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Experts for broader reproductive health approach

A four-day global seminar on Family Planning in the 21st Century ended in the city yesterday with a call for a shift in family planning programmes from fertility regulation to a broader reproductive health approach, reports UNB.

Over 50 experts reviewed experiences from Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America to assess progress, make projections about future needs and demands for contraception, and identify existing barriers to the implementation of family planning activities.

The approach the experts suggested at the seminar includes integrating family planning with other services like safe motherhood and controlling reproductive tract infections and sexually transmitted diseases.

A total of 65 scientific papers describing experiences from several countries that have achieved success in dealing with population growth were presented at the seminar.

The participants dwelt on programmatic, financial, socio-cultural and political factors

affecting the success of these programmes.

Experience of family planning programme in Bangladesh was hailed as a success story both for the achievements in fertility reduction and for the ongoing plans to integrate service delivery to make available and Essential Services Package.

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population and Operations Research Project of ICDDR, B jointly organized the seminar in collaboration with the Partners in Population and Development.

Holzman calls on Commerce Minister

US Ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman met Commerce Minister M Abdul Jalil at his parliament office yesterday and discussed matters of mutual interests, reports UNB.

They discussed ways to increase bilateral trade and investment.

Later on the day, Nepalese Ambassador in Dhaka Madhu Raman Acharya met the minister and discussed issues relating to bilateral trade and investment.

Commerce Secretary Golam Rahman was present during the meeting.

Spl buses of BRTC for train passengers

Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) will operate two double-deckers from Kamalapur Railway Station at 5-30 am everyday from tomorrow onwards to ensure safety of passengers, an official handout said, reports BSS.

One double-decker bus will ply on the Kamalapur-Gulistan-Azimpur-New Market-Asad Gate-Gabtol route while the other will be on the Kamalapur-Mouchak-Bangla Motor-Farm Gate-Mirpur-12 route.

The fare on the route will be between Taka five and Taka 10, the release added.

Khulna Medical College reopens Jan 23

KHULNA, Jan 20. Khulna Medical College reopens on January 23 after an unscheduled closure of more than one and a half months, reports UNB.

The college was closed after a group of students ransacked Principal's office and locked it on December 5 for non-realization of their 11-point demand.

Campus sources said the KMC Academic Council at a meeting on Tuesday decided to reopen the college on Jan 23.

Reacting to the decision, the students said they would continue their class boycott till realization of their demands.



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Memo No. R/C/58/ 1004 **TENDER NOTICE** Date: 20 Jan. 2000

Sealed bids in two separate envelopes (one for the technical offer and the other for the financial offer) are hereby invited from the suitably qualified and experienced contractors for the project "Development of Rajuk Uttara Model School & College" Uttara, Dhaka.

- Name of the Project : "Development of Rajuk Uttara Model School & College."
- Name of Work : Vertical extension of 6th & 7th floor (Hostel) of the Functional Bhavan.
- Eligibility of Bidders : The intending Bidders must fulfil the following criteria and submit the documentary evidences along with the application in their letter head pad one day ahead from the date of selling of bidding documents to the Office of the Project Director, Rajuk Uttara Model School & College.
 - The applicant must have at least 5 years of practical experience in construction of multi-storeyed buildings.
 - The applicant must be enlisted as a Contractor in Special Class, either PWD or MES or be prequalified as Category A - 1 of facilities department, M.O.E.
 - The applicant must have executed Civil, Sanitary and Electrical works minimum amounting to Tk.150 lakhs in a single contract within last 3 years.
 - VAT registration certificate from custom excise and VAT Collectorate and Tax Payer Identification Number (TIN) from concerned income tax department.
 - The necessary equipment and technical personnel proposed to be used for the project.
 - 3 (three) years' turn over of the company which should be not less than Tk. 150 lakhs per year in average.
 - 3 (three) years' Audited Balance sheet in Original.
 - The bidder must be financially solvent and shall have to produce a Bank Certificate in original stating that they have a Bank Deposit of Tk. 25 (twenty five) lakhs in cash on the date of purchasing the bidding documents.
- Technical offer of all the bidders will be duly scrutinized. Financial offer of only Technically qualified bidders will be opened.
 - Earnest Money : The Bidders must submit an Earnest Money amounting to 2.5% (two & half) of the quoted amount in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of project Director, Rajuk Uttara Model School & College, Uttara, Dhaka.
- Completion Period for the work : 06 (Six) months.
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 - Executive engineer, Facilities department Dhaka Zone, Dhaka. House No.01, Road No.03, Sector No.01, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka - 1230.
 - Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Education, Building No. 6, Floor No. 17th Room No. 1719, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
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