmed Shaheen, additional managing director of the bank, Ziaul Karim, head of communications and external affairs, were present alongside Asadul Ghani, head of biosafety, biorepository and containment lab at icddr,b, Md Fazlul Kabir, head of clinical and diagnostic services, and Armana Ahmed, head of development.

National Bank gets new MD

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Md Touhidul Alam Khan has been appointed as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer of National Bank with effect from yesterday.

Khan was serving as additional managing director of Premier Bank prior to his new charge, the bank said in a press release.

He started his banking career in 1993 as a senior officer with Agrani Bank. He previously worked for Prime Bank, Bank Asia, Modhumoti Bank and Standard Bank.

During his 31-year career, Khan has worked in different capacities in these banks.

Among Khan's notable achievements are his leadership in Bangladesh's first shariah-based syndication deal and orchestration of the largest syndicated term loan, demonstrating profound expertise in syndications and structured finance.

He obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in finance from the University of Dhaka.

Oil rises \$1

REUTERS, London

Oil prices rose on Thursday after data showed US crude stockpiles fell more than expected last week, while the Chinese central bank's cut in banks' reserve ratio reinforced hopes of more stimulus measures and economic recovery.

Brent crude futures were up 97 cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$81.01 a barrel at 0955 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude was up \$1.03, or 1.4 percent, to \$76.12 a barrel.

"A significant drop in the US oil inventories and expectations of China's economic recovery and more stimulus measures supported oil prices," said Toshihiko Tazawa, an analyst at Fujitomi Securities.

"Tensions in the Middle East were also behind buying," he added.

US crude stockpiles tumbled by 9.2 million barrels last week, the Energy Information Administration said, while analysts in a Reuters poll had expected a 2.2 million-barrel draw.



PHOTO: UNITED COMMERCIAL BANK

Ziaur Rahman, chief commercial officer of Upay, and ATM Tahmiduzzaman, a member of the board of directors of the UCB Fintech Company, pose for photographs with Upay-UCB co-branded prepaid card at the MFS provider's office in Dhaka recently.

Upay, UCB launch MFS co-branded prepaid card

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Upay, a mobile financial service (MFS) provider of UCB Fintech Company Ltd, recently rolled out MFS co-branded prepaid cards with United Commercial Bank for the first time in the country.

It offers ease of access and opens up a whole new world of convenience.

Ziaur Rahman, chief commercial officer of the mobile financial service provider, and ATM Tahmiduzzaman, a member of the board of directors of UCB Fintech Company, signed an agreement at the Upay office in Dhaka, said a press release.

The mobile financial service provider is offering a host of benefits without the hassle of opening a bank account

to MFS users. This co-branded prepaid card will give customers access to these benefits and freedom of financial transaction.

A customer can easily get the co-branded prepaid card without any physical documents or applications.

Once they get a prepaid card, they can easily load funds onto the card directly from the Upay app or from one of over 130,000 agents, making it easily accessible for everyone.

It will also enable users to utilise funds for foreign currency transactions as the card supports dual currency.

This card will empower customers to access ATMs, make merchant payments (online and offline) and digital media marketing payments.

Union Bank holds annual business conference

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Union Bank organised its "Annual Business Conference-2024" in Dhaka yesterday.

Md Salim Uddin, chairman of the bank, attended the conference as chief guest, read a press release.

The chairman emphasised the importance of maintaining exemplary levels of customer service and business operations.

He encouraged all employees to strive to make Union Bank the foremost banking institution, setting a benchmark in excellence for others to follow.

This ambition, he noted, should be pursued with a steadfast commitment to innovation, customer satisfaction and ethical banking practices, ensuring the bank's continued growth and leadership in the financial sector.

ABM Mokammel Hoque Chowdhury, managing director and CEO of the bank, presided over the event, where Mollah Fazle Akbar, vice-chairman of the bank, was present as special guest.

The managing director congratulated all participants for the success of business and advised all to achieve the business target set for 2024 by providing best possible customer service.



Md Salim Uddin, chairman of Union Bank, attends "Annual Business Conference-2024" of the bank in Dhaka yesterday.

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PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (JAN 25, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 62-Tk 75	5.38 ↑	1.48 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 52	4.08 ↑	4.08 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 50	3.16 ↑	-16.95 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	4.88 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 155-Tk 160	0	-6.80 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 45-Tk 50	-26.92 ↓	75.93 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 80-Tk 90	-22.73 ↓	161.54 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 43-Tk 45	0	3.53 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

Berger to raise Tk 375cr

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offload at least 10 percent shares, so the sponsor is offering the all right shares to general shareholders.

As a result, general shareholders will get 16 renounced shares and one right share for each 17 shares. Meaning, they will be entitled a share for each share holding.

After issuing the right shares, sponsors and directors' shareholding will be 10.28 percent.

Each share will be priced at Tk 1,376, including a premium of Tk 1,366, which will be subject to the approval of the shareholders in

the extraordinary general meeting scheduled for March 10 and the regulator.

Berger's share price rose to Tk 1,995 yesterday, an increase of 1.65 percent compared to the previous day.

