

S'pore, Japan aim to reach free trade deal by yr-end

Negotiations begin

SINGAPORE, Jan 16: Singapore and Japan opened talks on a bilateral free trade agreement here today, confident of achieving their end-of-year target to ink the accord, says AFP.

The negotiations will be centred on the Japan-Singapore Free Trade Agreement joint study presented to Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori and his Singapore counterpart Goh Chok Tong last year.

Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, who is in Tokyo this week, was told by Japanese leaders they were positive the agreement would be sealed by December, the Business Times said Tuesday quoting a government spokesman.

They were positive and very confident about being able to meet the deadline, and agreed with Lee that we should all try to put in our energies to get that done," the spokesman said.

Three days of preparatory talks will be held in Singapore

this week, followed by negotiations in both Singapore and Tokyo throughout the year.

The negotiations will be held behind closed doors, and announcements will be made when there are developments, a government spokesman told AFP.

The joint study, which received the blessing of both prime ministers last September, called for a "new age partnership" in such areas as trade in goods and services, investment, harmonisation of regulatory procedures, and competition policy.

Tech-savvy Singapore was expected to push for information and communication technology (IT) to be covered by the accord.

When completed, it will be the first free trade agreement for Japan, one of the few industrial countries which does not already have any such accords.

Singapore is negotiating an

array of bilateral free trade agreements, which some critics argue will undermine regional and World Trade Organisation efforts towards trade liberalisation.

At the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Brunel last November, noted economist Fred Bergsten singled out the draft plan for Singapore-Japan as likely to pose an obstacle towards overall free trade around the Pacific.

The plan stated Japan was not prepared to liberalise in agriculture, fishery and forest products, which "clearly violates the agreed precept of APEC liberalisation of comprehensive coverage," Bergsten said.

Singapore last year finalised a free trade pact with New Zealand, is negotiating a similar accord with the United States, and has further deals with Canada, Mexico and Australia in the pipeline.

ICMAB journal editor honoured

The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) recently honoured the Editor of its bi-monthly journal 'The Cost and Management' in a simple ceremony at ICMA Bhaban for his contribution for a decade towards its regular publication, says a press release.

M Abul Kalam Mazumdar, FCMA, President of the Institute, presided over the function and presented a crest of the ICMAB to the editor.

The president in his speech, mentioned with gratitude that the image and standard of the journal, increased enormously by the hard work, vast knowledge and professional proficiency of Hassan. The ICMAB journal is now well accepted and recognised by similar local and foreign professional institutes. He said the ICMAB journal is playing an important role in the development of CMA profession in the country.



ICMAB President M Abul Kalam Mazumdar FCMA presenting a crest of the Institute to Md Nurul Hassan FCMA, Editor of the ICMAB Journal 'The Cost and Management', for his decade-long contribution. - ICMAB photo

IT boom in India slowly reaching out to its poor

BANGALORE, Jan 16: Despite being one of the world's poorest countries, India has become a global power in producing talented technologists who are highly valued from Silicon Valley to Singapore, reports AP.

"Information technology has transformed our international image from being a land of elephants and snake charmers to a land of competent engineers," said Azim Premji, head of the info-tech giant Wipro and one of the India's wealthiest men.

Now, India is beginning to deploy its rich tech resources to improve life in the countryside.

"In five years, it could transform the country," said Premji, bridging the huge digital divide between the technology-capable and the illiterate poor; many of whom have never even seen a computer.

The information revolution is exposing villagers to a world of previously inaccessible knowledge - and beginning to stymie endemic petty corruption.

In the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, fiber-optic cables now connect central government offices with district ones. The plan is to connect to all villages, even those without roads, hospitals or schools. The Internet can now be used for registering land transactions, making driver license applica-

tions and filing complaints against government officials.

In the neighbouring state of Karnataka, where software hub Bangalore is located, 17 million land records, most of them decades old, have been put on the Internet to facilitate easy, corruption-free transfers.

