

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.

Tokyo said 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 would be in addition 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.

Saudi Arabia may extend foreign participation in its energy sector

DUBAI, Dec 9: Saudi Arabia will extend foreign participation in its massive oil and gas sectors to European as well as US companies, an energy expert said yesterday, reports AFP.

"It is understood that European firms... would be invited to join in a second wave and upstream discussion," said Najib Al-Aad, a senior advisor at French-based Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'énergie.

He said British Petroleum, Italy's Eni Group, Anglo-Dutch Royal Dutch/Shell, and France's ELF and Total would be the most likely candidates invited to the discussion.

Exchange Rates

American Express Bank Ltd foreign exchange rates against the Taka to clients					
Currency	Selling TT & OD	Buying H Clean	Selling IC	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
BEF	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	13.0265	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	168.0862	153.6262	153.6262
QAR	13.4192	13.2320	13.4302	13.1901	13.1704

Bill Buying Rates:					
TT Doc	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	120 Days	180 Days
48.2112	47.9074	47.5048	47.1023	46.6667	45.8945

US dollar London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) as of December 10, 1998					
Buying	Selling	Currency	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
Cash	48.0850	USD	5.53	5.25	5.09
TC	48.0850	GBP	6.62	6.25	6.00

Exchange rates of some Asian currency against US dollars					
Indian Rupee	Pak Rupee	Thai Baht	Malaysian Ringgit	Indonesian Rupiah	Korean Won
42.575/42.585	53.87/53.97	35.70/35.75	3.7999/3.8001	7475/7525	1205/1208

Amex notes on Thursday's market USD/BDT market was active on Thursday. USD/BDT mostly traded within range of 48.6485-48.6525.

Call money market was active with average call rates between 7.50% and 7.75%.

In the international market, US dollar regained against the Japanese yen after Japanese Finance Minister Miyazawa clarified his remarks about foreign exchange levels on Wednesday was not referring to current market level.

Earlier on Wednesday, he commented that United States seemed to be comfortable with the dollar at 110/120 yen. The Greenback was well above its morning low of 116.65 yen against the late Tokyo level of 117.71 yen. Nevertheless, the market was cautiously awaiting reactions from US financial authorities on the latest comments by Miyazawa.

Concern about a slowdown in US growth had also prompted some dollar selling. The mark had been underpinned by expectations that European interest rates would remain steady after last week's cut by the 11 EMU who are due to launch euro nations in January.

At 1549 local time in the international market the USD traded at 1.6602/6607 DEM, 117.22/117.27 JPY, 5.5671/5681 FRF, 1.3502/3512 CHF, and GBP at 1.6640/6645 USD.



GSP Finance Company (Bangladesh) Limited signed a lease finance agreement for Tk 60 million with Navana Limited on Wednesday. Shafiqul Islam, Chairman of Navana Limited, and Feroz U Haider, Chairman and Managing Director of GSP Finance, initialled the agreement on behalf of their respective companies. Wolf-Peter Berthold (sitting extreme left), Director of GSP Finance, and Monwarul Islam (extreme right), Director of Navana, along with other senior officials of the companies are also seen.

Asian units up against dollar

SINGAPORE, Dec 10: Most Asian currencies traded higher against the US dollar today, rising in tandem with the Japanese yen, dealers said, reports AFP.

The yen rose to a high of 116.75 in early trade here before settling around 117.10 midday, up from its close the previous day of 118.70.

The yen rallied on talk about a freeze in the consumption tax, as well as concerns over impeachment proceedings against Clinton," said a dealer with a European bank here.

Republican lawmakers drew up four formal charges against US President Bill Clinton Wednesday, arguing he should

be ousted for perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power following the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

The Singapore dollar was up to 1.6454 to the dollar from 1.6495 on Wednesday. Its rise was capped by a cut in interest rates announced by top local bank Development Bank of Singapore. The bank announced a cut in its prime lending rate to 5.5 per cent from 6.0 per cent.

The Thai baht was up at 35.65 from 35.80, continuing to be buoyed by foreign interest in Thai assets, although trade was thin due to the closure of markets in Thailand for a holiday.

This month, more than 10

billion dollars worth of loans from closed finance firms are to be auctioned here in what has been regarded as the "world's biggest ever one-day asset sale."

The Philippine peso was up at 38.65 to the US dollar from 38.74 the previous day, along with the Taiwan dollar at 32.253 up from 32.320, and the South Korean won at 1,206 from 1,215.

The Indonesian rupiah was slightly lower at 7,500 from 7,475 on lack of interest, dealers said.

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University of Dhaka:- Sealed tenders in Dhaka University form 'Tender for works' are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors (bldg) of Dhaka University enlisted contractors for the undermentioned works & will be received by the undersigned up to 12 Noon on the dates mentioned against each work & opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the contractors who may remain present: Contractors will have to deposit as earnest money as sum of Taka as stated below in Demand Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. Specifications & other particulars may be had from the office of the undersigned up to 12 Noon on all working days except on the date fixed for submitting the tender after depositing the cost of tender form & schedule as stated below against each work to the Janata Bank, TSC branch (non-refundable) after showing the necessary enlistment papers endorsed by the undersigned.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Price of form	Time allowed for completion	Opening date
1.	Repairing works of flat No-19/C at South Fuller Road Area, Dhaka University.	Tk 48,902/-	Tk 980/-	Tk 45/-	21 days	21st Dec 1998
2.	Repairing works of flat No-24 at Nilkhet area, DU.	Tk 34,995/-	Tk 700/-	Tk 30/-	15 days	21st Dec 1998
3.	Herring bone bond road in front of new garage of South Fuller Road Area, Dhaka University.	Tk 49,931/-	Tk 1000/-	Tk 30	21 days	21st Dec 1998

