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Abul Kasem Mohammad Sadeque Nawaj, chief business officer of the paint and coating manufacturer, and M Khorshed Anowar, deputy managing director and

Commenting on the partnership, Nawaj said, "We are delighted to collaborate with EBL and invite their cardholders to explore our Experience Zones, where they can access comprehensive home interior solutions under one roof." Farzana Qader, vice-president and acting head of retail alliance at EBL; Shabbir Ahmad, general sales manager, corporate sales and service; and Sayed Shorif Russel, category head, brands at Berger Paints, were also present.



**M Khorshed Anowar, deputy managing director and head of retail and SME banking at Eastern Bank PLC, and Abul Kasem Mohammad Sadeque Nawaj, chief business officer of Berger Paints Bangladesh, pose for photographs after signing the memorandum of understanding at the bank's corporate office on Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka recently.**

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The new card is designed to enable

Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and chief executive officer (CEO) of MTB; Syed Kaiser Kabir, managing director and CEO of the drugmaker; and Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager for Bangladesh at Mastercard, attended the inaugural ceremony.

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The event is jointly organised by CEMS-

Md Abul Hashem, president of the Bangladesh Agro-Processors' Association; Nuria Lopez, chairperson of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh; Mahbub Baset, chief operating officer of Ifad Multi Products Limited; and Ishrat Fatema, deputy country director of Swisscontact, were also present.

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**Park Young-Sik, the Korean ambassador to Bangladesh, delivers his address at a seminar, titled "Accelerating Korean Investment in Bangladesh: Opportunities, Challenges, and Policy Reforms", organised by Eastern Bank PLC and the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, at the bank's head office in Gulshan, Dhaka on Wednesday.**

Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director of EBL, highlighted the

bank's pivotal role in facilitating cross-border investment and called for strategic partnerships to maximise the potential of bilateral trade and cooperation. Delivering the keynote

Syed Muntasir Mamun, director general of the international trade, investment, and technology wing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Md Habibur Rahman, deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank; and Shahab Uddin Khan, president of KBCCI, alongside other senior officials from various government agencies, financial institutions, and organisations, were also present.

To tackle these challenges, the company is

**L**a Large Holcim Bangladesh, a joint venture of Holcim and Molins, is a leading cement manufacturer in Bangladesh, with over \$500 million invested in one integrated plant and three grinding stations, according to its website.

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Among its notable interventions, the bank implemented 11 agricultural projects across 23 districts, addressing areas such as crop productivity, aquaculture, apiculture, mechanisation, and agro-processing. Additionally, it funded seven research initiatives across four universities to foster innovation and enhance resilience within the farming sector.



"At Standard Chartered, we are investing in long-term impact, empowering entrepreneurs, nurturing students, protecting the environment, supporting agriculture, promoting innovation, and standing beside communities in times of adversity," he added.

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