"With a stroke of the pen, the village accountant can create or destroy land ownership," said Rajiv Chawla, a bureaucrat who heads the project. "With help from computers, we are trying to shut him out."

The state is also using computers to make information available on agricultural prices, pension plans, criminal laws and online transactions involving silk, an important local industry.

Several states are using Very Small Aperture Terminals, or VSATs, linked to satellites to reach vast numbers of people who live in areas where there are no telephones. And both the government and private ventures have set up Internet kiosks that offer a range of services.

Traditional devices like PCs might not be a solution. We need places where communities can access the Internet," said Clarence Chandran, the Indian chief operating officer of Nortel Networks, the Canadian

telecommunications giant.

Illiterate farmers in Madhya Pradesh state who never had access to telephones are transforming their lives after being hooked up to the Internet, where they can bypass the middlemen who they claim often cheat them on purchases and sales.

In the state's Dhar region, for example, poor villagers formerly were obliged to travel long distances by bullock carts or bicycles to government granaries to determine crop prices. More trips were required just to find out when grain buyers were making purchases.

Now, they have all this information on the Internet.

Leveraging the Net, villagers can get details of competitive prices in nearby districts to be able to sell at the highest rates, along with local news and weather reports and details of government programmes they never knew about before.

Fishermen, who still go to sea in primitive, poorly equipped boats, are guided to their catch in western and southern India by an Indian Space Research Organization project. Satellites identify warmer sea temperatures around reserves of phytoplankton, the primary fish food.

Exchange Rates

American Express Bank Ltd foreign exchange rates (indicative) against taka to clients.					
Currency	Selling TT & OD	Selling BC	Buying TT Clean	Buying OD Sight Export Bill	Buying OD Transfer
US Dollar	54.2500	54.2800	53.8150	53.6970	53.6250
Pound Sig	80.3605	80.4050	79.1403	78.9668	78.8609
Deutsche Mark	26.5199	26.5346	25.4543	25.3985	25.3644
Swiss Franc	33.3559	33.3743	32.6666	32.5950	32.5513
Japanese Yen	0.4601	0.4603	0.4523	0.4513	0.4507
Dutch Guilder	23.5369	23.5499	22.5911	22.5416	22.5114
Danish Krona	6.8796	6.8834	6.7350	6.7203	6.7113
Australian \$	30.7381	30.7550	29.3884	29.3239	29.2846
Belgian Franc	1.2858	1.2865	1.2341	1.2314	1.2298
Canadian \$	36.5172	36.5374	35.4840	35.4062	35.3587
French Franc	7.9073	7.9117	7.5896	7.5729	7.5628
Hong Kong \$	6.9651	6.9729	6.8858	6.8707	6.8615
Italian Lira	0.0268	0.0268	0.0257	0.0257	0.0256
Singapore \$	31.6234	31.6409	30.6376	30.5705	30.5295
Euro	51.8684	51.8971	49.7843	49.6751	49.6085
Saudi Rial	14.5061	14.5141	14.3095	14.2781	14.2589

Bill buying rates					
TT Doc	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	120 Days	180 Days
53.7512	53.3665	52.9181	52.4696	52.0212	51.5743

US dollar London Inter Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR)					
Buying(S)	Selling(S)	Currency	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
53.6250	54.2500	USD	5.91063	5.74125	5.56200
78.8609	80.3605	GBP	5.92250	5.87563	5.71250
Cash/TC	Cash/TC	EUR/USD	4.83000	4.81188	4.72625

Exchange rates of some Asian currencies against US dollars					
Indian Rupee	Pak Rupee	Thai Baht	Malaysian Ringgit	Indonesian Rupiah	Korean Won
46.48/46.58	59.37/59.45	43.25/43.28	3.7998/3.8002	9475/9495	1282.5/1283.0

Amex notes on Tuesday's market

The interbank USD/BDT market was very active Tuesday. The supply was low as the market players were not selling dollars in the market. The USD/BDT rates ranged between 54.02 and 54.11. The call money market was also active. The average call rates fell to 6-6.5 per cent.

