

Standard Chartered advocates collective climate action

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The current model of development requires a critical reevaluation. Rather than prioritising development and investment as the core focus, we must shift our attention to sustainability, nature, natural resources, and communities, said Syeda Rizwana Hasan, adviser to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

She made the comment while speaking at a workshop, organised by Standard Chartered Bangladesh, at the

Westin Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

"It's time to redefine what development and investment truly mean by placing these essential elements at the centre of our approach," Hasan said.

The workshop, titled "Catalysing Climate Adaptation Action and Mobilising Investment," brought together leading policymakers, financial institutions, development partners, and private sector representatives to discuss the urgent need for climate adaptation investments.



Syeda Rizwana Hasan, adviser to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Sarah Cooke, the British high commissioner to Bangladesh, and Naser Ezaz Bijoy, chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Bangladesh, pose for photographs at a workshop, styled "Catalysing Climate Adaptation Action and Mobilising Investment" at The Westin Dhaka recently.

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Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank PLC, and M Nurul Alam, acting president of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries of Bangladesh, attend the launch of the co-branded credit card at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

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Dhaka Bank, ICMAB launch co-branded credit card

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Dhaka Bank PLC and the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) recently launched a co-branded vertical Mastercard credit card for ICMAB members.

Md Abdur Rahman Khan, secretary to the Internal Resources Division and chairman of the National Board of Revenue, attended the launch of the card at the ICMAB office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Sheikh Mohammad Maroof, managing director of the bank, said, "This joint venture will add a new dimension to the lifestyle of cardholders, allowing them to benefit from transactions both within the country and overseas."

Mahtab Uddin Ahmed, president of ICMAB, said, "We will continue to work on strengthening our association with Dhaka Bank PLC and Mastercard to provide added value to them."



Md Abdur Rahman Khan, secretary to the Internal Resources Division and chairman of the National Board of Revenue, Sheikh Mohammad Maroof, managing director of Dhaka Bank, and Mahtab Uddin Ahmed, president of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh, pose for photographs during the launch of a co-branded credit card at the ICMAB office in Dhaka recently.

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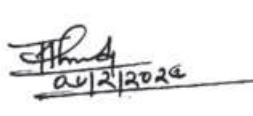
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Invitation of Quotation for Ferry Ghat Toll Collection (2nd Invitation)

1	Lease Quotation Notice No.	01-PRD/2024-2025
2	Name of quotation	Lease for Toll Collection of "Boro Machua Ferry Ghat" at 31st km of Barguna (Dakhin Ramna Kheyghat)-Dawatala-Mathbaria-Baromachua (Z-8814) Road under Pirojpur Road Division during the three financial years.
3	Lease implementation period	3 (three) financial years (1095 days)
4	Price of lease quotation schedule	Tk. 5000/- (Five thousand) only per set (non-refundable).
5	Security money	10% of Quoted Rate (including VAT and Tax) (In favour of Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pirojpur in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft).
6	Quotation last selling date	19-02-2025 up to office hour (5:00pm)
7	Tender closing date and time	20-02-2025 at 12:30pm
8	Quotation last selling date	20-02-2025 at 3:30pm
9	Eligibility of lease quotationer	All interested persons/firms regardless of whether enlisted or not with the employer may submit Quotation provide that they are otherwise qualified who can fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the Quotation's document.
10	Selling quotation document	Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/D.C, Pirojpur, EE (RHD), Road Division-Pirojpur/Barisal/Jhalakati/Bhola/Planning Division 1, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka /SDE(RHD) Road Sub-Division, Pirojpur/Kawkhali.
11	Receiving quotation document	Deputy Commissioner, Pirojpur. SE (RHD), Barisal Road Circle, Barisal. EE (RHD), Road Division, Pirojpur.
12	Quotation opening place	Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division. Pirojpur.
13	a	The concern authority reserves the right to accept or reject any/all quotations.
	b	If it is not possible to receive/open the quotation the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time and same venue.
	c	The Quotationer will quote the rate in figures & words.
	d	This Quotation Notice will also be seen at RHD website www.rhd.gov.bd


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Under-invoicing

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They say verifying under or over-invoicing requires cross checking import documents, banking records, packaging lists, invoice copies, and shipping papers through the exporting firm.

However, the process is time-consuming and does not always yield accurate results.

To address this, customs officials rely on the product's selling price in the local market to estimate its actual import value, as per customs valuation rules.

Using a general market assessment method, they adjust the valuation price of imported goods to prevent revenue loss and curb duty evasion, customs sources said.

Mohammad Qausar Alam Patwary, deputy commissioner of Custom House, Chattogram, told The Daily Star that they

were aware of importers under-reporting costs compared to actual import expenses.

"A committee has been formed to investigate the matter, and they have collected the wholesale and retail prices of the goods. However, the committee has not yet submitted its report, and further action will be taken once it is received," he said.

He added that he was unaware of the exact market prices gathered by the committee and that further clarity would come after the report was submitted.

A customs official who participated in the market assessment, speaking on condition of anonymity, stated that their survey found the wholesale price of cardamom ranging from Tk 4,000 to Tk 4,500 per kg, with premium varieties priced even higher.

