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# Central exam system for IT students soon

The government plans to introduce soon a central examination system and bring the franchise institutions under a cell with the aim to improve the standard of IT education.

"Any person will be able to take part in the examination individually or from an institution," Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) executive director Dr Abdus Sobhan told UNB yesterday.

The BCC has already formulated methodologies for the central examination system for IT personnel ranging from operator to masters. The semester-based public examination is likely to begin in April.

As the franchise institutions like Aptech or NIIT are run by their central body in India, the BCC will form a cell to look after their syllabus and fees.

The BCC of the Science and Technology Ministry is planning to introduce the central public exam system following recommendations of a three-member committee.

The committee headed by Dr M Alamgir Hossain, chairman of the Computer Science Department of Dhaka University, also prepared the methodologies for the central exam procedures.

"We formulated the methodologies in the way that will compel all the computer centres of the country to provide quality education, bringing those into mainstream of the IT education," said Dr Alamgir.

He said many institutions in

the country are now taking examinations in a scattered way and we want to bring them under a mainstream where students will be able to check themselves what they really learnt."

As individuals will be allowed to take part in the exams, poor students who couldn't get admission in renowned centres will now get an opportunity to be an IT professional with a recognised certificate.

Before launching of the central public exam system, an open workshop with the participation of IT professionals and concerned officials will be held in March to seek further expert opinions.

Bangladesh Association of Information Technology Edu-

cation (BAITE), an institution of the 32 IT schools, is also pursuing the BCC to introduce a standard examination system as soon as possible.

The low standard of the IT professionals was also discussed at an inter-ministerial meeting on Monday where Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed said the country is getting only smart typists instead of quality men.

Experts said public universities like Dhaka University, BUET and Shahjalal University are providing quality IT training, while the quality at the private training centres and private universities is very low.

According to sources at the BCC, the name of the central examination committee will be National Computer Certification Council (NCC). Examinations will be held in every six months.

There will also be an examination committee under the BCC. Only the universities will conduct the examinations and in the long run, examinations are likely to be arranged through Internet.

A committee will be formed to review and improve the syllabus in every six months. Another expert committee will work for development of course materials.

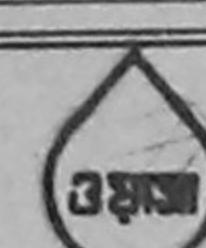
The exams will be held for certificate, diploma, advance diploma, professional diploma and degrees like BCA, BTech, BSc, post graduate diploma, MCA, Mtech and MSc.

## BCS Taxation Assoc EGM Mar 4

By Staff Correspondent

An extra-ordinary general meeting (EGM) of the BCS Taxation Association will be held at the Engineers Institution, Bangladesh (IEB) in the city on March 4.

The agenda of EGM included the quick implementation of creating new tax regions announced by the Finance Minister in his budget speech for the current financial year and stopping the initiatives for dissolving two units of the National Board of Revenue (NBR).



## Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

(পানি ব্যবহারে মিতব্যরী হোন)

Tenders are invited for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class enlisted civil contractors of Dhaka WASA for the work mentioned below.

Name of work	Amount of estimated money	Date and time of receiving tender
1. Installation work of 100mm diameter water line in Bagichatek Road by-lane in Rampura area.	Tk 2,15,083/-	13/3/2000 till 12 Noon.
2. Installation work of 100 mm diameter water line at the Road No 10 at East Goran.	Do	
3. Installation work of 100 mm diameter water line near H No-157 at South Goran area.	Do	

Tenders will be opened on the day of receiving them at 2:00 PM before the tenderers or their representatives (if anyone remains present).

Schedule of tender will be available in the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka all the MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available in the office of the undersigned.

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Memo No-GDTPCB/11-Part (1)/2000/119

## Tender Notice

Tenders in sealed envelopes in prescribed forms and under terms and conditions mentioned are hereby invited from contractors of PWD/firms/concerned business establishments for implementing the following work of Greater Dhaka, Transport Planning & Coordination Board.

a) Name of work and other description :

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Security money	Time limit for completion of work
1	Work of partition wall at office installation, fitting, fixing, cisting on 13th & 14th floor (eastern side) in the Executive Director, GDTPCB at Nagar Bhaban.	15,92,752/24	5% of the quoted value	30 (thirty) days.

b) Earnest money	Specific earnest money in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Director, GDTPCB, Nagar Bhaban must be submitted with the tender.
c) Cost of tender document	500/- (five hundred) taka only (non-refundable)
d) Last date and time of selling tender	7-3-2000 till 5:00 PM.
e) Last date and time of receiving tender	8-3-2000 till 12:00 Noon.
f) Date and time of opening tender	Will be opened on 8-3-2000 at 12:30 PM in presence of tenderers (if anyone remains present)
g) Place where tender document will be available	Executive Director, GDTPCB, 13th floor, Nagar Bhaban, Distribution Section.
h) Place of depositing and opening tender	In the office chamber of Additional Executive Director (Resources), GDTPCB, 13th floor, Nagar Bhaban.

