

## Metropolitan

## DRU, IDE dialogue on edn system

## Thrust on more resource allocation for tech, vocational education

Panelists at a dialogue in the city last night special thrust on more resource allocation for technical and vocational education in the country to meet the future demands of the job market.

They underscored the need for job-oriented education and training so that human resources could be better utilised in a more planned and coordinated manner.

The dialogue on "The Education System of the Country is Non-responsive to the Job Market Demand - Strategic Options to Make it Responsive and the Role of Media", jointly organised by the Dhaka Reporters Unit (DRU) and the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDE), was held at CIRDAP auditorium in the city.

Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqi attended the dialogue as chief guest while discussants from a wide spectrum of professions participated in the three-hour dialogue chaired by Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud. Two papers were presented at the dialogue — one by Abdur Raquib, Director General of the Directorate of Technical Education and the other by Morshed Ali Khan, a Senior Staff Reporter of The Daily Star.

The panelists include, former ministers, lawmakers, politicians, academicians, intellectuals, economists, journalists, engineers, NGO activists and others. Besides, a large number of enthusiasts people including representatives from foreign missions in Dhaka were also present as observers.

Zillur Rahman Siddiqi said despite repeated thrust on tech-

nical education by the successive education commissions in the past, this country had never seen its reflection in the budgets. He also said, "how much resources we would devote for technical and vocational education is dependent on our pace towards the process of industrialisation."

He said, except socialist countries, others could not go for a totally planned education but, "still, we have to have projections that in which sectors we would like to develop the skill of our manpower".

Former state minister for Planning Dr Moin Khan said, due to resource constraint and giving much thrust on compulsory primary education, enough could not be done for extension of technical education in the country during 1991-96 period. He, however, opined that in addition to public sector efforts, there should be more private sector drives in this regard.

Prof Ali Ashraf, a ruling party lawmaker, agreed with Khan and said, "if we could rise above petty party interests and work together many things can be achieved for the benefit of poverty-stricken masses".

The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam came up with a specific proposal to build a strategic alliance among the promoters of vocational trainings, media, employers and chamber bodies so that strong lobbying could be pursued for increase of budget allocation in this area.

Former education minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam also supported the idea and added, "on certain issues politicians

irrespective of party affiliations should forge greater unity".

Dr Ahmedullah Mian of UCEP (Underprivileged Children Education Programme) described a happy picture of his organisation which promote vocational trainings. He said that rate of the children's getting jobs after completing trainings in UCEP is cent per cent.

In his paper, Abdur Raquib suggested establishing a statutory Council of Technical and Vocational Education (CTVE) and said, "A policy decision is required to be taken for setting a mechanism for reforming the job market for the skilled manpower. The proposed CTVE may also be empowered to carry out most of the job market reform activities."

In a similar way, Morshed Ali Khan also said in his paper that, "The government agencies can readily produce a detailed situation on the job market. They are also able to focus on the future job market of the country and plan their moves in accordance with the situation."

Others took part in the dialogue include, Rashed Khan Menon, Dr M Akhtuzzaman, Prof Md Ibrahim, Prof Ali Azgar, Moniem Sarkar, Mahfuzul, Dr Ajoy Barua, Dr Farashuddin, Dr Atiar Rahman and Amir Khasru. Earlier, Rafiqul Islam Bhuiyan, president of IDE, gave welcome address.

The dialogue ended with a vote of thanks presented by DRU president Azmal Hossain Khadem.

## SYSTEMS OF TRADITIONAL CULTURE IN BANGLADESH

SPEAKER PROF. HENRY GLASSIE  
BANGLADESH NATIONAL MUSEUM  
7 JANUARY 1998



Dr Henry Glassie, Professor of Folklore and Folk Art, University of Bloomington, Indiana, USA delivering a lecture on 'Systems of Traditional Culture in Bangladesh' at the Bangladesh National Museum in the city yesterday.

## HERE and THERE



## JUJA

By JU Correspondent  
A nine member executive committee of the Jahangirnagar University Journalists' Association (JUJA) was elected yesterday for 1998.

