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Seminar on apparel product development and marketing

Quality, low cost, timely delivery main criteria to enter Japanese market

Strict maintenance of quality, timely shipment and fitting the consumers with correct information on Bangladesh apparel products are the main factors to enter the Japanese market, a Japanese expert has told a seminar here, reports BSS.

"Exception of these criteria will not only lead the country to no confidence but also threaten the continued survival of its products there," said the Japanese expert Hideyuki Miura at a seminar on "Apparel product development and marketing to Japan" Friday evening.

Organised under the joint auspices of Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) and Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), the seminar was also addressed by JETRO Representative in Bangladesh Katsumi Hara and BGMEA first Vice President Fazil Haque.

The one-day seminar, held in the conference room of

Dragonair signs accord with ILFC to acquire airbus

Dragonair has signed a leasing agreement with International Lease Finance Corporation (ILFC) to acquire three airbus a 330 aircraft recently, says a press release.

Under the accord, the first aircraft will be delivered in May 1995 and the second in September. The third aircraft is likely to be delivered in 1996.

The A 330's, powered by Rolls Royce Trent 700 engines, will replace the two Lockheed 11011 TriStars currently operating on the trunk routes between Hong Kong and Beijing and Shanghai.

Simon Heale, Chief Operating Officer of Dragonair said at a press conference on January 11 that there was a need to replace the existing fleet of two TriStars which are on lease from Cathay Pacific Airways.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Department
Dist : Naogaon

Notice Inviting Re-Tender

DATE : 13-01-94
IDA CREDIT : 1940-BD
TENDER NO : 09/93-94

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association and grants from the Swiss Development Co-operation and Kreditanstalt Krederebau in various currencies towards the cost of the Rural Development Project-7 and it is intended that the part of the proceeds of the funds will be applied to eligible payments under the contract chart shown below (12).

2. The Local Government Engineering Department of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, as represented by the Executive Engineer, LGED, Naogaon now invites sealed tenders from prequalified A & B class tenderers under RDP-4, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 18, R & H Department and special class LGED for furnishing the necessary labours, materials, equipments and services for the construction and completion of the following schemes (as shown in the chart) under Naogaon District.

3. Interested prequalified tenderers as mentioned above may obtain further information and inspect the tender documents at the Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Naogaon, Bogra, Rajshahi, and Joypurhat and at the Office of the Project Director, Rural Development Project-7, House No-14, Road No-8, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205.

4. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by any interested prequalified tenderer as shown in the chart (with appropriate financial capabilities) on submission of a written application to one of the above Office and on payment of non-refundable Tk 1200/- (One thousand and two hundred) (schedule set Tk 200/- + other expenditure Tk 1000/-). Additional set of documents may be purchased each at the same price. The tender documents will be available during office hours up to 30-01-94 from the Office of the XEN, LGED, Naogaon, Rajshahi, Bogra, Joypurhat and Project Director, Rural Development Project-7, Dhaka-1205.

5. All tender must be accompanied by Earnest Money in BD/CD/Pay Order at the rate 2% of their tender amount in favour of XEN, LGED, Naogaon (from any Scheduled Bank) and must be submitted to the Office as mentioned above up to 1-30 PM on 03-02-94 and will be opened on the same day at 2-00 PM in presence of the interested tenderers/representatives (if present).

6. Tenderers shall have to quote their rates on (%) percentage basis i.e. (per, above or below).

7. The contractor for bridge work will have to show their completion certificate on RCC pile foundation bridge work at the time of purchasing tender documents.

8. No tender will be received by mail.

9. Date of pre-tender meeting will be held on 31-01-94 at 11-00 AM on the Office of the XEN, LGED, Naogaon.

10. VAT (excluding IT) will be realised from the contractors bill as per rate prescribed by the Government.

11. The authority reserves the right to accept any or to reject any or all tenders without assigning reason whatsoever.

12. Details chart of contracts.

DISTRICT : NAOGAON.

