Two-day meet begins in Auckland

APEC ministers backing away from free trade proposals

AUCKLAND, June 29: Asia-Pacific trade ministers kicked off a conference in Auckland today pushing to strengthen markets and forge closer trade ties, but were backing away from concrete proposals on freeing up trade, reports Reuters.

An Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) proposal to remove regional tariffs in six key sectors, including oilseeds and food, was seen as all but dead.

The United States said on Monday it supported shifting the tariff debate to the larger World Trade Organisation. And Thailand, Russia and South Korea raised objections over parts of the liberalisation package.

Delegates to the two-day conference received a traditional Maori welcome on Tuesday from the Ngati Whatua tribe of Auckland, who chanted prayers and sang hymns.

Lockwood Smith, trade minister for host New Zealand, urged APEC colleagues to push for progress at the meeting, which is preparing the agenda for an APEC summit in Auckland in September.

"Our leaders meet here in Auckland in less than 11 weeks," he said. "Over the last decade they've set very clear goals for us in APEC and it's up to us to ensure that we continue to do the work to make progress towards those goals.

"It is pretty important that we don't let our leaders down."

His hopes for major progress contrasted with an APEC document prepared for a briefing of foreign journalists by a senior New Zealand official. Seen by Reuters, its first objective was: "to keep expectations down."

In Tokyo, Japanese Vice Minister for International Affairs Osamu Watanabe told a regular news conference on Monday that ministers were likely to spend all of Wednesday discussing mechanisms to strengthen markets.

"It is in APEC and Asian countries interests, having gone through an economic crisis, to discuss ways to strengthen market mechanisms by establishing competition guidelines," he said, without elaborating.

Smith said markets must be open and effective to achieve sustainable growth.

"We need specific outcomes this year ... in areas like competition policy, human and institutional capacity building," he said.

New Zealand also hoped ministers could build an APEC consensus ahead of WTO talks in Seattle in November to set the agenda for talks in 2000. A unified APEC bloc, representing half the world's trade, could wield considerable clout.

The United States on Monday proposed shifting to the WTO an APEC ministerial debate on freeing up trade in oilseeds, food, rubber, fertiliser, civil aircraft and the automotive sectors.

These sectors were among 15 the group has struggled to agree on since they were adopted at the 1997 APEC summit in Vancouver.

AB Bank team visits India

Managing Director of Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited, A Rahim Chowdhury, a director of the bank, M Fazlul Huq, Executive Vice President of the bank's International Division Zahid Hossain Chowdhury, and CEO and Country Manager, Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited, India CM Koyes Sami recently visited different export originating cities of India.

They addressed the exporters to Bangladesh, briefed them about the services of Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited, Mumbai and also explored the possibility of further service improvement, says a press release.

AB Bank team exchanges views with the officials of the Chamber of Commerce, Coimbatore.

EU banana producers seek import quotas

PARIS, June 29: European banana producers met French Farm Minister Jean Glavany yesterday and urged the government to set quotas on imports into Europe from US companies, says Reuters.

Banana farmers in former colonies in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries face increased competition from US multinationals which successfully challenged a European Union trade pact which gave preferred access to these countries.

The association of European Banana Producers, which includes the French Caribbean, Canaries and Madeira, decided at a general meeting in Paris to increase lobbying efforts to defend the 100,000 direct and indirect jobs under threat, it said in a statement.

"The meeting with Jean Glavany, Farm and Fisheries Minister, allowed us to point out the absolute need to supervise sales into the European market by means of import quotas," it said.

It called for European producers, particularly the producer associations, to have access to import certificates, as have the US producers, as part of a mechanism to preserve fairness "in the face of domination by operators in the dollar zone."

The European producers were also expected to meet farm ministers from Spain and Portugal as part of their lobbying campaign, the association said.

A meeting on July 16 in Martinique with the Caribbean banana producers would provide a forum for producers to show solidarity between European and ACP countries, it said.

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) ruled in favour of the United States over its complaint against the EU regime on banana imports, which WTO experts ruled broke global trading rules.

The WTO ruling, which follows a decade-long transatlantic spat over banana imports, also clears the way for the United States to impose 100 per cent tariffs on nearly $200 million worth of unrelated imports from the EU, effective retroactively from March 3.

While the amount approved by the WTO is less than the $520 million originally sought by the United States, France has said it may ask the European Union to appeal against the decision.

