

ADB pledges to continue working with ICC Bangladesh

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will continue to work with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Bangladesh, particularly in areas such as trade digitalisation, financial accessibility and sustainable business practices.

This was stated by Hoe Yun Jeong, country director for Bangladesh at the ADB, while he was holding a meeting with members of the ICC Bangladesh's executive board at the chamber's secretariat in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

The discussions centred on strengthening cooperation between ICC Bangladesh and ADB and building on their long-standing partnership.

Jeong reiterated the ADB's commitment to supporting Bangladesh in its journey towards sustainable development.

Welcoming Jeong, ICC Bangladesh President Mahbubur Rahman said that

the ADB has been actively supporting the chamber's various activities for several years.

The ADB's engagement dates back to 2000 when its then president, Tadao Chino, attended the ICC Asia Conference on "Investment in Developing Countries: Increasing Opportunities" held in Dhaka.

Since 2015, the ADB, through its Trade and Supply Chain Finance Programme (TSCFP), has collaborated with ICC Bangladesh to organise a series of workshops and conferences.

Rahman expressed appreciation of the ADB's continued support for Bangladesh and emphasised the importance of public-private partnerships in fostering economic growth.

AK Azad and Naser Ezaz Bijoy, vice-president of ICC Bangladesh, and Abdul Hai Sarker, Anwar-ul-Alam Chowdhury (Parvez), Md Fazlul Hoque, Mir Nasir Hossain, Nasir Uddin Ahmed (Pavel), Mohammad Hatem and Simeen Rahman, executive board members, were present.



Hoe Yun Jeong, country director for Bangladesh at the Asian Development Bank, holds a meeting with ICC Bangladesh President Mahbubur Rahman and the chamber's executive board members at its secretariat in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: ICCB

BRAC Bank provides cash management solutions to City Group



Mohammad Tanvir Hydar Pavel, director of finance and commercial at City Group, and Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, deputy managing director and head of corporate and institutional banking at BRAC Bank, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

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BRAC Bank has signed agreements with City Group to offer advanced cash management solutions and supply chain financing to optimise working capital and financial

operations for the leading corporate conglomerate in Bangladesh.

Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, deputy managing director and head of corporate and institutional banking at the bank, and Syed Abdul Momen, deputy managing director

and head of SME banking, along with Mohammad Tanvir Hydar Pavel, director of finance and commercial at City Group, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

As part of this collaboration, BRAC Bank will also provide customised financial solutions to strengthen City Group's supply chain, ensuring efficient working capital management and supporting suppliers with accessible and cost-effective financing.

This eliminates the need for manual processes, such as the CORPNet Maker module, reducing human error and ensuring secure, real time data sharing.

Selim RF Hussain, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Md Hasan, managing director of City Group, attended the signing ceremony.

City Group will also benefit from real-time account statements integrated with their ERP system, enabling faster decision-making, automatic reconciliation, and improved efficiency in order processing and time to market.

Additionally, BRAC Bank will facilitate digital payments via CORPNet for RTGS and BEFTN channels, ensuring seamless reconciliation with City Group's ERP.

Other senior officials from both organisations were also present.

HSBC focuses on digitisation to make banking easier

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HSBC remains committed to making banking easier and more secure within the ever-evolving economic landscape by blending the power of digitisation, said Md Mahbub ur Rahman, chief executive officer of HSBC Bangladesh.

He made the comment at an event organised by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) in the capital recently, said a press release.

"Through partnerships with customers and regulators, HSBC aims to drive innovations and modernise the payments ecosystem," Rahman said.

Titled "Digitise at Scale: Emerging Trends in Payments and Treasury Management Solutions", the event was attended by Arief Hossain Khan, executive director of the Payment Systems Department of the Bangladesh Bank, and Md Mahbub ur Rahman, chief executive officer of HSBC Bangladesh, and officials at an event in the capital recently.



PHOTO: HSBC BANGLADESH

Arief Hossain Khan, executive director of the Payment Systems Department of the Bangladesh Bank, and Md Mahbub ur Rahman, chief executive officer of HSBC Bangladesh, pose for photographs with guests and officials at an event in the capital recently.

Payments and Treasury Management', is a timely initiative, which aligns with our national goal of fostering a robust and inclusive digital financial ecosystem in Bangladesh."

The event highlighted Treasury API and Host-to-Host, two transformative solutions tailored to meet the evolving needs of modern

businesses.

Latif Shrimali, senior digital manager of the Wholesale Digital Channels at HSBC Asia Pacific, conducted the keynote session at the event, highlighting how these solutions can empower treasury management to keep pace with the rapidly changing global financial landscape.

