

Southeast Bank launches co-branded cards with Jahangirnagar University

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Southeast Bank PLC has recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Jahangirnagar University to introduce co-branded credit cards for faculty members and staff, alongside co-branded prepaid cards for students.

Prof M Abdur Rab, treasurer of Jahangirnagar University, and Md Masum Uddin Khan, deputy managing director of Southeast Bank PLC, signed the MoU at the university's administration building, according to a press release.

Prof Muhammad Kamrul Ahsan, vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, attended the event as the chief guest. In his remarks, Ahsan highlighted the MoU as a landmark in fostering collaboration between the two institutions, particularly through the launch of the co-branded prepaid card.

He expressed confidence that the partnership would enhance technology-driven financial inclusion and broaden access to modern banking services for the university community.

Under the MoU, faculty members and staff will be entitled to lifetime, fee-free credit cards with suitable credit limits.



Prof Muhammad Kamrul Ahsan, vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, inaugurates co-branded credit and prepaid cards, jointly launched by Southeast Bank PLC and Jahangirnagar University, at the latter's administrative building recently.

PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

Meanwhile, the prepaid cards for students will offer ease of use and online transaction facilities, enabling payments such as application fees to overseas universities, in addition to domestic and international transactions.

Among others, Prof Mohammad Mahfuzur Rahman, pro-vice-chancellor (academic); Prof Sohel Ahmed, pro-vice-chancellor (administration); Md Abdus Sabur Khan,

head of card division and senior executive vice-president of Southeast Bank PLC; Mohammad Ashiquzzaman Khan, executive vice-president; Md Musfiqur Rahman, senior vice-president and head of logistics and general services division; and Mohammad Maniur Rahman, senior assistant vice-president and head of the Hemayetpur Branch, were also present.

World Bank cuts Vietnam's growth forecast to 6.6%

REUTERS, Hanoi

The World Bank on Monday trimmed its forecast for Vietnam's economic growth on evidence that US tariffs were starting to have an impact on the Southeast Asian exporter's shipments.

The World Bank cut its GDP forecast for Vietnam to 6.6 percent from 6.8 percent this year, saying activity is expected to moderate over the rest of the year as export growth normalises after a strong first-half performance.

The World Bank's new forecast is significantly lower than the government's official target of 8.3 percent-8.5 percent growth.

"As an export-oriented economy, Vietnam remains vulnerable to slower global growth and softening demand from major trading partners," the World Bank said.

"Trade-policy uncertainty may also begin to weigh on business and consumer confidence."

Vietnam's biggest export market, the United States, imposed a 20 percent tariff on its goods from August 7, with transshipments from third countries through Vietnam facing a levy of 40 percent.



M Khurshed Alam, additional managing director and chief risk officer of NCC Bank PLC, receives an award from Arijit Basu, non-executive chairman of HDB Financial Services Ltd and former managing director of the State Bank of India, during the 3rd ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards 2025, organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) at Le Méridien in New Delhi recently.

PHOTO: NCC BANK

NCC Bank honoured at Asia Banking Conclave & Awards

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NCC Bank PLC has recently won an award in the risk management category at the 3rd ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards 2025, organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) at Le Méridien in New Delhi.

Arijit Basu, non-executive chairman of HDB Financial Services Ltd and former managing director of the State Bank of India, presented the award to M Khurshed Alam, additional managing director and chief risk officer at NCC Bank PLC, according to a press release.

Speaking on the occasion, Alam remarked: "This international recognition reaffirms NCC Bank's unwavering commitment to excellence in banking. It is not merely an award but an endorsement of our corporate

governance, professionalism, and sustainable banking practices."

He further noted, "We firmly believe that sound risk management is the cornerstone of sustainable growth, financial stability, and customer trust. This honour will inspire us to raise service quality and contribute more effectively to the wider development of Bangladesh's financial sector."

JPR Karunaratne, deputy governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka; Partha Ray, director of the National Institute of Bank Management; Joydeep K Roy, president and CEO of QUIET Inc and former partner at PwC; and Atanu Sen, former chairman of NPS Trust-PFRDA, former managing director and CEO of SBI Life Insurance Co Ltd, and chairman of ICC's National Expert Committee on BFSI, among others, were also present.

Dhaka Bank wins ADB's 'Momentum Award'

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Dhaka Bank PLC has won the "Momentum Award" at the 11th Trade and Supply Chain Finance Programme (TSCFP) Awards 2025, organised by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Singapore recently.

This is the second consecutive year that Dhaka Bank has received recognition from the ADB for its expertise and efficiency in international trade finance.

Steven Beck, head of trade and supply chain finance at the ADB, and Neha Noronha, unit head for South Asia of trade and supply chain finance, presented the award to Md Mostaque Ahmed, deputy managing director and chief emerging market officer of Dhaka Bank PLC, at the event, according to a press release.

In 2024, Dhaka Bank was named "Leading Partner Bank in Bangladesh" for executing the highest number of transactions in collaboration with the ADB. Each year, the ADB confers the Momentum Award on the bank within its TSCFP network that demonstrates the greatest year-on-year growth in international trade transactions.

This latest accolade reaffirms Dhaka Bank's continued success in strengthening its global footprint while delivering enhanced services to clients and partners worldwide.

Since 2009, Dhaka Bank has been an enlisted issuing bank under the ADB's TSCFP, leveraging the platform to promote and expand international trade for both corporate and SME clients, thereby contributing to Bangladesh's economic development.



