

Japan chamber welcomes budget, urges reform delivery

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The Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JBCCI) has welcomed the proposed national budget for the fiscal year 2026-27, saying it reflects the government's efforts to maintain macroeconomic stability, control inflation, and create a more investment-friendly environment despite ongoing global economic uncertainty.

In a statement, the chamber said the budget's focus on education, healthcare, social protection and employment generation demonstrates a commitment to inclusive and sustainable growth. These priorities, it noted, are crucial for developing the skilled workforce needed to support Bangladesh's economic transformation.

JBCCI also appreciated the government's emphasis on the private

sector as a key driver of growth. Measures aimed at improving the business climate, encouraging industrial diversification, boosting exports and attracting foreign direct investment were described as positive signals for the international business community.

The chamber particularly welcomed initiatives to digitalise tax and customs administration, including automated VAT registration, expanded online compliance systems, recognition of ERP-based documentation and more structured audit procedures. It said these measures could improve transparency, reduce administrative burdens and make business operations more predictable.

Reforms related to customs modernisation, bonded warehouse operations, logistics and free trade zones were also praised.

According to JBCCI, efficient

customs procedures and modern logistics infrastructure are among the most important factors considered by Japanese manufacturers and global supply chain operators when selecting investment destinations.

The chamber further welcomed incentives for emerging sectors such as electric vehicles, battery technology, semiconductors, advanced electronics and medical devices, saying they could help attract quality investment, encourage technology transfer and create skilled jobs.

JBCCI noted that the budget comes at a significant moment in Bangladesh-Japan economic relations as the two countries prepare to implement the Bangladesh-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

The agreement, combined with ongoing domestic reforms, could strengthen bilateral trade and investment while deepening

Bangladesh's integration into global supply chains.

While expressing support for the budget's overall direction, the chamber stressed that effective implementation remains critical.

It said timely issuance of rules, clear operational guidelines and consistent interpretation by authorities will be essential to ensure the intended benefits reach businesses.

The chamber also called for greater regulatory predictability, reliable digital systems and continued efforts to reduce the cost of doing business through improvements in logistics, energy supply and administrative processes.

It emphasised the need for continued investment in trade infrastructure and stronger collaboration between industry, universities and technical institutions to develop skills in advanced manufacturing and technology sectors.

More central banks plan to boost gold reserves

REUTERS, London

A record 45 percent of the reserve managers surveyed by the World Gold Council, up 2 percentage points from a year ago, expect to increase their own institutions' gold holdings over the next 12 months, the international organization said on Tuesday. The majority — 54 percent of 74 central banks that responded to the WGC's annual survey, conducted between February 5 and May 19 — said their holdings would remain unchanged, while 1 percent anticipated a decline.

Most responses were received after the start of the Middle East conflict in late February, which triggered a rally in oil prices and drove gold prices down. Central banks remain keen on gold, and the recent price fall has not changed their minds, said Shaokai Fan, head of the central banks sector at the WGC.

The US and Iran agreed over the weekend on terms to end their war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz, prompting a 3 percent rise in gold prices on Monday. Gold demand from central banks will slow down by 15 percent year-on-year in 2026 in tonnage terms, according to consultancy Metals Focus, but remain above pre-2022 levels, a consistently supportive factor for the market.

Southeast Bank holds workshop on empowering women entrepreneurs

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Southeast Bank PLC recently organised a workshop, titled "Empowering Women Entrepreneurs of the Bank through Strengthening Customer Service", at the bank's training institute in Dhaka.

A total of 70 executives and officials from the head office and various branches took part in the workshop.

MA Kashem, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the workshop as the chief guest, according to a press

release.

In his address, Kashem emphasised that more women-centric banking services should be strengthened to bring the maximum number of women under formal banking coverage, enabling them to establish themselves as self-reliant members of society.

Nasir Uddin Ahmed, Khandker Badrul Hassan, Nur Nahar Tarin and Md Rafiqul Islam, directors of the bank, along with Sultana Kashem, a sponsor shareholder, attended the event.

During the session, they shared their valuable insights and strategic suggestions for strengthening customer service.

Md Khalid Mahmood Khan, managing director and CEO of the bank, delivered an introductory speech on the bank's policy for empowering women entrepreneurs.

Southeast Bank PLC remains committed to fostering inclusive growth and empowering women entrepreneurs through enhanced customer service and dedicated training initiatives, the release added.



MA Kashem, chairman of Southeast Bank PLC, poses for a group photograph with participants of the workshop, titled "Empowering Women Entrepreneurs of the Bank through Strengthening Customer Service", at the bank's training institute in Dhaka recently.