Terms and Conditions:

- Contractors with the experience in the work concerned of the value of 7.00 (seven) lakh at a time only are eligible to submit tender. Original certificate of experience will have to be submitted with tender.
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- Contractor/contractor's firms will have to purchase tender document by taking prior permission from the appropriate authority and by producing their registration book of enlistment (renewed up to current year), VAT registration certificate and income tax certificate, photocopies of VAT and income tax certificate will have to be enclosed with the tender submitted.
- Income tax and value added tax (VAT) will be deducted from the bill as per rule.
- Tender will be rejected if any additional terms and conditions are included by the tenderer in the tender.
- Analysis sheet of itemwise quoted must be submitted with tender, otherwise tender will be treated as rejected.
- Rate quoted item-wise must be taken two figures after decimal and to be written in figures and in words. Tender will be regarded as rejected if there is any deviation from the rule.
- Bill of the contractor will be paid subject to the availability of allocation. But the contractor will be obliged to complete the work within the stipulated period.
- Work order will be cancelled if the work is not completed within the stipulated period and the security money will be forfeited.
- Estimated cost and volume of itemwise work may be less or more.
- Bill will have to be submitted after completing the work. Bill will be paid through cheque after passing the bill.
- At the time of giving work order 5% of (quoted cost) more as the earnest money will have to be deposited as stated in paragraph (b).
- A total amount of 10% (ten) from the bill after the work will be kept deposited in the department for 1(one) year from the date of after handing over the work.
- Other terms and conditions of tender will be mentioned in the tender document. The authority reserves the power to accept or reject any or all tender documents without assigning any reason.

Project Director PCU  
GDTPCB  
Nagar Bhaban, 13th Floor,  
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The winners of Ananya Top Ten Award '99 at the award giving ceremony held at Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium of the National Museum yesterday. Prof Mustafa Nur-ul-Islam was present at the ceremony as special guest while 'Ananya' Editor Taslima Hossain presided.

## Rotary News

### North West meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today at the Dhaka Club Ltd, Ramna, Dhaka at 5:30 pm, says a press release.

The voting will be held from 9 am to 1 pm at the university club, said a press release.

Some 250 teachers will cast votes to elect four members to the syndicate, one to the finance committee and academic council will be held on March 4, reports BSS.

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Some 250 teachers will cast votes to elect four members to the syndicate, one to the finance committee and six to the academic council for a two-year term (2000-2001).

Two groups — VC-group (Prof Abdul Bayes) and Treasurer-group (Sharif Enamul Kabir) are contesting the posts.

Registrar of the university Mohamman Ali will act as election commissioner.

## JU teachers' election Mar 4

SAVAR, Feb 29: The election of teachers' representatives to the Hargirnagar University (JU) syndicate, finance committee and academic council will be held on March 4, reports BSS.

The voting will be held from 9 am to 1 pm at the university club, said a press release.

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During the meeting, they exchanged views on different matters relating to Chittagong Hill Tracts, said an official handout.

## Japanese envoy calls on CHT Affairs Minister

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Kazuyoshi Urabe paid a courtesy call on Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Kalpa Ranjan Chakma at the latter's secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on different matters relating to Chittagong Hill Tracts, said an official handout.

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Tenders are invited from 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes enlisted mechanical and electrical contractors of Dhaka WASA for repairing of sub-pump of four different brands of 2.0 cusec. The amount of estimated money for the work is Taka 2,38,096/=. Tenders will be received till 12:00 Noon on 13-3-2000 and will be opened the same day at 2:00 PM before the tenderers or their representatives (if anyone remains present).

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Executive Engineer  
FM Division  
Dhaka WASA

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## Govt urged to take steps against assault on garments workers

By Staff Correspondent

Mukti Lawrence Foundation, a non-governmental organisation (NGO), demanded of the government yesterday to take necessary steps to stop sexual assault on garments workers.

The incidents of rape in the garment sector where women are mostly engaged in production, said Advocate Fahima Nasreen, a Project Director of the foundation while addressing a press conference.

Dr Fahima said there are adequate laws against sexual abuse but due to lack of enforcement of these laws, the situation has been deteriorating in the sector.

"We have collected reports of 91 rape incidents in garments factories in Dhaka and Narayanganj since March 1999," she said.

She said that the organisation has been conducting a study on sexual abuse since March 1999. The survey is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Garments workers have been mainly raped by co-workers, musclemen and sometimes by owners, she said.

The main reason behind the rise of rape incidents is social disparity and weaker position of women in the society.

Sometimes garments women were compelled to face sexual repression to protect their job," she said.

Representatives of different garment workers forum at the press conference urged the government to enforce strict rule that does not allow women workers to work after 8.00 pm.

The press conference held at the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) was addressed among others by Dr Abdul Hakim Sarker, Prof M Akharruzzaman and Z M Kamal Khan.

## Beauty Cinema Hall to be demolished

Beauty Cinema Hall, built in the 60s in city's Mirpur area, will permanently be closed on March 3, reports UNB.

The movie house, owned by former MP SA Khaleque, will be demolished soon, said a press release.

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