

NCC Bank signs deal to tap BB's Tk 500cr start-up fund

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NCC Bank PLC has signed an agreement with Bangladesh Bank (BB) to participate in the central bank's Tk 500 crore Start-up Refinance Fund, which aims to support technology-driven, innovative and scalable start-up ventures across the country.

M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of NCC Bank PLC, and Nawshad Mustafa, director of the SME and Special Programmes Department of Bangladesh Bank, signed the agreement at the BB headquarters in Motijheel, Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Under the deal, NCC Bank will disburse loans to eligible start-up entrepreneurs using refinance funds provided by Bangladesh Bank.

Nurun Nahar, deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank, attended the signing ceremony as the chief guest.

Husne Ara Shikha, executive director of the central bank; Md Habibur Rahman, deputy managing director; and Sharif Mohammad Mahsin, senior vice-president and head of the SME division of NCC Bank PLC, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present.



Nawshad Mustafa, director of the SME and Special Programmes Department of Bangladesh Bank, and M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of NCC Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the BB headquarters in Motijheel, Dhaka recently.
PHOTO: NCC BANK

HSBC named Best Transaction Bank in Bangladesh by Euromoney

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The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) Bangladesh has been named the Best Transaction Bank in Bangladesh by Euromoney, an English-language monthly magazine focused on business and finance.

The recognition reflects HSBC's scale in supporting the nation's trade flows, as well as its strategic and sustained

"This award also motivates us to continue strengthening our capabilities and delivering solutions that support their growth with greater confidence and efficiency," he added.

A key differentiator behind the achievement has been HSBC's ability to link cross-border and domestic flows through a single integrated digital ecosystem. This includes TradePay for paperless, real-time trade loans and supplier payments,



investment in modernising core trade and cash management infrastructure for large corporates and cross-border supply chains, according to a press release.

Commenting on the achievement, Md Mahbub Ur Rahman, chief executive officer of HSBC Bangladesh, said, "This recognition reflects the trust our clients place in us and how far we have come in modernising trade and cash flows in Bangladesh.

"We are truly grateful to our clients, and we remain committed to working closely with them as they navigate an increasingly digital and connected landscape.

alongside automated supply chain and receivables finance solutions.

On the cash management side, the bank has strengthened integration with public and corporate treasuries, including the government's A-challan system, and launched APIs that allow clients to access real-time account information and initiate payments directly from ERP and TMS platforms.

Euromoney has also recognised the bank as the World's Best Trade Finance Bank and the Best Trade Finance Bank in Asia, North America, the Middle East and Singapore.

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Midland Bank PLC has signed an agreement with MetLife Bangladesh to provide insurance coverage for the bank's employees and their dependants.

Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director and chief executive officer of Midland Bank PLC, and Ala Ahmad, chief executive officer of MetLife Bangladesh, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release. Zaman said the insurance benefit would enhance employees' sense of belonging and loyalty.

"The long anticipated group insurance facility will ensure affordable, quality treatment for our employees and their dependants, providing protection against unexpected medical costs and offering financial security and peace of mind," he added.

Ahmad said the partnership demonstrated the two organisations' shared vision of prioritising employee well-being through comprehensive insurance solutions.

Under the agreement, nearly 600 permanent employees of Midland Bank will be covered against accidents, disabilities and loss of life. Their dependants will also receive in-patient,




Ala Ahmad, chief executive officer of MetLife Bangladesh, and Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director and chief executive officer of Midland Bank PLC, pose for a photograph at the signing ceremony at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.
PHOTO: MIDLAND BANK

out-patient and maternity insurance coverage.

Md Zahid Hossain, deputy managing director of the bank; Nazmul Huda Sarkar, deputy managing director and chief technology officer; Javed Tarek Khan, head of the institutional banking division; and Khondkar Towfiq Hossain, head of the international division, attended the event.

Mohammad Kamruzzaman, chief corporate business officer of the life insurer; Tauhidul Alam, chief human resource officer; Monirul Islam, vice-president of corporate business; Shehenaz Akter, deputy manager of corporate business; and Mohammad Tipu Sultan, manager of corporate business, among others, were also present.



UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the office of the Registrar are invited from the Bangladeshi nationals for filling up 3 (Three) permanent posts of Lecturer in the Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka. Besides 3 (Three) temporary Lecturers may be appointed if consequential vacancy arises (against post of Assistant Professor/leave vacancy). Pay scale of Tk. 22,000-53,060/- (National pay scale 2015).

Qualification: Candidates must have a first class/a minimum CGPA 3.50 out of 4.00 both in Bachelor and Master's degree in Japanese Studies / Japanese Language N2 level (from Social Science Faculty background) / Economics / Management/ Marketing with a first division/ a minimum GPA 4.25 out of 5.00 in SSC & HSC examinations. Requirements for either the SSC or HSC examinations may be relaxed for the candidates who have obtained the first position/the highest CGPA in both Bachelor and Master degrees. Candidates having a Ph.D. in the relevant field and research publication(s) in a quality journal may get preference. For internal candidates of the university the above requirements may be relaxed. **Candidates who have applied earlier for the post of Lecturer need not to apply again.** Relevant notes and conditions apply. (For details, see the Dhaka University Website).

