

Explore more export opportunities

State minister for commerce tells Switzerland-Bangladesh chamber leaders

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A delegation of the Switzerland-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SBCCI), led by its President Abdur Rashid, met Ahasanul Islam Titu, state minister for commerce, in a courtesy call at the commerce ministry in Dhaka on Sunday.

The state minister suggested the SBCCI explore more export opportunities to Switzerland, saying the ministry can play a pivotal role by providing all kinds of support, the chamber said in a press release.

Since Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has labeled handicrafts as the “products of the year 2024”, Titu emphasised how Bangladeshi businessmen could explore local and Swiss markets for artistic Bangladeshi handicrafts.

Bilateral trade between

Bangladesh and Switzerland crossed the \$1 billion mark, but Bangladesh has a huge trade deficit with Switzerland.

SBCCI President Rashid, who is also the country manager of SGS Bangladesh, said a cooperative partnership between the ministry of commerce and SBCCI was essential to overcoming obstacles and leveraging opportunities while conducting business with Switzerland.

Saad Omar Fahim, director of Clarichem and secretary general of SBCCI, provided insight into how Swiss businesses were driving innovation across various sectors in Bangladesh.

Among others, Saiful Islam, chairman and MD of Daffodil Trading House, Debabrata Roy Chowdhury, director of legal, regulatory, and corporate affairs, and company secretary at



Abdur Rashid, president of the Switzerland-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, greets Ahasanul Islam Titu, state minister for commerce, with a bouquet at the latter's office in Dhaka on Sunday.

PHOTO: SBCCI

Nestle Bangladesh, Abul Hasnat Elegance, Sontosh Chandra

Nath, chief executive officer of Alpha Vision, Md Rafiqul Islam, personal secretary of the state

minister, and Mohammad Mohi Uddin Bhuiyan, coordinator of SBCCI, were also present.



PHOTO: UNITED COMMERCIAL BANK

Arif Quadri, managing director and CEO of United Commercial Bank, and Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager of Mastercard in Bangladesh, pose for photographs while inaugurating the UCB world credit card in Dhaka recently.

UCB, Mastercard launch credit card with multiple benefits

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United Commercial Bank (UCB) and Mastercard jointly launched a product, styled “UCB Mastercard world credit card”, in Dhaka recently.

Arif Quadri, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager of Mastercard at Mastercard, inaugurated the card, read a press release.

“This collaboration underscores our commitment to delivering premium benefits and exceptional services to our valued customers,” said Quadri.

Kamal said this collaboration with UCB would not only enable cardholders to avail an exclusive range of benefits but will also enhance their local and

cross-border transaction experience.

Cardholders will enjoy exclusive privileges, including 1 percent cashback on international transactions, and exclusive access to over 1,400 airport lounges globally.

They can also embark on a culinary journey with 10 percent cashback at restaurants, enjoy buy-one-get-one offers at select five star hotel chains in Bangladesh, enjoy health check-up programmes that will cover 16 top hospitals and diagnostic centres, and avail insurance coverage of up to Tk 3,00,000 for 18 critical diseases.

Among others, ATM Tahmiduzzaman, additional managing director of the bank, along with senior officials of both institutions were also present.

Union Bank opens Rajarhat, Kalarmarchhara sub-branches

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Union Bank recently opened two sub-branches in two districts.

The sub-branches are located in Rajarhat in Chattogram and Kalarmarchhara in Cox's Bazar.

ABM Mokammel Hoque Chowdhury, managing director and CEO of the bank, virtually inaugurated the sub-branches as chief guest from the bank's head office in Dhaka, read a press release.

Among others, Md Jahangir Alam, deputy managing director of the bank, Ershad Mahmud, chairman of the Shukbilash Fisheries & Plantation in Chattogram, Abu Zafar, chairman of 10 No Padua Union Parishad, and Abu Ahmed, panel chairman of Kalarmarchhara Union Parishad, were also present.



ABM Mokammel Hoque Chowdhury, managing director and CEO of Union Bank, cuts a ribbon to virtually inaugurate two sub-branches -- Rajarhat sub-branch in Chattogram and Kalarmarchhara sub-branch in Cox's Bazar -- from the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: UNION BANK



Moosa Manjira, chief executive officer of Daytona Capital Management, and Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank, pose for photographs while signing an agreement at the latter's head office in Gulshan yesterday.

PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

Eastern Bank, Daytona ink deal on remittance service

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Eastern Bank has signed a remittance service agreement with Daytona Capital Management Ltd for money transfers through Hello Paisa, a globally prominent remittance brand of Daytona incorporated in the United Kingdom.

Moosa Manjira, chief executive officer of Daytona Capital Management, and Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of the bank, inked the deal at the latter's head office in Gulshan yesterday, read a press release.

Fazlul Fayeze Ullah, country head of Bangladesh, attended the signing ceremony on behalf of Daytona. This partnership aims to boost the efficiency and accessibility of remittance services for expatriate Bangladeshis across the globe.

Hello Paisa has garnered widespread popularity among Non-Resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) for its consistent remittance facilitation. With a focus on technological innovation and customer-centric services, Hello Paisa has emerged as a trusted service partner for the Bangladeshi diaspora.



Mir Manjurur Rahman, chief architect of the ministry of housing and public works, poses for photographs with award-winning future architects at KSRM Awards at IAB Centre in the capital's Agargaon recently.

PHOTO: KSRM

Uttara Bank organises conference on prevention of money laundering

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Uttara Bank recently organised a conference, styled “Branch Managers’ Conference 2024”, on prevention of money laundering at The Westin Dhaka.

Azharul Islam, chairman of the bank, attended the conference as chief guest, the bank said in a press release. Mohammed Rabiul Hossain, managing director and CEO of the bank, presided over the event, where Badrunnesa Sharmin Islam, director, was present.

Among others, Maksudul Hasan, Md Abul Hashem, Md Ashraf-uz-Zaman, and Md Rezaul Karim, deputy managing directors, along with senior executives and all branch managers were also present.

3 future architects get KSRM Awards

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Kabir Steel Re-Rolling Mills (KSRM) and the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) awarded three talented future architects for submitting the best undergraduate theses.

Fahim Ashfaq Farooqui from the Chittagong University of Science and Technology (CUET) placed first, Mahia Mustari Nausheen from the Bangladesh University of Science and Technology (BUET) placed second, while Israt Jahan from the Bangladesh University of Science and Technology (BUET) got third place.

The winners were given cheques of Tk 1 lakh, Tk 75,000 and Tk 50 respectively alongside a memento, read a press release.

Mir Manjurur Rahman, chief architect of the ministry of housing and public works, handed over the awards and mementos to the winners as chief guest at the IAB Centre in the capital's Agargaon recently.

“This initiative of KSRM and IAB is highly commendable,” said Rahman.

In 2019, KSRM and IAB signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for 10 years under which they present awards to future architects by showcasing projects based on the best research papers.

Under that agreement, final year undergraduate students from 13 reputed architecture educational institutions participate in the competition.



Azharul Islam, chairman of Uttara Bank, attends “Branch Managers’ Conference 2024” on prevention of money laundering at Westin Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: UTTARA BANK

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (FEB 19, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 75	-1.46 ↓	0
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 50	-3.92 ↓	-2.00 ↓
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 45-Tk 50	0	-18.10 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	10.26 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 155-Tk 160	0	-7.35 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 26-Tk 30	-37.78 ↓	33.33 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 100-Tk 120	46.67 ↑	238.46 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 45-Tk 48	6.90 ↑	-4.12 ↓
SOURCE: TCB			

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Tender Corrigendum - 01

Name of Work: "Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance of a Real-Time Web-Based Toll Collection System and weigh scale system of Raniganj Bridge Toll Plaza at 31st KM of Pagla-Jagannathpur-Raniganj-Aushkandi Road (R-241) under Sunamganj Road Division during the year 2023-2024". Tender Package No. 02/PSN/SRC/2023-2024.

This is to notified for all concern that, the following amendments has been made to the Invitation of Tender Ref. No. 35.01.9162.010.07.5-745.24-590 Dated: 05.02.2024 for procurement of Non-Consulting Services.

SL. No.	Name of Criteria	Published as	To be replaced with
17.	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	04-03-2024, 04:00 PM	12-03-2024, 04:00 PM
18.	Tender Submission Date and Time	05-03-2024, 12:00 PM	13-03-2024, 12:00 PM
19.	Tender Opening Date and Time	05-03-2024, 01:00 PM	13-03-2024, 01:00 PM

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged. This corrigendum notice will be treated as a part & parcel of the tender.

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