Chinese firm to invest $17m in Mongla EPZ

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Chinese company Longteng Garment Co Ltd will invest $17 million to establish a readymade garment (RMG) factory at Mongla Export Processing Zone (MEPZ) in Bagerhat.

The company will set up its factory on 16,426.37 square metres of land, with an annual production capacity of 6 million pieces of underwear and bras.

The products are intended for international brands such as Aerie, Calvin Klein, Zara, Florence & Fred (Tesco), ASOS and Primark, with major buyers, including H&M, Walmart, Marks & Spencer (M&S) and Gap.

The company plans to export its products to major markets worldwide, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe, Algeria, Brazil, Australia, Chile, Mexico, Iraq, Japan and Canada.

The project is expected to create employment opportunities for 3,005 Bangladeshi nationals, according to a press release.

To this end, Md Tanvir Hossain, member (investment promotion) of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), and Lin Qiangqiang, chairman of Longteng Garment Co Ltd, signed the agreement at the BEPZA Complex in Dhaka yesterday.

BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Mohammad Moazzem Hossain attended the signing ceremony along with senior BEPZA officials.

Welcoming the investor, BEPZA Executive Chairman Maj Gen Moazzem expressed his appreciation to Longteng Garment Co Ltd for placing its confidence in BEPZA and Bangladesh as an investment destination.

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He assured the company of BEPZA's support and cooperation to facilitate the establishment and smooth operation of its business.

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Unicef, bKash partner to make donations for children easier

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Unicef has signed a collaboration agreement with bKash Limited, the country's largest mobile financial services provider, to make donating to support children in Bangladesh easier and more accessible.

The agreement is expected to boost support for Unicef's fundraising initiatives for children by enabling more donors to contribute easily through bKash. Carla Haddad Mardini, global director of private fundraising and partnerships at Unicef, and Kamal Quadir, chief executive officer of bKash Limited, signed the agreement at a ceremony in Dhaka, according to a press release.

"Our collaboration with bKash, a trusted and widely used digital platform, enables Unicef to connect with people and communities across Bangladesh through a simple, secure and accessible way to support children," Carla said.

"We are pleased to see this partnership come to fruition as part of Unicef's ongoing efforts to expand funding opportunities and mobilise durable support for children. Children are at the heart of Bangladesh's future, and through this initiative, we can reach more of them with the services they need to survive, learn and thrive."



Kamal Quadir, chief executive officer of bKash Limited, and Carla Haddad Mardini, global director of private fundraising and partnerships at Unicef, shake hands before exchanging signed documents of an agreement in Dhaka. PHOTO: BKASH

"Every contribution, no matter the size, can help create lasting change in a child's life and open the door to a brighter future," she added.

Speaking at the event, Kamal said, "At bKash, we are focused on creating impactful opportunities for community advancement. Having built the country's first digital donation platform, bKash empowers users to make informed decisions when contributing to meaningful causes."

"This partnership with Unicef will bring strong momentum to fundraising initiatives aimed at building a brighter future for children," he added. Under the deal, bKash users can donate directly to Unicef by logging into the bKash app, selecting the "Donations" option and choosing Unicef.

Donations can also be made through bKash's extensive offline merchant network, enabling more people to participate in Unicef's mission to improve children's lives.

As part of the collaboration, Unicef will have a permanent presence in the donation section of the bKash app, creating more opportunities for individual contributions and supporting future awareness and fundraising initiatives.

Guardian Life launches 'Healing Call' mental health service

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Guardian Life Insurance Limited has launched a mental health support service that allows people to speak with mental health professionals by calling its customer service centre.

Under the initiative, titled "Healing Call", callers can dial Guardian's call centre number, 16622, and press 8 to speak with professionals from mental health support organisations Kaan Pete Roi and The Purpleline.

The service will be available daily from 3pm to 3am, according to a company statement issued on Saturday. The initiative comes as mental health remains a public health concern in Bangladesh, where social stigma and fear of judgement often discourage people from discussing their struggles or seeking professional support.

Around 30 million people in Bangladesh suffer from some form of mental health condition, according to data from the National Institute of Mental Health cited in the statement.

Healing Call aims to provide a space where people can discuss mental stress, anxiety, worries and other personal concerns with professionals without fear of being judged.

Guardian said the initiative was part of its broader focus on health and wellbeing alongside its core business of providing financial protection. The company is using its existing call centre, mobile app and website to make mental health support more accessible.

