US slowdown clouds Asian outlook, ASEM confce told

name ministers from Asia and mained committed to taking can best prevent prolonged Europe on Sunday said eco- continuing action to make their misalignments while avoiding nonne growth prospects in their economies more robust and to excessive volatility if it is regions were solid, but warned further reduce existing vulner- backed by stable and sustainthat the US slowdown was abilities to external shocks," able domestic policies." clouding the outlook, says AFP. they said

Ministers attending the Asiaering here also said that volatile the growth outlook.

in Asia and Europe have improved over the past two years. vulnerability has been reduced. and inflation remains generally under control." ministers from the 25-nation group said in a statement after two-day talks in Kobe, western Japan.

"However, developments in the recent weeks confirm that downside risks to the outlook have increased, particularly those associated with the continning economic and financial imbalances in the global economy, and slowing down of the said. US economy.

Europe Meeting (ASEM) gath- ity in oil prices and their recent avoid excessive volatility in exdecline. They shared the view change rates might consider oil prices were another risk to that ensuring a stable energy intermediate regimes such as market was vital to the mainte- band arrangements." rather *Long-term growth prospects nance of long-term economic than free-floating currencies. growth for all ASEM partners and the world at large," the has loomed large over the

> Asian economies should tread carefully in adopting a new

financial crisis. necessarily right for all coun- the crash of the Thai baht in tries all the time." the statement July 1997

Ministers "shared the view at the time were fixed in a peg

Commerce Minister Abdul Jalil is seen with the executives and managers at the Mercantile

Therefore, ministers re- that an exchange rate regime

"Countries seeking both to "Ministers discussed volatil- maintain a flexibility and to

The free-falling Japanese yen ASEM debate on what kind of currency system is best suited The ministers from the 15- to avoid a repetition of the 1997 member European Union and market panic, which brought 10 Asian nations also said years of rapid growth in East Asia shuddering to a halt.

The ven has slid to its lowest currency regime to replace the levels against the dollar since one swept away in the 1997 July 1999, reviving memories of the extreme volatility in the "No single arrangement is ven-dollar rate that preceded

Most East Asian currencies

against the dollar, but are now free-floating.

France and Japan recommended to their ASEM colleagues that Asia should in clude the euro and yen in a new post-crisis currency regime. arguing the excessive reliance on the dollar had brought dis-

But Indonesia and Malaysia expressed opposition to the idea of putting their currencies in a basket of trading units dominated by the yen, arguing they wanted to retain their exchange-rate independence.

The ASEM finance ministers agreed to a Japanese proposal to set up a "Kobe Research Project," which will be tasked with linking think-tanks in Asia and Europe in studies of what is the best currency regime going forward.

They also called for the launch of a new round of talks at the World Trade Organisation

Mercantile Bank holds managers' conference

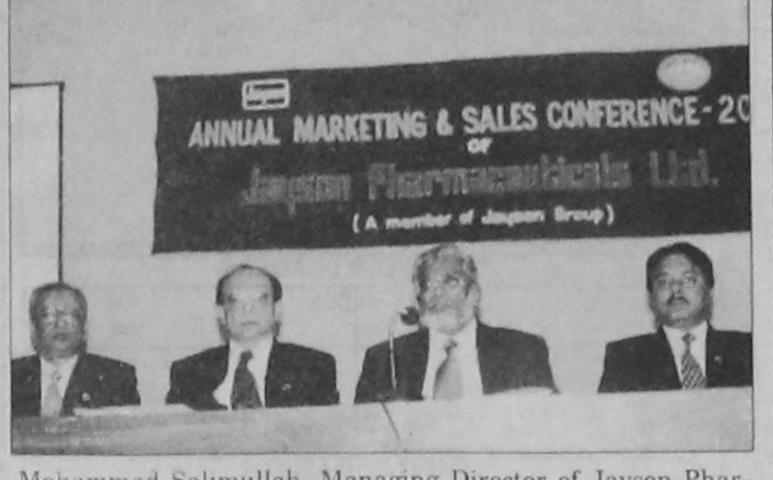
The managers' conference-2001 of Mercantile Bank Limited was held on Saturday at a local hotel in the city, says a

