

## Entrepreneurs urged to explore beneficial MT services

Leading IT experts yesterday urged entrepreneurs here to explore potentials of medical transcription (MT) services of north America through Internet making use of the time difference between Bangladesh and the USA.

IT firm 'reboundit.com' organised a seminar at Dhaka Sheraton hotel. Scores of IT entrepreneurs showed enthusiasm about Internet-based medical transcription service.

Indian MT expert George J. Woolapali, MT entrepreneur from Bangalore KP Setty and managing director of reboundit.com Major (retired) M. Nizamuddin among others, addressed the gathering.

Every year the health care industry of the United States outsourced 1.5 billion US dollars for medical transcription services via Internet to different destinations across the world including India and Singapore, the experts said. The MT experts observed that entrepreneurs don't need to be IT experts to run business in this field. This is a knowledge-based industry and good command on English language, physical fitness and orientation with basics of Internet and medical jargon are need for meeting demands in this sector, they said.

George J. Woolapali said medical transcriptionist should be able to do average 500 lines per day with an accuracy standard of 98 per cent. According to standard calculation 65 characters would make a line.

He said expected standard rate is five cents (US) per 65 characters or one line. But it might be as low as three cents and as high as eight cents per line depending on the work and accuracy standards.

Quoting Asian experience, he said best MTs in India could produce 1000 lines in eight hours and the situation is all-

### Exhibition on Bangladesh in Berlin

An exhibition on Bangladesh projecting the country and its people began at Free University in Berlin on Friday, reports UNB.

Institute of Geographic Science of Free University in association with the Embassy of Bangladesh in Berlin organised the exhibition, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

The exhibition will remain open till March next year.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Germany Kazi Anwarul Masud inaugurated the exhibition, chaired by head of the institute Prof Fred Scholz.

Pictorial impression showing different aspects of socio-economic and cultural life of the people of Bangladesh and various products including handkerchiefs, saree, lungi and stitch-work were put on display in the exhibition.

most similar in Pakistan. Elaborating on MT, he said medical transcription is a type of transcription service where the client (Hospitals of USA or Canada) will give a dictation (via Internet) and the transcriptionists (of Bangladesh or India or Singapore) will listen and type the contents using appropriate software. The MT data will be transmitted (uploaded/downloaded) through Internet using dedicated connection of BSN (Public Service Telephone Networks).

Major (retired) M. Nizamuddin of reboundit.com said the number of professional transcriptionists are declining in the USA that is why many hospitals in America are outsourcing MT related tasks via the Internet. Transcription refers to conversion of voice (of the Doctors or Patients) to text, he said adding over 6,700 hospitals are scrambling to convert their medical records to electronic format.

He said that every year in the USA, the annual demand for medical transcription services are growing by 20 per cent (approximately) but available American transcriptionists are declining by eight per cent.

The IT executive said that according to experts, medical transcription is a 18 billion dollar industry and in 1997 there were 3,50,000 qualified transcriptionists in the USA but in 1999 there were only 2,73,000 transcriptionists.



People poured into the streets yesterday after the heavy downpour and winds began to calm down. The double decker buses were the most sought after vehicles on the streets of the city that saw water-logging hampering movement on the roads more than the storms itself. Picture shows the onrush of people at a bus-stand at noon.

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## CHT situation is becoming unstable: Shantu Larma

RANGAMATI, Oct 28: Chairman of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council (CHTRC) Jyotirmudra Bodhipriya Larma alias Shantu Larma said on Friday that the situation in the hill region is becoming un-

stable as the government is not implementing the CHT accord in its real terms, reports BSS.

Expressing concern over the situation, he said the government is reluctant to implement the accord which could ensure permanent peace for both the settlers and tribal residents in CHT.

Chairman of the CHTRC was speaking as chief guest at the inaugural session of a two-day workshop on 'Management of Land in CHT and its Problem' held at the conference room of Rangamati Hill District Council. Chairman of CHT NGO Forum Barrister Raja Debashish

Roy chaired the inaugural session of the workshop jointly organised by CHT NGO Forum and Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD).

Mesbah Kamal of the History Department of Dhaka University, Vice-Chairperson of the CHT NGO Forum Mangal Kumar Chakma and Executive Director of ALRD Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury also spoke at the workshop.

