

## CAAB inks deal with Chinese JV to expand Cox's Bazar Airport runway

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**Dhaka:** The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh and a joint venture of Changjiang Yichang Waterway Engineering Bureau (CYWEB) and China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) on February 9 signed an agreement to expand the runway of Cox's Bazar Airport.

After the completion of the project worth BDT 1,568.86 crore, the newly expanded runway will be the longest in the country and will enable wide-bodied aircraft like Boeing 777-300ER and Boeing 747-400 to take off or land said CAAB in a press release.

After the expansion of 1,700 feet, the total length of the runway of this airport will be 11,700 feet, added the release.

Air Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman, Chairman of CAAB and CYWEB-CCECC JV's authorised representative Yang Zhijun signed the deal on behalf of their respective organisations.

The government last year undertook this initiative to expand the runway of Cox's Bazar airport with an aim to upgrade it to international standards and offer foreign holidaymakers a hassle-free trip to the world's longest unbroken sea beach and popular tourist destination of the country.

CAAB further mentioned that this project will be funded by the government itself.

CAAB providing air traffic control in Myanmar's airspace

The air traffic control unit of Bangladesh, in coordination with the air traffic control units of neighbouring countries, is providing smooth services to airlines crossing Myanmar airspace, the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) said in a statement on February 8.

Earlier, traffic control on all air routes operating in Myanmar's airspace had been suspended. The decision of stopping all passenger flights comes after taking control of the country by Myanmar's military in a coup and declaration of a state of emergency for next one year.

CAAB is paying special attention to this issue, the release added.