Govt seeks US tie-up to strengthen healthcare system

State Minister MA Muhit says

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The government is seeking long-term partnerships with US companies to strengthen Bangladesh's healthcare system through technology transfer, local manufacturing, specialised training and improved access to medical services, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare MA Muhit said yesterday.

Speaking as the chief guest at a roundtable, Muhit outlined the government's priorities, including strengthening primary healthcare, preventing diseases and decentralising specialised services to divisional and district levels.

Organised by the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham), the roundtable, titled "Unlocking the Potential of Medical Technology to Improve Patient Outcomes in Bangladesh", brought together government officials, representatives of the US Embassy and business leaders from AmCham's medical technology member companies to discuss a dedicated regulatory framework for medical devices and equipment.

The state minister highlighted a record health budget of around Tk 70,000 crore and recent tax measures, while acknowledging delays in regulatory registrations and reaffirming the government's efforts to expedite approvals.

Muhit urged US companies to look beyond equipment sales and build sustainable partnerships that account for lifecycle costs, after-sales services, technology transfer, local assembly and specialised training for Bangladeshi engineers and healthcare professionals, including those from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and the University of Dhaka.

Prime Bank, Runner Motors launch auto lease financing for CMSMEs

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Prime Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Runner Motors PLC to introduce a specialised auto lease financing programme for cottage, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (CMSMEs), aimed at improving access to commercial vehicles and supporting business growth.

M Nazeem A Choudhury, additional managing director of the bank, and Rajesh Kumar Yadav, chief financial officer of the automobile company, signed the MoU recently at the bank's corporate head office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Under the partnership, CMSME clients will have access to convenient and structured auto lease financing solutions at competitive interest rates to purchase commercial vehicles from Runner Motors PLC.

The initiative is designed to reduce financial barriers for entrepreneurs and business owners seeking to expand their logistics capabilities, improve transportation efficiency and strengthen their operational capacity.



Rajesh Kumar Yadav, chief financial officer of Runner Motors PLC, and M Nazeem A Choudhury, additional managing director of Prime Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the memorandum of understanding at the bank's corporate head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Mercantile Bank clients to get medical benefits from Epic Health Care



TM Hannan, executive director of Epic Health Care Ltd, and Md Shaiful Alam Chowdhury, regional head of Mercantile Bank PLC's Chattogram region, pose for a photograph after signing a memorandum of understanding in Chattogram recently. PHOTO: MERCANTILE BANK

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Mercantile Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Epic Health Care Ltd, a Chattogram-based healthcare and diagnostic service provider, to strengthen professional ties and extend healthcare benefits to the bank's stakeholders.

Md Shaiful Alam Chowdhury, regional head of the bank's Chattogram Region, and TM Hannan, executive director of the healthcare service provider, signed the MoU at a ceremony held in Chattogram recently, according to a press release.

Under the partnership, Mercantile Bank's debit, credit and Mastercard holders, as well as the bank's officers and their family members, will be able to access healthcare services at preferential rates.

To make healthcare more affordable, the agreement offers a 30 percent discount on all pathology tests and a 25 percent discount on all radiology, ultrasound, cardiac and neurology tests, along with additional healthcare facilities and benefits under the agreement.

Midland Bank rolls out Visa Signature credit card

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Midland Bank PLC has launched its Visa Signature credit card, offering customers an array of premium lifestyle, travel, dining and payment privileges.

Imtiaz U Ahmed, managing director and CEO of the bank, inaugurated the card at a ceremony held at the Lakeshore Hotel in Gulshan, Dhaka recently, according to a press release. The card is designed to deliver a premium and rewarding payment experience.

Key features include a credit limit of up to Tk 40 lakh, up to 45 days of interest-free credit, health check-ups, eight times the reward points on spending, dual-currency functionality, international lounge facilities and access to the Balaka Lounge, convenient airport pick-up and drop-off services, as well as discounts and EMI options at various merchant outlets nationwide.



Imtiaz U Ahmed, managing director and CEO of Midland Bank PLC, poses for a photograph after inaugurating the bank's new Visa Signature credit card at the Lakeshore Hotel in Gulshan, Dhaka recently. PHOTO: MIDLAND BANK

NCC Bank opens 'China Desk' to serve businesses

STAR BUSINESS DESK

NCC Bank PLC has launched a specialised banking desk to provide integrated financial services to Chinese businesses and investors operating in Bangladesh.

The initiative – named 'NCC China Connect' – aims to accelerate bilateral trade, investment and business growth between Bangladesh and China, the bank said in a press statement issued recently.

The desk was inaugurated recently at the China National Day Celebration 2026, organised by the Bangladesh China Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCCI) in collaboration with NCC Bank, at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka.

The desk will offer trade finance, working capital, project financing, foreign exchange transactions, bank guarantees, cash management and digital banking services.

Operating under the bank's Multinational Corporate Banking Division, it will also provide Mandarin-language support and serve as a central point of contact for Chinese entrepreneurs.

Speaking at the event, M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of NCC Bank, said China was Bangladesh's largest trading partner and one of its most important sources of investment.



