

Davos mixes oil and water to attract big business

AFP, Geneva

Over the coming week, a small corner of the Swiss Alps will become a businessman's playground as more than 1,000 executives buttonhole rivals and political leaders on global challenges and deals, in between runs down ski slopes for the fittest.

The annual, clubbish, meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) regularly draws a sizeable chunk of the world's corporate and political elite to the eastern Swiss resort of Davos.

After last year's foray into both poverty and climate change with Tony Blair, Gerhard Schroeder, Brazil's Lula or President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, the organisers readily admit that the 2006 event has seen some political downsizing.

"Clearly one year on our minds are in a different place," said WEF managing director Ged Davis, announcing an economic bias to the five-day meeting starting on Wednesday.

This year's array of global concerns range from the growing weight of China and India, to fears of an oil and energy crisis or the strain on global water supplies.

Heads of state and government beyond freshly-elected German Chancellor Angela Merkel will be thin on the ground and the ministerial representation is dominated by finance and trade specialists.

About half the 2,340 participants expected in Davos are business chiefs -- just 15 percent of them women -- including the heads of three-quarters of the top 100 ranked companies.

"The World Economic Forum tries to keep away from issues that are too politicised," Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman responded after being asked about the potential for talks on Iran.

"For me the key issue is the shift of the centre of gravity from the west to the east, the rise of China and India not as a threat, but as an opportunity," he told journalists.

Chinese Vice Premier and central economic planning chief Zeng

Peiyan, and the governor of China's central bank, Zhou Xiaochuan, who holds the key to the yuan's exchange rate, are due to be accompanied by a showcase business delegation.

India's business community is also flocking to the Alps, along with commerce and industry minister Kamal Nath, who is due to take part in a trade meeting on the sidelines of the forum.

The WEF's mainly western, 20,000 dollar-a-year fee paying members highlighted the two Asian powers as areas of "immense" opportunity, but also signalled anxiety about low cost competition, Davis said.

An internal survey found that energy related topics came top of their list of concerns.

"What is on the top of the agenda this year is energy security. Second climate change regulation and its impact on markets, third mid- to long-term supply uncertainties... and fourth new forms of terrorism," said energy specialist Christophe Frey.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries incoming president, Edmund Daukoru of Nigeria, last year's OPEC president and Kuwaiti energy minister Sheikh Ahmad Fahd al-Sabah are expected to join oil and gas industry chiefs in Davos.

The "energy summit" events include a private session sounding out the response of industry chiefs, senior officials and analysts to a potential oil crisis.

The scenario involves simultaneous attacks on chokepoints in global energy supply -- thought to be ports, shipping routes, pipelines and refineries -- that "cause havoc on energy markets" and send prices above 120 dollars a barrel for weeks.

"There's value in holding some sessions in private so that people speak their minds," Frey noted, declining to give details on how the scenario was put together.

Despite the media frenzy around Davos, corporate leaders are attracted by the opportunity for discrete one-on-one meetings in and around the resort.



Officials of Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) inaugurate a shallow tubewell in Angarpota-Dahgram installed by the bank for arsenic free pure drinking water. The bank recently installed 25 shallow tubewells in different parts of Angarpota-Dahgram enclave.



KM Zahid Uddin, general manager (marketing and sales) of HeidelbergCement Bangladesh Ltd, and Md Hossain Khan, managing partner of Savar City Centre, exchange documents on behalf of their companies after signing an agreement in Dhaka recently. Under the deal, HeidelbergCement will supply ScanCement to Savar City Centre projects.



Officials of Shahjalal Islami Limited are seen at the bank's "Managers' Conference-2006" held in Dhaka Saturday.



Mashur Rahman, managing director of IFIC Bank Limited, addresses a seminar on 'Prevention of Money Laundering' jointly organised by IFIC Bank Academy and Central Compliance Unit of Prevention of Money Laundering of Bangladesh Bank in Dhaka recently.

Chile, Thailand discuss joint study of FTA

XINHUA, Santiago

Chilean Foreign Minister Ignacio Walker and his Thai counterpart Kantathi Suphamongkhon discussed setting up a joint study group in preparation for talks on a free trade agreement (FTA) between the two countries, ministry officials said.

The two met in the Thai capital of Bangkok to exchange ideas on reaching an FTA.

The two sides also signed an agreement to exempt businesses from double taxation, which was part of Chile's efforts to enhance its trade ties with Asian countries.

Chile and Thailand held their first round of pre-free trade talks in Santiago in January 2005, and are set to hold the next round Monday through Friday next week in Bangkok.

Thailand is one of the most dynamic economies in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean).