All the candidates were elected unopposed as there were no opposing candidates in any posts of the committee. Arun Mahbub of the Daily Sangbad and Humayun Kabir of Banglabazar Patrika were elected president and general secretary respectively.

Other office bearers of the committee are vice president — Manik Monir (Daily New Nation), joint secretary — Faze Elahi Aji (Ajker Kago), treasurer — Fakhrul Arefin (Banglar Bani), office secretary — Al-Amin (Khabar).

Three members of the committee are — Ahmed Suman (Janakantha), Rashed Mehdi (Dainik Rupali) and Zakir Hossain (Muktakantha).

## BCS

Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) congratulates government for their decision to withdraw taxes fully on Software and partially on Hardware, said a press release yesterday.

BCS expresses their sincere thanks and gratitude to all who supported BCS's demand for withdrawal of VAT and all taxes on hardware and software. BCS appeals to the government for withdrawal of VAT, for simplifying import procedure on computers and for immediate enforcement of Copy Right Act & IPR (Intellectual Property Right) law to facilitate software export and for general prosperity of Bangladesh.

## Bangladesh Krishak League

Bangladesh Krishak League Tuesday strongly condemned the gruesome murder of freedom fighter commander Nurul Islam at Aganagar Union under Keraniganj thana, reports UNB.

## Reception to 3 newly appointed ministers from greater Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Jan 7: The newly appointed three ministers of greater Chittagong were accorded a grand civic reception at the old railway station premises here today, reports BSS.

Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan, Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Engineer Mosharraf Hossain, Kalpa Ranjan Chakma, minister without portfolio, were accorded a reception when the long-felt demand of the people of Chittagong for full ministers was fulfilled by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Hundreds of bouquets were presented to the three ministers by the people of all strata when they arrived at the date.

Later, addressing the big gathering, Labour Minister M A Mannan said the induction of the three ministers from greater Chittagong in the cabinet is a due honour to the people of Chittagong by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.



A three-member delegation headed by Himelda Martinez, principal educator, the World Bank for South Asia Region called on Prof Dr Iqbal Mahmud, vice-chancellor, BUET on Tuesday at the latter's office. During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest, specially, the university course curricula and different aspects of engineering education.

## 915 more tribal refugees back home

A total of 915 tribal refugees of 184 families returned home yesterday, the seventh day in the sixth phase of repatriation from Indian state of Tripura through Ramgarh border point, officials said, reports BSS.

They said with this, 6,739 tribal refugees of 1,347 families returned home in seven days in the current phase of repatriation resumed on January one to be continued till the last refugee returns home.

Eight hundred seventy tribal refugees of 185 families are scheduled to return home today, according to repatriation schedule.

Among today's returnees, 142 families were sent to their abandoned homes in Ramgarh thana, 35 to Matiranga thana, two to Manikchhari thana and five to Mohalchhari thana providing them the package of incentives by government vehicles.



Prof Graham Powell

## Conference on establishing clinical psychology service held

The British Council organised the first conference on "Establishing Clinical Psychology Services in Bangladesh" at the National Museum, children's auditorium yesterday, says a British Council press release.

The conference was part of the link activity between University College London, Sub Department of Clinical Psychology, Psychology Department. The aim of the link programme is to train professional clinical psychologist and ultimately absorb them into different health services in Bangladesh.

The conference was chaired by the UK Link Coordinator, Prof Graham Powell. The chief guest was Dr Manindro Chowdhury, Director Hospital Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Other speakers were Prof Anisur Rahman, Bangladesh Link Coordinator, Dr Mahmudur Rahman, Dr Naila Khan of Shishu Hospital and Prof A K M Nazimuddin Chowdhury, the renowned psychiatrist. The purpose was to raise awareness of this field in the government health sector, NGO, donors and other academic areas.

Dr Powell stressed that the right to health includes the right to mental health, which in turn requires mental health services, with which clinical psychology is integral.