It also plans to expand the initiative through further collaboration with organisations and professionals working in mental health, with the aim of reaching more people across the country.

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Memo No: 80.00.0000.403.32.011.26-249 Date: 12.10.2026

e-Tender

This is to notify all concerned that the following e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP portal (http:/www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of goods as follows-

Name of Goods	Package No & Tender ID	Publication, Last Selling and Closing Date & Time
Supply of OMR Answer Sheets for BCS Examination.	**Invitation Reference No. :**80.00.0000.403.32.011.26-247 **Tender ID: 1350272**	Tender Publication: 14 Oct 2026 09:00 am Last Selling: 25 Oct 2026 04:00 pm Closing: 26 Oct 2026 11:30 am

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (http:/www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Md Zabdul Islam, director of Bangladesh Bank's SME and Special Programmes Department, and Kanti Kumar Saha, chief executive officer of Alliance Finance PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at BB headquarters in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: ALLIANCE FINANCE

Alliance Finance gets BB funds for CMSME

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Alliance Finance PLC has signed a participation agreement with Bangladesh Bank (BB) to provide working capital refinancing for the cottage, micro, small and medium enterprise (CMSME) sector.

Under the scheme, eligible borrowers will be able to access financing at an annual interest rate of 9 percent, according to a press release.

Kanti Kumar Saha, chief executive officer of Alliance Finance PLC, and Md Zabdul Islam, director of Bangladesh Bank's SME and Special Programmes Department, signed the agreement at the central bank's headquarters in Motijheel, Dhaka recently.

The agreement follows two other participation agreements recently signed between Alliance Finance and Bangladesh Bank's Sustainable Finance Department for refinancing facilities targeting the information and communication technology (ICT) sector and green factory buildings.

The facilities offer eligible borrowers loans at annual interest rates of 4 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

Ziaur Rahman elected chairman of SBAC Bank audit committee

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Ziaur Rahman Zia

Ziaur Rahman Zia, a fellow chartered accountant, has been elected chairman of the board audit committee of SBAC Bank PLC.

Ziaur Rahman, who serves as an independent director of the bank, has more than 21 years of professional experience in audit, finance and corporate governance, according to a press release. He is an elected council member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh and an associate member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. He holds a master's degree in accounting.

Ziaur Rahman began his career in 2005 and has since worked in audit, assurance, advisory and compliance across various sectors.

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Invitation for e-Tender (Physical Service)

e-Tender is inviting in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the Purchase of Physical Services. Details are given below:

Package No	Description	Tender ID No	Closing Date & Time
ceeprm-esi/26-27/SD-35	Hiring of Transport Vehicle (06 SUV and 01 Microbus)	1339753	**27-Oct-2026 Time-02:00pm**

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender please register on Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) system. (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)

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The Following e-Tenders is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of:

SL. No	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Reference No.	Description of Goods/Works	Last Selling Date and time	Closing Date and time	Opening Date and time
1.	1349548	FRD050-GR06, 2026-27	27.11.0000.304.27.407.26 Dated:11/10/2026	Supply and Installation of Cation Resin of Cation Exchanger, Iron Remover Media (Manganese Geolite) and Micoron Filter For the Water Treatment Plant of Faridpur 50 MW Peaking Power Plant, BPDB, Faridpur	26-10-2026 13.00	26-10-2026 16.00	26-10-2026 16.00

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To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank Branches.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).
For more details, please contact to the PE's Support Desk (01755575443).

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e-Tenders are invited in e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) by Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Faridpur for the procurement of:

Sl. No	Tender ID No/ Package No	Name of works	Last date and time for Tender Security submission	Tender Closing/ Opening Date & Time.
1	2	3	4	5
1	1349580, 08/e-GP/FRD/2026-2027 PMP Major	Re-construction of Durga Gotti Bridge of 22.68 (1X21.34) m Long R.C.C Girder Bridge at 15th km(p) (Ch: 14+933) of Faridpur (Badarpur)-Saltha-Sonapur-Muksudpur Road (Z-7004) under PMP (Major-Bridge) of Faridpur Road Division during the year 2026 2027.	09/11/2026 12:00 hour	09/11/2026 12:30 hour

e-Tender details can be downloaded from 12/10/2026 time: 23:00 to 08/11/2026, time: 17:00 of e-GP system portal http://www.eprocure.gov.bd for pursue.
e-Tenders will be accepted only as stated in above list, accepted tenders will be opened online immediately as stated in above list.

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