HK lifts food ban on three EU states

HONG KONG, June 29: Hong Kong today lifted a ban on the sale of poultry, eggs, pork, beef, milk formula and related products from France, Germany and the Netherlands after a European dioxin scare, reports Reuters.

But a ban on the sale of such products from Belgium was kept in place, the government said in a statement.

Corazon made Sanyo director

TOKYO, June 29: Shareholders of Japan's Sanyo Electric Co. elected former Philippine President Corazon Aquino as an outside director on Tuesday, a company official said, reports AP.

The Osaka-based company hopes Aquino will be able to advise the company on its international strategy and overseas operations.

Mr. Yen to step down

TOKYO, Jun 29: The Japanese finance official so influential he was known as Mr. Yen is stepping down, says AP.

Eisuke Sakakibara, the Finance Ministry's vice minister for international affairs, will retire, sources close to the ministry and the Cabinet of Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi told Dow Jones Newswires on Monday.

Exchange Rates

American Express Bank Ltd foreign exchange rates (indicative) against the Taka to major currencies.

Currency	Selling TT & OD	Selling BC	Buying T.T Clean	Buying OD. Sight Export Bill	Buying OD Transfer
US Dollar	48.7300	48.7700	48.3200	48.1570	48.0850
Pound Stg	77.4076	77.4711	76.2248	75.9677	75.8541
Deutsche Mark	26.1660	26.1875	25.1956	25.0950	25.0575
Swiss Franc	31.6203	31.6462	31.1420	31.0370	30.9906
Japanese Yen	0.4028	0.4031	0.3960	0.3946	0.3940
Dutch Guilder	24.0400	24.0371	23.1484	23.0344	22.9999
Danish Krona	6.8296	6.8352	6.6758	6.6533	6.6433
Australian $	32.5224	32.5491	31.2582	31.1528	31.1062
Belgian Franc	1.2786	1.2697	1.2216	1.2167	1.2149
Canadian $	33.5098	33.5373	32.5109	32.4311	32.3827
French Franc	7.8018	7.8082	7.5124	7.4824	7.4713
Hong Kong $	6.2939	6.2991	6.2161	6.1951	6.1858
Italian Lira	0.0264	0.0265	0.0255	0.0253	0.0253
Norway Kroner	6.2210	6.2261	6.1158	6.0950	6.0859
Singapore $	28.9199	28.9436	27.9954	27.9009	27.8592
Saudi Rial	13.0298	13.0405	12.8480	12.8046	12.7855
UAE Dirham	13.3040	13.3150	13.1194	13.0751	13.0558
Swedish Krona	5.7812	5.7860	5.7069	5.6876	5.6791
Qatari Riyal	13.4316	13.4427	13.2402	13.1955	13.1758
Kuwaiti Dinar	164.3230	164.4579	152.5403	152.0347	151.8074
Thai Baht	1.3229	1.3240	1.3090	1.3045	1.3026
Euro	51.1762	51.2183	49.2783	49.0816	49.0082

Bill buying rates

TT Doc	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	120 Days	180 Days
48.2112	47.9074	47.5048	47.1023	46.6997	45.8945

US Dollar London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR)

Buying	Selling	Currency	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	9 Months	12 Months
48.0850	48.7300	USD	5.21000	5.32750	5.46375	5.65250	5.7885
48.0850	48.7300	GBP	5.10750	5.16156	5.20391	5.38406	5.50000
Cash/TC	Cash/TC	Euro	2.63813	2.66425	2.71975	2.84788	2.93163

Exchange rates of some Asian currencies against US dollars

Indian Rupee	Pak Rupee	Thai Baht	Malaysian Ringgit	Indonesian Rupiah	Korean Won
43.362/43.372	51.33/51.38	36.87/36.90	3.7995/3.8005	6625/6725	1157.0/1157.5

Amex notes on Tuesday's market

The local USD/BDT market was active. USD/BDT rate ranged between 48.65-48.66.

Call money market came down from its earlier level and call rates ranged between 7.00-7.50 per cent.

The dollar was little changed against the yen in late Tokyo trade on Tuesday in an extremely quiet market, trapped in a narrow range ahead of a key Federal Reserve policy decision. Lingering speculation of possible dollar-buying, yen-selling intervention by Japanese monetary authorities soaped dealers' interest in testing the downside. The dollar was earlier lifted when dealers interpreted a slew of Japanese data as indicating the economy's overall undertone was weak. But the dollar's gains were erased by steady selling by Japanese exporters. The downside remained firm, however, as interbank operators covered short positions.