Application Guideline: Eight copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials, Mark sheets and proof of experience along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk. 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only, payable to **the Registrar, University of Dhaka**, should reach him on or before **29/01/2026**. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

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Banglalink, the third-largest operator, and state-owned Teletalk have not applied to take part in the auction.

Sensing that only one operator could take part in the auction, the BTRC revised its rules, reducing the maximum spectrum acquisition limit for a single operator to 10 MHz from 15 MHz.

"We suspect that only one operator might participate in the auction. If there is a single bidder, that operator could acquire a significant amount of spectrum without competition," the BTRC chairman told The Daily Star on January 6.

"To preserve the interests of smaller operators and ensure fair competition, we have introduced this change," he added.

The complications surrounding the 700 MHz band are not limited to participation or pricing, as 20 MHz of the spectrum remains tied up in a long-running legal dispute.

In 2007, the BTRC allocated 12 MHz of the band to broadband service provider Always On Network Bangladesh Ltd before the frequency was approved for mobile services, leaving a significant portion currently unavailable for auction.

Meanwhile, the government has approved a 10 percent reduction in the base price of the 700 MHz band. The base price is now set at Tk 237 crore per MHz for a 15-year licence period, down from Tk 263 crore

per MHz. Despite the cut, mobile operators say the spectrum remains expensive and above global benchmark rates.

Tanveer Mohammad, chief corporate affairs officer of Grameenphone, said, "GP is committed to delivering the best possible experience to its customers. Low-band spectrum plays a vital role in improving network quality and coverage, which leads to overall customer satisfaction."

However, GP currently holds a limited amount of low-band spectrum considering its large subscriber base, he added.

"As our customers increasingly embrace a digital lifestyle, the necessity for more low-band spectrum becomes imperative. To meet their evolving needs and enhance their overall experience, we must prioritise securing additional low-band spectrum."

To address this challenge, GP explored options in the 850 MHz band in 2023 and completed a Proof of Concept in 2024. Unfortunately, external factors prevented further progress, Mohammad said.

"Subsequently, BTRC initiated the process of awarding spectrum in the 700 MHz band through an auction. Although the spectrum price remains high, GP has decided to secure spectrum in the 700 MHz band through this process, as delivering a better customer experience is our top priority."

Passport endorsement

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fee capped at Tk 300 per passport, irrespective of the amount of foreign currency exchanged.

The BB has also instructed money changers to prominently display the endorsement fee at their business premises, issue

written receipts to customers, and keep proper records of all such collections.

All other foreign exchange instructions will remain unchanged, BB said, adding that money changers must inform customers about the new directive.

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১. শুধুমাত্র ই-জিপি সিস্টেমে নিবন্ধিত eligibility শর্তাবলী পূরণকারী দরদাতাগণ সরাসরি অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন।
২. দরপত্র অংশগ্রহণের জন্য দরপত্র দলিল ক্রয় ও দরপত্র জামানত বাবদ প্রাপ্য অর্থ নির্ধারিত ব্যাংকে জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।

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বিষয়ঃ বেসরকারি শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের (স্কুল ও কলেজ) জনবল কাঠামো ও এমপিও নীতিমালা-২০২৫ আলোকে ২০২৫-২৬ অর্থবছরে নতুন শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান এমপিওভুক্তকরণের লক্ষ্যে আবেদন গ্রহণ

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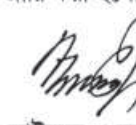
০২। নিম্নবর্ণিত ওয়েবসাইটসমূহের মাধ্যমে Online MPO Application শিরোনামে প্রদর্শিত লিংক এর মাধ্যমে এমপিও ভুক্তির আবেদন গ্রহণ করা হবেঃ
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০৩। উল্লেখ্য যে, বেসরকারি শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান এমপিওভুক্তির আবেদন সরাসরি, ই-মেইল কিংবা পত্রের মাধ্যমে মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ শিক্ষা বিভাগ অথবা এর অধীনস্থ কোন দপ্তরে গ্রহণ করা হবে না। উপরোক্ত Online MPO Application শিরোনামে প্রদর্শিত লিংক সাথে সংযুক্ত নির্দেশিকা অনুসরণ করে আবেদন প্রক্রিয়া সম্পন্ন করতে হবে। হার্ডকপি মাধ্যমে এ সংক্রান্ত কোন আবেদন মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ শিক্ষা বিভাগ বা তার অধীন দপ্তরে দাখিল করা যাবে না।

০৪। নতুন শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান এমপিওভুক্তকরণের সকল কার্যক্রম ডিজিটাল পদ্ধতিতে সম্পন্ন করা হবে। এ পদ্ধতিতে বেসরকারি শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান (স্কুল ও কলেজ) জনবল কাঠামো ও এমপিও নীতিমালা-২০২৫ অনুযায়ী নির্দিষ্ট মানদণ্ডের ভিত্তিতে যোগ্য শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের তালিকা প্রস্তুত করা হবে।

০৫। সরকার এতদবিষয়ে যে কোন সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

০৬। যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমোদনক্রমে এ বিজ্ঞপ্তি জারি করা হলো।


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