

WB to provide technical help to CCC

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World Bank (WB) has expressed its willingness to provide technical assistance to Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) for collection of revenue, planning and monitoring of budget and its implementation process.

A high-powered WB team is expected to meet Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury next week to apprise him of their programme.

This was hinted when a two-member WB team led by its Senior Financial Management specialist Suraiya Jannat called on the CCC mayor in the port city yesterday.

The WB team said modernisation and computerisation of the revenue management of the city corporation will not only bring transparency but also increase revenues.

STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PLAN

Committee yet to submit recommendations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The advisory committee on the Strategic Transport Plan (STP) is yet to submit its recommendations on the study of the 20-year transport planning.

A foreign consultancy group has prepared the plan for Dhaka city, which will provide directions for facing the future challenges in the transport sector.

At the 8th board meeting of Dhaka Transport Coordination Board (DTCB) yesterday, Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka expressed dissatisfaction over the

delay in submission of the recommendations.

The meeting decided that the advisory committee and the DTCB board will hold a meeting on the STP study soon.

Talking to reporters, the mayor said it is taking time to finalise the plan as it involves a long-term strategy.

The STP envisages institutional strengthening programme, identification of priority projects and capacity-building of the organisations concerned such as DTCB, DCC, DMP, RAJUK, BRTA, sources said.

Sadeque Hossain, also the

chairman of the DTCB, presided over the meeting attended by advisory committee member Prof Alamgir Mujibul Haque of Buet, Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) Chairman Dr MA Momen, Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) Chairman Advocate Taimur Alam Khandaker.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of the projects under the World Bank-funded Dhaka Urban Transport Project (DUTP).

M Salauddin Ahmed MP and other DCC and DTCB officials were also present at the meeting.

Dhaka committed to one China policy: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday reiterated Bangladesh's firm belief in one China policy and expressed satisfaction over the

progress made by the friendly country in various fields.

"China's cooperation for peace, stability and development in this region is very important to us," she said while talking to the visiting delegation of the Communist Party of China (CPC) led by Wang Jiarui, chairman, International department of the CPC central committee and also a minister, at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

During the meeting, the prime minister and the CPC team agreed to exchange experiences and work together on population control, education, employment and rural economy -- the common issues of the two friendly Asian countries.

Other members of the delegation are Aiping, director general, international department of the CPC central committee, and Zhang Xuyi, director, international department of the CPC central

committee.

The delegation arrived in Dhaka on Monday on a four-day visit at the invitation of ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). The delegation members are scheduled to leave for Pakistan today.

Khaleda, also chairperson of the BNP, and the Chinese delegation emphasised exchange of visits between the two parties to enhance understanding and help in improving the programmes of the respective parties.

Referring to their interactions with other BNP leaders, the CPC delegation remarked that the young leadership of the BNP is quite impressive and promising.

They told Khaleda that bilateral meeting with the BNP leaders on Tuesday was fruitful and would help further strengthen the relations between the two countries.

CPC team meets Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

The delegation of the Communist Party of China (CPC), led by the Chairman, International Department of the CPC Central Committee, Wang Jiarui, yesterday met Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence.

They discussed mainly matters of the bilateral relations and economic cooperation.

During an hour-long meeting, they exchanged their experiences with Awami League leaders in different sectors, including agriculture and economy.

Emerging from the meeting, Hasina's political secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury told the journalists that there is a good relation existing between Bangladesh Awami League and the Communist Party of China and relationship between the two parties would be strengthened.

AL leaders Tofail Ahmed, Abdul Jalil MP, Kazi Zafarullah MP, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP, Obaidul Kader and Syed Abul Hossain were present at the meeting.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Chai Xi was also present.

Training course on Project Cycle Management concludes

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A three-day training course on 'Project Cycle Management' for the Asia Link Programme' organised by the Delegation of the European Commission to Bangladesh ended yesterday at the Brac Centre Inn in the city, says a press release.

Around 40 participants from different public and private universities and research institutions from across the country attended the course. Three European Consultants facilitated it.

The objective of the course is to encourage more educational institutions from Bangladesh to participate in the Asia Link Programme that fosters and reinforces regional and multilateral networking between European and Asian universities.

The programme operates in the areas of human resources, curriculum and institutional and systems development.

Four projects are running under the Asia Link Programme in the country.

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Dhaka City Corporation demolished unauthorised shops to the east of the Secretariat yesterday. But a makeshift house of the corporation at the same place was spared during the drive for reasons unknown.

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Prof Anisuzzaman places wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday to pay homage to the martyrs of the Language Movement after the inauguration of the Ekushey programmes of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote.