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Britain to improve visa services in S Asia

Britain is conducting feasibility studies to examine the ways of improving visa services provided by British High Commissions in South Asia, including Bangladesh, reports UNB.

British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Keith Vaz MP disclosed this during a debate in the House of Commons on March 20, said a British High Commission news release here today.

"During my visits to India and Bangladesh I was impressed with the standard of our visa issuing operations there. But there is still room for improvement, and I saw a need to investigate how our current service can be adapted to provide a first-class operation," he said.

He said, "I am pleased to announce that these studies are now underway, not only at our posts in India and Bangladesh, but also in Pakistan, which I know will be a welcome move. I hope to be able to announce the findings of these studies before summer parliamentary recess."

The feasibility studies will look at how the Foreign and

Commonwealth Office (FCO) can improve its service to visa applicants served by the entry clearance sections at British Missions in New Delhi, Bombay, Dhaka and Islamabad.

The studies will include obtaining the views of travelling public, sponsors in the UK and their representatives, Members of Parliament and the FCO staff who operate the controls at the British High Commissions in South Asia, the release added.

Kanak Chanpa's painting show begins tomorrow

A 8-day solo painting exhibition by Kanak Chappa Chakma will begin tomorrow at the Shillpangan art gallery in the city, says a press release.

Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr Mohammad Farashuddin will inaugurate the exhibition at 5 pm.

The show will remain open from 10 am to 8 pm daily till March 31. Recent works of the artist will be put on display.



A delegation of FEMA led by its acting chairperson Abul Ahsan called on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

Zillur for foreign investment in water sector

LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman has said private and foreign investments would be encouraged in water sector for its proper management and to ensure safe water for all, reports UNB.

He was addressing a seminar titled "Water for the 21st Century: Bangladesh Perspective" in the city yesterday.

NGO Forum for Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation organised the seminar to mark the World Water Day.

Zillur said the government has solved the longstanding water problem with India by signing the historic water sharing treaty.

He said the government has also framed a timely water policy and taken steps for its proper implementation.

The minister regretted that availability of water is now at a stake due to increasing arsenic contamination, dumping of industrial wastes in rivers, fall of

groundwater level and the rise of demand for water with the growing population.

He urged the private organisations, NGOs and development agencies to supplement the government efforts to check large-scale contamination of surface water and thus ensure safe water for the people.

Chaired by NGO Forum chairperson Dr Fazle Hasan Abed, the seminar was addressed, among others, by Local Government Secretary Badur Rahman, UNDP and World Bank water development programme chief Dr Bahar N Kabir and UNICEF Water Resources Department chief Colin J Davis.

World Weather Day today

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said that meteorology has very important impact on sustainable socio-economic development and urged meteorologists to play their due role in this regard, reports UNB.

In a message on the eve of World Weather Day, the Prime Minister said the observance of the day in Bangladesh would help make the people more aware about the scientific analysis of atmosphere and its impact on society and civilisation.

She said meteorologists by using their acquired knowledge from the analysis of atmosphere of a disaster-prone country like ours, could contribute to the socio-economic and agricultural development.

TB claims 60,000 every year

Tuberculosis remains a major killer disease in Bangladesh, claiming over 60,000 people every year due to poverty and people's ignorance about the health hazard, reports UNB.

"One in every 10 minutes dies of tuberculosis (TB) in Bangladesh, while one in every 2 minutes get infected," says a UNICEF press release issued on the occasion of World TB Day on March 24.

TB kills over 60,000 people in the country every year, the release said, branding Bangladesh as the worst TB-affected country in Southeast Asia and the fourth worst-affected in the world.

In 1997 Bangladesh accounted for 3.6 per cent of the TB cases worldwide.

According to recent estimates, there are 600,000 existing cases of TB, with 300,000 new cases reported every year in Bangladesh.

"The frightening state calls for comprehensive measures to control TB in Bangladesh, which is a priority for the country and even for the world."

Tuberculosis and its causes are closely linked to poverty. The probability of becoming infected and developing clinical conditions is associated with malnutrition, crowding, poor air circulation, and poor sanitation — a vicious cycle established by poverty.

Recent medical reports indicate the TB and HIV/AIDS support and host each other, and when TB is correctly treated, the incidence of HIV/AIDS is also automatically reduced.

Worldwide one million women die from TB each year. But in Bangladesh, females are less afflicted by TB compared to males.

TB is treatable within weeks, yet it is a growing problem in Bangladesh, mainly because of

increasing poverty and ignorance and negligence of TB programme.