Dollar retreated slightly against yen in Tokyo morning trade on Tuesday under pressure from selling to correct recent rapid rallies as it shied away from the closely watched 120 yen level. The euro came under selling pressure against the dollar as traders doubted the Federal Reserve would pursue an aggressive credit-easing policy after Friday's stronger-than-expected US retail sales and producer price index data.

Swiss franc was easier against dollar and the euro in early European trade Tuesday after news that Swiss food giant Nestle would pay \$10 billion for US pet food company Ralston Purina.

At around 08:13 GMT the exchange rates of major currencies against USD were GBP/USD 1.4773/1.4777, USD/CHF 1.6368/1.6378, USD/JPY 118.11/118.14, EUR/USD 0.9404/0.9409.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth Position and Performance of Vessels as on 16.01.2001.

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Southern Queen	GI (Copro)	Sing Aeka	28/11	-	
J/3	Ravidas (E/L)	E/L	Mong SSSL	14/1	18/1	
J/4	Ava	Rice(P)	Yang MTA	3/1	19/1	
J/5	Banglar Mookh	Wheat (P)	Mong MSA	14/12	21/01	
J/6	Oriental Queen	C Clink	Pilok RML	31/12	18/1	
J/7	Pavonis	Wheat (P)	Mumb SMSL	28/12	22/1	
J/8	Tia Estela	Urea (BCIC)	Basu PANAL	CCNL	18/1	
J/9	Pangani	Urea (Bag)	Sing PSAL	6/1	20/1	
J/10	Jon Jin	C Clink	Indo NWSL	4/1	17/1	
J/11	Buxmoon	Cont (P)	Bag RSL	8/1	16/1	
J/12	X-Press Renown	Cont	Col Everest	6/1	16/1	
J/13	Kota Cahaya	Cont	Sing Pili(BD)	9/1	19/1	
CCT/1	Banglar Bonik	Cont	Sing BSC	12/1	20/1	
CCT/2	Kota Naga	Cont	Sing BShip	9/1	16/1	
CCT/3	Kota Naga	Cont	Sing Pili(BD)	12/1	20/1	
RM/15	Alam Tabah	-	-	-	21/1	
CCJ	Aglos Panourios	C Clink	-	Seacom	14/1	21/1
GSP	Magna Power	-	K Dia	Lams	13/1	16/1
TJSJ	Crystal Ace	R Phos	Sing	Total	30/12	23/1
DOJ	Banglar Jyoti	C Oil	-	BSC	R/A	16/1
CUFLJ	Mun Nur	Cement	Lang	BSL	7/1	21/1



The inaugural function of the 5th Branch of Global Insurance Limited was held at Chowrang Market, Begum Rokeya Sarnai, Mirpur on Monday. Syed Badrul Alam, Advisor of the company, inaugurated the branch while its Chairman Architect Mubashsar Hussain, other directors, Chief Advisor RA Howlader, Managing Director AR Bhuiya and a large number of distinguished guests from the industrial and business arena and elite of the locality attended the function. - Global Ins photo

রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

টেন্ডার নোটিশ নং-১২১/১

নিম্নলিখিত কাজের জন্য অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত টেন্ডার আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

ক্রমিক নং	কাজের নাম	আমানত অর্থ (ফেরতযোগ্য)	ঠিকাদারের শ্রেণী	টেন্ডারের সংক্রান্ত কাগজের মূল্য
১.	রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় চাকরকা ভবনের (২য় পর্য) নির্মাণ কাজ। (পূর্ব টেন্ডার)	দফাওয়ারী দেয় মোট দরের ০৫%	১ম শ্রেণীর সিসিল ঠিকাদার	টাকা- ৩০০০/-

নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার অনুকূলে উপরে উল্লিখিত কাজের বিপরীতে দেয় আমানত অর্থ ব্যাংক ড্রাফট বা পে-অর্ডার আকারে অবশ্যই টেন্ডারের সাথে সংযুক্ত করে দিতে হবে। টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্টসমূহ সকল কার্যদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ২৪/১/২০০১ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিসি ব্যাংক, রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখা, ব্যাংক অফ স্মল ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজ এন্ড কমার্স লিমিটেড, সাহেব বাজার শাখা এবং সোনালী ব্যাংক মিডহার শাখা, রাজশাহী হতে পাওয়া যাবে এবং ২৪/১/২০০১ইং তারিখ সকাল ১০-৩০ মিঃ পর্যন্ত কোম্পানি, রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় দপ্তরে রপ্তকৃত টেন্ডার বাবদে টেন্ডার পৃথীত হবে অথবা ইচ্ছা করলে কোন ঠিকাদার ডাকযোগে দরপত্র পাঠাতে পারেন তবে সে ক্ষেত্রে দরপত্রসমূহ নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে অবশ্যই পৌঁছাতে হবে এবং এ দিন টেন্ডার বাজার বন্ধ অবস্থায় টেন্ডারদাতাদের সামনে (সিডি কেই উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে। দরপত্রের বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ কোন কারণে সরকারী ছুটি/বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে জরুরি করা যাবে এবং সেইক্ষেত্রে ক্রয়ের পরিবর্তিত শেষ তারিখের পরদিন পর্যন্ত দরপত্রসমূহ দাখিল করা যাবে। দরপত্র দাখিল/খোলা তারিখ সরকারী ছুটি অথবা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে (শনিবার ছাড়া) দাখিল/খোলা হবে। দরপত্র ক্রয়ের পূর্বে তালিকাভুক্ত বইসহ প্রধান প্রকৌশলীর বরাবরে অনুমতির জন্য আবেদন করতে হবে। দরপত্রদাতাদের প্রদত্ত দরে সকল প্রকার সরকারী কর অন্তর্ভুক্ত থাকতে হবে। বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বনিম্ন টেন্ডার গ্রহণে বাধ্য নহেন এবং কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল টেন্ডার বাতিল করতে পারেন। টেন্ডারদাতাদের দেয় দরের দফাওয়ারী বিশেষ টেন্ডার এর সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। নির্ধারিত প্রকৌশলীর পদনামনির্দেশ নীচে নন এমন একজন প্রকৌশলীর নিকট হতে বিধি ৭ (সাত) বহরের মধ্যে ১৭ লক্ষ টাকার একক ভদন নির্মাণের সম্বন্ধে সর্বাধিক সার্টিফিকেট দাখিল করতে হবে। অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার দপ্তর হতে এ সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাদি জানা যাবে এবং বেলা ১-০০ মিঃ পর্যন্ত সিসিউল ক্রয়ের অনুমতি দেয়া হবে।

প্রধান প্রকৌশলী
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Notice

It is observed with grave concern that certain people submit tenders with false money receipts that is fake tender against tenders of various development works of Mymensingh Road Division, which is a forgery and illegal act. Besides, it also hampers the pace of development works.

So, all concerned are requested to refrain from such illegal activities. Mentionable, it is hereby cautioned that the legal actions will be taken against tenderers submitting tenders with forged documents.

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Toyota's Thai unit expects 10 pc sales growth this year

BANGKOK, Jan 16: Toyota Motor Corp's Thai unit said Tuesday it expects its domestic sales to rise to at least 80,000 vehicles in 2001, compared to 71,300 units in 2000, says AP.

The expected 10.8 per cent increase would enable Toyota Motor Thailand Co Ltd to maintain its market share at 27 per cent, company president Ryoichi Sasaki told reporters.

He said the total vehicle market is expected to grow to 300,000-320,000 units this year compared to 262,189 units in 2000.

Sales figures for the domestic market in 2000, which were released by Toyota Monday, show that Toyota's market slice fell by 7 percentage points to 27.2 per cent, compared to 34.2 per cent in 1999.

