

EU to inject new life into relations with ASEAN

AFP, Brussels

The European Commission on Wednesday presented a strategy that aims to breathe new life into muted relations between the European Union and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), possibly leading to a free trade agreement.

After strong growth by Southeast Asia's economic tigers followed by several years of economic crisis, the relations between the EU and the region "has fallen

below its potential," an EU official said.

In a document addressed to EU states entitled "A new partnership with Southeast Asia", the Commission said: "The EU and ASEAN have a strong interest in reinforcing their economic ties."

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Only 4.3 per cent of EU exports go to ASEAN countries while

imports from Southeast Asia amount to 6.4 per cent of goods entering the 15-member European body.

Through the new action plan, named TREATI for Trans-regional EU-ASEAN trade initiative, the two bodies would introduce measures to boost trade and financial flows that would ease access to and investment in each other's markets.

"TREATI will thus permit serious consideration to be given to entering into a free trade agree-

ment following a successful outcome of the current round of (WTO-led) multilateral trade negotiations," the EU's executive arm said.

The partnership could also lead to new measures to fight terrorism and other forms of crimes.

"The EU is prepared to assist countries in taking measures against international terrorism without prejudice to the respect by the countries concerned of basic human rights principles and peaceful political opposition.



Peter E Albrich, managing director and CEO of Siemens Bangladesh Limited, and M Shakil Wahed, managing director of Lipro Communications Limited, sign an agreement in Dhaka on Wednesday.



Azam J Chowdhury, managing director of Mobil Jamuna Lubricants Ltd, and Charlie Lane, team leader of maintenance and representative of AES Haripur Private Limited Managing Director, pose for a photograph at a signing ceremony between the two companies held at Mobil House in Dhaka on Tuesday.



Shahjalal Bank Limited (SBL) Chairman Sajjatz Jumma speaks at a branch managers' conference at the bank's head office yesterday.



SM Nurul Huq, first vice-president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), speaks at a press conference in Chittagong recently. Directors of BGMEA Md Abdus Salam and ANM Saif Uddin and former 1st vice-president Ershad Ullah are also seen.

Mobil Jamuna, AES Haripur sign lubricant supply deal

Mobil Jamuna Lubricants Ltd and AES Haripur Private Limited have signed lubricant supply agreement on Tuesday in Dhaka.

Azam J Chowdhury, managing director of Mobil Jamuna Lubricants Ltd, and Charlie Lane, team leader of Maintenance and representative of AES Haripur Private Limited Managing Director, signed the deal on behalf of their sides, says a press release.

Shahjalal Bank managers' confce held

Shahjalal Bank Limited (SBL) held a conference for branch managers at its head office yesterday.

SBL Managing Director Matin Uddin Ahmed presided over the conference while SBL Chairman Sajjatz Jumma was present as chief guest, says a press release.

AkkasUddin Mollah, chairman of executive committee, Syed Nurul Arefeen, vice-chairman of policy committee, and Ashfaq U Chowdhury, advisor of the bank, were also present at the conference, participated by ten branch managers.

CURRENCY

Following is yesterday's foreign exchange rate statement by Standard Chartered Bank					
Selling		Currency		Buying	
TT/OD	BC	TT Clean	OD Sight Doc	OD Transfer	
58.8000	58.8500	USD	57.8700	57.7000	57.6310
67.4142	67.4715	EUR	64.9359	64.7452	64.6677
96.8260	96.9083	GBP	93.8594	93.5837	93.4717
39.0314	39.0646	AUD	36.9963	36.8876	36.8435
0.5042	0.5047	JPY	0.4881	0.4867	0.4861
43.5975	43.6346	CHF	42.2964	42.1722	42.1217
7.2908	7.2970	SEK	6.8058	6.7858	6.7777
43.0108	43.0473	CAD	41.7502	41.6276	41.5778
7.5472	7.5536	HKD	7.4129	7.3911	7.3822
33.6327	33.6613	SGD	32.8191	32.7227	32.6836
16.1392	16.1529	AED	15.6283	15.5824	15.5637
15.8043	15.8178	SAR	15.3091	15.2642	15.2459
Exchange rates of some currencies against US dollar					
Indian rupee	Pak rupee	Lankan rupee	Thai baht	Nor kroner	NZ dollar
46.245	57.75	97.145	41.680	7.2978	0.6295
					Malaysian ringit
					3.80
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SHIPPING