National Tuberculosis Control Programme of Bangladesh has adopted the DOTS (Directly Observed Treatment Short-course) method. Diagnosis and treatment services are available in all Thana Health Complexes free of charge.

The government has undertaken programmes to eradicate TB through a concerted effort of all stakeholders-private sector, NGOs, concerned institutions and communities. The pledge for this year is to "Keep Our Air Free of TB."

Kularchar thana sadar declared municipality

The government declared Kularchar thana sadar in Kishoreganj district as a pourashava (municipality), said a press release of the Local Government Ministry yesterday, reports UNB.

This will be the 199th municipality of the country.

The newly constituted municipality will comprise 17 mouzas of three unions in the thana.

NGO DIRECTORY 2000

DIRECTORY OF NGOs IN BANGLADESH has already been brought out by ADAB.

It's a compendium, widely used as ready reference of local, national and international NGOs working on sustainable development in Bangladesh. Areas and contents of the directory include relevant information i.e. major programmes, project areas, addresses, office hours, phone numbers, e-mail etc. belonging to NGOs, sector-corporations, government and semi-government agencies, donor organizations, diplomatic missions and UN bodies. Price Tk. 300.00 (US\$ 25.00 including postage).

Available at central and chapter offices of ADAB.

Please contact :

ADAB

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Tel: PABX: 9126415/9116184, 8122845-7, Dir: 8112353
Fax: 88-02-8113095; E-mail: adab@bdonline.com

Rahim Textile Mills Limited

134, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is for information of all concerned that the Balance sheet as at 31.12.99 and profit and loss A/c and cash flow statement for the half year ended 31st December 1999 of this company have been dispatched to all the Share holders, Securities & Exchange commission & Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd.

Company Secretary

WANTED

Chittagong Club Limited is looking for a suitable candidate for immediate appointment to the following post.

Security Officer

Must be a retired JCO, or Petty Officer or Warrant Officer of the Bangladesh defence service, must possess a good physique, having at least 5 (five) years service experience in reputed national/international organisations.

Interested candidates are requested to apply with detailed CV, 3 copies of recent passport size photograph and attested copies of all educational/training/service experience certificates to the Secretary, Chittagong Club Limited, Chittagong.

The application must reach this office latest by the 27th March, 2000. D-288

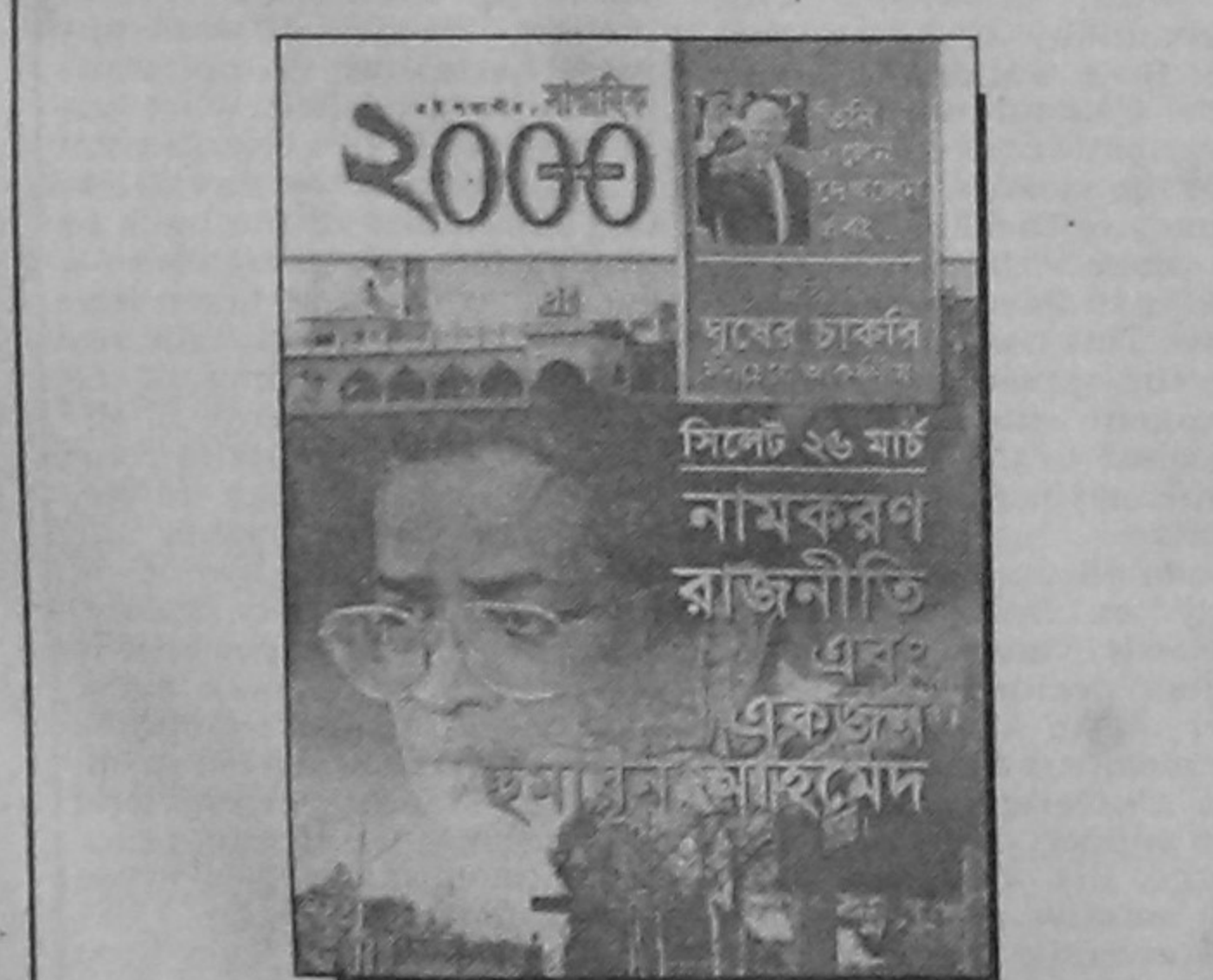
BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