It is Chile's 28th largest trading partner and 31st largest buyer of Chilean products.

Myanmar exports to hit \$3b in 2005-06

XINHUA, Yangon

Myanmar's export is expected to hit 3 billion US dollars in the fiscal year of 2005-06 ending in March, slightly up from the previous fiscal years, said a report of the Myanmar Times yesterday.

In the last fiscal year of 2004-05, the country's exports were valued at 2.9 billion US dollars, while its imports stood 1.9 billion US dollars out of its total foreign trade volume of 4.9 billion US dollars with a trade surplus of 954 million US dollars.

"The slight increase of the exports will be that the price of Myanmar goods has gone up in the international market," the directorate of the trade of the

Ministry of Commerce was quoted as saying.

Myanmar mainly exports natural gas, marine and forest products as well as agricultural products such as beans and pulses.

The private sector plays an important role in Myanmar's exports and imports. In 2004-05 fiscal year, the private sector accounted for more than 85 percent in its exports and more than 80 percent of the gross domestic product.

Myanmar has set a target of 1.5 billion US dollars of bilateral trade with China, 1 billion US dollars with India and 50 million US dollars with Vietnam in the fiscal year of 2005-06.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Upazila Engineer
Local Government Engineering Department
Upazila: Fenchuganj, District: Sylhet

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB No: 01/2005-2006

Memo No: LGED/UE/Fenchu/2006/14 Date: 19/01/2006
Credit No: 3467-BD Credit Name: Bangladesh Post-Flood Recovery Assistance Program (PFRAP)

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of: Bangladesh Post-Flood Recovery Assistance Program (PFRAP) and intends to apply part of the credit proceeds to cover eligible payments under the contract(s) mentioned in paragraph 2 below.
- The Upazila Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, Upazila: Fenchuganj, District: Sylhet invites sealed bids for rehabilitation/repair and completion of the works listed below. This invitation for bids is open to all eligible bidders. Procurement is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the IDA's procurement guidelines. However, countries not eligible under the project also include: The Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, Oman, Qatar, Singapore, United Arab Emirates.

Sl. No.	Contract package No	Name of the work	Cost of bidding documents (Taka)	Bid security (Taka)	Time for completion of work (days)
1	FLD/2004/W1.921	Repair/Rehabilitation of (1) Adershaw, (2) Bagmara, (3) Balkona, (4) Chandiprashed, (5) Chandpur, (6) Dargapur (7) Dirpur, (8) Faridpur, (9) Gongapur, (10) Goashi, (11) Hatubhanga, (12) Ilashpur, (13) Judistipur Purbabag, (14) Kakuabaha	500/-	23500/-	180 days
2	FLD/2004/W1.922	Repair/Rehabilitation of (1) Kachuabaha Mirajapur, (2) Katalpur, (3) Kutubpur, (4) Lamagongapur, (5) Manikkona, (6) Mohishahi, (7) Muhitpur, (8) Patanchak, (9) Petaitkor, (10) Purba Ilashpur, (11) Satrish, (12) Sultampur, (13) Sunikandi, (14) Usufali	500/-	23000/-	180 days

- Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased at the office of the (i) Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, District: Sylhet, Tel: 716116, Fax No: 714092 and (ii) Upazila Engineer, Fenchuganj, District: Sylhet & (iii) Upazila Engineer, Golapganj, District: Sylhet on non-refundable fee mentioned under para No 2 above, for each set during normal office hours on all working days up to 27/02/2006. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same addresses during office hours.
- The provisions in the instruction to bidders and in the conditions of contract are provisions of the Standers Bidders Documents: Procurement of Works (SBD), National Competitive Bidding (Trial Edition-February 1999) issued by World Bank, Dhaka Office.
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 91 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by a bid security as mentioned under para No. 2 above.
- Bids must be delivered to the office of the (i) Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, District: Sylhet, Tel: 716116, Fax: 714092 and (ii) Upazila Engineer, Fenchuganj, District: Sylhet & (iii) Upazila Engineer, Golapganj, District: Sylhet on or before 2.00pm of 28/02/2006.
- Bidders may deliver their bids any means including courier service, registered mail with acknowledgement due etc. which must reach the above offices before the deadline for submission of bids. bids received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend at 3.00pm on 28/02/2006 at the office of the Upazila Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, Fenchuganj Upazila, District: Sylhet.