State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam, NCC Bank Chairman Mohammed Nurun Newaz Salim, and Chinese Chargé d'Affaires in Bangladesh Liu Yuyin cut a cake to mark the launch of NCC Bank's China Desk at Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: NCC BANK

Promoting Energy-Related Low Carbon Urban Development in Bangladesh Project (LCUD)
Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA)
Level 9 & 10, Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), Ramna, Dhaka

Expressions of Interest (EoI) for Services

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1.	Ministry/Division	Power Division	
2.	Agency	International Organization	
3.	Name of Procuring Entity	Promoting Energy-Related Low Carbon Urban Development (LCUD) Bangladesh	
4.	Title of Service	Individual Consultant- National Consultant – Energy Efficiency and Carbon Trading Expert (Industry, Building etc.) Time Based	
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka	
6.	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Individual Consultant	Time - Based
7.	EoI Ref. No.	27.02.0000.000.023.14.0015.26.145	
8.	Date	15 October 2026	
	KEY INFORMATION		
9.	Procurement Sub-Method	Selection of Individual Consultants (SIC)	
	FUNDING INFORMATION		
10.	Budget and Source of funds	Development Budget	
11.	Development Partner	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), GEF	
	PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12.	Project/Programme Code	224417700	
13.	Project/Programme Name	Promoting Energy-Related Low Carbon Urban Development (LCUD) Bangladesh	
14.	EoI Closing Date and time	10 November 2026, Time: 12:00 (BST)	
	INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
16.	Brief Description of the Assignment	Overall management and coordination of all activities for Promoting Energy-Related Low Carbon Urban Development (LCUD) Bangladesh	
17.	Qualification and Experienced Required	Details is in the ToR, which is in SREDA website, (Notice Section & Project Box). SREDA website: www.sreda.gov.bd	
18.	Other Details	Details is in the SREDA website, (Notice Section & respective Project Box). SREDA website: www.sreda.gov.bd	
19.	Association with foreign firms is	Not Applicable	
	PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
20.	Name of the Official Inviting EoI	Engr. Md. Muzibur Rahman	
21.	Designation of the Official Inviting EoI	Project Director, LCUD Bangladesh	
22.	Address of the Official Inviting EoI	Level 9 & 10, IEB, Ramna, Dhaka	
23.	Contact Details of the Official Inviting EoI	02-55110343, lcud2024@gmail.com	
24.	Submission Procedure	Interested parties are requested to submit the EoI in person in the EoI Box at the SREDA office or Via email, if the EoI is submitted by email, the subject line must be clearly specified.	
	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any all EoI(s).		

Sd/-
Engr. Md. Muzibur Rahman
Project Director, LCUD

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Citizens Bank opens sub-branch in Keraniganj



Alamgir Hossain, managing director of Citizens Bank, inaugurates the bank's Ruhitpur sub-branch in Keraniganj, Dhaka recently. PHOTO: CITIZENS BANK

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Citizens Bank PLC has inaugurated a sub-branch in Ruhitpur, Keraniganj, Dhaka, to expand its banking services and support local businesses.

Alamgir Hossain, managing director of Citizens Bank, formally inaugurated the sub-branch as the chief guest, according to a press release. Speaking at the event, he said the bank would focus on the small and medium enterprise (SME) sector by offering tailored financing solutions, working capital support, trade finance facilities and advisory services to help local entrepreneurs expand their businesses and remain competitive.



Sadia Rayen Ahmed, chairman of Dutch-Bangla Bank PLC, presides over the bank's 5th extraordinary general meeting (EGM), held virtually recently. Shareholders approved amendments to the bank's memorandum and articles of association at the meeting. PHOTO: DUTCH-BANGLA BANK

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সেতুর ইজারা কোটেশন আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

০১।	ইজারা কোটেশন নং	:	০২/ইজারা/সওজ/ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া/২০২৬-২০২৭ (২য় আহবান)।
০২।	ইজারার বিবরণ	:	২০২৭-২০২৮, ২০২৮-২০২৯ এবং ২০২৯-২০৩০ এ ৩ (তিন) অর্থ বছরে ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া সড়ক বিভাগাধীন সরাইল-নাসিরনগর-লাখাই-হবিগঞ্জ (আর-২২০) আঞ্চলিক মহাসড়কের ২৫-তম কিলোমিটারে অবস্থিত বলভদ্র সেতু ব্যবহারকারী যানবাহনের টোল আদায়ের ইজারা।
০৩।	ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ	:	০৩ (তিন) বছর অথবা ১০৯৫ দিন (০১.০৭.২০২৭খ্রি. হতে ৩০.০৬.২০৩০খ্রি. পর্যন্ত)
০৪।	ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল মূল্য	:	টাকা ৫০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা মাত্র)।
০৫।	জামানতের টাকার পরিমাণ	:	উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) যে কোন তফসিলভুক্ত ব্যাংক হতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ পে-অর্ডার আকারে নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া বরাবরে।
০৬।	ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	১১.১১.২০২৬ খ্রি. তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন।
০৭।	মুখবন্ধ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	১২.১১.২০২৬ খ্রি. তারিখ দুপুর ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
০৮।	ইজারা ডাকে অংশ গ্রহণের যোগ্যতা	:	ভ্যাট ও আয়কর সনদধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/নাগরিক, সরকারী /বেসরকারী/ স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার।
০৯।	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন ক্রয়ের জন্য পাওয়া যাবে	:	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া/ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সড়ক বিভাগ, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া এবং কুমিল্লা/ উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া/বাঙ্গারামপুর সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ/ ১ম সারি কারখানা উপ-বিভাগ।
১০।	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন মুখবন্ধ অবস্থায় গ্রহণ করা হবে	:	(ক) তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক সার্কেল, কুমিল্লা। (খ) জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া। (খ) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সড়ক বিভাগ, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া।
১১।	ইজারা কোটেশন খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	:	স্থানঃ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সড়ক বিভাগ, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া তারিখঃ ১২.১১.২০২৬খ্রি. সময়ঃ বিকাল ৩ ঘটিকা।
১২।	ইজারা কোটেশন আহ্বানকারী যে কোন সময় কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন কোটেশন / সকল কোটেশন বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।		

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