Sl. No.	Name of Road	Contract No.	Chainage with Length (KM)	Estimated Amount	Earnest Money (Tk)	Eligible Class of Contractors	Time for Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Jalchatra-Pajorbhanga FRB road.	108/FRB/03/ Cont-01	6 + 000 + 09 + 108km = 3.18km	66,36,738/-	2% of tendered amount	A & B under RDP-4, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 18, R & H Deptt and special class LGED	5 (Five) months
2.	Jalchatra-Pajorbhanga FRB road	108/FRB/03/ Cont-02	9 + 300 to 12 + 000km = 2.70 km	63,43,067/-	-do-	-do-	-do-
3.	Jalchatra-Pajorbhanga FRB road	108/FRB/03/ Cont-03	12 + 000 to 14 + 127.5 km = 2.127km	49,96,181/-	-do-	-do-	-do-
(B)	Maddhuil-Agradigun FRB road	104/FRB/02/ Cont-01	0 + 000 to 4 + 000 km = 4.00 km	74,06,535/-	-do-	-do-	6 (Six) months
(C)	Jalchatra-Pajorbhanga FRB road (BRIDGE WORK)	108/FRB/03/ BRG Cont-01	1 x 12 + 2 x 6 = span 24m	26,46,967/-	-do-	-do-	-do-
(D)	Raninagar-Abadpukur road (Maintenance Programme)	100/FRB/02/ BRG-M/01 Cont-01	8 + 096km	5,44,269/-	-do-	A, B & C prequalified contractors of RDP-4, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 & 18	3 (Three) months

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Biman to play due role in enhancing manpower export, says minister

President Abdur Rahman Biswas said yesterday the cooperative movement need to be geared up for socio-economic development of the country, particularly in rural areas, reports BSS.

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The cooperative movement should be turned into a social movement in the larger interest of commonman," Biswas said.

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They was talking to a delegation of Kishoreganj district cooperative Land Mortgage Bank which called on the President at Bangabhaban. The delegation was led by AKM Shamsul Haq Renu, Chairman of the Bank.

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The capital of an individual may be small, but when people are united under the umbrella of cooperatives, that no longer remains small. They can undertake major projects on cooperative basis in any production-oriented sector, the

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan said here yesterday that Biman Bangladesh Airlines would play its due role in enhancing the country's manpower export as the national flag carrier, reports BSS.

He also said the quality and area of Biman's service to both nationals and foreigners would be upgraded.

Addressing as the chief guest the third day of the conference on promotion of manpower export, organised by the Ministry of Labour and Manpower at the Manpower Training Institute in the city, the State Minister said the national flag carrier had been playing its due role in this regard and would continue to contribute to the country's cause of manpower promotion.

Mannan Bhuiyan was presiding over the session while it was attended by the representatives from the countries where Bangladesh manpower are being exported. Representatives from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iran, Bahrain, UAE, Libya, Malaysia and Oman were, among others, attended.

The foreign representatives enquired about Biman's higher tariff in passenger and cargo sectors including possibilities of opening new routes to facilitate export of Bangladeshi manpower.

Mannan said although Biman is a national flag carrier, it is also run commercially like those of others on competitive basis.

He explained that while passenger fares are not higher in Biman, its fares in carrying perishable goods are rather less than the other airlines.

He also explained on enquiry that the question of opening new routes would depend on many factors and the relevant authorities were now engaged in conducting feasibility studies over the issue.

Buriganga River South bank preservation project opens

The work for the south bank preservation project of the river Buriganga started Friday primarily with boulders from Kalindi to Burishur under Keraniganj thana, an official handout said here, reports BSS.

State Minister for Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan formally inaugurated the work for the project titled "The right bank preservation project of Buriganga" by laying the foundation stone at Kalindi.

Local member of parliament Amanullah Aman and other elite were present on the occasion.

Addressing a gathering at Burishur, Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan said the inauguration of the work was yet another fulfilment of the commitment of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia given to the nation.