Shantu urged the conscious sections of the society to put pressure on the government to expedite full implementation of the CHT accord at the earliest for the betterment of the country. He strongly criticised the government for acquiring land in the name of afforestation and what he termed expansion of military installation.

Raja Debashish said the government is violating the rights of the hill people with the acquisition of land in CHT. Acquisition of land ignoring the authority of CHTRC is also a violation of CHT accord, he added.

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## CDs and video cassettes on Islam and Science released

By DU Correspondent

Nine CDs and three video cassettes containing a series of discussions on the relation between Islam and Science were launched at a press conference held at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

The content of the CDs and video cassettes titled Islam and Science is based on the discussion presented by Dr M Shamsur Ali, Professor of Physics, Dhaka University and former Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University (BOU). He made the presentations on the electronic media for the last 20 years.

The discussion series has been divided into 24 parts and recorded in nine CDs and three video cassettes.

The subjects include the importance attached in the Holy Quran to the acquisition of knowledge, 'Literacy' is there any conflict between Islam & Science? 'Science and faith', the Quranic importance for scientific research, 'Style of presentation of scientific facts in the Holy Quran', 'Scientific principles behind the do's and don'ts' as emphasised in the Holy Quran, 'Direct indications of scientific facts in the Holy Quran', 'Demonstration of the mercy of Allah in the governance of living and inert matter'.

Dr M Shamsur Ali presented a key-note speech on "Islam and Science" at the press conference.

Former Director General of Bangladesh Islamic Foundation Syed Ashraf Ali also spoke on the occasion.

Scientific indication in the Holy Quran, 'Scientific significance of Allah as the Lord of the Worlds', 'Cosmology and the Holy Quran', 'The Holy Quran and the life from water', 'the creation of life from clay as mentioned in the Holy Quran', 'Embryology and the Holy Quran', 'Scientific indications in Al-Hadith', 'Muslim contribution to Science & Technology', 'Scientific progress and the understanding of the verses in the Holy Quran and Message for Tomorrow - the use of Kalam (words of Allah) and the use of 'Qalam' (pen).

The prices of the CDs have been fixed at Tk 2000 and the video cassettes at Tk 1000. It can be collected from Ahmed Mansur, Secretary General of the Islam & Science Project, by contacting him over telephone nos 017523576 & 9550555.

'We are selling these on marginal profit and the proceeds will be spent for the welfare of the distressed people,' Mansur said.

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## Bangladesh calls for talks between UNSC & Belgrade

Bangladesh has called for a dialogue between High Representative Office of the UN Security Council and Belgrade to expedite peace process in Bosnia and Herzegovina, reports BSS from New York.

Making a statement on Thursday at the opening session of the UN Security Council on Bosnia and Herzegovina, Foreign Secretary C M Shah Sami said, "we encourage to establish a dialogue with Belgrade for advancing the peace process."

Besides the members of the Security Council, the meeting was also participated by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany and Italy.

Sami appreciated the three priorities of the Office of High Representative of the UN Security Council. These are economic reform, refugee return and institution building of the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

"Bangladesh believes that auspicious moment is now in the offing for speedy implementation of Dayton Peace Accord," Foreign Secretary said.

Progress in implementation of Dayton Peace Accord has been painfully slow till now, much of which was due to the existing political climate, he observed.

To facilitate the economic growth in the fragile economy of Bosnia, Sami said, only a secure economic future could be an effective antidote for the devastation caused by 1992-94 war.

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**Required Qualifications and Competencies:**

At least graduate in Social Science with 5 years experience in relevant field, Masters with 2 years experience in the relevant field is preferable. At least 2 years experience in project planning, management and grass root level organizational development. Experience on credit operation and financial system for Income Generating Activities (IGAs) for rural development projects is essential. Have extensive experience in credit and financial system implementation, especially skills on micro credit operation and have adequate knowledge on existing banking system of the country. Ability to develop training module, conduct training for the staff and different stakeholders. Have proven experience to assess training needs and to evaluate the impact of training imparted. Ability to networking and liaison with GO/NGOs to enhance the technical aspects of the pilot project. Analytical skills, good verbal and written communication skills in English and Bengali. Adequate knowledge on computer software programs including dbase, widows and Fox-pro is required. Have valid Motor cycle driving license.

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