The Managing Director, Jamuna Fertiliser Company Ltd, Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur hereby invites sealed tender on C&F (C), Chittagong basis under any suitable financial source in two envelope system for import of 1000 MT Urea Formaldehyde against Tender Enquiry No JFCL/FP/Urea/1.83/290 dated 9-3-2000. The tender will be received simultaneously at BCIC Bhaban, Dhaka & JFCL Office, Tarakandi, Jamalpur up to 11:00 AM on 19-4-2000 and be opened on the same day thereafter. Tender documents containing detailed terms and conditions will be available on payment of Tk 850/- in cash (non-refundable) from the office of the (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (iii) Jamuna Fertiliser Company Ltd on all working days. The Management reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of tender.

BCIC-193-14/3/2000 Md Abdur Razaque
DFP-6474-19/3 Addl Chief Manager (Purchase)
G-523 for Managing Director.

আগামীকান বজারে ২০০০
হুমায়ূন আহমেদ কি পৌছাতে পারবেন তার প্রিয় শহর সিলেটে?



ক্লিনটন এলেন, দেখলেন এবং ...

২০০০ জরিপ : ঘুষের চাকরি সবচেয়ে আকর্ষণীয়

হকারকে বলুন... আপনার ঘরে পৌছে যাবে

২০০০ সঙ্গীত সচল বাংলাদেশের স্থির প্রতিকৃতি
৯৬৯৭ লিট ইন্ডাস্ট্রি, ঢাকা-১০০০ ফোন : ৯৬০৯০১-৩ সার্ব্বলেন : ৯০৯৪৪২৬

The Medical & Health Welfare Trust

Plot No. 4, Road No. 9, Sector-1, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230
Phone : 88-02-8913939, 88-02-8916005, Fax : 88-02-8917664, e-mail : mhwt@office.net

AMENDMENT TENDER NOTICE

Ref :- Tender Notice dated 10th March 2000 published in "The Daily Ittefaq" and "The Daily Star". The date of purchase of Tender documents and submission of the same has been extended for one week.

Last date of purchase : 30th March 2000

Last date of submission & opening : 10th April 2000 at 1200 hour.

Sd/-

Member-Secretary

The Medical & Health Welfare Trust

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

An International Development Agency invites applications from suitable candidates to join its development programmes in the following positions:

1. ASSISTANT PROGRAMME MANAGER : Urban Programme

The person, while reports to the Programme Manager, will be responsible for the different projects in Dhaka and Mymensingh. (S)he would play a key role in management of current programmes, and prepare new proposals. (S)he would be responsible for project planning, staff development, financial management, monitoring of the projects.

Requirements : Post graduation in relevant discipline with a minimum of five years experience in the relevant field is required. Apart from other managerial qualities, spoken and written English is expected to be as good as the first language and should be capable of writing report of excellent professional quality.

