

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy
(BGD/97/003)

The Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat seeks applications from Bangladeshi nationals for the following position:

CONSULTANT FOR THE PUBLIC UNDERTAKING COMMITTEE

Duration : 12 months
Duty Station : The Jatiyo Sangsad Bhaban,
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Consultant will support the project in all aspects related to the strengthening of the functioning of the functioning of the Public Undertaking Committee of the Parliament. Specific tasks will include the following:

1. Initiate research related to the general functioning of the PUC over the past 25 years, and of its specific outputs in the last two fiscal years, as a basis for providing advise and making recommendations;
2. Elaborate a research paper on parliamentary control of public undertaking and public corporations in the Committee System of significant foreign Parliaments (selection of case studies to be agreed upon in conjunction with IPE);
3. Provide advise, as necessary in the following areas:
 - Devising ways and means for the PUC to undertake Parliamentary review of public expenditures of all Public Sector Corporations and Public Enterprises as a means of enhancing accountability and transparency;
 - Suggesting mechanisms which allow for effective review of the management and operational performance of the Public Sector Corporations and Public Enterprises;
4. Organise, with the assistance of the project team and in close co-ordination with the IPE, seminars and workshops on Parliamentary control of Public Sector Corporations, focusing particularly on improving the accountability of the management to the Parliament. The Workshops should also aim to increase dialogue between Parliamentarians, the management of Public Corporations and concerned members of civil society;
5. Oversee the computerisation of committee functions and the implementation of the Management Information System (MIS) for the Committee;
6. Undertake any other work as assigned by the project or the PUC itself.

Key Qualifications:

The incumbents should have a Chartered Accountant, with at least 15 years experience in the management and operations of the government audit and accounting system. S/he should have significant proven knowledge of government expenditure and income practices for Public Corporations and Enterprises operating in Bangladesh. Additionally, s/he should have good knowledge of the workings of the Parliament in Bangladesh and should be proficient in both written and spoken English.

Applications should include a cover letter and a copy of applicant's curriculum vitae. No copies of references, certificates or professional papers should be submitted at this time. Applications should be marked "Confidential" and sent to the Advertiser, (Ref.: BGD/97/003 - Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy Project), C/o UNDP, G.P.O. Box No. 224, Dhaka 1000 no later than 1 August 1999. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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Weather

Temperature may rise

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at few places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may rise by 1 to 2 degree Celsius over the country, Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature 34.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 25.0 degree at Teknaf and Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:21 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

| City/Town | Temperature in Celsius | Humidity in percentage | | |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|
| | Max | Min | Morning | Evening |
| Dhaka | 34.0 | 27.3 | 72 | 84 |
| Chittagong | 34.2 | 25.4 | 71 | 85 |
| Rajshahi | 32.8 | 26.2 | 85 | 93 |
| Khulna | 33.6 | 26.4 | 81 | 70 |
| Barisal | 32.2 | 26.4 | 86 | 82 |
| Sylhet | 33.5 | 25.4 | 89 | 71 |

List of students from DU Ka unit waiting list for admission declared

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday announced the list of students who changed their departments after admission tests and also the list of enrolment from the waiting list under "Ka" unit (Science group) in session 1998-99 up to the serial number 2474.

All concerned may obtain further details regarding the matter from the Dean's office of the Science Faculty.

All those who have changed their departments and others who have been selected for admission from the waiting list have been asked to complete all the respective official procedures between July 17 to July 21.

Art exhibition begins today

A 10-day long 36th solo painting exhibition by artist Mohammad Yunus, Assistant Professor of the Institute of Fine Art, Dhaka University will begin today in the city, says a press release.

Eminent educationist Prof Anisuzzaman will inaugurate the exhibition at 5:30 pm at Shilpangan, the contemporary Art Gallery in the city's Dhanmondi area.

Renowned artists Rafiqur Nabi and Mahmudul Haq, Director, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University will be present as chief guests while famous painter Quayum Chowdhury will preside over the inaugural function.

The show will remain open from 10 am to 8 pm daily till July 25. About 75 remarkable works of the artist will be put on display.