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Memo No-35.01.4240.432.04.001.25-915 dated: 16/06/2026

"Invitation of RHD Quotation for Ferry Toll Collection (8th Call)"

1	Lease Quotation Notice No.	Lease-02/2025-2026/JRD
2	Name of Quotation	Lease for Toll Collection from Kachua Ferry at 6 th km of Binapani-Kachua-Betagi-Mirjaganj-Patuakhali (Z-8052) (Jhalakati Part) Road during 03(three) financial years under Jhalakati Road Division.
3	Lease Implementation Period	3(three) financial years (1095-days)
4	Price of Lease Quotation Schedule	Tk. 2,000.00 (two thousand) per set.
5	Security Money	10% of Quoted Rate. (including VAT and Tax) (In favour of Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jhalakati in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft.)
6	Quotation Last Selling Date	05/07/2026 up to office hour (4-00 PM)
7	Tender Closing Date and Time	06/07/2026 at 12-00 Pm
8	Eligibility of Lease Quotationer	All interested Persons/Firms regardless of whether enlisted or not with the employer may submit Quotation provide that they are otherwise qualified who can fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the Quotation's document.
9	Selling Quotation Document	Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/ D.C office, Jhalakati EE (RHD), Road Division-Jhalakati/Barisal/ Bholu/ Pirojpur/ Planing Division-I, Saruk Bhabon, Dhaka/ SDE (RHD) Road Sub-Division, Jhalakati.
10	Receiving Quotation Document	EE (RHD), Road Division, Jhalakati, SE (RHD), Barisal Road Circle, Barisal. D.C office, Jhalakati
11	Quotation Opening Place, Date & Time	Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jhalakati 06/07/2026 at 2-00 Pm
12	a.	The concern authority reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Quotations.
	b.	If it is not possible to receive/open the Quotation the Schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time and same venue.
	c.	The Quotationer will quote the rate in figures & words.
	d.	This Quotation Notice will also be seen at RHD website www.rhd.gov.bd .

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Budget proposes

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assessor's findings, a massive tax demand could be finalised against them. The taxpayer was then required to pay 20 percent to 35 percent of that disputed sum just to seek legal redress," he said.

He, however, raised a concern from the other direction, noting that the deposit rate will fall to as low as 4 percent in some cases.

"Will this low threshold enable non-compliant businesses to evade immediate liability and keep disputes pending indefinitely before the High Court on a mere 4 percent deposit? Could it inadvertently institutionalise a culture of strategic litigation? These are the structural risks that policymakers and revenue authorities must tightly monitor as they execute this reform," he said.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, another tax analyst, however, cautioned that the one percent deposit requirement at the first stage for income tax cases could also discourage some taxpayers

from pursuing legitimate appeals.

An official at the National Board of Revenue said the intent behind the reform was not to make it easier to avoid paying taxes, but to make the system less punishing for businesses with legitimate grievances.

"Our preference is that revenue is collected through the regular tax system rather than through prolonged disputes and court cases," the official said on condition of anonymity.

On the risk of misuse, the official noted that while upfront deposits have been reduced, interest charges on disputed amounts remain unchanged.

That means a business that files a frivolous appeal and loses will still owe the full amount plus accumulated interest, making delay a costly strategy in the long run.

The government also reviewed how similar systems work in neighbouring countries and other international jurisdictions before designing the proposal, the official added.

Made in Bangladesh

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position in the global garment industry with high production capacity, becoming one of the world's leading apparel suppliers after China.

Its garments have also become popular among European football fans, especially young supporters who travel to stadiums to watch club football and cricket matches.

"It is true that during the FIFA World Cup, jersey

exports increase every four years, but Bangladesh exports jerseys and sports garments every day," said Mohammad Hatem, president of the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA).

He added that Bangladesh is a preferred destination for all types of garment products, as local manufacturers have the capacity to produce high-end, value-added items with their existing production facilities.

Mir Nadia Nivin

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Management Unit and Digital Transformation initiatives, overseeing programmes aimed at enhancing transparency and institutional efficiency.

Nivin has also worked as a lecturer at BRAC

University and as a journalist, contributing to public discourse on governance.

Recognised by the Asia Society in 2019 as an "Asia 21 Young Leader", she has played an influential role in shaping democratic reforms.

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e-GP Tender Notice

Tender ID	Package No. & Name	Tender last selling Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time
1298807	IUPHPSP-GD-31 Procurement of Supply of Training bag	08-07-2026 12:45 PM	09-07-2026 12.00 PM
Proposal ID 1299863	IUPHPSP-SD-13 Need Assessment for setting up Equipment/real time Monitoring System for forecasting Air and Sound Pollutions in City Corporations and Paurashavas.	Not Applicable	06-Jul-2026 01:00 AM

This is an online Tender. Tender(s) through e-GP portal will be accepted. Interested/prospective tenderer(s) may visit www.eprocure.gov.bd for detail information.

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২। যেহেতু, আপনি বিনা অনুমতিতে ০২ বছর ১০ মাস ১০ দিন যাবৎ কর্মস্থলে অনুপস্থিত রয়েছেন;

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