

## 5th Dhaka Int'l Trade Fair begins Monday

The 5th Dhaka International Trade Fair begins here Monday to display local products to foreign buyers with most modern IT systems aiming to give a boost to country's export, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the month-long fair, being organised by the Commerce Ministry and the Export Promotion Bureau, at its usual Sher-e-Bangla Nagar venue, at 12 noon on the day.

Officials said a total of 355 local and foreign companies and organisations are taking part in the DITF '99 with an array of products of world class. Of those, 277 are local and the rest from 30 other countries.

The firms and organisations will put on sale their commodities in pavilions, mini-pavilions and stalls that have already been set up. The entire area has been decorated tastefully.

"The Dhaka International Trade Fair is stepping into fifth year. With various limitations, it is an important annual event for the region," said a coordinator of the export bazaar.

He said the fair had been playing a significant role in establishing necessary linkages in commerce and trade as well as further development relations among the countries.

"The fair is also an occasion to compare local products with the standards of foreign ones in this era of free trade when all development and least developed countries have gathered

under the umbrella of World Trade Organisation," he said.

According to official sources there will be 33 large and 53 mini-pavilions in the fair. Among those, numbers of foreign pavilions and mini-pavilions will be 7 and 10 respectively.

There will also be 271 stalls in the DITF, which is the largest of any kind of fair in the country. Among the stalls, 210 are local and 61 of foreign companies and organisations.

According to officials of the fair-organising body, the foreign participants include Afghanistan 1, Australia 3, Bhutan 1, Canada 2, China 5, Denmark 2, Egypt 2, France 1, Germany 2, Hong Kong 2, India 10, Italy 2, Iran 1, Japan 2, Kenya 1, Korea 4, Malaysia 3, Oman 1, Pakistan 11, Russia 1, Singapore 8, Taiwan 3, Thailand 3, Turkey 1, Arab Emirates 1, UK 4 and USA 2.

It is for the first time that the trade fair will not only be connected with the online, people from elsewhere across the globe will be able to watch it on computer screen through Internet.

The Export Promotion Bureau in cooperation with the Digital Web Corporation Ltd. has installed the online Internet facility to reach the fair across the world.

"We are optimistic that the online facility will make the fair popular home and abroad," said Zahedur Rahman Iqbal, interim coordinator of the DITF '99.



Trinamul Congress President Mamata Banerjee called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her hotel suite in Calcutta yesterday.

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## Hasina favours waging combined fight to stamp out poverty

CALCUTTA, Jan 29: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina proposed that the nations of this region should wage a combined fight against poverty, as a major obstacle to developing lifestyle of the region's one billion-plus people, report agencies.

"It is not possible for a single country alone to remove poverty, rather a collective approach through regional cooperation is needed to combat such a major problem," she said at a meet-the-press at Hotel Taj Bengal here before flying home ending a three-day official visit to West Bengal, India.

"We should launch united efforts to fight the poverty of the region," she said.

Facing questions from reporters, Hasina said many outstanding problems between India and Bangladesh had already been solved and cross-border bus service would begin shortly in yet another move towards amity.

"Both the countries are eager in this respect ... the bus service will start very soon," she said about the proposed bus service between Dhaka and Calcutta.

Stressing the need for good neighbourliness for chasing the common goal of economic up-

lift, she cited some strides to that end. A glaring example is the historic Ganges Water Sharing Treaty.

The prime minister also mentioned solution of the thorny Chittagong Hill Tracts problem with the tribal leaders. After the restoration of peace in the CHT region, some 64,000 refugees from Tripura returned to Bangladesh, she told the press meet.

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Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Education Minister ASHR Sadique, political adviser to the prime minister Dr SA Maleq, chief whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah and Sheikh Selim MP were present in the press meet.