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INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Duration : 6 months
Duty Station : The Jatiyo Sangsad Bhaban,
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Institutional Development Specialist (IDS) will be responsible for the planning and development activities of the initial establishment of the Institute for Parliamentary Studies (IPS). The IDS will, *inter alia*:

- 1. Prepare the work plan for the material establishment of the IPS. This will include a detailed space needs assessment for the Board of Governors, Executive Directors, Officers and Staff Members of the Institute, as well as training rooms and seminar rooms, and a staffing needs assessment detailing the necessary skills and experience for the staff of the Institute;
- 2. Prepare a Draft Development Plan for the initial substantive activities of the Institute for Parliamentary Studies for 1999. This will include detailed schedule and action plans for seminars, conferences and workshops, training activities and courses, study tours and attachments abroad, publications, research activities and fellowship programmes. All plans related to training activities will be undertaken in close co-operation with the National Training Specialist;
- 3. Prepare a draft budget for the IPS for 1999 detailing personnel, current and investment expenditures for the Institute;
- 4. Working in close co-operation with the Project Team, execute all necessary activities for the installation of the personnel of the Institute, including the establishment of office facilities such as furniture, equipment, communications, printing and transport;
- 5. Support the Project Team in executing the IPS development activities, working in special co-ordination with the Training Specialist for all training activities;
- 6. Undertake any other related activities as requested by the National Project Director.

Key Qualifications:

The incumbents should have a proven experience in institutional development, and preferably direct knowledge of institutional development activities of the Public Sector. Prior work within the Public Administration and/or a government policy-making body would be an advantage. S/he should have good knowledge of the workings of the Parliament in Bangladesh as well as knowledge of the workings of similar training institutes outside of Bangladesh. A further pre-requisite is demonstrated skills in training and in the production of training documentation as well as fluency in English.

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What's on today....

Documentary show: The second show of 'Jamuna Parer Shamsuddin', directed by Emon Shikder, will be held. It's a descriptive documentary film based on the War of Liberation. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre auditorium, Road No: 7, House No 510, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

Film show: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will screen three French movies — *Que la fete commence*, *Le Grand Bleu* and *Mon Oncle*. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 11 am, 4 pm and 6 pm respectively.

Reunion: A reunion of leaders, workers and supporters of Chhatera Parishad will be held on the occasion of its 5th formal *Padgatra*. Venue: Youth Auditorium, Aziz Super Market (2nd floor), Shahbagh. Time: 3 pm.

Seminar: A day-long seminar on "Service Oriented and Sustainable Energy Planning: Vision 2000 for Bangladesh" will be held. Institution of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB), Ghorasal Centre, has organised the seminar. Energy conservation and renewable energy consultant Fazlur Rahman will present the key-note paper while president of the Institution MA Mannan will be present as chief guest. Venue: BCIC auditorium. Time: 4 pm.

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Duties and Responsibilities:

The Consultant will support the project in all aspects related to the strengthening of the functioning of the Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament. Specific tasks will include the following:

1. Initiate research related to the general functioning of the PAC over the past 25 years, and of its specific outputs in the last two fiscal years, as a basis for providing advise and making recommendations;
2. Elaborate a research paper on the accountability systems of the Comptroller and Audit General before the committees of significant foreign Parliaments (selection of case studies to be agreed upon in conjunction with IPE);
3. Provide advise, as necessary in the following areas:
 - Devising ways and means for the PAC to ensure Parliamentary control of public expenditures as a means of enhancing accountability and transparency;
 - Suggesting mechanisms which allow for better monitoring of PAC decisions;
 - Proposing reforms within the C&AG Office which currently supplies the working papers of the PAC;
 - Suggesting ways and means of increasing the quality of auditing within the public sector, thereby increasing Parliamentary oversight of all government expenditure;
 - Proposing new areas of work for the Committee which could improve accountability and transparency of public expenditures;
4. Oversee the computerisation of committee functions and the implementation of the Management Information System (MIS) for the Committees;
5. Undertake any other work as assigned by the project or the PAC itself.

Key Qualifications:

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