The US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) will kick off its two-day meeting later on Tuesday. A monetary policy decision is expected to be announced around 1815 GMT on Wednesday. Dealers commented that the market has already factored in a 25 basis point increase in the key Federal funds rate, so the focus remains on whether the Fed will indicate more tightening lies ahead. The currency market will be watching how US asset prices, particularly stocks, react to the Fed's decision.

In European trade the dollar was trapped in narrow ranges above 121 yen and was firm against the Euro on Tuesday ahead of a two-day meeting of the US Federal Open Market Committee which is expected to result in higher interest rates.

Sterling slips below $ 1.58 to within half cent of last week's $1.5736 near-two-year lows. Expectations that US FOMC meeting will result in rate hike pressured sterling.

At 7.40 GMT the majors traded against US $ at 121.30/121.35 JPY, 1.5442/1.5452 CHF, Euro at $1.0349/1.0353 and GBP at $ 1.5792/1.5797.

Legendary economist Galbraith warns

US enjoys speculative optimism

LONDON, June 29: Legendary "people's economist", John Kenneth Galbraith, yesterday warned the United States was facing a speculative bubble and said the age of slump and depression was not past, reports Reuters.

The author of the definitive work on the Great Crash of 1929 told an audience at the London School of Economics that the US was now having "another exercise in speculative optimism following the partial reversal last year".

"When you hear it being said that we've entered a new era of permanent prosperity with prices of financial instruments reflecting that happy fact, you should take cover," he said.

The 90-year-old Harvard professor, who advised Democratic presidents starting with Franklin D. Roosevelt and his "New Deal" in the 1930s through to John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson in the 1960s, warned that the bubble could be followed by a painful recession.

"Let us not assume that the age of slump, recession, depression is past. Let us have both the needed warnings against speculative excess and awareness that the ensuing slump can be painful," said Galbraith, who has written over 40 books including the classic "The Affluent Society".

He said the writings of the great economist John Maynard Keynes would come back into fashion with the inevitable slowdown, as governments sought ways to alleviate its effects. Galbraith worked with Keynes in the late 1930s.

He said that in spite of great increases in economic growth this century and the release of many people from back-breaking toil in agriculture, there were a great many poor even in the richest countries, and notably in the US.

"Urban poverty is the most evident and painful of the economic and social legacies from the centuries past. The answer... is rather clear: everybody should be guaranteed a decent basic income. A rich country such as the US can well afford to keep everybody out of poverty."

"Some, it will be said, will seize upon the income and won't work. Let us accept some resort to leisure by the poor as well as the rich," he added.

Galbraith, a former US ambassador to India in the 1960s, said one of the major unfinished tasks of the present century and millennium was the alleviation of global poverty.

He said that while the end of colonialism had been one of the great achievements of this century, its collapse had often been following by corrupt or inept government.

He said there had to be a mechanism to suspend a country's sovereignty when necessary to protect against human suffering and disaster. "Let there be government by the United Nations to bring about an effective and humane independence," he said.

Clinton sees higher US budget surpluses

WASHINGTON, June 29: President Bill Clinton said yesterday that US budget surpluses would be $1 trillion more than expected over the next 15 years, enough to pay off the national debt by 2015 and shore up Social Security and Medicare, says Reuters.

The latest White House budget forecasts called for a $98.8 billion surplus in the current fiscal year of 1999, up from the $79.3 billion predicted in February, and a $142.5 billion surplus in fiscal 2000, which starts on Oct. 1, up from $117.3 billion. Over 15 years, the White House sees cumulative surpluses rising to $5.9 trillion from the $4.8 trillion it predicted four months ago.

As he unveiled the new figures, Clinton revised the plans he proposed in January to strengthen the Social Security retirement income system and the Medicare health care programme for the elderly. Both programmes are expected to go broke as the baby boom generation retires in the next century.

The crux of Clinton's proposal is to put all the surpluses generated by the Social Security programme over the next 15 years — some $3.07 trillion of the total $5.94 trillion surplus — into a "lockbox" dedicated to debt reduction.

Of the remaining $2.87 trillion, White House officials said the interest savings resulting from paying down the debt — an estimated $543 billion — would be transferred to the Social Security system, extending its solvency 19 years to 2053.

