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Bangladesh achieves 4.5 pc growth rate in '93: ADB

Bangladesh's growing industrial and service sectors, in response to wideranging structural reforms, helped the country achieve a higher growth rate last year outpacing the rest of South Asia, reports UNB.

While overall growth rate for the countries in South Asian region declined to 3.7 from 5 per cent, according to ADB, Bangladesh recorded a growth rate of about 4.5 per cent in 1993.

"This was due to a rebound in industrial and services sectors," said the annual report 1993 of the Asian Development Bank, available in Dhaka on Sunday.

The industrial and services sector in Bangladesh also continued to diversify during the year responding to the reform programmes, which are still on track.

Reforms in the financial sector, particularly banks, and further deregulation of domestic and foreign investment procedures helped tackle problems of low investment and savings, it added.

The donor, however, found a regressive scenario in the country's farm sector.

SIA, Obayashi sign contract

Singapore Airlines Ltd (SIA) and Obayashi Corporation of Japan have signed the main contract for the construction of a new SIA building in Robinson Road, Singapore. says a press release received here.

Chew Choon Seng, SIA's director of Finance and Administration, and Yoshio Shimohara, Executive Vice President of Obayashi Corporation, signed the contract at a ceremony at the Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore recently.

The new 35-storey SIA building will replace the present 17-storey office building, constructed in 1968, which will be demolished. The cost of the redevelopment will be more than 100 million Singaporean dollars. The new building is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 1997.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
নির্বাচী প্রক্রিয়ার কার্যালয়, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রক্রিয়া
১৮-তি জেলা শহরে পানি সরবরাহ প্রকল্প
মানিকগঞ্জ বিভাগ, মানিকগঞ্জ।

সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশোধনী সরকারের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, অত অফিস আক ২২ ১৫৩/১২০। তারিখ ১৭-১০-১৯৯২ মোতাবেকে
গোলাটীবাজার প্লাট এলাকার ৩০০X১০০মিটার বাসেস উৎপাদক নলকূপ
খনন ও মিশনিং বাসেসের পরীক্ষামূলক নলকূপ খনন ও বর্তমান মেইন
পার্ক পাইপলাইন সাথে উৎপাদন নলকূপের ইন্সট্রাকচুনেশন হালন করের
জন্য আইবানকৃত সরপত্রের নিম্নোক্ত সংশোধনী দেওয়া হইল।

উক্ত সরপত্রে জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকল্পের অধিবিষয়ে ১৯৯৪-১৯৯৫ অর্থ
ব্যবস্রের তালিকাবন্ধ/মন্তব্যবন্ধী এবং প্রেরীয় "সি" আইবানের
ঠিকানাগত অল্পব্যবস্থা করিবে পারিবেন।

সরপত্রের অন্যান্য শর্তবন্ধী অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে এবং ইহা সরপত্রের
একটি অল্প হিসাবে গুণ হইবে। উক্ত সরপত্রে জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকল্পের
অধিবিষয়ে ১৯৯৪-১৯৯৫ অর্থ ব্যবস্রের তালিকাবন্ধ নবায়নকৃত নথিয়ে
প্রেরীয় "সি" আইবানের ঠিকানাগত অবস্থাগত করিবে।

কামাল উদ্দিন আহমেদ
নির্বাচী প্রক্রিয়া, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকল্প
১৮-তি জেলা শহরে পানি সরবরাহ প্রকল্প
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১ম পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং এস-০৮/৯৪-৯৫/২০৯৩/বেকার
তারিখ ১৯-৯-১৯৯৫
বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ টেলিকম সংস্থার ১২ তোক্ত হৈতী ডিউটি বাটারীতে
বাবহারের নিম্নিতে ইলেক্ট্রোলাইট ক্যারেজ জন্য সীলনোহরণকৃত সরপত্র
আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

অফিস চলাকলীন সময়ে ২০-১০-১৯৯৪ তারিখ পর্যন্ত ৮০০/-
(চারশিল নগদ) (অবেরত্যোগ) প্রদানপূর্বক নিম্নস্তোকরকারীর
কার্যালয়ে আইবান কর্তৃত পিভিটেল সংযুক্ত করা যাইবে।

এ আই জি অব পুলিশ (টেলিকম), বাংলাদেশ, রাজবারাগ, ঢাকা-এবং
কার্যালয়ে আগমনি ২২-১০-১৯৯৫ তারিখ বেকা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
সরপত্র প্রাপ্ত করা হইবে এবং একই দিন ১২.৩০ ঘটিকার সময়
সরপত্রান্তরের স্থানে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন উহা খেলা হইবে।

দরপত্র প্রাপ্ত করার দিন অর্থাৎ ২২-১০-১৯৯৫ তারিখে কোন দরপত্র
পিভিটেল বিজ্ঞপ্তি করা হইবে না। দরপত্রান্তরের তাহাদের প্রতিষ্ঠানের
নিম্নলিখিত প্রাপ্ত করা হইবে।

মোঃ আবুসুন্দ সাত্তার
এ আই জি অব পুলিশ (টেলিকম)
বাংলাদেশ, ঢাকা।

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Asian stock markets close lower

HONG KONG, Sept 26: Asian stock markets closed generally lower Monday, but share prices ended mixed in Tokyo while the US dollar fell against the Japanese yen, reports AP.