2. ACCOUNTS OFFICER

The positions may be based at Head Office in Dhaka or in the project area (different urban areas in Bangladesh). Project based position will be responsible for the maintenance of all accounts in the project area. Head Office based position will assist in the preparation of monthly staff salary, monthly and quarterly accounts of the organisation and submission of reports to our international headquarters and funders.

Requirements :

Applicants should hold a Master degree with three years relevant experience. CA course completed or partly qualified CA or CMA will be given preference. Practical experience of using computers, especially spreadsheet applications is required. Qualification may be relaxed in case of successful relevant track record.

Interested candidates are requested to send their résumé, two copies of recent passport size photographs and names and addresses of two referees to Human Resource Department, Box no. C-260 C/O The Daily Star, by 30 March 2000. Please mark the envelopes with the position applied for.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority

141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000
Conservancy and Pilotage Department

File No-MS/2-2/1937 Dated: 07-03-2000

Notice

Tender of pre-qualification for appointment of agent of fuel oil supplier to ships, pontoon and flat of BIWTA.

Tenders are invited from bonafide fuel oil suppliers of the places stated for verifying the pre-qualifications for a period of 2 (two) years from 1-7-2000 to 30-6-2002 for supplying fuel oil (high speed diesel; mobil, petrol, shell rotella/CIR/BP-Anargal-30/40 and refined kerosene for ships, pontoons and flats situated at Sadarghat (Dhaka), Narayanganj including (Bhairab/Ashuganj), Chandpur, Barisal, Khulna, Sirajganj (including Chilmari), Aricha, (including Baghabari) and Chittagong of BIWTA. Tenders will be received till 1500 hours on 3-4-2000 in the tender box kept at the office of the Director (C&P), BIWTA, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, (9th floor), Dhaka and will be opened on the same day at 1515 hours before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present). Separate tenders will have to be submitted for each place.

Schedule of tender can be purchased from Director (Accounts), BIWTA, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, (8th floor), Dhaka on payment of Taka 2,000 (two thousand) only (non-refundable) during office hours. No schedule of tender will be sold on the day of opening.

The authority reserves the power to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Md Ibrahim Hossain
Joint Director (Sailor)
Conservancy & Pilotage Department.

PR-18/00
DFP-6444-19/3
G-528

Bangladesh Bank

Engineering Department
Rajshahi

Tender Notice

No-01/1999-2000 Dated: 03-01-2000

1. Name of the work : Vertical extension and repairing/renovation work of existing boundary wall (partly) at Bangladesh Bank, Rajshahi.
2. Earnest money (in payment order/bank draft only) : 2 (two) per cent of quoted amount.
3. Time allowed for completion of work order : 2 (two) months from the date of issue of work order.
4. Eligibility of participant in the tender : Contractor/organisation enlisted in PWD, R&H, MES or any other govt., semi-govt, autonomous organization/firm who has successfully completed same work in single tender whose estimated cost put to tender/accepted tendered amount and executed cost is not less than Tk 1,50,000.00 (one lac fifty thousand) only during the last 5 (five) years.
5. Performance certificate form (proof of eligibility) : Intending tenderers must procure performance certificate (in duplicate) from the concerned officer of the organization not below the rank of an Executive Engineer in standard proforma (enclosed with the tender document) and submit the same with the tender documents & also submit the attested photostat copy, (a) renewed enlisted papers up to 1999-2000, (b) renewed trade licence up to 1999-2000, (c) income tax registration (TIN) certificate, (d) bank solvency certificate from any scheduled bank, (e) VAT registration certificate, (f) work completion certificate and other relevant papers, without which the tender will not be accepted.

6. Cost of tender schedule & other terms/conditions : Tk 450/- (Taka four hundred fifty) only (non-refundable).
7. Office of selling of the tender schedule & other terms/conditions etc & time : Tender schedule can be purchased directly from Deputy Director (BPS), 1st Floor, Main Building, Bangladesh Bank, Rajshahi and Deputy Director, Administration & Expenditure Dept (BPD), 7th Floor, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka during office hours up to 5:00 PM within the stipulated dates. 18-4-2000 up to 5:00 PM.
8. Last date of selling of the tender schedule & other terms & conditions etc : Sealed cover tender to be received in the box kept in the office of the Deputy General Manager, 1st Floor, Main Building, Bangladesh Bank, Rajshahi and in the box kept in the office of the Deputy General Manager, Admin. & Expenditure Dept, 7th Floor, Highrise Building, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka. Tender to be received by post also in due time and date.

