



**Zakia Rouf Chowdhury, vice-chairman of the board of directors of Bank Asia, receives an award from a representative of International Finance Corporation at the IFC's Global Trade Partners Meeting in Barcelona, Spain recently.** PHOTO: BANK ASIA

## Bank Asia wins IFC's 'Best Trade Partner Bank in South Asia' award

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Bank Asia PLC has been awarded as the "Best Trade Partner Bank in South Asia" at the International Finance Corporation's (IFC's) Global Trade Partners Meeting in Spain.

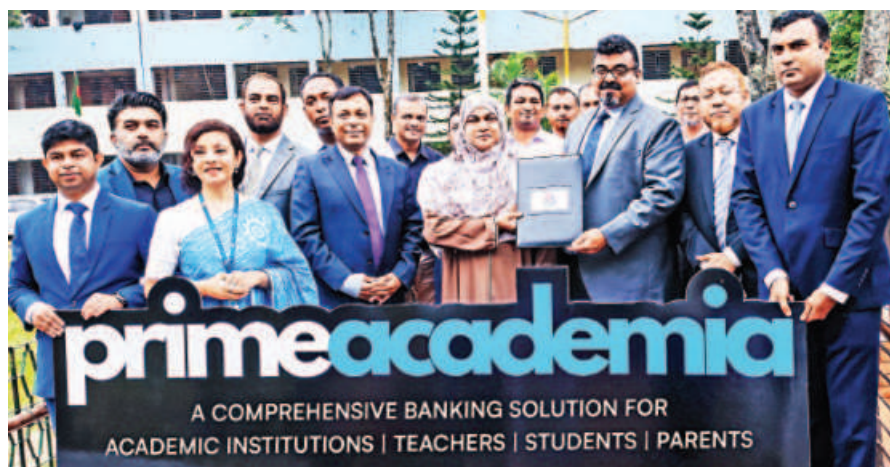
Zakia Rouf Chowdhury, vice-chairman of the board of directors of Bank Asia, received the award from an IFC representative at an award-giving programme in Barcelona, the bank said in a press release.

Along with Bank Asia, some other globally recognised banks were also on

the list of awardees.

This prestigious award stands as recognition of Bank Asia's enduring commitment to excellence and a testament of its unmatched capabilities among South Asian banks in fostering seamless trade transactions and driving economic growth across the world.

Romo Rouf Chowdhury, chairman of the board of directors of Bank Asia, and Sohail RK Hussain, managing director of the bank, were also present, among others, at the award presentation ceremony.



**Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of Prime Bank, and Husne Ara, principal of Bluebird High School and College, pose for photographs after signing an agreement on banking solution in Sylhet yesterday.** PHOTO: PRIME BANK

## Prime Bank launches PrimeAcademia to transform academic banking

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Prime Bank yesterday signed an agreement with Bluebird High School and College as the first educational institute after launching PrimeAcademia, a banking solution of the bank tailored for academic institutions, teachers and students across the country.

The solution will address the diverse financial needs of the academic community, offering features such as fees collection for simplified and efficient

fee management for institutions, payroll banking for a more streamlined payroll services for academic staff and student savings accounts with special benefits for student savers.

It will have institutional accounts with attractive interest/profit-bearing options for schools and colleges, teacher savings accounts with added insurance coverage for teachers, and loan facilities for financing solutions for parents to support their children's education.



**Md Masum Uddin Khan and Abidur Rahman Chowdhury, deputy managing directors of Southeast Bank, hand over a cheque of financial assistance for farmers to M Abdus Salam, chief executive of Gana Unnayan Kendra, at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.** PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

## Southeast Bank provides aid to farmers thru Gana Unnayan

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Southeast Bank recently provided financial assistance to grassroots level farmers across the country from its special corporate social responsibility fund to help their cultivation and facilitate purchases of agri machinery.

The financial assistance was channelled to farmers through Gana Unnayan Kendra, a non-government development organisation, the bank said in a press release.

Md Masum Uddin Khan and Abidur Rahman Chowdhury, deputy managing directors of the bank, handed over a cheque of the financial assistance for farmers to M Abdus Salam, chief executive of Gana Unnayan Kendra, at the bank's head office in Dhaka.

Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of the bank, attended the programme. Other senior officials from both organisations, among others, were also present.

## Walton unveils new models of electronics with advanced features ahead of Eid

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Walton recently unveiled a slew of new models of products, including refrigerators, air conditioners, OLED TVs, washing machines and fans, with advanced technology and features ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

New model products include multi-coloured side-by-side refrigerators with inverter technology, European design combi model refrigerators, vertical

freezers, solar hybrid technology's split type air conditioner, 4 and 5-tonne cassette and ceiling type air conditioner, 65-inch OLED TV, washing machine and BLDC fan, said a press release.

Of these products, there were 7 types of refrigerators which are AIoT (artificial intelligence of things) based, energy efficient and environment friendly. Globally recognised environment-friendly R600a gas has been used in the

compressor of these refrigerators.

The air conditioners Walton unveiled at the event included 1 and 1.5 tonne solar hybrid split type AC designed with a superpower saving model. This type of AC will run on solar power during the day.

Walton also unveiled a 65-inch ultra-slim design OLED TV with hands free voice command facility. The TVs feature 3GB RAM, 32GB ROM, 120Hz refresh rate, gaming mode, MEMC etc.



**Mohammad Rayhan, managing director of Walton Plaza, presses a button to inaugurate a number of new models of products ahead of Eid-ul-Azha at the company's corporate office in Dhaka recently.** PHOTO: WALTON

## Alliance Finance, Concord Real Estate sign MoU on home loans

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Alliance Finance recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Concord Real Estate to finance the potential apartment buyers of the realtor and offer them exclusive home loan benefits at a competitive rate.