Of the rest, $794 billion would go to Medicare to extend its solvency 10 years to 2025, $540 billion to Universal Savings Accounts to encourage saving by low-and middle-income people, $522 billion to programmes including defence, education and the environment, and $469 billion to debt service.

EU duty-free sales for travellers come to end

BRUSSELS, June 29: Duty-free sales for travellers within the European Union will cease from midnight on Wednesday but some outlets are absorbing taxes to maintain prices, says AFP.

And the Channel Islands remain... beyond a duty-free line in the Channel.

After pressure for an extension of the tax-free system failed at the beginning of June, the International Confederation of Duty-Free outlets rechanneled its energies into a strategy to retain business with travellers.

The duty-free industry, in fighting abolition, had warned the EU that thousands of jobs would be lost, in the shops, in airlines and ferry companies which draw profits from such sales, and in some of the supplying industries such as the whisky industry."

"There is no other alternative for us except to keep prices as they are", said Marc Leemans, the spokesman for the Belgian chain of duty-free Sky Shops located at airports.

These shops will, therefore, absorb the VAT, thus reducing their profit margins. The strategy's slogan will be "A different name but the same price" and instead of "duty-free", the new system will be known as "travel-value".

But the arrangement cannot be applied to alcohol and tobacco which are subject to both excise duties and VAT, and the prices of these products in EU airports will rise by 10 per cent in general. Experts predict a revenue drop from this sector which currently accounts for one-third of duty-free turnover.

Though the decision to abolish duty-free sales was made by the European Union member states in 1991 to allow the industry time to adapt, in the past few months, as the deadline drew near, professionals raised an outcry, winning support from some EU leaders.

Arguing against the negative effect on employment, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and French Premier Lionel Jospin, tried to persuade their partners to delay abolition.

Under the duty-free system, travellers have been able to buy tax-free alcohol, tobacco and other goods at border points between EU countries in the same way as travellers between other countries may obtain goods tax free.

But, in accordance with the logic of the EU single market programme, which has now been extended with the creation of a single currency, EU leaders decided in 1991 that the special arrangements for purchases for travellers between one region and another of the same trading zone should be abolished.

At the EU summit on June 4, Denmark and the Netherlands refused to accept any extension of the system.

Therefore application of the value added tax (VAT) and excise duties on alcohol and tobacco will go ahead as planned.

Certain European airports, notably in the United Kingdom, are planning a counter-attack by allowing all consumers, whether or not they hold air tickets, to make purchases.

If the aerial companies manage to adapt in this manner, it will increase pressure on cross-Channel ferry companies. Duty-free sales account for 40 per cent of revenue for the French company Seafrance and France is planning to provide subsidies to ensure that the company stays in business.

The ferry companies are expected to experience greater difficulties in maintaining their prices than airport shops.

The ferry companies will be able to offer the lowest prices by opening their shops only when they enter territorial waters of countries applying the lowest taxes.

All travellers going beyond the European Union will still benefit from duty-free sales. And sales continue for people travelling to French overseas possessions, the Spanish Canaries, the Channel Islands and Gibraltar.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as of 29.6.99

Berth No	Name of vessels	Cargo	L port call	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving
J/1	Alpine	GI	Yang	SMSL	3/6	3/7
J/2	Shuan An	GI	Bansa	RML	17/6	30/6
J/3	Banglar Maya	Rice(P)/GI	Kara	BSC	R/A	7/7
J/4	Handy Esperance	S.Pease(GI)	Sing	Litmond	30/5	5/7
J/5	Phaethon	Sugar(G)	Durb	OWSL	10/6	6/7
J/6	Cardhu	GI	Sing	Everett	13/6	4/7
J/7	Aghios Nicolas	Wheat(P)	Turk	MSA	24/4	4/7
J/8	Zeynep Kaptanoglu	Wheat(P)	P. Said	OWSL	3/5	6/7
J/9	Siianon	Sugar (G)	Sing	Litmond	7/6	2/7
J/10	Sun-II	Wheat (P)	Turk	Rainbow	3/5	3/7
J/11	Tasmia	Urea	Uae	Nishan	8/5	30/6
J/12	Bunga Mas Enam	Cont	P. Kel	EOSL	20/6	1/6
J/13	Dragon kalimantan	Cont	Sing	NOL	18/6	30/6
CCT/1	Qc pintail	Cont	Sing	QCSL	25/6	29/6
CCT/2	Jaya Mars	Cont	Col	Baridhi	20/6	1/7
CCT/3	Kota Singa	Cont	Sing	Pil (Bd)	18/6	30/6
RM/14	Humber	Cement	Jaka	Able	7/4	3/7
RM/15	Hyok Sin	Cement	-	USTC	R/A	4/7
CCJ	Corali	C.Clink	Thai	RML	18/6	6/7
GSJ	Fivi	Wheat(G)	Duck	LSC	29/5	28/7
TSP	BUTI	Cement	Pad	Able	26/5	7/7
RM/3	Bunga Siantan	CDSO	MOMB	TSL	27/6	30/6
RM/4	Samotlor	CDSO	-	TSL	21/6	30/6
RM/6	Al Derrah	HSD/MS	Mina	MSTPL	28/6	2/7
DOJ	Al Bauraq	C.Clink	Puke	PSAL	10/6	10/7
DD	Al Muztuba	Repair	-	CLA	R/A	1/7
DDJ/1	Tanary Star	Idle	Para	PSAL	-	-
DDJ/2	Banglar Urmi	Repair	-	BSC	R/A	2/7
RM/8	Unity	Idle	Mong	SSST	17/5	-
CUFLJ	Mary Nour	Cement	Mala	BSL	25/6	5/7
Kafco(A)	Hai nan No.1	Urea	-	MBL	R/A	1/7