The conference was inaugurated by Commerce Minister Md

Chairman of the Executive Committee Md Anwarul Haque. former Governor of Bangladesh Bank and Chief Adviser of Mercantile Bank Limited. Lutfar Rahman Sarkar. Managing Director M Taheruddin. Deputy Managing Directors M Nurul Islam and S M Nurul Alam Chowdhury and other executives of the bank were also pre-

The commerce minister expressed his warm appreciation for the remarkable performance of the bank during the year 2000 and thanked all concerned for the sizeable profit of Tk 20.16 crore during the year.

He urged upon all for improved customer service and burther increase in the profitability of the bank for the current year. Directors and Sponsors exchanged views with the branch managers.



Mohammad Salimullah, Managing Director of Jayson Pharmaceuticals Ltd, opens the company's annual sales confer-- Jayson Pharma photo ence in the city vesterday.

Japan, France urge Asia to downgrade dollar

pan and France on Sunday partners. urged Asia to include the euro and yen in a new post-crisis trade and capital patterns that currency regime, arguing the are already geographically di-

had brought disaster, says AFP. pan, which are campaigning for But crisis-hit Asian coun- a higher international profile for tries, attending the Asia-Europe their own currencies. Meeting (ASEM) gathering here. said proposals for a yen-based proved, it would be quite unbasket of currencies to be suitable to choose the US dollar adopted as a trading target as the sole reference currency." went too far.

And participants safd the United States would have to be consulted before a new international currency regime could be implemented for Asia to prevent a repetition of the 1997 financial crisis

ASEM finance ministers from the 15-member European Union and 10 Asian nations said that Asian economies might consider broadly managed currency regimes to replace the system of dollar pegs that was swept away in 1997.

"Countries seeking both to maintain a flexibility and to avoid excessive volatility in exchange rates might consider intermediate regimes such as band arrangements." rather than free-floating currencies, a statement said after two-day crisis-hit Asian nations to conministerial talks in Kobe, west- tinue with freely floating curern Japan.

free floatation of currencies foreign-exchange regimes suitseen in most of East Asia since able to their own needs. the crisis were inappropriate, as they could encourage countries proposals for a currency basket. to embark on competitive de- Finance Minister Prijadi Prapto-

rate, would be preferable for can do what they want. economic stability and the spirit countries recommended in a said.

KOBE, Japan, Jan 14: Ja- study paper submitted to ASEM

"East Asian countries have excessive reliance on the dollar versified," said France and Ja-

"As the Asian crisis has

they argued. "Basket currency regimes including the dollar, the yen and the euro would better suit the geographical structure of the balance of payments and would

foster stability. The euro promotion campaign was joined by Belgium. which takes over the rotating presidency of the European Union in the second half of this

"We are working more and more to promote the external use of the euro on the market." Belgian Finance Minister Didier Revnders said in Kobe, urging Asian countries to add euros to

But with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) urging rencies. Indonesia and Malaysia Japan and France said the insisted on the right to have

Asked if Indonesia backed suhardjo told AFP: "No, no. A managed float, including Each country has a certain broad targets for the exchange -regime for exchange rates. They

"So, we just learnt from the of regional cooperation, the two (Franco-Japanese) study." he

