

## Bank Asia agent banking marks 12th anniversary with 75 lakh customers milestone

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Bank Asia agent banking marked its 12th founding anniversary by celebrating a major milestone, bringing 75 lakh customers into the formal financial system and transforming access to banking services across Bangladesh.

To mark the milestone, Bank Asia PLC organised a series of programmes, including an agent meet, the launch of new services and campaigns.

Romo Rouf Chowdhury, chairman of Bank Asia PLC, and Zakia Rouf Chowdhury, vice-chairman, inaugurated the celebration programme, according to a press release.

They also unveiled the "Cash by Code" service and the "Remittance Surokha" financial literacy campaign at the ceremony held recently at Rangs Tower in Purana Paltan, Dhaka.

Romana Rouf Chowdhury, director of the bank; Md Ataur Rahman, independent director; and Sohail RK Hussain, managing director, attended the celebration.

the event.

The bank recognised agents and employees for their contributions to expanding banking services across the country.

Bank Asia launched its agent banking operations on January 17, 2014, with its first outlet in Bhabanipur of Sirajdikhan upazila in Munshiganj district.

Over the past 12 years, agent banking has onboarded 75 lakh customers, of whom 92 percent are from rural areas and 64 percent are women, reflecting the bank's strong commitment to inclusive growth and sustainable financial empowerment nationwide.

Md Sabir Hossain, additional managing director; Ziaul Hasan, deputy managing director and agent banking and chief credit officer; Areql Areef and Syed Zulkar Nayen, deputy managing directors; along with other senior officials and agents from different districts across the country, also joined the celebration.



Romo Rouf Chowdhury, chairman of Bank Asia PLC, and Zakia Rouf Chowdhury, vice-chairman, inaugurate the programme marking the 12th founding anniversary of the bank's agent banking operations and the milestone of 75 lakh customers at Rangs Tower in Purana Paltan, Dhaka recently.

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## Citizens Bank organises annual business conference

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Citizens Bank PLC recently held its "Annual Business Conference 2026" at a resort in Munshiganj.

Chowdhury Mohammed Hanif Shoeb, chairman of Citizens Bank PLC, inaugurated the conference as the chief guest and delivered strategic guidance aligned with the bank's mission and vision, according to a press release.

SM Shofiqul Hoq, director, and AKM Shahidul Haque, independent director, attended the conference and delivered their valuable speeches and guidance.

Alamgir Hossain, managing director

of the bank, presented a comprehensive overview of the bank's business performance in 2025.

He highlighted strong deposit growth, improved asset quality, controlled non-performing loans, a robust compliance culture, sound capital adequacy, strong corporate governance and a solid financial foundation.

Citizens Bank achieved strong financial performance in 2025, with operating profit growing by 21 percent. Deposits rose by 30 percent, advances increased by 34 percent, while the non-performing loan (NPL) ratio stood at just 0.20 percent.



Ziad Shatara, managing director and chief executive officer of Robi Axiata PLC, and Osman Ershad Faiz, managing director of Dhaka Bank PLC, attend the launch of co-branded Visa credit cards, launched by the bank in partnership with Robi Axiata PLC, in Dhaka on Monday.

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## Dhaka Bank, Robi launch co-branded Visa credit cards

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Dhaka Bank PLC on Monday launched co-branded Visa credit cards -- Elite Co-Branded Signature Credit Card, Elite Co-Branded Platinum Credit Card and Tayyebah Islamic Platinum Credit Card -- in partnership with Robi Axiata PLC for the mobile operator's customers.

Osman Ershad Faiz, managing director of Dhaka Bank PLC, and Ziad Shatara, chief executive officer and managing director of Robi Axiata PLC, jointly inaugurated the cards at a function held in the capital, according to a press release.

Speaking at the event, Faiz said Dhaka Bank has consistently focused on offering technology-driven services and, as part of that commitment, has partnered with Robi and Visa to introduce the co-branded credit cards with a range of attractive features.

"We want to be a part of Digital Bangladesh and contribute to bringing a larger customer base under the digital banking platform," he said, adding that the bank remains committed to providing modern banking services to support the country's overall development.

## BRAC Bank, Nippon Paint sign deal on digital transaction banking solutions



Rajesh Sircar, general manager of Nippon Paint Bangladesh, and Md Shaheen Iqbal, deputy managing director and head of wholesale banking at BRAC Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

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offer advanced transaction banking solutions, aimed at strengthening receivable management while enhancing efficiency and transparency across dealer and

distributor collections.

Md Shaheen Iqbal, deputy managing director and head of wholesale banking at BRAC Bank PLC, and Rajesh Sircar, general manager of Nippon Paint Bangladesh Private Limited, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Under the collaboration, Nippon Paint will gain access to BRAC Bank's digital transaction banking platform, CORPNet, through API integration, enabling near real-time reflection of collections from nearly 200 distributors directly into the company's enterprise resource planning (ERP) system.

The integration is expected to improve cash flow visibility, streamline reconciliation and strengthen financial control across the network.

BRAC Bank PLC has entered into a partnership agreement with Nippon Paint Bangladesh Private Limited to

## Kazi Food Industries arranges annual business conference

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Kazi Food Industries Limited, one of the leading food manufacturing companies in Bangladesh, recently organised a two-day "Annual Business Conference 2026" at Seagull Hotel in Cox's Bazar.

This year, the theme of the conference was "Innovate. Elevate. Dominate," according to a press release.

Kazi Zahedul Hasan, managing director of Kazi Farms Group, inaugurated the conference as the chief guest.

The programme featured a review of the previous year's performance, strategic plans for 2026, the unveiling of new product packaging, and an award-giving ceremony.



Kazi Zahedul Hasan, managing director of Kazi Farms Group, poses for a group photograph with participants of the Kazi Food Industries Limited's "Annual Business Conference 2026" at Seagull Hotel in Cox's Bazar recently.

Kazi Zahid Hasan, managing director of Kazi Food Industries Limited, along with other officials and members of the sales team from across the country, were also present.

## Elite Hitech Industries holds AGM

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Elite Hitech Industries Limited, the distributor of the world-renowned brand Midea air conditioners and the manufacturer of Elite air conditioners in Bangladesh, recently held its "Annual General Meeting 2026" in Dhaka.

Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, founder and managing director of Elite Hitech Industries Limited, inaugurated the meeting as the chief guest, according to a press release. Md Noor Alam, deputy managing director of the company, and Nayma Alam and Navila Alam, directors, attended the programme.

The company awarded the top-performing sellers for their outstanding performance throughout the year.

Representatives from the Department of Environment and faculty members of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, along with more than a hundred dealers from different regions of the country, were also present at the programme.



Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, founder and managing director of Elite Hitech Industries Limited, poses for a group photograph with participants of the company's "Annual General Meeting 2026" in Dhaka recently.

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