9. Office of receiving the tender : Sealed cover tender to be received in the box kept in the office of the Deputy General Manager, 1st Floor, Main Building, Bangladesh Bank, Rajshahi and in the box kept in the office of the Deputy General Manager, Admin. & Expenditure Dept, 7th Floor, Highrise Building, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka. Tender to be received by post also in due time and date.
10. Date & time of receiving the tender : 19-4-2000 up to 12:00 Noon.
11. Date & time of opening the tender : 19-4-2000 at 12:15 PM.

Incomplete and conditional tenders and tenders without earnest money will not be considered. Bangladesh Bank authority reserves the right not to accept the lowest tender and also has the right to accept in full or in part or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Md Waliul Haque
General Manager
Phone-775991.

PR&PB: 48/2000-338 dt-22/3
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Career Opportunity with RANGS PROPERTIES

Rangs Properties Ltd, a sister concern of Rangs Group, is seeking application from suitable candidates for the following position.

Position: Senior Manager (Business Planning & Development): This is a very senior Managerial Position in the Organization, Finance, Human Resources and Planning Department will be under his jurisdiction. His major responsibilities include:

- Financial and Business Planning.
- Policy making and Procedure Setting.
- Monitoring of Company by setting effective reporting system in the company.

Required Qualifications and Competencies: MBA/FA/Master in Finance with at least 15 years experience in the Finance Department of any Multinational Company, out of which minimum 5 years experience as the Head of the Department. Candidates with work experience in the Senior Managerial Position in the Banking Sector may also apply.

A competitive remuneration package commensurate with the candidate's qualification and experience will be offered.

Application along with detailed resume and a recent passport size photograph, experience certificate should be sent by 31st March, 2000 to Corporate Department, Rangs Properties Ltd., 113-116, Old Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.

Australian Education EXHIBITION

Participants :

- ✓ Charles Sturt University
- ✓ Holmesglen Institute of TAFE
- ✓ Melbourne Institute of Business & Technology (MIBT)
- ✓ Perth Institute of Business & Technology (PIBT)
- ✓ Queensland Institute of Business & Technology (QIBT)
- ✓ Sydney Institute of Business & Technology (SIBT)
- ✓ Study Group Australia
- ✓ The University of Newcastle
- ✓ Victoria University of Technology (VUT)

Venue : Dhaka Sheraton Hotel
(Grand Ballroom)
Days : 29th & 30th March, 2000
Time : 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information please contact :
Australian Centre for Education
CWN(A) 12 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212

Tel : 606224, 606829, 9885345

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e-mail : idphd@treximp.com

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY New Horizons Computer Learning Centre

New Horizons Computer Learning Centre of Dhaka, head quartered in Santa Ana, California, USA, the World's largest independent Computer training Company invites applications for the following post:

Post (01) : Sr. Program Manager (New Horizons Diploma Program)
Qualification : M.Sc in computer Science or in any other discipline.
Experience : At least three years teaching experience along with course Coordination responsibility in any university or so. Must be familiarizing with IT courses and education.

Post (01) : Facilities Manager :
Qualification : Bachelor of Engineering or Computer science
Experience : At least two or three years experience on Networking.
Responsibility : Must have sufficient exposure on managing & troubleshooting a large computer network and knowledge on Windows NT, UNIX, Linux and Novell. He/She should be familiarize with the job of Database Administrator and should be capable of handling Web server using MS Information Server and Proxy Server. He/She should also be responsible for operation and managing of our Sylvan prometric Centre.

Post (01) : Center Administration Manager.
Qualification : MBA or Public Administration or equivalent with sound Computer knowledge
Experience : At least three years administrative experience
Post (01) : Training & Operation Supervisor.
Qualification : Graduate or equivalent
Experience : At least one year experience in any Training Company on administration.

Post (01) : Application Instructor.
Qualification : Hons. Graduate or equivalent
Experience : At least one year teaching experience He/she must have sound knowledge on MS Office package, HTML, FrontPage, Graphics package like Corel Draw, Adobe Photoshop etc.

Post (02) : Account Executive.
Qualification : Fresh Grad/Post Graduates in Marketing / PR/Management or equivalent (preferably from DU) with some computer knowledge (not mandatory).
Experience : Not Required
Responsibility : Sales management

Post (02) : Front Desk staff (one male & one female).
Qualification : Graduate or equivalent
Experience : One-year experience
Responsibility : Front desk management.

Attractive remuneration packages in consonance with the qualification & experience shall be offered. Please apply with resume & a passport size photograph by March 28, 2000 to New Horizons Computer Learning Centre, Moutaz Plaza (3rd Floor), House #7, Road #4, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205. Please mention the post applied for on the envelope.