

ASEAN calls for regional fund with pledged Japanese aid

HANOI, Dec 10: Southeast Asian officials today discussed prospects of setting up a potentially controversial regional fund with billions of dollars in promised aid from Japan, officials said here, reports AFP.

The talks between financial officials came ahead of a summit meeting next week between leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi.

Tokyo has pledged massive aid to nurse crisis-stricken Asian economies back to health, including a 30-billion-dollar initiative announced by Finance Minister Keiichi Miyazawa in October.

"We want to see (money from) the Miyazawa fund come to ASEAN as a group rather than (be shared out) per country," said ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General Suthad Setboonsang.

"The money spent as a group has larger multiplier effects (on individual economies)," Suthad

said during a break in the financial officials' talks, adding ASEAN could set up "some sort of mechanism" to administer the fund.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The Miyazawa fund was initially proposed for Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand as well as South Korea, but such countries as Vietnam have asked for help under the scheme.

Today Miyazawa said in Tokyo that Japan could expand the fund if it proves insufficient.

Japan has already sent missions to Asian nations to discuss local economic conditions for mobilisation of the fund and plans to start offering aid "as early as by the end of the year," Miyazawa said.

Tokyo and ASEAN pushed hard last year for a regional

fund that would have been funded with Japanese money to rescue economies in crisis.

But the proposal was killed by strong opposition from the United States and multilateral agencies such as the International Monetary Fund which believed it was a ploy to undercut stringent conditions attached to IMF aid.

Asked whether the proposed ASEAN fund could meet with similar opposition, Suthad simply said: "That's an interesting question, isn't it?"

He said the regional grouping was "expecting lots of things from Japan" at next week's summit, citing various other initiatives announced by Tokyo apart from the Miyazawa plan.

Japan has also announced spending packages worth tens of billions of dollars to lift its own economy from recession.

Suthad said a study by the United Nations had shown that the "per-yen" impact on Japan's economy would be bigger if the

money was spent "outside Japan rather than in Japan."

The Yomiuri Shimbun said Wednesday Japan was to unveil fresh loans worth one trillion yen (8.4 billion dollars) for Asia at the ASEAN summit, which believed it was a ploy to the Miyazawa plan.

The aid is aimed particularly at Thailand, Indonesia and other Asian countries seriously hit by the financial crisis, the Yomiuri said.

Projects to be covered will mainly be public works such as construction of bridges, roads and ports, the daily said.

In November, reports said Japan would extend 41.7 billion dollars in loans to help industrial restructuring in Asia over the next five years.

"This summit could be a chance to get a comprehensive picture of the Japanese proposals and how precisely Japan can help ASEAN countries to recover," an ASEAN diplomat said.

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1. Day & date of examination: Friday December 18, 1998. The examination will be held on this date simultaneously at different centres of Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi & Khulna.

2. Time of examination: Morning 9:30 AM to 10:40 AM (1 hour 10 minutes).

3. Attendance at examinations centre: (A) Candidates should attend their respective examinations centre mentioned in the admit card at 9 AM and take their respective seat in the examination hall by 9:15 AM. All candidates should bring admit card with them. No candidate can take part in the examination without admit card.

(B) No candidate can enter the examination hall after 9:30 AM.

4. The Hall Invigilator will distribute an answer script to each candidate at morning 9:15 AM. Each candidate should write his/her name, district & Reg No. at the designated space of the answer script and fill in the respective circles below with 2B or similar soft pencil as & where applicable. No ink pen or ball point pen should be used.

5. After completion of the said duty each candidate should put his/her signature beside name in the attendance list. This should be finished by morning 9:25 AM.

Question papers shall be distributed among the candidates at 9:25 AM. Questions will be Multiple Choice Objective Type. There will be 100 questions each carrying equal marks. There will four alternative answers given below each question in the question paper. The answer assumed to be correct among those should be identified and the related circle in the answer script should be filled in with pencil. The set number shall be written to the answer in the question paper viz. Set number-1, Set Number-2, Set Number-3. The candidate must write the Set Number of the given question paper in proper place of the answer script and fill in the related circle below. The question paper should not be opened before 9:30 AM.

7. The Hall Invigilator will instruct to start writing answer script at 9:30 AM and stop writing at 10:40 AM. Candidates cannot write answers in the answer script before instruction to start and after instruction to stop. On violation of this instruction, the Invigilator will report to the Commission through Chief Supervisor for punitive action against them.

8. Each candidate should deposit the answer script to the invigilators at 10:40 AM. Question paper shall not be collected, candidates shall take away.

9. No separate paper shall be provided for rough work. But for rough work of mathematics question, if necessary, the blank space in question paper may be used. No rough work should be done in the answer script. If done, the answer script shall be cancelled.

10. No application for change of examination centre shall be acceptable.

11. Admit cards have been sent to all eligible candidates. In case of non-receipt of admit card by any eligible candidate, it is requested to contact the Commission Head Office /Regional Office, Chittagong/Rajshahi /Khulna of the respective centre with a self-hand written application stating name in capital letter, father's name, date of birth & home district with 2 copies attested photographs on 15th & 17th December 1998.

12. The Centre & Hall wise seat arrangement of the candidates is given below:

Centre: Dhaka

Serial No	Name of examination hall	Reg No.	Number of candidates
1	Eden Women's University College	000001-002000	2000
2	Dhaka College	002001-004000	2000
3.	Govt Laboratory High School (West of TT College)	004001-004800	800
4.	New Model Degree College, Sukrabad, Dhaka	004801-005800	1000
5.	Dr. Maleka University College, Road No. 14, Dhanmondi, Dhaka	005801-006200	400
6.	Mohammadpur Central University College, Nurjanah Road, Dhaka	006201-008100	1900
7.	Dhanmondi Govt Boys' High School	008101-009118	1018
8.	Dhaka Polytechnic Institute, Tejgaon, Dhaka	009119-010138	1015
1.	Chittagong Govt College, Chittagong	010501-011467	967
1.	New Govt. Degree College, Rajshahi	012000-012851	852
2.	TT College, Rajshahi	012852-013352	500
1.	Khulna Women's College, Boyra, Khulna	013501-014437	937

Centre: Chittagong

Centre: Rajshahi

Centre: Khulna

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American Express Bank Ltd foreign exchange rates against the Taka to clients.

Currency	Selling TT & OD	Buying H Clean	Selling EC	Buying OD Sight	Buying TT & OD
USD	48.7050	48.7450	48.3100	48.1570	48.0850
GBP	81.0208	79.8323	81.0873	79.5794	79.4605
DEM	29.3051	28.8884	29.3291	28.7969	28.7538
JPY	0.4182	0.4110	0.4186	0.4097	0.4091
FRF	8.8057	8.5473	8.8129	8.5202	8.5075
SFR	35.9978	35.4179	36.0273	35.3057	35.2529
CAD	31.9754	31.0835	32.0017	30.9851	30.9387
ITL	0.0314	0.0276	0.0316	0.0275	0.0275
AUD	30.6111	29.3725	30.6362	29.2795	29.2357
BIF	1.4187	1.4023	1.4199	1.3979	1.3958
HKD	6.2987	6.2227	6.3039	6.2030	6.1937
SGD	29.9815	29.0063	30.0062	28.9144	28.8712
SAR	13.0158	12.8313	13.0263	12.7907	12.7716
MYR	12.8174	12.7135	12.8280	12.6732	12.6543
AED	13.2976	13.1167	13.3085	13.0751	13.0556
KWD	167.9483	154.3450	154.3450	168.0862	153.6262
QAR	13.4192	13.2320	13.4302	13.1901	13.1704

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