Chittagong port							
Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 10/7/2003							
Berth No	Name of vessels	Cargo	L Port call	Local agent	Date of arrival	Lea-ving	Import disch
J/4	Ocean Pride	Gl(Log)	Yang	Peal	2/7	18/7	1269
J/2	Bosowa Delapan	Wheat(p)	Viza	Total	18/6	19/7	690
J/3	HPAAN	Rice (P)	Yang	Total	4/7	13/7	-
J/5	Tatiana-L(Liner)	Gl	Sing	Prog	7/7	14/7	1454
J/6	Tien Mu	WT/Lentils	Sing	Mutual	22/6	11/7	1563
J/8	Ever Gain	Gl (Log)	Yang	CCNL	10/7	14/7	-
J/10	Mardios	Cont	Hald	Everbest	5/7	11/7	-
J/11	Xpress Resolve	Cont	Col	Everbest	7/7	13/7	174/334
J/12	Banga Bonik	Cont	Hald	Baridhi	7/7	12/7	(91/450)
J/13	Sea Elegance	Cont	Sing	Pili(BD)	7/7	12/7	(397/181)
CCT/1	Qc Dignity	Cont	P/Kel	QC SL	7/7	12/7	247/382
CCT/2	Xpres Manaslu	Cont	P/Kel	RSL	2/7	10/7	377/625
CCT/3	Banga Biraj	Cont	P/Kel	BDship	7/7	13/7	(487/600)
RM/14	Banglar Kallol	Repair	--	BSC	R/A	--	--
RM/15	Helin	Gl	P/Kel	TMML	17/6	14/7	--
CCJ:	Bosowa Sembilan	Clink	Maka	PSAL	30/6	16/7	--
GSJ:	Vispatahni	Gl	Goa	RSA	9/7	14/7	--
TSP:	Silver Star	P.Acid	Tuti	Seacom	9/7	11/7	--
RM/3	Vernal Grace	Cpo	Sing	Smbh	8/7	11/7	--
RM/4	Victoria	Cdso	Chenn	POL	8/7	14/7	--
DOJ:	Al Sabiyah	Hsd/Jp-1	Kuwa	Mstpl	7/7	12/7	--
DD:	Banga Bodor	Repair	--	BDship	R/A	12/7	--
DDJ:	Banglar Gourab	Repair	--	BSC	R/A	13/7	--
RM/8	Orapin-3	CPO	BFLA	MTCL	8/7	11/7	--
RM/9	Banglar Robi	Repair	--	BSC	R/A	-	--
RM/10	Banglar Shourabh	Repair	-	BSC	R/A	12/7	--

Vessels due at outer anchorage					
Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L Port call	Local agent	Cargo	Loading port
Xuan Cheng	10/7	Winch	Bdship	Gl	--
New Sea Star	10/7	P/Kel	QC SL	Cont	Sing
Banglar Moni	10/7	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Gikim	17/7	Sing	OTBL	For Demolition	--
Kota Singa	12/7	Sing	Pili(BD)	Cont	Sing
Banga Borat	14/7	--	Bdship	Cont	Sing
Sagaing (Liner)	15/7	Yangoon	Everett	Gl	--
Yong Jiang(Liner)	12/7	--	Bdship	Gl	--
Banga Bijoy	14/7	Col	Baridhi	Cont	Col
Kota Cahaya	14/7	Sing	Pili(BD)	Cont	Sing
Apl Tulip	14/7	--	Nol	Cont	Sing
Chilean Express	14/7	--	Prog	Gl	--
Banglar Shikha	14/7	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Ruhunupura	17/7	--	PSSL	Cont	Yang
Qc Honour	15/7	P/Kel	QC SL	Cont	Sing
Asimont	16/7	--	Seaborne	Cont	Sing
Orient Grace	17/7	--	PSSL	Cont	Sing

Vessels awaiting employment/instruction:				
Banglar Jyoti	--	--	BSC	R/A(4/7)
Banga Lanka	Ballast	Col	Baridhi	30/6

Movement of vessels for 11/7/2003&12/7/2003.					
Outgoing		Incoming		Shifting	
11.7.2003					
J/7	Tien MU	J/7	Pathein	RM/14B	Kallol
J/10	Mardios	J/9	XUAN Cheng	GSJ:	Vishtarani
RM/3	V.Grace	J/10	Jaami	RM/9 B.	Robi
RM/8	Orapin				
12.7.2003					
J/12	B. Boniki	J/13	O. Prefdom	J/8	Ever Gain
J/13	Sea Elegance	J/12	B. Borti	RM/4	Victoria
CCT/1	QC Dignity	CCT/2	New Sea Star		DDE: B/Bodor
CCT/2	O.Excellence	RM/1B	Lanka		
DOJ:	AL-Sabiyah	RM/4	Sun Crystal		
RM/10B.	Shourab	RM/5	D. Gurnard		
		RM/3 (P)	P.Valour		

The above is shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

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