Dr Mahmudur Rahman talked about how to ensure quality of training of clinical psychologist in Bangladesh. Dr Naila Khan gave a talk on the role of child psychology in child development and neurology. Professor A K M Nazimuddin Chowdhury said that psychiatry and clinical psychology are complementary profession and they should work in tandem.

The students of the course would like to contribute to the growing need of these services in Bangladesh. They will need cooperation from all the sectors of government as well as Non-Government Organisations to contribute. They feel that our people have misconceptions and prejudices about mental health. They see a lack of awareness of what psychology can offer and they would like to contribute to the needs of common people.

## Obituary

Qazi Ashraf Hossain, a senior advocate of the Supreme Court Bar died of heart ailments at Dhaka Medical College Hospital Tuesday. He was 75, reports BSS.

Qazi Ashraf was laid to rest at his family graveyard at Tongi. He has left behind his wife Professor Syeda Zahera Ashraf and one son architect Khaleel Ashraf. His another son Dr Zahed Ashraf died in 1994.

The qulkhwan of Qazi Ashraf will be held tomorrow after Asr prayers at his Ibrahimpur residence.

## Death anniversary

The 22nd death anniversary of Mohammad Serajuddin, founder of Modhumita Cinema and Modhumita Group of Industries will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a *milad mahfil* will be held today after Asr prayers at his residence at 116/2, North West Shewrapara (at the end of WASA Road), Mirpur.

The first death anniversary of Nasir Uddin Ahmad, FCMA, will be observed today, says a press release.

## HOUSE TO-LET

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Bakhtiar Rana Quamrul Islam

## FEJB polls held

BSS senior reporter Quamrul Islam Chowdhury and UNB News Editor Bakhtiar Rana have been elected unopposed Chairman and General Secretary respectively of Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) for a two-year term. Election Commission sources said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

BSS Special Correspondent Gazir Rahman, Daily Star Shift-in-Charge Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan and now defunct Dainik Bangla Senior Reporter Hasan Hafiz have been elected Vice-Chairman, Joint Secretary and Treasurer of FEJB unopposed.

Twelve environmental journalists are now contesting for ten member posts to be chosen by ballot on January 17 at the general meeting of the FEJB.

## Election of DUJ New Nation unit held

The election of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), The New Nation unit, was held yesterday, reports BSS.

Hemayet Hossain, Mofussil editor and M Nasir Uddin, senior reader have been re-elected unit chief and deputy unit chief unopposed respectively of The New Nation unit for the year 1998.

The meeting was also addressed by senior members of the unit.

## Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority

Dhaka Export Processing Zone  
Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka  
No-BEPZA/Admn/Transport/38/88 Dated : 29-12-1997

## Auction Notice

Sealed quotations are invited in letter head pad/white paper from interested parties for the sale of a used Rockey Jeep No. Dhaka Metro-BHA-8509 of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority as and where it is basis. Intending buyers will be allowed to inspect the said vehicle at BEPZA, Executive Office, 222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka on any working day between 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM up to 28-01-1998. Tenderer must submit Pay Order/Bank Draft amounting to 25% of the quoted value as earnest money (refundable) in favour of BEPZA. Offer without requisite earnest money shall be rejected. Successful bidder shall have to pay the rest 75% of the quoted value along with income tax amounting to 3% of the quoted amount through Pay Order/Bank Draft before taking delivery of the vehicle within 7 days of the acceptance of offer by the authority.

Tenders must be submitted in sealed envelopes in the tender box to be kept in the common service department of BEPZA, 222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka & Dhaka EPZ, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka before 12 Noon on 28-01-1998. Tender shall be opened at 12:00 Noon on the same day in presence of the tenderers, (if any). The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all the tenders/offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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- ২। কাজের নাম
- ৩। দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি
- ৪। প্রাকলিত ব্যয়
- ৫। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য
- ৬। ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা
- ৭। জামানত
- ৮। দরপত্র সিডিউল কোথায় পাওয়া যাবে
- ৯। দরপত্র কোথায় জমা দিতে হইবে
- ১০। দরপত্র বিকয়ের শেষ তারিখ
- ১১। দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ ও সময়
- ১২। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়
- ১৩। কোন কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতীত বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

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জিডি-১৫

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## Notice to Shareholders

The Company has received several requests from shareholders to extend time for subscription of rights shares as offered through the Rights Share Offer Document dated 17 December 1997. The Board of Directors have decided to extend the last date of subscription to 20 January 1998 instead of 10 January 1998.