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L port call	Local agent	Cargo	Loading port
DA FA (Cont)23/6	29/6	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Al Swamruz	1/7	-	ASLL	Wheat(G)	-
Ever Brisk (48) 20/6	30/6	Sing	RML	GI (St. Coil)	-
Star Glory	1/7	-	PSAL	Cement	-
QC Teal (Cont) 20/6	3/7	Sing	QCSL	Cont	Sing
Banglar Moni (Cont) 16/6	1/7	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Banglar Kakoli	7/7	Mong	BSC	-	Uk
Revenge	1/7	-	Sunshine	Salt	-
Sin Hai (Cont)23/6	1/7	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Banglar Birol (Cont)	2/7	Sing	BD Ship	Cont	Sing
Nordkap (Cont)20/6	2/7	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Bunga Mas Lima (Cont)23/6	2/7	P. Kel	EOSL	Cont	Sing
Pokoj 24/6	2/7	-	Seaglory	GI	-
Nikis	2/7	Sing	OTBL	Scraping	-
Ever Cheer (48)28/6	7/7	Sing	RML	GI(St.Coil)	-
Sun Ocean	3/7	Yang	SMSL	GI	-
Banglar Gourab	5/7	Kara	BSC	GI/Rice	-
Northern Lion	4/7	Sing	OTBL	Scraping	-
Banglar Robi24/6	4/7	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Eliza (Cont) 28/6	4/7	Col	Baridhi	Cont	Col
Bharatendu (48) 28/6	6/7	-	SSLL	GI(St. Coil)	-
Teresa Prestige (48) 28/6	7/7	-	Everett	GI	-
Kota Berjaya (Cont) 28/6	7/7	Sing	Pil (BD)	Cont	Sing
Tanker due					
Shannon	30/6	-	Seacom	CDSO	-
Shkotovo	1/7	-	TSL	CPO	-

Name of vessels	Cargo	L port call	Local agent	Date of arrival
Vessels at Kutubdia				
Energy explorer-IV	-	-	BBAL	5/4
Seabulk Command	-	-	IBS	R/A(6/6)
Seabulk Eagle	-	-	-	-
Vessels at outer anchorage				
Ready on:				
Sarah-1	Rice (P)	-	SMSL	R/A (27/3)
Karunia Lestari-II	Rice(P)	Kochi	PSAL	22/5
Ocean Prity	Cement	Tanj	USTC	12/6
Edei Welss	Gi	Osaka	Prog	21/6
Michelie	GI(D. Peas0	Sing	Msa	12/4
Encourgement	Sugar	Maza	Litmond	20/6
Xing Cheng	GI	Tanj	BD Ship	20/6
Leona	Gi	Busa	Prog	17/6
Erkan Mete	Mop	Ucrane	Litmond	11/6
Bunga Mas Lapan(Cont)	Cont	P. Kel	EOSL	24/6
Younglly	C.Clink	-	PSAL	R/a (21/6)
Achiever	Cont	Sing	RSL	24/6
Banga Biraj	Cont	Sing	Bdship	26/6
Qc Mallard	Cont	Sing	QCSL	27/6
Vessels awaiting instruction				
Karya Sentosa	Rice (G)	-	USTC	R/A (18/9)
Ritz	Rice(P)	Kaki	Cross	R/A (24/9)
Delta Star	-	-	RSA	R/A (7/7)
Palau Mawar	-	Bank	OLM	8/2
Xing ye	Rice(G)	-	MHCSL	R/A(20/6)
Troianu	-	-	CLA	R/A (24/6)
Banglar Asha	IDLE	-	BSC	R/A(3/5)
Sea World	Repair	-	CCNL	R/A (23/5)
AA Venture	Repair	Mong	CLA	R/A(16/6)
Ingenuity	Repair	Mong	RSL	27/6
Banglar Maya	-	-	BSC	R/A (28/6)