Shipping Intelligence

Berth	Name of vessels		L.Port	Local agent	Date of Leaving No arrival	
1/1	Southern Queen	GI(Copra)	Sing	Acka	28/11	
J/2	Gati-i	Hr St.C	Hol	HSL	10/1	
1/3	Ocean Blue (Roro/24)	Vehi	P.Kel	Everett	13/1	14/1
J/4	Ava	Rice(P)	Yang	MTA	3/1	19/1
J/5	Banglar Mookh	Wheat(P)	Mong	MSA	14/12	20/01
J/6	Oriental Queen	C.Clink	Pilok	RML	31/12	16/1
1/7	Pavonis	Wheat(P)	Mumb	SMSL	28/12	
J/8	Tia Estela	Urea(Bele)	Basu	PANA	CCNL	18/1
J/9	Pangani	Urea (Bag	Sing	PSAL	6/1	20/1
J/10.	Jon Jin	C.Clink	Indo	NWSL	4/1	15/01
3/11	Buxmoon	Cont	P.Kel	RSL	8/1	16/1
1/12	X-Press Resolve	Cont ·	P.Kel	RSL	3/1	13/1
J/13	Kota Cahaya	Cont	Sing	PIL(BD)	9/1	19/1
CCT	l Banglar Shikha	Cont	Sing	BSC	12/1	14/1
CCT/	2 Banga Bonik	Cont	Sing	Bdship	9/1	16/1
CCT/	3 Dafa	Cont	Sing	RSL	5/1	14/1
CCJ	Hui Yang	Tsp(P)	Qing	Unique	24/12	14/1
GSJ	Banglar Urmi	Wheat(G)		BSC	R/A	14/1
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Banga Birol (Cont)8/1	22/1		Bdship	Cont	Sing
Kota Singa (Cont)	20/1	Sing	Pil(BD)	Cont	Sing
Topaz (liner)	17/1		Prog	Glmaize)	
Arabella (Cont 8/1	17/1		QCSL	Cont	Sing
Timber Star(72)11/1	16/1	Sing	Everett	St.Coil+GI	
San Pablo (Roro/24/2/1	15/1		Jſ	Vehi	
Ban Ann (Liner)	15/1		Prog	Cont	sing
Banglar Moni(Cont)7/1	15/1	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Banga Lanka(Cont)4/1	15/1	-	Baridhi	Cont	Col
Spring Ocean	15/1	-	Everett	H.R Coils	
Sentosa	15/1		SBS	Cont	Sing
Beluga	14/1	Yeman	OTBL		
Korean Trader	15/1		SBS	C.Clink(MI	Cement)
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cabulk Command		-	IBS	R/A (22/12)		
reek Fighter	C.OII	Rast	Unique	11/1		
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Osg Alpha (Cont)	Cont	Sing	RSL	13/1
Kota Berjava(cont)	Cont	Sing	Pil(BD)	13/1
Orient Independence (cont.	Cont	P.kel	Bdship	14/1
Jurong Balsam (count)	Cont	Sing	Nol	14/1
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	GI(Peas)	Sing	Litmond	11/1

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St. Criox	GI(Peas)	Sing	Litmond	11/1
Eltanin	Wheat(P)	Momb	SMSL	11/1
Enos	GI(Y.M)	Yang	SMSL	11/1
Hadra	Hsd	Juba	ECSL	12/1
Tenka	R.Secd	Sing	Rainbow	12/1
Alam Tabah	Wheat(P)	Viza	RSA	13/1

RM/8 Hui Yang The above are shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

Incoming

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Shifting

CCJ Hui Yang

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bank Managers' Conference-2001

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Directorate General of Health Services Director of Stores & Supplies Central Medical Stores Depot 30 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208

Invitation for Bids (IFB) Health and Population Programme Project Credit No. 3101-BD

IFB No. CMSD/G-NESP-12/2000-2001/D-4/11 Dated: 04-01-2001 1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association in various currencies towards the cost of Health and Population Program Project (HPPP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Procurement of Surgery Equipment.

The Director, Stores & Supplies, DGHS, Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD), Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of Surgery Equipment (Electro Surgery Unit, Arthroscopy, Oscillation bong saw. Pneumatic drill, Endoscope, Sigmoidoscope, Laparoscope, Ultrasonic dissector, Oesophagoscope etc).

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from

and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Director.

Stores & Supplies, DGHS, Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD). Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, CABLE BDIRHEAL, TH. Fax No. 880-2-9126547. Procurement is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the guidelines. In addition, countries not eligible under this project, are: The Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Singapore, and United Arab Emirates. 4. A complete set of hidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders during the office hours up to 11-03-2001 on submission of a written application to the undersigned and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 750.00 (Taka Seven Hundred and Fifty) or US\$ 20.00 (US Dollar Twenty) only either in Cashier's Cheque or in Certified Cheque or in Pay Order or Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in

Bangladesh. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Goods (SBD) (including Corrigendum No. 1 dated October 6, 1996 & Corrigendum No. 2 dated January 1, 1999). The Sample Forms (except Price Schedules) of the SBD are also unchanged.

