

# Unilever Bangladesh stages grand finale of 15th BizMaestros

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Unilever Bangladesh Limited (UBL), a leading fast-moving consumer goods company, staged the grand finale of the 15th edition of its flagship business competition, styled “BizMaestros”, in Dhaka recently.

A team from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) at the University of Dhaka, consisting of Md Tahmidur Rahman Khan, Nusrat Fauzia Nishu and Maisha Islam Monamee, emerged as champions, lifting the coveted trophy following a challenging competition among the top five teams, according to a press release.

The finalists were evaluated by a distinguished panel of jurors led by Masud Khan, chairman of Unilever Consumer

Care.

The other members were Mominul Islam, chairman of Dhaka Stock Exchange, Zinnia Huq, finance director of Unilever Bangladesh, Shadman Sadikin, marketing director for home care, and Zaheen Islam, marketing director for beauty and wellbeing.

A team comprising students from IBA and the Islamic University of Technology (IUT), consisting of Md Shamsul Arefin Chowdhury, Hridita Islam and Sawda Muntaha, was named the first runner-up. Sameeha Rahman, Afra Nawal and Raiyan Ibne Hossain from IBA and the IUT finished as the second runner-up.

Zaved Akhtar, chairman and managing director of Unilever Bangladesh, handed over awards.

The BizMaestros 2024 was themed

“Power of U”, encouraging participants to showcase their unique passions and strengths.

The competition provided students with the opportunity to tackle real-world business cases from Unilever’s portfolio, honing their problem-solving and strategic thinking skills.

The three-round competition began with online submissions from students across Bangladesh.

In the second round, 45 selected students underwent comprehensive mentorships, boot camps, and immersive experiences, which culminated in the selection of the top five teams for the finale.

This year’s champions will represent Bangladesh at the Unilever Future Leaders’ League 2025, competing against top teams from around the globe.

Additionally, all members of the top five teams will be fast-tracked to internships and management trainee programmes with Unilever Bangladesh, enabling them to experience the organisation’s dynamic culture and diverse career pathways.

Durdana Kabir, human resources director at UBL, along with jury members and management committee members were also present.



PHOTO: NCC BANK

ANM Moinul Kabir, director of the Department of Off-Site Supervision at the Bangladesh Bank, poses for photographs with participants of an “Annual Risk Management Conference-2024” at its head office in the capital’s Gulshan recently.

## NCC Bank organises ‘Annual Risk Management Conference-2024’

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NCC Bank recently organised an “Annual Risk Management Conference-2024” at its head office in the capital’s Gulshan as part of the bank’s commitment towards establishing a robust risk management culture and being more compliant with regulatory directives.

The theme of this year’s conference was “Fostering Proactive Risk Management Culture and Enduring Resilience Power”.

ANM Moinul Kabir, director of the Department of Off-Site Supervision (DOS-2) at the Bangladesh Bank, attended as chief guest, according to a press release.

Kabir highlighted the importance of risk management in long-term sustainable banking operations and thanked the bank’s management for addressing the contemporary issue.

“Our bank performs banking operations in line with the regulatory directives and everyone is being urged to be more cautious to identify possible risks in all areas as well as to develop risk management culture to become a prudent risk manager of his/her respective desk,” said M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of the bank.

Mahmuda Haque, joint director of DOS-2, engaged in an analytical discussion.



PHOTO: AL-ARAFAH ISLAMI BANK

Ashwani Nayara, area general manager for South West Asia at IHG and general manager of InterContinental Dhaka, and Mohammed Fazlur Rahman Chowdhury, deputy managing director of Al-Arafah Islami Bank, shake hands and exchange signed documents of an agreement at the latter’s head office in Dhaka on Monday.

## Al-Arafah Islami Bank signs deal with InterContinental Dhaka

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Al-Arafah Islami Bank signed an agreement with InterContinental Dhaka to provide benefits to the bank’s platinum credit cardholders.

Mohammed Fazlur Rahman Chowdhury, deputy managing director of the bank, and Ashwani Nayara, area general manager for South West Asia at IHG and general manager of InterContinental Dhaka, penned the

deal at the bank’s head office in Dhaka on Monday, according to a press release.

Under this agreement, the bank’s La-Riba platinum credit Mastercard holders will get a “Buy-One-Get-One” offer.

Muhammad Shakhawat Ullah, head of cards of the bank, Mohammad Arif Hasan, head of business, and Saadman Salahuddin, director of marketing of the hotel, along with officials from both organisations were also present.



Ahsan Zaman Chowdhury, managing director of Trust Bank, poses for photographs at an “Annual Risk Conference-2024”, which was held on a digital platform recently.