Md Mostaque Ahmed, deputy managing director and chief emerging market officer of Dhaka Bank PLC, poses for photographs with Steven Beck, head of trade and supply chain finance at the ADB, and Neha Noronha, unit head for South Asia of trade and supply chain finance, at the 11th Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program (TSCFP) Awards 2025 in Singapore recently.

PHOTO: DHAKA BANK

Midland Bank signs MoU with Milvik Bangladesh to enhance healthcare access

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Midland Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Milvik Bangladesh Limited, a Swedish HealthTech company providing innovative digital healthcare services and insurance, aimed at improving healthcare access and delivery in underserved communities.

Mohd Javed Tarek Khan, senior executive vice-president and head of the institutional banking division at Midland Bank PLC, and Shihab Uddin Chowdhury, country manager of Milvik Bangladesh Limited, signed the MoU at the bank's head office in Dhaka on Sunday, according to a press release.

The strategic partnership seeks to leverage digital technologies and financial inclusion initiatives to meet the growing demand for accessible healthcare, not only in urban centres but also in rural and remote areas.

Under the agreement, both organisations will collaborate to develop sustainable healthcare solutions that enhance health outcomes through technology-driven platforms.

The initiative will also offer health insurance packages tailored to all segments of society.

Midland Bank's expertise in financial services will complement Milvik Bangladesh's advanced healthcare technologies, with a focus on telemedicine, health monitoring,



Shihab Uddin Chowdhury, country manager of Milvik Bangladesh Limited, and Mohd Javed Tarek Khan, senior executive vice-president and head of the institutional banking division at Midland Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing the memorandum of understanding at the bank's head office in Dhaka on Sunday.

PHOTO: MIDLAND BANK

mobile health applications, and digital health records, thereby extending healthcare services to individuals who are geographically distant or unable to access traditional medical facilities.

Key objectives of the collaboration include subscription collection via Midland Bank's agent banking network, API integration for app-in-app services, special discounts for Midland Bank cardholders, Milvik subscriptions linked to the MDB payroll package, and health

campaigns for the bank's corporate clients.

Md Rashed Akter, head of retail distribution division of the bank; Omar Sharif, head of digital financial services; Mohammad Hassibur Rahman, head of cash management; and Ashrafur Rahman, relationship manager; Mohammad Ishaque, country lead (mHealth) of the healthtech company; Riaz Mostafa, country lead (finance and admin); and Rahat Ikbal, country lead (field sales), were also present.

NRBC Bank organises foundation training programme

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NRBC Bank PLC has organised a 10-day "Foundation Training Programme" at its training institute in the capital.

A total of 42 officials from various branches, sub-branches, and divisions at the head office took part in the programme.

Md Touhidul Alam Khan, managing director and chief executive of NRBC Bank PLC, attended the event as the chief guest and distributed certificates among the participants, according to a press release.

In his address, Khan stressed that there is no alternative to training for developing skilled human resources.

He highlighted the importance of structured training programmes to achieve service excellence, ensure regulatory compliance, and enhance operational stability.

The bank also recognised the top three trainees for their outstanding performance.



Md Touhidul Alam Khan, managing director and chief executive of NRBC Bank PLC, poses for group photographs with participants of the "Foundation Training Programme" at the bank's training institute in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: NRBC BANK

The programme covered key areas, including general banking operations, compliance, customer service, credit management, anti-money laundering, risk

management, and digital banking systems, among other topics.

Harunur Rashid, deputy managing director and chief financial officer of the bank; Hafiz

Imroz Mahmud, head of human resources; and Md Abdullah-Al-Wadud, training institute coordinator, along with other senior officials, were also present.

GAZI WIRES LIMITED
(An Enterprise of BSEC under Ministry of Industries)
28-BFIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.

Invitation for International RE-Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Industries		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation (BSEC).		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Managing Director, Gazi Wires Limited (GWL) 28 BFIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.		
4	Invitation for	Procurement of 32 (Thirty-Two) M. Ton Wire Enamel Insulating Varnish (PVF-22%).		
5	Invitation Ref. No.	GW/PUR/28/A/R/OTM/ICT/2025-2026, Date: 04/09/2025		
6	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (ICT) (One Stage Two Envelope System)		
7	Budget and Source of Funds	Gazi Wires Limited's Own Fund.		
8	Tender Publication Date	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
	08/09/2025	06/10/2025	07/10/2025 11.30AM	07/10/2025 11.45AM
9	Name & Address of the offices:	Address		
(a)	Selling Tender Document	1) Cash Section, Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation, BSEC Bhaban, 102- Kazal Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. 2) Cash Section, Gazi Wires Limited, 28 BFIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.		
(b)	Receiving and Opening of Tender Document	1) At the office of Gazi Wires Ltd., 28-BFIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram - 4212, Bangladesh.		
10	Price of Tender Document (Each)	BDT. 3,000.00		
11	Eligibility of Tenderer	Mentioned in the Tender Documents		
Brief Description of Goods:				
12	Tender Package No.	Description of Goods	Tender Security Amount (USD)	
	GW/PUR/28/A/R/OTM/ICT/2025-2026.	Procurement of 32 (Thirty-Two) M. Ton Wire Enamel Insulating Varnish (PVF-22%).	USD 3,264.00 or equivalent BDT 4,02,000.00	
13	Delivery Period/ Shipment Schedule	Shipment will be made within One month from the date of issuance of Letter of credit.		
14	Name of Official Invitation Tender	Md. Abdul Halim		
15	Designation of Official Invitation Tender	Managing Director (in Charge)		
16	Address of Official Invitation Tender	Gazi Wires Limited (GWL) 28, BFIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh. E-mail: gaziwires@gmail.com Or hopur@gaziwires.gov.bd		
17	Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason.		

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