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- 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.
- Time of examination: Morning 9:30 AM to 10:40 AM (1 hour 10 minutes).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 be 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.
- 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.
- Each candidate should deposit the answer script to the invigilators at 10:40 AM. Question paper shall not be collected, candidates shall take away.
- 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.
- No application for change of examination centre shall be acceptable.
- 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.
- The Centre & Hall wise seat arrangement of the candidates is given below:

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, Nurjahan Road, Dhaka	006201-008100	1900
7	Dhanmondi Govt Boys' High School	008101-009118	1018
8	Dhaka Polytechnic Institute, Tejgaon, Dhaka	009119-010138	1015
Centre: Chittagong			
1	Chittagong Govt College, Chittagong	010501-011467	967
Centre: Rajshahi			
1	New Govt. Degree College, Rajshahi	012000-012851	852
2	TT College, Rajshahi	012852-013352	500
Centre: Khulna			
1	Khulna Women's College, Boyra, Khulna	013501-014437	937

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বাংলাদেশ ইনস্টিটিউট অব ব্যাংক ম্যানেজমেন্ট

মিরপুর, ঢাকা।

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চীফ ট্রাফিক ম্যানেজার/পশ্চিমের কার্যালয়

বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে
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বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ের সান্তাহার-লালমনিরহাট এবং লালমনিরহাট-সান্তাহার সেকশনে চলাচলকারী ৪৮১ ও ৪৮২ নং লোকাল ট্রেনের যাত্রী, পার্শ্বল এবং লাগেজ বুকিং সংক্রান্ত বাণিজ্যিক কার্যক্রম লীজ প্রদানের দরপত্র আহ্বান।

বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ের সান্তাহার-লালমনিরহাট এবং লালমনিরহাট-সান্তাহার সেকশনে পরিচালিত ৪৮১ ও ৪৮২ নং লোকাল ট্রেনের যাত্রী, পার্শ্বল এবং লাগেজ বুকিং সংক্রান্ত বাণিজ্যিক কার্যক্রম লীজ প্রদানের নিমিত্তে আর্থী সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠান/ব্যক্তিগণের নিকট হইতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। এতদসম্বন্ধে প্রয়োজনীয় নির্দেশাবলী ও অন্যান্য কাগজপত্র সংবলিত টেন্ডার সিডিউল প্রত্যহ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে চীফ ট্রাফিক ম্যানেজার/পশ্চিম, বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে, রাজশাহী এবং বিভাগীয় পরিবহন তত্ত্বাবধায়ক, বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে, লালমনিরহাট-এর দপ্তর হইতে ১৫-১২-৯৮ইং তারিখ হইতে ২৭-১২-৯৮ইং পর্যন্ত উক্ত ট্রেনের জন্য ৫০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা নগদ (অফেরতযোগ্য) প্রদানের মাধ্যমে সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।

চীফ ট্রাফিক ম্যানেজার/পশ্চিম, রাজশাহী এবং বিভাগীয় পরিবহন তত্ত্বাবধায়ক, লালমনিরহাট-এর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাজে আগামী ২৮-১২-৯৮ইং তারিখে বেলা ১১-০০ ঘটিকায় মধ্যে দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাইবে। একই তারিখে বেলা ১১-০৫ ঘটিকায় সকল দরপত্রদাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিদের উপস্থিতিতে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ দরপত্রমধ্যে দরপত্র খোলা হইবে (যদি কেহ থাকেন)। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নির্ধারিত দিনে ও সময়ে দরপত্র জমা প্রদান করা সম্ভব না হইলে পরবর্তী কার্য দিবসের একই সময়সূচী মোতাবেক দরপত্র জমা দেওয়া যাইবে এবং একই সময়সূচী মোতাবেক দরপত্র খোলা হইবে।

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Employment Notice

Ref: No 786/12/Project/97-98

Applications are hereby invited from the bonafide nationals of Bangladesh for appointment to the following temporary posts for the project "Development of Aromatic & Medicinal Plants of BCSIR (Second Phase) of BCSIR, Chittagong on contractual basis for the project period.

Sl No	Name of post	Number of post	Age on the date of publication	Consolidated monthly salary	Qualification & experience
1	Scientific Officer (Grade-9)	2	Maximum 30 years	Tk 5861/-	M.Sc in Soil Science with (Honours) having no 3rd Class/Division. At least 1 year experience on project work will be preferred.
2	Technician (Grade-10)	2	Maximum 30 years	Tk 4800/-	B.Sc degree, person trained in computer operation will be preferred with 5 years experience.
3	Driver (Grade-15)	1	Maximum 30 years	Tk 2840/-	5 years experience in driving.

Terms and Conditions:

- Candidates should apply in plain paper giving full particulars i.e. applicant's name, father's/husband's name, date of birth, marital status, educational qualification, experience, publications (if any) present and permanent address along with attested copies of nationality certificates from the local UP Chairman, academic experience and character certificates, and two copies of passport size photographs duly attested by a Class-I gazetted Officer. The name of the post applied for must be written on the top of the envelope containing the application.
- Candidates already in service having requisite qualification & experience must apply through proper channel. No age limit for departmental candidates.
- Merit/Freedom Fighter/Female/Tribal and district quota will be maintained as per existing govt rules.