

StanChart cardholders to enjoy discount on Qatar Airways tickets

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Standard Chartered Bangladesh recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Qatar Airways.

Naser Ezaz Bijoy, chief executive officer of the multinational bank, and Mohamed El Emam, country manager for Bangladesh and Nepal at the airline, penned the (MoU) at the bank's head office in the capital's Gulshan, according to a press release.

As a part of the agreement, the airline will offer up to 12 percent discounts on base fares for Qatar Airways Privilege Club members and 8 percent discount for non-members to all Standard Chartered cardholders.

Enamul Huque, managing director and head of corporate coverage at the bank, along with other senior officials from both organisations were also present.



Naser Ezaz Bijoy, chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Bangladesh, and Mohamed El Emam, country manager for Bangladesh and Nepal at Qatar Airways, shake hands and exchange signed documents of a memorandum of understanding at the bank's head office in the capital's Gulshan recently.

PHOTO: STANDARD CHARTERED BANGLADESH

Pubali Bank organises orientation programme for new officers



Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank PLC, attends an orientation programme for newly recruited officers of the bank at its head office in Dhaka on Sunday.

PHOTO: PUBALI BANK

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Pubali Bank recently organised an orientation programme for its newly recruited officers.

A total of 150 officers took part in the five-day programme, which is designed to familiarise participants with the bank's principles, rules, regulations, laws and practices.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of the bank, attended as chief guest, according to a press release. During the inaugural speech, Ali urged the new officers to work sincerely and honestly.

He advised everyone to equip themselves with diversified banking knowledge to cope with the competitive global market and to render better

service to customers.

He added that one can become a successful banker by exploring skills and talents at the highest level by applying themselves properly. The bank's MD also instructed all officers to abide by the rules and regulations of the Bangladesh Bank and other regulatory bodies.

Mohammad Esha, Mohammad Shahadat Hossain, Ahmed Enayet Manzur, Md Shahnewaz Khan, and Mohammed Jamal Uddin Mazumder, deputy managing directors of the bank, were present as special guests.

Ismat Ara Huq, general manager and head of the human resources division, general managers from the head office and senior executives of the bank were also present.

NRBC Bank offers home loans to expatriates

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NRBC Bank recently launched a special home loan product offering facilities to expatriates for the construction of a house or apartment in Bangladesh.

Under this offer, expatriates can take loans and pay loan instalments from abroad. These loan instalments can be paid in foreign currency.

The bank signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Framework Finance Ltd (FFL), an American company.

The company will act as a channel partner for non-resident Bangladeshi

(NRBs), who are interested in investing in the real estate industry in Bangladesh.

Md Rabiul Islam, managing director and CEO (current charge) of NRBC Bank, and Azadul Haq, managing director of Framework Finance, penned the MoU to the end at the former's head office in Dhaka, the bank said in a press release.

Among others, Harunur Rashid, deputy managing director and chief operating officer of the bank, Kazi Md Safayet Kabir, senior executive vice-president and head of the retail banking division, and Ariful Haque, manager of Framework Finance, were also present.



Md Rabiul Islam, managing director and CEO (current charge) of NRBC Bank, and Azadul Haq, managing director of Framework Finance, pose for photographs after signing a memorandum of understanding at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: NRBC BANK

Oil price dip keeps Brent below \$80

REUTERS, London

Oil prices eased on Monday, with Brent holding below \$80 as concern over demand in top oil importer China weighed on market sentiment.

Brent crude futures dropped 63 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$79.05 a barrel by 0927 GMT, US West Texas Intermediate crude futures slid 73 cents, or 1 percent, to \$75.92.

Both benchmarks fell nearly 2 percent last Friday as investors tempered their Chinese demand growth expectations but ended the week largely unchanged after US data showed that inflation was moderating despite robust retail spending.

"Persistent concerns about slow demand in China led to a sell-off," said Hiroyuki Kikukawa, president of NS Trading, adding that the approaching end of peak driving season in the United States was another factor weighing on prices.

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However, supply risks from tensions in the Middle East and escalation of the Russian-Ukraine war are underpinning the market, he said.

Customs data over the weekend showed that China's diesel and gasoline exports fell sharply in July, reflecting lower crude processing levels because of weak profit margins.

On Thursday data also showed China's economy lost momentum in July, with new home prices falling at the fastest pace in nine years, industrial output slowing and unemployment rising.

That has stoked worries among traders about a slump in demand from China, where refineries implemented sharp cuts to crude processing rates last month in the face of tepid fuel demand.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Tel Aviv on Sunday on another Middle East tour to push for a ceasefire in Gaza, but Hamas raised doubts about the mission by accusing Israel of undermining his efforts.