Trading volume of the company also surged. The relative strength index (RSI) on Berger stayed above 79 at the close, indicating that shares might have been overbought.

The RSI is a momentum oscillator that measures the speed and change of price movements and hovers

between zero and 100. Traditionally, the RSI is considered overbought when above 70 and oversold when below 30.

The shareholders will be entitled to get the shares whose names would appear in the Register of Members of the Company on the Record Date, February 14, 2024.

To pass the right shares, extraordinary general meeting will be held on March 10, 2024.

The renounced shares of the sponsors and directors shares will not face lock-in period for three years.

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Memo No. 46.207.007.09.25.005.2024

Date : 25/01/2024

e-Tender Notice

This is notify for all concern that the following tender has been published in e-GP portal:

Sl. No.	Package No.	Identification of Lot	Tender ID No.	Last Selling Date & Time	Last Dropping Date & Time
1.	egpdsccmech 018/2023-24	Engagement of yearly contractor for supplying Stone chips, Sylhet sand, Bitumen & Labour for repair and maintenance of defected bituminous roads of different zones under DSCC through Asphalt Plant of mechanical division.	939606	11/02/2024 up to 4:00 PM	12/02/2024 up to 12:00 PM
2.	egpdsccmech 036/2023-24	Repair work of the road in front of Banga Bhaban at Ward no-13 under the Zone-2 of DSCC.	933683	14/02/2024 up to 4:00 PM	15/02/2024 up to 12:00 PM

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's Branches.

Further information and guideline are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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বাংলাদেশ চা গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট

(বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ডের একটি অঙ্গ প্রতিষ্ঠান)
শ্রীমঙ্গল-৩২১০, মৌলভীবাজার।

“বেশী বেশী চা পান করুন, স্বাস্থ্য সুন্দর সতেজ রাখুন।”

“বেশী বেশী লিকার চা পানে ক্যাপার, হৃদরোগ হার মানে”

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

Purchase of UV/VIS Spectrophotometer with Supporting Accessories for Soil Science Division of BTRI

১	মন্ত্রপালয়/বিভাগ	বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রপালয়
২	এজেন্সী	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড
৩	সংগ্রহকারী সংস্থার নাম	বাংলাদেশ চা গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট (বিটিআরআই)
৪	সংগ্রহকারী সংস্থার অবস্থান	বিটিআরআই, থানা ও উপজেলা- শ্রীমঙ্গল, জেলা- মৌলভীবাজার।
৫	আহবানকৃত দরপত্রের নাম	Purchase of UV/VIS Spectrophotometer with Supporting Accessories for Soil Science Division of BTRI
৬	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম)
৭	দরপত্র নং	বিটিআরআই/ ২/দসস/০৮(১০)-১৪৫; তারিখ: ২৪/০১/২০২৪ খ্রি.
৮	অর্ধের উৎস	বাংলাদেশ চা গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট এর সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ রাজস্ব খাত।
৯	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও স্থান	২৭/০১/২০২৪ খ্রি. হতে ১১/০২/২০২৪ খ্রি. তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত। স্থান- বাংলাদেশ চা গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট (বিটিআরআই), শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার।
১০	দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	১১/০২/২০২৪ খ্রি. সময়: দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত, স্থান: বাংলাদেশ চা গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট (বিটিআরআই), শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার।
১১	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	১১/০২/২০২৪ খ্রি. দুপুর ১২-১০ ঘটিকা, বাংলাদেশ চা গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট (বিটিআরআই), শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার।
১২	দরপত্র দাতার ব্যোগ্যতা	সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আয়কর পরিশোধের হালনাগাদ প্রমাণক, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সনদের কপি, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট এবং টেন্ডার সিডিউলে উল্লিখিত অভিজ্ঞতা সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি, এ্যানুয়াল টার্নওভার ও লিকুইড এ্যাসেট এর তথ্যাদি দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৩	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অক্ষতযোগ্য)।
১৪	কাজের পরিচিতি	কাজের অবস্থান
	Purchase of UV-VIS Spectrophotometer with Supporting Accessories for Soil Science Division of BTRI	মৃত্তিকা বিজ্ঞান বিভাগ, বিটিআরআই, শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার
		কার্য সম্পাদনের সময় ০৩ মাস
১৫	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটির অর্ধের পরিমাণ	২২,০০০/- টাকা (ফেরত যোগ্য) সরকার অনুমোদিত যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংক হতে পরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ চা গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট এর অনুমুদিত উক্ত টাকার ডিডি/পে-অর্ডার দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৬	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর নাম, পদবী ও যোগাযোগের বর্ণনা	ড. মো: ইসমাইল হোসেন, পরিচালক (ভারপ্রাপ্ত), ফোন: ০৮৬২৬-৭১২২৫; মোবাইল: ০১৭১১৮৬৭৪৮৫। ইমেইল: directorbtri@gmail.com , গুগল সাইট: www.btri.gov.bd
১৭	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	ক) দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত যে কোন তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময় জানা যাবে। খ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বর্জন করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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