TOKYO: Tokyo's 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average lost 19.31 points, or 0.10 per cent, closing at 19,814.36. On Thursday, it had fallen 51.74 points, or 0.26 per cent, to 19,833.67.

HONG KONG: Share prices closed generally mixed, with most investors remaining cautious because of worries over possible US interest rate increases. The Hang Seng Index rose 11.60 points to 6,943.63.

MANILA: Share prices closed lower on fears of a possible increase in US interest rates. The Philippine unified composite index fell 15.16 points to 2,944.20.

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian share prices closed mostly lower on profit-taking. The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange's Composite Index fell 13.14 points to 1,157.18.

sentiment, with the index rising to an all-time high. The Korea Composite Stock Price Index rose 7.71 points to 1,045.12.

WELLING: New Zealand share prices closed lower in light trading. The NZSE-40 Capital Index fell 4.73 points to 2,075.80.

CHANDPUR: Share prices closed lower on fears of a possible increase in US interest rates. The Chandpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry, S.M. Nazrul Islam of Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry, A.M. Shamsuddin of Mymensingh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Md. Abdul Mannaf of Natore Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Abdul Wahed of Nawabganj Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

SEoul: Share prices closed higher on continued bullish

The annual general meeting of PATA Bangladesh Chapter was held at Sonargaon Hotel in the city on Sunday.

US should encourage econ reforms of S Asia: Study group

WASHINGTON, Sept 26: America should take a "fresh look at South Asia" and do everything possible to encourage the reforms that have taken place under emerging democracies there, says Carla Hills, former US Trade Representative, following a recent study mission to South Asia, reports USIS.

"Literally scores of new opportunities" were created for domestic and foreign entrepreneurs when the South Asian governments began to eliminate trade barriers and create conditions for economic growth, Hills told a group of diplomats, educators and media representatives in Washington.

In October 1991, as US trade representative, I visited India and saw a nation put in place economic reforms to stave off a balance of payment crisis. Thirty months later, thanks to this study mission, I could see positive change throughout the region. I certainly came away with a sense that the governments in the

region are committed to reform in their countries,"

Hills, who is currently Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Hills and Company, International Consultants, recently completed a two-week mission to Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the request of the Asia Society.

According to the Asia Society, the mission and subsequent report were "the most significant effort in 25 years by a US organisation to take a comprehensive look at the current state of future relations with South Asia."

On September 21, members of the study group presented their findings to members of the US House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee. The following day, leading South Asians were invited to comment on the report and exchange views with interested Americans at a two-day symposium in Washington.

At the symposium, Hartman admitted that issues in South Asia are "complicated subjects." He suggested that the US and its allies find "more creative ways" of dealing with the South Asian democracies to bring problems "into a multilateral context." Noting that the international

Nonproliferation (nuclear weapons) Treaty is due to be renegotiated soon, he said, "The world outside the five major powers is looking at what the five major powers are doing. Are we going to be in favour of a test ban? What sort of progress (will we make) with the former Soviet Union?"

In a keynote address, H.E. Sardar Assef Ahmed Ali, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, expressed his country's hopes for fruitful exchange and predicted that in the new order, Asia would have "a greater role to play." He pointed out that the United States enjoys considerable influence in South Asia "and can help in making right and rational choices."

"All the countries in the region are now functioning democracies," Ali said, "and have committed themselves to economic reform" in spite of regional differences.

"South Asia and the United States after the Cold War" recommends that wider channels of communications with South

Asia be established through intensified private-sector collaboration to take advantage of the recent progress towards more open markets and democracy.

"Nongovernmental organizations, media, universities and foundations, as well as businesses, have a tremendous opportunity for cooperation with their South Asian counterparts," said Marshall M. Bouton, executive vice president of the Asia Society and a member of the study mission. "Attention to South Asia in the United States has declined over the past 25 years. These organizations need to enhance their knowledge of and their capabilities to interact with the region," Bouton suggested.

The study project was funded by the Ford Foundation, the W. Alton Jones Foundation, the United States Information Agency, and Ward W. Woods Jr. and the study mission's visit to South Asia was organized in cooperation with several leading South Asian organizations.