

Bangladesh secures 1st position in World Hifzul Quran competition

Bangladesh secured the first position in the World Hifzul Quran Competition recently held in Iran, according to a press release of Islamic Foundation Bangladesh issued in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

M Mahmudul Hasan, a student of Baitun Nur Hafizia Madrasa at Rayerbazar in the capital, brought this rare honour for the country. Eighty competitors from more than forty countries took part.

Hasan received a casket weighing about 35 tolas of gold and two lakh riyal as first prize from Iranian President Ali Akbar Hasemi Rafsanjani.

Call to present true history of War of Liberation

Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif yesterday urged all concerned to present the true history of the War of Liberation and Independence to the future generation of the country, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a discussion organised by a cultural group Nagar Sanskritik Goshthe in observance of the Silver Jubilee of the Independence at Nagar Bhaban in the city mayor said Bangladesh emerged through an armed struggle in 1971 at the call of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina giving away trophy to a midshipman Mostafizur Rahman for his outstanding performances in academic and professional subjects at the Bangladesh Naval Academy in Chittagong yesterday. —PID photo

UNICEF report on children handed over to President

The UNICEF country representative in Bangladesh, Rolf C Carriere, submitted an annual report on "The State of the World's Children" to President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Welcoming Carriere, the President said the rights of the children should be protected and opportunities for their education should be ensured.

Emphasising on realistic solution of the problems of the working children, President Shahabuddin said the government is considering to reform certain laws providing guarantee to the rights of the children.

Military secretary to the President Maj Gen Ruhul Alam Chowdhury and Abdul Hye, joint secretary to the President, were also present.

Special measures against oppression on women soon

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam Bir Uttam yesterday said the present government would soon take some special measures against oppression on women and children and their trafficking, reports BSS.

In this respect, he sought co-operation of all to the government's sincere efforts to uphold the rightful position of women and children in society.

The Home Minister was addressing the members of Central Kanchi Kanchar Mela, country's pioneering children and juvenile organisation, at its head office in the city.

The function was organised to mark the Silver Jubilee of the country's Independence with mela's chief adviser Dr. Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin in the chair.

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DECLARATION FOR ISSUE OF RIGHT SHARE

This is for the information of all investors of Agricultural Marketing Company Ltd that the Board of Directors of the Company have decided to issue RIGHT SHARE as per the following terms:

Ratio : 1 : 1
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Notice for enlistment of Consulting Firms/Institutions and Appointment of Project Staff

1. This is to invite Consulting firms/institutions to register interest.

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) has received funds from the Government of Bangladesh under the International Development Association (IDA) assisted Poverty Alleviation Micro Finance Project (Cr. 2922-BD). PKSF intends to use part of these funds for engaging Consulting firms/institutions for the following activities:

- a) Multi-Year Impact Monitoring Studies for monitoring impact of Micro Credit (estimated cost of US\$ 3,00,000);
- b) Multi-Year Training Program for PKSF and Partner Organizations' (POs) staff (estimated cost of US\$ 150,000); and
- c) PKSF Management Information Systems (MIS) development (estimated cost of US\$ 150,000).

Separate Consulting firms/institutions would be engaged for each of the above. In exceptional case, one firm/institution may be engaged for one or more of the above activities. For impact monitoring, firms/institutions with research orientation and for MIS, firms institutions with computer expertise will be preferred. In case of the training activity, training institution will be preferred.

Competent Consulting firms/institutions are invited herewith to register their interest in undertaking the above works by sending the following information:

- Name, address and facsimile number of Consulting firm/institution.
- Names and short CVs of key personnel expected to be included in the firm's proposal.
- Ownership and organizational structure of the firm/institution.
- List of major assignments, in the above areas, undertaken in recent years.

A short-list of Consulting firms/institutions will be prepared from the firms/institutions who have registered their expression of interest to this notice. Only firms/institutions with demonstrated experience and excellent track record in the relevant fields will be short-listed. Letter of invitation (LOI) will be issued to the short-listed Consulting firms/institutions for submission of proposals.

Interested firms/institutions should submit the information requested above to the address below to reach PKSF by 15 January 1997.

2. PKSF invites applications for appointment of the following persons for its "Institutional Development (ID) Program" under a Technical Assistance project funded by the World Bank. The following three posts are under the project and will be financed from the project. Each of the post is initially for one year which may be extended to 4 years.

(a) Economist
He/She will coordinate ID Program consisting of MES/MIS and Training components. Candidate should have Post-graduate degree in Economics/Business Management or Finance Ph.D degree will be preferred. Candidates having at least 5 years experiences in economic development, development of income generating activities and other relevant fields will be considered. Experience in training program will be necessary.
Age: 45 years (May be relaxed for exceptional case)
Remuneration: Consolidated monthly amount of Tk. 40 to 48 thousand depending on the qualifications.