Bids must be delivered to the office of the undersigned on or before at 11-00 AM on 12-03-2001 and must be accompanied by a security of B Tk 1,00,000.00 (Tk one lac) or US\$ 1800.00 (One thousand eight hundred) or an equivalent of the US Dollar amount in the currency of the Bid in the form and

who choose to attend at 11-30 AM on 12-03-2001 at the offices of the Director, Stores & Supplies, DGHS, Central

of the undersigned at 2-00 PM. All bidders are requested to attend the conference in time.

> Director, Stores & Supplies & Line Director, Procurement, Storage Distribution & Logistics, DGHS Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD)

Jayson sales confce held

The annual sales conference Jayson Pharmaceuticals Ltd was held in the city vesterday. says a press release.

The daylong programme was inaugurated by Md Salimullah. Managing Director of the com-

Members of the Board of Directors and all Senior Marketing Executives and Field Offithe conference.

In his opening address, the possible impact on Pharmaceutical Industries of Bangladesh. ties of the company.

Sri Lankan central bank sees better economy this year

underscored the troubles of a that is partly due to high oil country on what it called a war cers of the company attended country battered by seemingly prices and ever-escalating de- footing," stopped development unending war, says AFP.

The Bank's upbeat forecast Managing Director spoke of its of doubling foreign capital in- dicting that the overall balance tional 400 million dollars to higher export earnings and five duced by more than half, from against Tigers. He also highlighted many as- to six per cent GDP growth co- 516 million dollars in 2000 to pects of future plan and activi- incided with the fourth de- 228 million dollars this year, ducted with rupee, but dollars, valuation in seven months.

Atomic Energy Research

(Ganakbari, Savar)

GPO BOX 3787, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

Telex: 632203 BJ, Fax: 880-2-863051

Ref: IPPRD/40/84(2) Date: 3-1-2001

3rd Re-Tender Notice

binders/agents for binding of books journals of different

Institutes/Units/Divisions of Atomic Energy Research

Establishment (AERE), Savar, Tender schedules will be

obtained by showing the original valid concerned Trade

Licence, Income Tax Certificate and Solveney Certificate

from the scheduled bank. Tender schedules may be

purchased from 22-1-2001 to 25-1-2001 at a cost of 200.00

(two hundred) Taka (non-refundable) from Cashier of the

Central Finance and Accounts Division of AERE, Savar,

having prior written permission. Tender along with the

attested copies of current Trade Licence, Income Tax

Certificate, Bank Solvency Certificate, two certificates from

two organisations where such kind of works have been done

and Tk 3000.00 (three thousand) only as earnest money in

the form or Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of Atomic

Energy Research Establishment, Savar, will be received on

28-1-2001 at 12:00 Noon in the tender box to be kept at the

office of the IPPRD, AERE, Savar, and opened in the same

time of any reason, it will be received and opened on the next

If the tenders are not received on the scheduled date and

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any

Information, Publication & Public Relations Division

day at 14:30 PM in presence of the tenderers, if any.

tender in part or in full without assigning any reason.

working day at the same time.

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide book

Establishment

Lanka's Central Bank, the eco- two per cent lower against the attacks against government nomic prospects in the New US dollar on Friday amid a forces in the northern penin-Year are brighter than ever, but backdrop of dwindling foreign sula of Jaffna. a spate of devaluations has reserves and a widening deficit fence spending.

flows, a shrinking trade deficit. of payments deficit will be re- boost the army's fire power the bank said in a statement.

ment in the external payments country's official reserves by situation is expected to help nearly 30 per cent in a year. economic growth targeted at about five to six per cent this forced the central bank to move year and also help to stabilise its "Managed float" of the expolicies," it said.