He said due steps would be undertaken to complete the project as well as for extension of the irrigation facilities in Keraniganj thana.

The state minister also visited the areas eroded by the river.

IMF evaluating Russian upheavals

WASHINGTON, Jan 22: The International Monetary Fund is evaluating the impact of major changes in the Russian government on the course of re-

forms, a development that could potentially slow agreement on an anticipated 1.5 billion US dollars loan for the re-

public, monetary sources said yesterday, reports Reuter.

An IMF negotiating team was tentatively scheduled to begin talks with the Russian authorities sometime next week, but the sources said it was uncertain if this would take place although it appeared unlikely. "At this point, the IMF is evaluating the situation," a monetary source said.

A IMF spokesman, asked about whether or not the talks would be put off, declined to comment beyond saying, "we don't want to be drawn into speculation."

The sources made clear that, while there had been a general agreement that loan talks should take place in the second half of this month, no specific dates were arranged.

Also uncertain is a trip by IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus, planned for late this month, although there was still a possibility that this could take place.

Communication lines between the IMF and the government remain strong.

The lending agency has an office in Moscow and a team from Washington is presently

discussing the design of a social safety net for the Russian people to help soften the initial pain of reform.

The new element in the relations between the lending agency and the IMF is the result of a decision by two key reformers to leave the government.

Russia's reform architect Yegor Gaidar resigned on Sunday from his posts as economic minister and first deputy premier and this was followed by the departure of Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov.

Among other problems, the IMF has been deeply concerned about runaway inflation in Russia and officials have worried that the country would weaken its reform zeal as a result of the strong showing of ultra-nationalists and communists in December's parliamentary elections.

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin following the exit of the two key reformers said the government remains committed to economic reform and bringing inflation under control.

"It could continue reform policies, or it could go the other way," said one monetary source. "We don't want to rush to judgement."



The third US-Bangladesh Trade Show was formally inaugurated at the winter park of Hotel Sheraton in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Coca Cola asked to quit India

NEW DELHI, Jan 22: Led by the man who kicked out Coca Cola in 1977, opponents of liberalisation served notice on the newly returned US soft drink giant and its rival Pepsi yesterday to quit India by February end, reports AFP.

A gathering billed as the national convention on self-reliance and self-respect, organised by George Fernandes, adopted a resolution which set the deadline and pledge a "nationwide struggle to throw them out of the country."

A giant soft drink bottle labelled in Hindi "foreigners — quit India" dominated the stage at the downtown convention venue.

The resolution setting the ultimatum was read out by northern regional politician Hari Kewal, who claimed never to have drunk either Coke or Pepsi and dubbed them symbols of "cultural invasion."

Fernandes, a centrist opposition MP, was Industry Minister in a short-lived coalition government that ruled India when the Coca Cola Co wound up its Indian operations

16 years ago.

Coke preferred to leave rather than bow to pressure from Fernandes to reveal its secret formula.

It returned in October "to stay," lured by the open-door policies of the government of Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao, three years after PepsiCo Inc set up shop in the huge market of nearly 900 million people.

Thursday's convention, attended by left-leaning delegates from across India, resolved to wage a long battle to force out the two multinationals if they do not heed the ultimatum.

Volunteers would be enrolled, "struggle committees" set up in towns and villages, retailers persuaded not to stock Coke and Pepsi and consumers urged not to drink them.

From the start of March, bottling plants and retail outlets of the two soda pop makers will be picketed and trucks transporting their products blocked on the highways, the resolution said.

The Fernandes threat comes just when Coke and Pepsi have begun drawing the battle lines in India, the latest staging ground for their famous cola wars.

They have emerged as the most visible symbols of a new infusion of foreign investment in the country, where consumers are now awaiting McDonald's, pizza hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken, Smirnoff vodka, Johnnie Walker whisky and Carlsberg beer.

Foreign brands ranging from Ray Ban sunglasses and Benetton fashionware to an array of home appliances have already appeared in Indian showrooms to cries that they were promoting an alien consumer culture.