Wishva Wickramarachchi, chief financial officer of the non-bank financial institution (NBF), and Enamul Haque, executive director for marketing and sales of the realtor, penned the MoU at the former's head office in Dhaka, said a press release.

Shahanur Rashid, head of business of the NBF, Ali Tasben Haque Riyad, unit head of corporate business, and Shah Md Abu Ruyhun, assistant vice-president for retail business, were present.

Among others, Ahmed Alamgir Zavid, senior manager for customer service of the realtor, along with other senior officials and executives of both organisations were also present.



**Wishva Wickramarachchi, chief financial officer of Alliance Finance, and Enamul Haque, executive director for marketing and sales of Concord Real Estate, pose for photographs after signing a memorandum of understanding on home loans at the former's office in Dhaka recently.** PHOTO: ALLIANCE FINANCE

## China industrial output picks up

AFP, Beijing

Chinese industrial production picked up in April but consumption slowed, official figures showed Friday, as woes in the property sector and elsewhere continued to weigh on economic recovery.

Industrial output rose 6.7 percent on-year last month, according to the National Bureau of Statistics, building on a 4.5 percent increase in March.

The figure was higher than the 5.5 percent tipped in a Bloomberg forecast of economists.

However, retail sales growth -- China's key gauge of consumer spending -- continued to slow, expanding just 2.3 percent -- down from 3.1 percent in March and lower than forecasts.

The sales figures are "depressed by low consumer prices and further contraction in housing sales", said Dan Wang, chief economist at Hang Seng Bank China.

"Business and consumer confidence will remain low without policy support directly targeting family income and durable goods," she added.

China's economy is charting an uneven economic recovery, with a heavily indebted property market, sluggish consumption and high unemployment -- particularly among youth -- among the challenges facing policymakers.

Official figures show that property prices and sales in the country continued to slip in April, adding further pressure on the debt-ridden real-estate sector.

The central government has recently signalled plans to step up support, announcing earlier this week the sale of an initial batch of long-term sovereign bonds -- a move expected to boost annual growth.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (MAY 19, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 6-Tk 76	-3.55 ↓	.74 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 54	1.96 ↑	8.33 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 35-Tk 45	-15.79 ↓	-30.43 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	13.16 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 145-Tk 155	-1.64 ↓	-17.81 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 55	-1.90 ↓	37.33 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 70-Tk 75	16.00 ↑	-6.45 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 48-Tk 50	19.51 ↑	1.03 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

**পিএসসি কনভেনশন হল**  
**পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ**

স্মারক নং-পুলিশ/পিএসসি কনভেনশন হল/টেন্ডার-২০২৪/১৫৮১

তারিখঃ ০৭/০৫/২০২৪খ্রিঃ

**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**  
অর্থ বছর-২০২৪-২৫ হতে ২০২৬-২৭ পর্যন্ত

১. স্ফোর নাম	পিএসসি কনভেনশন হল
২. স্ফোরিক সত্তার নাম	নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা
৩. আবেদন পত্রের বিষয় ও কাজের সক্ষমতা বিবরণ	গ্রুপ-ক: হলের ভৌত অবকাঠামো মোামত সংস্কার গ্রুপ-খ: মনোহরি, ব্রিনিং মালমাল, স্টেশনারী এবং আসবাবপত্র ক্রয়/সরবরাহ গ্রুপ-গ: ইলেক্ট্রিক, ইলেক্ট্রনিক এবং হার্ডওয়ার, সেনেটোরী মালমাল ক্রয়/সরবরাহ বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য প্রকৃত ঠিকাদারী/ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান তালিকাভুক্ত বন।
৪. তহবিল	পিএসসি কনভেনশন হল এর তহবিল
৫. দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
৬. আবেদন ফরম বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২২/০৫/২০২৪খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন পর্যন্ত।
৭. আবেদন ফরম দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৩/০৫/২০২৪খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
৮. টেন্ডার বন্ড খোলা তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	২৩/০৫/২০২৪খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা। দরপত্রদাতা বা মনোনীত প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকে) খোলা হবে। হলের অফিস কক্ষ, পিএসসি কনভেনশন হল
৯. আবেদন ফরম সংগ্রহ ও জমা দেওয়ার ঠিকানা	পিএসসি কনভেনশন হল অফিস কক্ষ, মীচ তলা
১০. আবেদনকারীর যোগ্যতা	(ক) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (খ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট (গ) আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদপত্র (ঘ) অর্থনৈতিক সচ্ছলতার প্রমাণপত্র (ঙ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের ৫ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্র, (চ) জাতীয় পরিচয় পত্র। (ছ) ত্রমিক নং ৩ এ বর্ণিত কাজে বিপত ০৩(তিন) বছরের সরবরাহের প্রমাণ পত্র। বর্ণিত সকল প্রকার কাগজপত্র প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত করতে আবেদন পত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
১১. আবেদন ফরম এর মূল্য (প্রতি গ্রুপ)	৫০০/- (অফেরত যোগ্য)
১২. তালিকাভুক্তি ফি	৫০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা (অফেরত যোগ্য)
১৩. নবায়ন ফি	২০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা (অফেরত যোগ্য) প্রতি বছরের জন্য
১৪. তালিকাভুক্তির মেয়াদ	৩ বছর
১৫. প্রতিটি নির্বাচিত ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য নির্ধারিত মূল্যসহ ১৫% ভ্যাট নগদ জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।	

কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীতই সর্বসম্মত সাক্ষর/আংশিক আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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