Such optimism is based on against the dollar. the island's defence budget keeping to its targets, but in the despite government claims that past the defence budget has international donors had always overshot the original pledged over 3 billion dollars in forecasts by as much as two- development assistance to Sri

In fact, with the government ing last month, presenting its year 2000 budget banking on peace, treasury chief PB Jayasundera predicted the allocation of 52.43 billion rupees (728 million dollars at the time) for defence in 2000. comparable to the 53 billion community. rupees spent in 1999.

within two months Tamil Tiger as on local interest rates,

COLOMBO. Jan 14: For Sri The local rupee was pegged guerrillas carried out ferocious The government placed the

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work for three months and di-However, the bank is pre- verted money to raise an addi-"This is no longer a war con-

a banker here said, pointing to "This significant improve- the rapid depletion of the The dollar crunch also

monetary and exchange rate change rate to effect a 16 per cent depreciation of the rupee The latest depreciation came

Lanka this year during a meet-

The World Bank-organised meet did not say if any aid was pledged to the island, but the government later announced it had received amount in excess of that amount from the donor

However the demand for He said no new military ini- dollars at home has placed tiatives were expected, but pressure on the rupee as well



সূত্র নং-০১(১০৭) অংশ-১/জাতীঃ বিঃ/প্রশাঃ/৯৭/১/৩০০১ তারিখ: ১৪-০১-২০০১ ইং

কম্পিউটার, লেজার প্রিন্টার, স্ক্যানার, ইউপিএস ও ফ্যাক্স/ই-মেইল মডেম ক্রয়ের নিমিত্ত প্রকাশিত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি স্মারক নং- ০১(১০৭) অংশ-১/জাতীঃ বিঃ/প্রশাঃ/৯৭/১/২৭৯১ তারিখ- ০৩-০১-২০০১ইং এর সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ यशाकरम २२-०১-२००५३९ २७-०১-२००১३९ পুনঃনিধারণ করা হ'ল। অন্যান্য শত্বিলী অপরিবর্তিত थाकर्त।

দরপত্র সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

রেজিস্ট্রার জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD) Administration and Establishment

Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka RHD Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed tender in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited. Tender Notice No : 28/2000-2001 A&E, Dhaka. Electrical wiring in the 3rd floor of Name of work "B" block at Sarak Bhaban during

> the year 2000-2001 under Executive Engineer, Administration & Establishment, Dhaka. Tk 96,551/-

Estimated cost : Tk 1,932/-Earnest money Time allowed for

10 (ten) days from the date of issue completion of work order. : A to E class contractor under Eligibility of

general category of RHD. contractor : (i) Executive Engineer (RHD), Name of the Admn & Establishment, Sarak office from where Bhaban, Dhaka, (ii) Sub-Divisional tender will be

Engineer (RHD), Sarak Bhaban purchased Maintenance Sub-Division, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka. (i) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Name of the Admn. & Establishment, Sarak office to receive Bhaban, Dhaka, (ii) Executive tender

Engineer (RHD), Admn & Establishment, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka. On 24-01-2001 up to office hours. Last date & time

of selling tender On 25-01-2001 up to 12-30 PM. Last date & time of receiving tender

: On 25-01-2001 at 12-45 PM. Date & time opening of tender box

Date & time for

this office after receiving the same.

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On 28-01-2001 at 12-30 PM at Date & time of Executive Engineer, RHD, opening of all Administration & Establishment's tenders by the Office, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, undersigned Dhaka.

lottery (if required) N.B.: (i) The tenderer/tenderers have to submit TIN number & certificate with the tender; otherwise the tender will not be accepted. (ii) The officers receiving the tenders are requested to send the tenders in sealed condition to

> Md Aftabuzzaman Executive Engineer, RHD Administration and Establishment

> > Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka

At 11-00 AM on 31-01-2001.

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Director (Acting)

Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208

manner detailed in the Instruction to Bidders. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representative Medical Stores Depot (CMSD), Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208. 8. A pre-bid conference will be held on 07-02-2001 in the office

DFP-578-9/1

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