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3.	Estimated amount	As Per Group List.			
4.	Earnest money	As Per Group list.			
5.	Time allowed	As Per Group list.			
6.	Eligibility of contractor	As Per Group list.			
7.	Name of offices where tender documents will be available	Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Barisal/Patukhali/Bhola/Pirojpur/Jhalakati/Borguna/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD Road Sub-Division-I/II, Barisal/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Barisal during office hours on all working days. No tender form will be sold on the opening date of tender.			
8.	Last date of selling tender	Up to 5:00 PM on 10-2-99.			
9.	Name of offices where tender will be received in sealed cover	Superintending Engineer, RHD Road Circle, Barisal/Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Barisal/Jhalakati/Pirojpur.			
10.	Last date & time of receiving of tender bids in sealed cover	Up to 12:30 PM on 11-2-99.			
11.	Date & time of recording tender bids in sealed cover	At 12:45 PM on 11-2-99.			
12.	Date, time & name of office where tender will be opened	Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Barisal on 15-2-99.			
13.	Lottery date & time	At 11:00 AM on 16-2-99.			
Group no	Name of work & location	Estimated amount Earnest money Time allowed Ch. to Eligibility of contractor			
1	1	2,27,689/-	4,554/-	25 (twenty-five) days	Barisal-Bhola-Laxmipur Road
1 (One)	Construction of 1.53 M. span, 1.53 M height & 10.98 M. road way RCC concealed box culvert at 13th KM (13/1) of Barisal-Bhola-Laxmipur Road under Barisal Road Division during the year 1998-99.				"A" to "C" class enlisted contractor under general category of RHD & "D" class enlisted contractor under general category of Barisal Road Circle & "E" class enlisted contractor under Barisal Road Division.
2 (Two)	Construction of protection wall of north side of RHD stackyard & repair of RHD shed No. 5 under Barisal Road Division during the year 1998-99.	1,93,731/-	3,875/-	-do-	168 RBF
3 (Three)	Local bullock palasidng at 7th KM of Shikerpur-Uzirpur road under Barisal Road Division during the year 1998-99.	1,12,460/-	2,250/-	15 (fifteen) days	-do-
4 (Four)	Earth work in road embankment (flood damaged portion) at 3rd (P), 6th (P) 7th (P) of Uzirpur-Dhamura road under Barisal Road Division during the year 1998-99.	1,99,148/-	3,983/-	-do-	-do-
5 (Five)	Extension to the existing work shed at RHD stackyard at Sagardi, Barisal under Road Division, Barisal during 1998-99.	82,502/-	1,651/-	20 (twenty) days	168 RBF
6 (Six)	Construction of work shed repair at EXN (RHD) Barisal Residence compound under Road Division during the year 1998-99.	1,33,348/-	2,667/-	-do-	M/C to BB Road
7 (Seven)	Repairing of staffquarter (allotment in favour of SO II, Barisal Sub-Division-I) at RHD stackyard, Sagardi under Barisal Road Division during the year 1998-99.	57,071/-	1,141/-	-do-	-do-

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

### Office of the Project Director

Project for Primary Education Development in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna Divisions, (2nd phase)

Primary Education Directorate

59/C, Darus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka

Dated: 24.1.99

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for filling up the following post as per government recruitment of manpower rule in project for the close observation unit of Compulsory Primary Education Implementation under a project titled Primary Education Development in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna Divisions under implementation by Primary Education Directorate.

Serial No. Name of post and number Gross salary Age Educational qualification and experience

1 Deputy-Director Tk 30-40 a) First Class Master's degree with Honours in Physics/Applied Physics/Electrical/Electronics from any recognised university. Persons with Third Division/Class in any examination are not eligible to apply.

Experience: Should have 10 (ten) years experience in teaching/teachers' training/education management/ education administration in government/semi-government/autonomous establishments. Preference will be given to persons trained in education management/practical knowledge in audio visual apparatus and its use.

2 Self-written application to the Project Director, Project for Primary Education Development in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna Divisions (2nd phase), Primary Education Directorate, 59/C, Darus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1216 will have to be reached by 15.2.99.

3. a) Name of the candidate b) Father's name c) Permanent address d) Present address e) Date of birth f) Age on 15.02.99 g) Details of educational qualification: name of examination, name of educational institution and board, division obtained and experience of the candidate should be mentioned in the application.

4. Following papers will have to be attached with the application:

a) All educational experience certificates attested by the first class gazetted officers.

b) Two copies of recent passport size photographs of candidate (will have to be attested by the first class gazetted officers).

c) Copy of certificate of nationality issued by Chairman of Union Parishad/Pourashava Chairman/Pourashava Ward Commissioner (will have to be attested by the first class gazetted officer).

d) Character certificate from first class gazetted officer.

5. Candidates in service will have to apply through proper channel.

6. Existing government rules for freedom fighter/family of freedom fighters and tribal candidates will be followed.

7. Incomplete application will be treated as rejected.

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Project Director

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