(b) Training Associate
Shall work with the Economist in ID Program, especially in training and human resource development (HRD) fields. He/She should have post graduate degree in Economic/Sociology/Anthropology/Management/Finance/PublicAdmn./Social Welfare. Candidates must have professional experiences in reputed organizations dealing with development activities and training. Experiences in training with participatory techniques will be additional qualifications.
Age: 45 years (May be relaxed for exceptional case).
Remuneration: Consolidated monthly amount of Tk. 25 to 30 thousand depending on qualifications.

(c) Associate Economist/Financial Analyst
Shall work with the Economist in ID Program especially in MES/MIS related works. Candidates should have post graduate degree in Economics/Business Administration/Business Management. Ph.D. degree will be additional qualification.
Age: 45 years (May be relaxed for exceptional case).
Remuneration: Consolidated monthly amount of Tk. 25 to 30 thousand depending on qualifications.

Interested persons are requested to send their applications along with a copy of their bio-data to the following address to reach PKSF BY 9 January 1997.

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Chinese team meets Nooruddin Khan

A Chinese private delegation led by Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Zhang Xujiang had a meeting with Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Lt Gen (Retd) M Nooruddin Khan at his office yesterday.

They discussed matters relating to development of energy sector of the country.

The delegation members showed keen interest in investment for development of energy sector of Bangladesh.

BB training Course ends

A three-month foundation training course for the officials of Bangladesh Bank ended yesterday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Bank Governor Lutfar Rahman Sarkar distributed the certificates among the trainees at the bank's conference room.

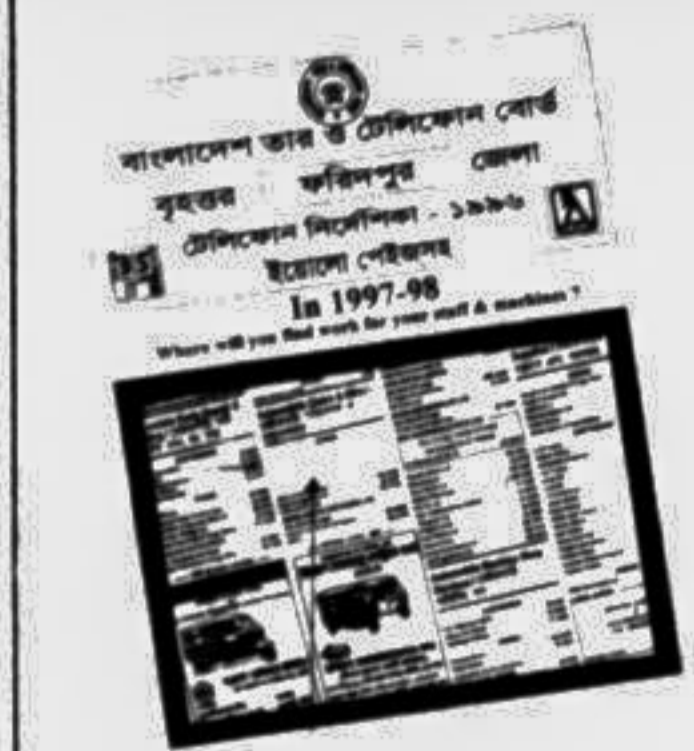
Director of Bangladesh Bank Training Academy Jahur Amin presided over the function.

DUJA anniversary Sunday

Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) will observe its 11th founding anniversary on Sunday with holding various programmes, reports UNB.

The programmes, including seminar, farewell and award giving ceremony, will be held at the Teachers' Students Centre (TSC) auditorium in the afternoon.

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The Fund Management Office for a bilateral development cooperation agency in Dhaka, Bangladesh requires the full-time services of a consultant to function as Coordinator for its office on year long contract. The contract will be open for renewal at the end of contract period.

The coordinator will be responsible for overall operation of the fund management office, supervision of consultants contracted to assist with the operation of the management of the office, project assessment and monitoring through field visits, reporting, maintaining liaison with NGOs and donors and monitoring of the budget to ensure all funds are spent according to the allocation.

Candidates should apply with a C.V., not longer than three pages, along with a one page write up in English on why they want this job. C.V.s must include a telephone number where the candidate can be contacted, and names, addresses with telephone numbers of two references. At least one should have working experience with the candidate. Women are encouraged to apply.

Minimum qualifications required:
• Masters Degree in Social Science
• 10 years of professional experience (with extensive field experience) with NGOs or donor agencies

Knowledge required:
• Clear understanding of development issues and various activities undertaken by development agencies in Bangladesh and globally
• Sound knowledge of gender, environment and other sectoral issues
• Sound knowledge of evaluation and monitoring tools

Skills required:
• Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
• Must be a team worker
• Fluency in Bangla and English
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• Proficiency in using Personal Computer and applications software such as WINDOWS and dBASE.
• Ability to undertake field trips throughout Bangladesh.

Fees negotiable.

Applications should be sent by 03 January, 1997 to P.O. Box No. 6031, Gulshan, Dhaka. Envelopes to be clearly marked "Coordinator".

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