

Mastercard launches 'Spend and Win' campaign ahead of Eid

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Mastercard yesterday launched a 'Spend and Win' campaign, titled "Stunning Sydney" ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

The campaign will run from May 21 to June 30 this year, according to a press release.

It will provide Mastercard cardholders a chance to win prizes, including a luxurious couple's tour to Sydney, along with gift vouchers.

During the campaign, Mastercard cardholders who complete four domestic or international transactions worth Tk 1,000 (\$25) will be awarded points.

"The Spend and Win campaign 2024 is designed to deliver just that while providing Mastercard cardholders an added incentive to use digital payments and avail exciting prizes during their festive shopping," said Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager of Bangladesh at Mastercard.

"It will also ensure that they enjoy seamless and highly secure payments within the country and while traveling overseas."

The winners will be determined based on the number of points at the end of the campaign.

The cardholder with the most points will win a trip to Sydney while the next 50 will receive gift vouchers for travel, electronics, and lifestyle products from leading merchants in Bangladesh.

A total of 18 leading financial institutions in the country, including banks and non-bank financial institutions, will be partnering in the campaign.

BB, Bank Asia organise Customer Awareness Week-2024 in Rangpur



PHOTO: BANK ASIA

Md Khurshid Alam, deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank, and Shafiuzzaman, managing director (current charge) of Bank Asia, pose for photographs with participants of a "Customer Awareness Week-2024" at Panchagarh Chamber Bhaban in Panchagarh.

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Bangladesh Bank, in association with Bank Asia PLC, organised its "Customer Awareness Week 2024" in Rangpur division aiming to enhance banking awareness among customers.

Md Khurshid Alam, deputy governor of the central bank, inaugurated the programme as chief guest at Panchagarh Chamber Bhaban in Panchagarh on Sunday, the bank said in a press release.

The five-day event is scheduled to end on Thursday.

During the discussion, Alam termed customers as the blood of banking services, saying that customer awareness is highly important in banking services.

He also emphasised on bankers' responsibility for developing customer awareness along with their own awareness of everyday banking duties.

Abu Hena Humayun Kabir, director of the financial integrity and customer services department of the central bank, presided over the event.

Md Nurul Amin, executive director

(head office) of Bangladesh Bank, Md Ruhul Amin, executive director (BB Rangpur office), Liza Fahmida, director of financial sector support and strategic planning department, and Shayema Islam, director of the financial integrity and customer services department, and Shafiuzzaman, managing director (current charge) of Bank Asia, were present as special guests.

More than 100 officials from Rangpur region branches of different banks and financial institutions were also present.

Gold slips from record levels

REUTERS

Gold prices eased on Tuesday as the dollar firmed, with the metal backing away from a record peak hit in the previous session on bullish factors such as growing US rate cut bets and geopolitical risks driving safe-haven demand.

Spot gold was down 0.5 percent at \$2,413.69 per ounce, as of 0538 GMT, after hitting a record high of \$2,440.49 on Monday.

US gold futures fell 0.9 percent at \$2,417.10.

The dollar rose 0.1 percent making greenback-priced bullion less attractive to buyers holding other currencies.

Lower interest rates and geopolitical uncertainties make bullion a favourable investment.

"Market expectations of interest rate cuts starting this year have gone up a bit with the cooling inflation numbers that came in last week. On the other side, geopolitical risks played a major role in pushing gold prices to a fresh record high," said ANZ commodity strategist Soni Kumari.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (MAY 21, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 64-Tk 76	-2.86 ↓	.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	-3.28 ↓	-18.06 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 55	-1.90 ↓	37.33 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 65-Tk 75	12.00 ↑	-6.67 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 48-Tk 50	19.51 ↑	1.03 ↑

SOURCE: TCB



Ahmed Shaheen, acting managing director of Eastern Bank, and Hong Haoyue, consul of the Chinese embassy in Dhaka, pose for photographs after signing the EBL-CIIC partnership agreement at the bank's head office in Gulshan yesterday.

PHOTO: EASTERN BANK

Eastern Bank to collect Chinese visa fees

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Eastern Bank signed a partnership agreement with CIIC Service BD Company Ltd, enabling the bank to collect Chinese visa fees in Bangladesh.

Ahmed Shaheen, acting

managing director of the bank, and Hong Haoyue, consul of the Chinese embassy in Bangladesh, launched the service after striking the deal at the bank's head office in Gulshan yesterday, said a press release.

The collaboration is set to enhance

the visa application experience for Bangladeshi travellers, offering more convenience and efficiency.

Lai Jinxi, managing director of CIIC Service Bangladesh, and senior officials from both organisations were also present.



Md Ashrafur Kabir, member (investment promotion) of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza), and Li Li, chairman of Sanxin Accessories MFC BD, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at the Bepza Complex in Dhaka yesterday. Story on B4

PHOTO: BEPZA

Laptops may be cheaper

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The move, which is in line with the government's vision for a "Smart Bangladesh", will help consumers as almost 100 percent of the demand for laptops is met through imports, Sarker added.

In the July-February period of fiscal 2022-23, letter of credit (LC) openings for computer and IT accessories stood at \$136 million and its settlement was \$196 million.

However, Sarker also urged the government to extend the existing

tax exemption on the IT and ITES sectors, which is scheduled to end in June this year.

"We have proposed to extend the exemption by at least five years," he said.

However, the latest mission of the International Monetary Fund prescribed the NBR to end such exemption facilities.

Meanwhile, NBR officials met with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina last week to get the nod for the budget proposals and presented the issue of

tax exemptions before her.

"The premier did not instantly respond to the proposal," said a senior official of the NBR, seeking anonymity.

"The tax benefits may be lifted phase by phase," he added.

Yesterday, Salman F Rahman, private industry and investment adviser to the prime minister, also addressed the issue of the tax exemption for the IT and ITES sector, saying that he expected it to continue for a few years.



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Tender Notice

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Local Govt. Division.
2	Agency	Dhaka South City Corporation
3	Purchaser Name	Engr. Md. Anisur Rahman
4	Purchaser Code	N/A
5	Purchaser District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 15 Nos. Rides (1) Disk'0 Mega 40, (2) Super Air Race, (3) Tea Cup 9, (4) Flying Carrouseles, (5) Endeavour, (6) Galleon, (7) 12D Theater, (8) Mine Coaster, (9) Climbing Car, (10) Bumper Car, (11) Magic Bikes, (12) Trampoline bed, (13) Super Happy Swing, (14) Merry Go Round, (15) Water Mania) Turnkey based.
7	Invitation Ref No.	46 207 014.09 32.002 2010-004
8	Date	21/05/2024
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB & DSCC's own fund
11	Development Partner (if applicable)	N/A
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14	Tender Package No.	GD-1
15	Tender Package Name	N/A
16	Tender Publication Date	23/05/2024
17	Tender Last Selling Date	09/07/2024
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date: 10/07/2024 Time: 12:00pm
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	10/07/2024 2:00pm
20	Name & address of the office(s) Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Address: Office of the Project Director & Superintending Engineer (Mechanical Circle), Address: Room # 336 (3rd Floor), Phoenix Road, Nagar Bhaban Dhaka South City Corporation, Dhaka-1100, Accounts Department of Dhaka South City Corporation, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka-1100.
	Selling Tender Document (Others)	Divisional Commissioner Office, Dhaka P&D/ Electrical/Mechanical/Administrative Zonal office-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 of Dhaka South City Corporation.
No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents		
	Receiving Tender Document	Divisional Commissioner Office, Dhaka and Project Director Office, Room # 336 (Third Floor), Phoenix Road, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka South City Corporation, Dhaka-1100.
	Opening Tender Document	Office of the Project Director & Superintending Engineer (Mechanical Circle), Address: Room # 336 (Third Floor), Phoenix Road, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka South City Corporation, Dhaka-1100.
21	Place / Date-/ Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Project Director Office, Room # 336 (Third Floor), Phoenix Road, Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka South City Corporation, Dhaka-1100. Date: 06/06/2024 Time: 3:30pm
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	As per TDS
23	Brief Description of Plant & Equipment	As per TDS
24	Brief Description of Services	As per TDS
25	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	25,000/- (Twenty-five thousand)
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot
	1.	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 15 Nos. Rides (1) Disk'0 Mega 40, (2) Super Air Race, (3) Tea Cup 9, (4) Flying Carrouseles, (5) Endeavour, (6) Galleon, (7) 12D Theater, (8) Mine Coaster, (9) Climbing Car, (10) Bumper Car, (11) Magic Bikes, (12) Trampoline bed, (13) Super Happy Swing, (14) Merry Go Round, (15) Water Mania) Turnkey based.
		Location
		Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy Shishu Park, Dhaka
		Tender security amount (Tk)
		11,00,00,000/-
		Completion time in weeks/months
		18 (Eighteen) months
30	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Engr. Md. Anisur Rahman
31	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director a Superintending Engineer (Mechanical Circles)
32	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Room # 336 (3rd Floor), Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka South City Corporation,
33	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	+880-2223380680
34	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.	

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