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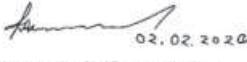
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রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থ বছরে মাইক্রোবায়োলজি বিভাগের জন্য বাস্তবাত্মক ও অনুমোদিত বাস্তুপত্রিক মূল বাস্তুটে কোড ৪১১২৩০৬, গবেষণাগার সরবারামি ত্রয়োক্ত হতে মাইক্রোবায়োলজি বিভাগে গবেষণা কার্যালয় জান ০২ (পুরুষ) প্রকরণ বৈবাক বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের মাইক্রোবায়োলজি বিভাগের অফিস কর্তৃপক্ষ প্রতিষ্ঠিত করে করা নির্মিতে প্রত্যক্ষ দেশীয় সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ফার্মের নিকট হতে সীলনোচকৃত খানে সরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। সরপত্রের শর্তসমূলক সিভিল বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে ০২.০২.২০২৫ সকাল ১১:০০টা পর্যন্ত অতি বিভাগ থেকে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সঞ্চাল করা যাবে। সরপত্র রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের মাইক্রোবায়োলজি বিভাগের অফিস কর্তৃপক্ষ প্রতিষ্ঠিত দুপুর ১২:০০টার মধ্যে জমা নিতে হবে এবং ২৬.০২.২০২৫ তারিখ দুপুর ০১:০০টায় সরপত্রের শর্তসমূলক সিভিল বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে ০২.০২.২০২৫ সকাল ১১:০০টা পর্যন্ত অতি বিভাগ থেকে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সঞ্চাল করা যাবে। সরপত্র রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের মাইক্রোবায়োলজি বিভাগের অফিস কর্তৃপক্ষ প্রতিষ্ঠিত দুপুর ১২:০০টার মধ্যে জমা নিতে হবে এবং ২৬.০২.২০২৫ তারিখ দুপুর ০১:০০টায় সরপত্রের শর্তসমূলক সিভিল বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে ০২.০২.২০২৫ সকাল ১১:০০টা পর্যন্ত অতি বিভাগ থেকে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সঞ্চাল করা যাবে। সরপত্রের বিভিন্ন দরদানা করে সর্বান্মূলক মুদ্রাবান ও পর্যাপ্তের নথি প্রদান করে সর্বান্মূলক দরদানা হিসাবে বিবেচনা করা হবে। সরপত্রের বিভিন্ন দরদানা করে সর্বান্মূলক দরদানা হিসাবে বিবেচনা করা হবে।

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International tourism fair begins in Dhaka

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The three-day international tourism fair titled "US Bangla Airlines Dhaka Travel Mart 2025" kicked off at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka yesterday.

Mohd Shuhada Othman, the Malaysian high commissioner to Bangladesh, inaugurated the fair as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Over 50 organisations from the UAE, Iran, the Maldives, Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal, Jordan, India, and Bangladesh are showcasing their products and services at the fair.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines is offering a 15 percent discount on airfare for travel to 10 destinations in their international network.

Online travel agency Firsttrip is offering one free air ticket against the purchase of one to any domestic destination on US-Bangla Airlines and Air Astra. Other participants are also offering discounts on air tickets, tour packages, hotel and resort rooms, and more.

SM Lablur Rahman, member of finance at the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, attended the 20th edition of the fair as the special guest. The event is organised by the Bangladesh Monitor.

US Bangla Airlines, a private sector carrier of the country, is supporting the event as the title sponsor. Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Mutual Trust Bank (MTB) PLC have joined as the airline partner and banking partner, respectively. The tourism fair is powered by the leading online travel agency Firsttrip and travel company Akij Air.

Eastern Bank launches co-branded credit card

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Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) and the Institute of Chartered Secretaries of Bangladesh (ICSB) recently launched the EBL-ICSB Visa co-branded credit card at the bank's head office in Dhaka.

Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director of Eastern Bank PLC, attended the launch of the co-branded credit card at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

"The newly launched co-branded card offers innovative solutions tailored to meet the specific needs of ICSB members."

M Khorshed Anowar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME Banking of the bank; Ziaul Karim, head of communications and external affairs; M Nurul Alam, acting president of ICSB; M Iqbal Mashfiqur Rahman, vice-president; and Mohammad Abdullah Al Mamun, treasurer, along with other councilors and members of ICSB, were also present.

a range of privileges to meet the financial needs of chartered secretaries, further empowering them in their professional and personal financial journeys," he added.

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Spot gold was up 0.1 percent at \$2,868.94 per ounce, by 0507 GMT, after hitting an all-time peak of \$2,882.16 in the

previous session. US gold futures shed 0.2 percent to \$2,887.90.

"Investors are trying not to miss this rally as they place their position because they are happy with the returns. That's the reason why it's hitting successive highs," said Soni Kumari, a commodity strategist at ANZ.

"Bullion could hit the \$3,000 level soon ... however, what could make the market consolidate will be some clarity on trade ties or easing trade tensions."

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