Khaled Ahmed Chowdhury
Upazila Engineer
LGED
Fenchuganj, Sylhet

বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড
১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী সড়ক
নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম

চা পান করুন। চা অপেক্ষা সস্তা স্বাস্থ্যকর পানীয় আর নেই।

"বেশী বেশী লিকার চা পানে ক্যাপার, ফদরোগ হার মানে"

পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। কাজের বিবরণ	বাংলাদেশ চা গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট এর অতিথি ভবনের খাবার কক্ষ সম্প্রসারণ, একটি টয়লেট নির্মাণ, অতিথি ভবনের অভ্যন্তরীণ রাস্তা (আংশিক) নবায়ন ও সম্মুখ গেইটটির আনুষঙ্গিক কাজ সংকোচ।
২। ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা	ক। শুধুমাত্র ১ম শ্রেণীর প্রকৃত বৈধ নির্মাণ ঠিকাদার এর লাইসেন্স, খ। হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্সের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি, গ। ব্যংক সচলতা, আয়কর পরিশোধের হালনাগাদ প্রমাণক এবং ভ্যাট নিবন্ধীকরণ সনদের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দরপত্র সিডিউলের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
৩। সিডিউলের মূল্য	প্রতিটি সিডিউল ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
৪। সিডিউল ক্রয়ের স্থান	ক। বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, ১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী রোড, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম। খ। বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, ১১১-১১৩, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা। গ। বাংলাদেশ চা গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট, শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার।
৫। সিডিউল জমা দেয়ার স্থান	ক। বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, ১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী রোড, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম। খ। বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, ১১১-১১৩, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা। গ। বাংলাদেশ চা গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট, শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার।
৬। জামানতের পরিমাণ	২৩,০০০/- (তের হাজার) টাকা (ফেরতযোগ্য)।
৭। জামানত প্রদানের নিয়ম	পে-অর্ডার/ব্যংক ড্রাফট যে কোন অফিসিয়াল ব্যংক হতে সচিব, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, চট্টগ্রামের অনুকূলে ইস্যু করে দরপত্র সিডিউলের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
৮। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়	২৪/০১/২০০৬ হতে ০৩/০১/২০০৬ পর্যন্ত। অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে।
৯। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	০১/০২/২০০৬ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে।
১০। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৬/০১/২০০৬ তারিখ বেলা ১১.০০ ঘটিকায়।
১১। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী রোড, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম (দরপত্রদাতা কেহ যদি উপস্থিত থাকেন)।
১২। অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী	(ক) টেন্ডার দাখিল করার সময় নিজস্ব প্যাকেট আবেদন করতে হবে এবং জামানত ছাড়া টেন্ডার বাতিল বলে গণ্য করা হবে। (খ) টেন্ডার সিডিউলে কোন প্রকার ঘমামাজা কিংবা ওভাররাইটিং যথযোগ্য হবে না। (গ) বিল হতে সরকারী বিধি মোতাবেক আয়কর ও ভ্যাট কর্তন করা হবে এবং সরকার কর্তৃক আরোপিত সকল ধরনের কর কর্তন প্রযোজ্য হবে। (ঘ) বামের উপর ঠিকাদারী ফর্মের নাম ও পূর্ণ ঠিকানা এবং সিল গালা ব্যবহার করতে হবে। (ঙ) নির্মাণ কাজ সূত্রে বাস্তবায়নের নিশ্চয়তা প্রদানের নিমিত্তে কৃতকার্য দরপত্রদাতাকে কার্যাদেশ প্রদানের পূর্ব শর্ত হিসাবে চুক্তিপত্র সম্পাদনের সময় ৫০,০০০/- (পঞ্চাশ হাজার) টাকা পিকিউরিটি ডিপোজিট পে-অর্ডার/ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে সচিব, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ডের অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হবে। (চ) ঠিকাদার হিসেবে প্রাক অভিজ্ঞতা নিশ্চিত করার জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট অফিস প্রধানের নিকট হতে ন্যূনতম ১০,০০,০০০/- (দশ লক্ষ) টাকার নির্মাণ কাজ সম্ভারজনকভাবে সমাপনের সত্যায়িত প্রত্যয়নপত্র (কার্যাদেশের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি সহ) দরপত্র সিডিউলের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে। (ছ) মূল দরপত্রদাতা অথবা মূল দরপত্রদাতা কর্তৃক লিখিত প্রত্যয়ন প্রাপ্ত ব্যক্তি শুধুমাত্র এ কাজে কর্তৃপক্ষের সঙ্গে যোগাযোগের বেদতা রাখেন।
১৩। কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা	কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র আংশিক অথবা সম্পূর্ণভাবে গ্রহণ অথবা বর্জন করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড

CURRENCY

Following is yesterday's (Jan 22, 2006) forex trading statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Sell	Buy	Buy	Buy		
TT/OD	BC	Currency	TT Clean	OD Sight Doc	OD Transfer
68.6200	68.6500	USD	67.5000	67.4775	67.4325
84.7937	84.8308	EUR	80.9123	80.8853	80.8313
122.7063	122.7569	GBP	118.5435	118.5040	118.4250
52.4669	52.4898	AUD	49.4505	49.4340	49.4010
0.6022	0.6025	JPY	0.5806	0.5805	0.5801
54.2065	51.2302	CHF	52.4109	52.3934	52.3585
8.9483	8.9522	SEK	8.3400	8.3372	8.3317
60.0928	60.1191	CAD	57.9947	57.9753	57.9367
8.8599	8.8628	HKD	8.6940	8.6911	8.6853
42.5788	42.5974	SGD	41.2693	41.2555	41.2280
18.8346	18.8428	AED	18.2284	18.2234	18.2112
18.4428	18.4508	SAR	17.8553	17.8493	17.8374
11.6085	11.6135	DKK	10.5350	10.5315	10.5245
231.5391	231.6425	KWD	229.7723	229.7723	229.7723

Exchange rates of some currencies against US dollar

Indian rupee	Pak rupee	Lankan rupee	Thai baht	Nor kroner	NZ dollar	Malaysian ringgit
44.17	59.82	102.1	39.213	6.6568	0.6791	3.75

Local Interbank FX Trading
Local interbank FX market was subdued on Sunday. Demand for USD remained high in the market.

Local Money Market
Money market was active. Call money rate was almost unchanged and ranged between 8.00 and 10.00 percent compared with 9.00 and 10.00 percent previously.

International Market
International market was closed on Sunday. The dollar retreated on Friday, hurt by a rising Iran tensions and comments from a Federal Reserve official suggesting the US tightening cycle is ending. The Swiss franc, seen as a safe haven in times of heightened geopolitical concerns, drew support versus the dollar, analysts said, after a senior Iranian official confirmed Iran had started transferring assets from European accounts to other foreign banks. Iran has made the asset transfer in an attempt to preempt possible US sanctions over its nuclear programme. The dollar's losses extended after Richmond Fed President Jeffrey Lacker, a voting member on the US central Bank's policy setting committee, said on Friday there was at least one more US interest rate move left, after an 18-month tightening campaign.

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Venue: Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre
Date: 30th January, 31st January & 1st February, 2006

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Civil Division-3, Kurmitola, Dhaka

Invitation for Tender

- Name of the work: Repair & maintenance of Jessore Airport during the year 2005-2006 (SH: (a) Repainting of runway center line, threshold, bay marking & guide line marking). (b) Patch repairing of south taxiway invc. bituminous painting.
- Source of fund: Revenue Expenditure; Code No-3000.
- Time for completion of work: a) 7 (seven) days & (b) 15 (fifteen) days respectively.
- Eligibility of tenderers: Civil contractor of gov't/semi-gov't/autonomous organization having licence to execute civil works for Tk. 5.00 (five) lacs & above who have past experience in civil work can apply for tender documents.
- Price of tender document: Tk. 250/- (two hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) per set for each work.
- Amount of tender security: Tk. 7,500/- (seven thousand five hundred) only should be deposited in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Civil Division-3, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka along with the tender for each work.
a) PA to Chief Engineer, Headquarter, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
b) Executive Engineer, Civil Division-3, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
c) PA to Director, ZIA, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
d) PA to Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
e) Cash Section, Headquarter, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
f) Airport Manager, CAAB, Jessore Airport, Jessore.
- Name and address of the offices selling tender document: Executive Engineer, Civil Division-3, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
- Name and address of the offices opening tenders: Executive Engineer, Civil Division-3, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
- Last date & time for selling tender document: 19/02/2006 during office hours.
- Last date & time for submission of tenders: 20/02/2006 up to 12.00 hours.
- Date and time for opening of tenders: 20/02/2006 at 12.30 hours.
- Reasons for: i) If attested copy of enlistment renewal receipt and up-to-date valid trade licence is not furnished along with the tender.
ii) If the attested copy of Value Added Tax registration and up-to-date income tax payment certificate and tax identification number certificate issued from appropriate authority is not furnished along with the tender.
iii) If the original money receipt for purchasing tender document is not enclosed along with the tender.
iv) If the requisite earnest money is not furnished along with the tender.
v) If the attested copy of experience certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer is not furnished along with the tender.
- Special instructions: If the total transport and communication system are disrupted due to unavoidable circumstances on the date of receiving and opening the tender, the tenders will be received and opened on the next office day. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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