Trust Bank leads 'School Banking Conference-2025' in Jashore



Rup Ratan Pine, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, leads a rally during the "School Banking Conference-2025" organised by Trust Bank in Jashore recently.

PHOTO: TRUST BANK

Trust Bank PLC, in cooperation with all scheduled banks operating in Jashore, recently organised a "School Banking Conference 2025" at the Software Technology Park

auditorium in the district, aiming to promote financial literacy and the importance of savings among young students.

More than 400 students and teachers from various schools across the district participated in the

conference.

Rup Ratan Pine, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, attended the programme as the chief guest, the bank said in a press release.

Akhlasur Rahman Bhuiyan, deputy managing director and chief risk officer of Trust Bank PLC, presided over the event. Throughout the event, speakers emphasised the significance of developing a savings mindset from an early age.

They discussed the benefits of school banking and provided practical guidance to encourage students to adopt healthy financial habits for a secure future.

Mohammad Iqbal Kabir, general manager of Sonali Bank PLC in Jashore, and Mohammad Shahjahan, additional director of the Financial Inclusion Department of the central bank, were present.

Other senior officials from Trust Bank PLC and representatives from 43 scheduled banks were also present to make the event a success.

Indonesia agrees deal with Apple that could end iPhone sales ban

AFP, Jakarta

Indonesia has struck a deal with Apple for the tech giant to invest in the country, its industry minister and the company said Wednesday, in a move that could end a ban on iPhone 16 sales in Southeast Asia's biggest economy.

The government in October prohibited the marketing and sale of the model over the US tech titan's failure to meet regulations requiring 40 percent of phones be made from local parts.

Industry Minister Agus Gumiwang Kartasasmita said on Wednesday that a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed virtually between officials from his ministry and Apple, according to a ministry statement.

"The Ministry of Industry has approved the investment and innovation plan by Apple from 2025 to 2028. We have also signed the MoU with Apple," Agus said in the statement.

Apple will build two facilities – one in Bandung in West Java province to produce accessories and another in Batam worth \$150 million to help produce AirTags via local suppliers, the statement said.

Agus also said Apple expressed its commitment to building a semiconductor research and development centre in Indonesia, the "first of its kind in Asia".

The MoU allows for the revoking of the iPhone 16 sales ban under certain conditions.

Agus said work towards approval of a local content certificate to sell the iPhone 16 could begin after the agreement was signed.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (FEB 27, 2025)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 72-Tk 85	1.29 ↑	16.30 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 55	-6.25 ↓	7.14 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-10.53 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	0
Soybean (litre)	Tk 185-Tk 190	9.33 ↑	19.81 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 20-Tk 30	0	-9.09 ↓
Onion (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 50	-10.00 ↓	-60.87 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 40-Tk 45	-7.61 ↓	-5.56 ↓

SOURCE: TCB

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০৪. জেলা	ঢাকা।	
০৫. দরপত্র আবাসনের স্থান ও তারিখ	৪৩,০০০,০০৬,৯৯,০০১,২৫,৫৮১ তারিখ: ২৭.০২.২০২৫	
০৬. দরপত্র প্র্যাকেজের নং	পিএসএন-০১	
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০৮. কাজের লক্ষ্য ও উদ্দেশ্য	নজরুলের বহুমাত্রিক সৃষ্টিকর্মের সীমিত প্রত্যাবেক্ষণের মাধ্যমে নজরুলের স্বরূপে পরিবেশিত হবে আধুনিক ও রক সঙ্গীতের ধারায়। এই সঙ্গে একাশিত হবে নজরুলের গানের একটি বিশেষ রক আলবাম। এই আয়োজনের মূল লক্ষ্য হলো নজরুল সঙ্গীতেক নজরুলের অন্য সুর ও বালীর সময়স্থানে এবং তত্ত্বাবধারের নজরুল চৰ্চার অনুরোধিত করা। এই উদ্বোধনে মাধ্যমে নজরুলের চিত্রাবলী পানকে মনুষ মাঝে পোওয়া হবে এবং তাঁর গানকে আধুনিক সঙ্গীতের ধারা ও প্রযুক্তির সঙ্গে সম্মিলিত করা আবশ্যিক হবে।	
০৯. সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	
১০. বাটেট ও অর্ধের উৎস	জিপি (GoB)	
১১. দরপত্র প্রকাশন তারিখ	২৭/০২/২০২৫ প্রিস্টার্ড	
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১৫. অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা, দরপত্র বিত্তয়ের ছান, দরপত্র এবং উন্মুক্তকরণের ছান	কবি নজরুল ইনসিটিউট, বাড়ি ৩৩০-বি, রোড ২৮ (পুরাতন), ধানমন্ডি আবাসিক এলাকা, ঢাকা-১২০৯।	
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