PHOTO: TRUST BANK

## Trust Bank arranges ‘Annual Risk Conference-2024’

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Trust Bank recently arranged an “Annual Risk Conference-2024” at its head office in the capital.

Ahsan Zaman Chowdhury, managing director of the bank, inaugurated the conference, which was held on a digital platform, the lender said in a press release.

The bank has a network of 118 branches and SME centres, 8 sub-branches, 267 ATM booths and more than 500 POS at different divisions across Bangladesh, according to its website. Senior officials of the bank were also present.

## Germany to provide €9.5m for biodiversity, climate dev projects

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Germany will provide €9.5 million to Bangladesh through two major technical cooperation agreements aimed at enhancing biodiversity conservation and promoting climate-smart urban development.

The agreements will fund initiatives focused on strengthening local governance, biodiversity conservation, and the restoration of coastal ecosystems in Bangladesh.

Md Shahriar Kader Siddiky, secretary to the Economic Relations Division (ERD) of the Ministry of Finance, and Andreas Kuck, country director of German development agency GIZ, signed an agreement to this effect at the ministry in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

The two projects are: Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Financing for Sustainable Management of the Sundarbans and Restoration of Coastal Ecosystems in the Bay of Bengal (SUNDAR-BAY), and Innovations for Climate-smart Urban Development (INCLUDE).

The SUNDAR-BAY project will be implemented with a funding of €2.5 million by the Bangladesh Forest Department under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.

This project focuses on fostering stronger cross-border collaboration between Bangladesh and India for biodiversity conservation and ecosystem restoration in the Sundarbans and surrounding coastal areas.

On the other hand, the INCLUDE project will be implemented with a funding of €7 million by the local government engineering department under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development, and Co-operatives.

The project aims to enhance climate-resilient urban developments in several districts, including Sirajganj, Gaibandha, Charghat and Chapainawabganj.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (DEC 10, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 68-Tk 80	0	8.03 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 55	-1.87 ↓	2.94 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-10.53 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	0 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 165-Tk 168	.60 ↑	8.12 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 65-Tk 80	3.57 ↑	45.00 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 110-Tk 130	-14.29 ↓	-35.14 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 45-Tk 50	-3.06 ↓	14.46 ↓
SOURCE: TCB			

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Date: 09 Dec, 2024

e-GP Tender Notice

Sl. No.	Tender Ref.	Tender ID No. (From e-GP Portal)	Tender description	Publication date and time	Opening date and time
1	57.03.9000.502.99.03.24-895 Date: 08 Dec, 2024	1044304	Supply of Furniture	11-Dec-2024 10:00	2-Jan-2025 12:00
	57.03.9000.502.99.03.24-896 Date: 08 Dec, 2024	1044305	Supply of Rawmetrials	11-Dec-2024 10:00	2-Jan-2025 12:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender please register on e-GP System (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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[www.lged.gov.bd](http://www.lged.gov.bd)

Memo No.: 46.02.0000.670.07.023.2024-566

Date: 09/12/2024.

1<sup>st</sup> Corrigendum Notice (e-Tender)  
Tender Notice No. 5/2024-2025

Corrigendum notice issued in the National e-GP Portal System (<http://eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works details are given below:

Sl. No.	Tender ID & Name of the Project	Description of Works	Tender Last Selling (Time & Date)		Tender Closing & Opening (Time & Date)	
			As original	As amended	As original	As amended
1.	1033193 & Resilient Infrastructure for Adaptation and Vulnerability Reduction (RIVER) Project	Construction of Primary School cum Flood Shelter with Solar PV Nano Grid, Street Light, Lightening Protection & Connecting Roads, Bridge/Culvert, Furniture and Tree Plantation at Gaibandha District. (Package No.: LGED/RIVER/ GAIB/21-22/NW-05)	17.00 hrs 23-Dec-24	17.00 hrs 05-Jan-25	14.00 hrs 24-Dec-24	14.00 hrs 06-Jan-25

Others conditions will remain unchanged.

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Memo No. 46.16.6700.015.09.058.2020.1127

Date: 10-12-2024

e-Tender Notice No. 06/2024-25

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works under the Project "Construction of Scavenger's Colony in Narayanganj City Corporation."

SL No.	Tender ID No.	Package No. & description of work	Online tender notice publication date	Online tender closing date
1	1048407	NCC-CC--1-2 Construction of Scavenger's Colony at Tanbazar under Narayanganj City Corporation.	10-12-2024	Please see tender notice in e-GP

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. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)). This notice is also available in Narayanganj City Corporation website ([www.ncc.gov.bd](http://www.ncc.gov.bd)). The bill of the work done will be paid under the availability of the Project Fund.

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