Dhaka  
7 January, 1998

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জিডি-১৪  
ফোন : ৮১১৭১২

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
সংবাদ মাধ্যমে পুষ্টি বিষয়ক প্রচারাভিযান  
তথ্য অধিদপ্তর  
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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি  
বাংলাদেশ সমন্বিত পুষ্টি প্রকল্পের আওতাধীন উপ-প্রকল্প "সংবাদ  
মাধ্যমে পুষ্টি বিষয়ক প্রচারাভিযান" কার্যক্রম সূত্রেভাবে পরিচালনা এবং সেই  
সাথে পুষ্টি বিষয়ক অনুষ্ঠানের ফটো কভারেজ প্রদানের ব্যাপারে ৩৫ এমএম  
প্রকল্পের সীল ক্যামেরা ইউনিট (জুমলেন্স, ফ্ল্যাশগান, মটর ড্রাইভসহ)  
ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে প্রতিষ্ঠিত আমদানীকারক এবং সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের  
নিকট থেকে গালা সীলমোহরযুক্ত দরপত্র আদান করা যাবে। উপরোক্ত  
ক্যামেরা ইউনিট ও আনুষঙ্গিক যন্ত্রপাতি সম্পূর্ণ নতুন, সদ্য আমদানীকৃত ও  
অব্যবহৃত হতে হবে।

উক্ত ক্যামেরা ইউনিট ক্রয়ের দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী ও কারিগরী  
নিয়মাবলী সমন্বিত সিডিউল ৩০০/- (তিনশত) টাকা নগদ মূল্যে  
(অফেরতযোগ্য) নিম্নবাক্যকারীর দফতর থেকে আশীমী ১১-১-৯৮ তারিখ  
থেকে ০৫-০২-৯৮ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত যে কোন কার্যদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন  
সময়ে ক্রয় করা যাবে। দরপত্রসমূহ ০৮-০২-৯৮ইং তারিখ বেলা ৩-০০  
ঘটিকার মধ্যে তথ্য অধিদপ্তর, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ভবন নং ৯ (ক্লিনিক  
ভবন), তৃতীয় তলার ৩০৯ নং কক্ষ রক্ষিত দরপত্র ব্যাগে ফেলতে হবে এবং  
এদিনই অপরাক্ষ ২-৩০ ঘটিকার উপস্থিতি দরপত্রাদেশ সমূহে যদি কেহ  
উপস্থিত থাকেন। খোলা হবে।

দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রি করা হবে না। দরপত্র সিডিউল  
খরিসের ব্যাপারে সচিবালয়ের প্রবেশের সুবিধার্থে ৮৬৭৬৩৬ বা ৮৬২০৫৭  
নম্বর টেলিফোনে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।

দরপত্রের সাথে আয়কর প্রদান সনদপত্র, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আমদানী  
লাইসেন্স ও টিআইআর-এর নম্বর সংযুক্ত করতে হবে এবং উক্ত দরপত্র ২-৩০  
হায়ে আর্নেস্টম্যানি (কেরতযোগ্য) হিসাবে প্রকল্প পরিচালক, "সংবাদ মাধ্যমে  
পুষ্টি বিষয়ক প্রচারাভিযান" তথ্য অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকার অনুকূল সরকার কর্তৃক  
অনুমোদিত সিডিউল ব্যাককর পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাক্ট-এর মাধ্যমে জমা  
দিতে হবে।

কোন কারণ প্রদর্শন ছাড়া যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সম্পূর্ণ বাতিলের  
ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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