

Training workshop

A three-day training workshop on the pilot programme to improve management of the flood, control drainage and irrigation projects began in the capital yesterday, reports UNB. Inaugurating the workshop, State Minister for Irrigation and Flood Control Mosarref Hossain Shahjahan said the economy of Bangladesh is dominated by agriculture which

is dependent on water. But, he pointed out, too much of water during monsoon causes widespread flooding and restricts crop production in the country.

On the other hand, the state minister said, scarcity of water during the dry season leads to serious disruption in the agricultural sector.

Auction Notice

Old used goods viz. Scrap-Metal, Ferrous/Non-Ferrous, Canvas, Nylon, empty Barrel, Battery and various condemned Scrap Materials will be sold in public auction "as is where is basis" at Bangladesh Air Force, Motiur Rahman Base, Jessor compound on 16-01-94 from 10 AM.

Prior to auction each bidder will have to deposit Pay Order/Bank Draft for Taka 25,000/- (refundable) in favour of Commander, Base Motiur Rahman, BAF Jessor, otherwise no participation in the auction will be allowed. The highest bidder will have to deposit 25% of the amount in cash on the spot, and the rest within 7 (seven) days of approval otherwise the 25% earnest money will be forfeited. The highest bidder will have to deposit 3% AIT of highest bid value before taking delivery of the auction goods. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all bids.

Messrs Al-Amin Traders
Government Auctioneers
28, KP Ghosh Street, Dhaka-1100

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French Ambassador Jean Michel Lacombe and Mrs Lacombe during a press briefing at the ambassador's Gulshan residence yesterday.

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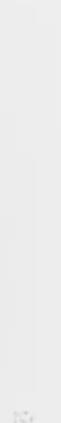
JICA's river cruise

The JICA Alumni Association of Bangladesh has arranged a river cruise on January 21. The cruise begins on the day from Badamtali ghat, says a press release.

What's on today....

Graphic exhibition by Wakilur Rahman

The inauguration of a 10-day long graphic exhibition by Wakilur Rahman will be held today (Monday) at 4.00 pm at the auditorium of German Cultural Centre. The exhibition will remain open daily for all from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm. Dr J Gehl, Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany will perform the inauguration.



Japanese film festival

A 3-day Japanese Film Festival jointly organised by the Japanese Embassy, Dhaka and Rachona Film Society begins at the Hotel Sonargaon today (Monday).

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda will inaugurate the festival at 4 pm on the day.

Five Japanese feature films including "A Fugitive from the Past," one of the masterpieces of the Japanese films, will be shown during the festival.

Admission to the festival is free.

BSP

An emergency meeting of the Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP) executive committee will be held today (Monday) at 11 am at the Akher Kagoj office, 61, Dhamondi.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central

The 486th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today (Monday) at 1 pm at the Dhaka Club.

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The 1204th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held today (Monday) at 5.30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel.

Rtn A B A Sirajuddowlah will give a talk on "utilisation of natural gas" with a video film "The Captive Flame."

Paush Mela

A five-day long Paush Mela (winter fair) organised by the Motree Samaj Kalyan Sangha begins at the Faridabad High School ground today (Monday).

Post and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam will inaugurate the mela at 3 pm.

The mela will remain open for all from 10 am to 8 pm.

Tk 386cr project for modernisation of Ctg Airport okayed

CHITTAGONG, Jan 9: Chittagong Airport will soon be transformed into a modern and well-equipped international airport to meet the long standing demand of the region, reports UNB.

The government has approved the project of Tk 386 crore involving Tk 195 crore foreign exchange component, said State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan while inaugurating the extended terminal building of the airport on Saturday.

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