The mediating countries - Qatar, the United States and Egypt - have so far failed to narrow enough differences to reach an agreement in months of on-off negotiations.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (AUG 18, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 80	2.86 ↑	7.46 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 52-Tk 55	2.88 ↑	9.18 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-16.67 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	13.16 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 145-Tk 152	-1.00 ↓	-5.71 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 55	-8.70 ↓	38.16 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 110-Tk 120	0	58.62 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 48-Tk 50	2.08 ↑	-9.26 ↓
SOURCE: TCB			

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Public Administration

Office of the Project Director

Upgrading Sarkari Karmachari Hospital (SKH) to 500 Bed Hospital

Sarkari Karmachari Hospital (SKH), Dhaka-1000

RE-REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (RE-EOI)

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH	
1 Ministry/Division:	Ministry of Public Administration
2 Agency:	Sarkari Karmachari Hospital, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000
3 Procuring Entity Name:	Project Director
4 Procuring Entity Code:	-
5 Procuring Entity District:	Dhaka
6 EOI for Selection of:	A Firm for "Health Services Management System (HSMS) Software Development, Implementation and Maintenance for Sarkari Karmachari Hospital (SKH)"
7 EOI Ref No.:	05.00.0000.251.07.010.23-50
8 Date:	20.08.2024
KEY INFORMATION	
9 Procurement Sub Method:	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10 Budget and Source of Funds:	Development Budget (GoB)
11 Development Partners:	N/A
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12 Project/ Programmer Code:	224291100
13 Project/ Programmer Name:	Upgrading Sarkari Karmachari Hospital (SKH) to 500 Bed Hospital
14 EOI Closing Date and Time:	Expression of interest must be submitted by 02:30 pm on 02/09/2024 in a sealed envelope delivered to the Project Director, of the Sarkari Karmachari Hospital, Fulbaria, Dhaka - 1000 and clearly marked Expression of Interest for "Health Services Management System Software Development, Implementation and Maintenance for Sarkari Karmachari Hospital "
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT	
15 Brief Description of the Assignment:	To enhance service delivery efficiency to the service recipients and ultimate beneficiaries by using updated ICT for entire Hospital. All the activities, all kinds of service delivery, hospital management and digitalization initiatives have been taken titled "Health Services Management System Software Development, Implementation and Maintenance for Sarkari Karmachari Hospital". This digitalization initiative of SKH will be required to comply with the global standard on ICT-based solutions for Hospital and Health Services Management.
16 Experiences, Resources & Delivery Capacity Requires:	The applicants must prove that they have adequate technical ability, resources, and processes; such as the following are defined as minimum eligibility criteria: (Documents must be submitted precisely, binded, and in the following order with table of contents and page number). 1. Application for Expression of Interest (EOI). 2. Valid Trade License (up to date) and RJSC, TIN, and VAT Registration Certificate. 3. Updated Income Tax Clearance Certificate.

4. Should have a minimum of 07 (Seven) years of working experience in similar Software Development and Implementation for Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous/Private Sector.

5. The firm should have a minimum of 07 (seven) years of working experience in Hospital Automation, Software Development, Implementation for Hospital Automation in Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous/Private Sector.

6. The firm must have a minimum of 05 (five) years of working experience in Hospital Automation, support and maintenance for the Government/Private sector.

7. The firm must submit satisfactory completion certificate of experience in development, customization, and implementation of Hospital Automation of at least two (02) contracts of similar nature, each with a value of at least Tk. 5.00 Crore in Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous/Private Sector in the last 5 years.

8. The firm should have a Health Domain Specialist who has an MBBS/ MPH degree as consultant with at least 10 years of working experience in using such software of Hospital Automation in the government/ Autonomous/Private sector.

9. List of ICT personnel including their Name, Designation, Mobile no., Email, Project experience and role, Academic background and Expertise, Joining Date, Year of total job Experience.

10. The firm should have working capital/liquid assets/credit facilities not less than 05 (Five) Crore.

11. The firm should submit copies of the last 3 (three) years audited financial reports with a minimum average annual turnover of the firm BDT of a minimum of 03 (three) crores.

12. Should provide BASIS Membership certificates for 2024.

13. Must have international-level certification (ISO: 9001:2015 and ISO: 27001: 2022).

14. Company brochure/profile covering company expertise, strength, and experience.

Note 1: Multiple Companies (not more than 2) having technical and legal competency can apply jointly, but they must have a legal agreement among them where one company will lead.

Note 2: Firms are discouraged to submit unnecessary documents with the proposals

17 Phasing of Services

Not Applicable

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

18 Name of Official Inviting EOI

Md. Siddiquir Rahman

19 Designation of Official Inviting EOI

Project Director

20 Address of Official Inviting EOI

Upgrading Sarkari Karmachari Hospital (SKH) to 500 Bed Hospital

Doctors' Dormitory, Sarkari Karmachari Hospital, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000

21 Contact details of Official Inviting EOI

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22 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs

Md. Siddiquir Rahman

19.08.2024

Project Director (Joint Secretary)

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