The above are shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by **HRC Group,** Dhaka.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Communications

Road & Railway Division

Corrigendum

Sub: Request for proposal (RFP) for establishing an Elevated Mass Rail Transit System in the Dhaka Metropolitan City.

The following further corrigendum is hereby issued to the above subject:

"The above proposal will be received up to 30th July, 1999 instead of 30th June, 1999."

The time & venue for opening offers and other conditions will remain unchanged.

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No: Sa/Ra Bi/Ra. Pro/Aeromobal System-114(P-1)-98- dated: 24.06.99.

DFP-14568-28/6
G-1220

Government of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Road Division, Comilla

Notice Inviting Tender

1.	Tender Notice No	105/EE of RHD Road Division, Comilla, during the year 1998-99.
2.	Name of work	Repairing the JM Road Roller No 1155 under Road Division, Comilla, during the year 1998-99.
3.	Estimated cost	Tk 90,560/-
4.	Earnest money	Tk 1,811/- in BD/Pay Order in favour of EE, RHD, Road Division, Comilla.
5.	Name of office where tender bids will be received	Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Comilla & office of the undersigned.
6.	Name of office of availability of tender bids	Office of the undersigned/EE RHD Road Division, B'baria/Chandpur/ Planning & Design Divn, Comilla & SDE's Office under this Division.
7.	Time allowed	10 (ten) days from the date of issue of work order.
8.	Last date of selling of tender bids	7.7.99 up to office hours.
9.	Last date of dropping of tender bids	8.7.99 up to 12-30 PM.
10.	Date, place of opening of tender bids	11.7.99 in the office of the EE, RHD, Comilla.
11.	Date of lottery	12.7.99.
12.	Charge to	168-RBF.
13.	Eligibility of contractor	'A' to 'E' general category of RHD enlisted contractor.

Md Abul Qasem Bhuiyan
Executive Engineer, RHD
Road Division, Comilla

DFP-14277-23/6
G-1216

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি মন্ত্রণালয়
বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়
ঢাকা

নং-বিপ্রম/শা-১৭/বিবিধ-১০/৯৪(অংশ-১)/ তারিখ ঃ ২৮-০৬-৯৯ইং

প্রযুক্তি প্রসার সংক্রান্ত সেমিনারে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য সংশ্লিষ্টদের দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ

"বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি মন্ত্রণালয়ে প্রযুক্তি প্রসার স্থাপন" শীর্ষক প্রকল্পের আওতায় দেশের আর্থ-সামাজিক অবস্থার উন্নয়নে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা রাখবে এমন সব প্রযুক্তির প্রসারের জন্য পর্যায়ক্রমে সেমিনারের আয়োজন করার পরিকল্পনা গ্রহণ করা হয়েছে।

এই পর্যায়ে যে সব ক্ষেত্র সেমিনার আয়োজনের জন্য চিহ্নিত করা হয়েছে তার মধ্যে উল্লেখযোগ্য ক্ষেত্রগুলো হচ্ছে —

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(২) তথ্য প্রযুক্তি
(৩) বায়োগ্যাস
(৪) ফুড প্রসেসিং
(৫) কাচ ও সিরামিক

উপরোক্ত বিষয়গুলোর উপর সেমিনার আয়োজনের স্থান, সময় ও তারিখ খুব শীঘ্রই নির্ধারণ করা হবে। বিষয়গুলোর উপর যারা পেপার উপস্থাপন করতে চান বা যারা প্রত্যক্ষভাবে সংশ্লিষ্ট হতে আগ্রহী তাদেরকে অনুগ্রহপূর্বক মন্ত্রণালয়ের সাথে যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ জানান হচ্ছে।

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