The decline was due to the inability of Toyota to take the lead in the commercial vehicle markets, especially the pickup trucks segment.

Sasaki, however, said this was not too worrying as Toyota had maintained its lead in the passenger car market and as the 1999 market share had been rather unusual for Toyota.

"In every other year since 1996, Toyota's share of the Thai market had been in the high 20 per cent range except in '99," Sasaki said.

VESSLS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	L Port Call	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Banglar Moni(Cont)7/1	16/1	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Jaya Marst(Cont)11/1	16/1	Hald	Everbest	Cont	Col
Bangla Bank(Cont)4/1	17/1	GO	Barriehi	Cont	Col
Timber Star7211/1	16/1	Sing	Everett	St Coll+GI	-
Spring Ocean	18/1	-	Everett	H.R Coils	-
Sittve	17/1	-	Everett	H.R Coils	-
Al Murtuba	16/1	Pipa	CLA	GI	-
Sentosa	22/1	-	SBS	C Clink	-
Beluga	16/1	Yema	OTBL	-	-
Marigold-1	16/1	Sura	OTBL	-	-
Thios Mitsos	17/1	Kaoh	OTBL	Demolition	-
Vasiliki-L	16/1	Kaoh	OTBL	-	-
Triumph Chittagong (7212/117/1)	17/1	Yang	RML	GI(St.Coll)	-
Arabella (Cont)8/1	17/1	-	QCSSL	Cont	Sing
Topaz (liner)	17/1	-	Prog	GI (Matze)	-
Banga Birol (Cont)8/1	19/1	-	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Tiger River(Cont)8/1	19/1	-	NOL	Cont	Sing
Feng Kang Shian(Linter)	19/1	PRC	BDSHIP	GI	-
Kota Singa	19/1	Sing	Pili(BD)	Cont	Sing
Kuo Hsiung(Cont)	20/1	-	QCSSL	Cont	Sing
Kranj (721/8/1)	22/1	-	Prog	Proj. Mat	-
Qc Pinalil (Cont)8/1	22/1	-	QCSSL	Cont	Sing
Boxer Capt Cook	23/1	-	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Bangla Blyoj	23/1	-	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing

TANKER DUE

Olympic Pride	21/1	-	ECSSL	LBO	-
Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	-

VESSLS AT KUTUBDIA

Energy Explorer-IV	-	-	BBAL	5/4
Ismayil	-	-	BBAL	17/8
Dea Conqueror	-	-	Arafeen	R/A(31/12)
Dea Captain	Sing	-	Arafeen	2/1
Seabulk Command	-	-	IBS	R/A(22/1)
Greek Fighter	C Oil	Rast	Unique	11/1
Banglar Shourabh	C Oil	-	BSC	R/A(15/1)
Lebery Sea	Wheat(G)	Sing	Lams	12/1
Banglar Kakoti	Wheat(G)	-	BSC	R/A(13/1)
Prometheus	Wheat(G)	-	Lams	15/1

VESSLS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

READY ON

Osg Alpha (Cont)	Cont	Sing	RSL	13/1
Kota Berjaya(Cont)	Cont	Sing	Pili(BD)	13/1
Orient Independence (Cont)	Cont	P Kel	BDSHIP	14/1
Jurong Balsam (count)	Cont	Sing	Nol	14/1
Qc Teal (Cont)	Cont	Mong	QCSSL	15/1
Andhika Adiparwa	CPO	Sing	Seallih	15/1
Sai Pablo (Roro/24)	Vehi	P Kel	JF	15/1
Ban Ann (Liner)	GI	Sing	Prog	16/1
Hadra	HSD	Juba	ECSSL	12/1

VESSLS NOT READY

St Criox	GI(Peas)	Sing	Litmond	11/1
Eltraon	Wheat(P)	Momb	SMSL	11/1
Enos	GI(Y.M)	Yang	SMSL	11/1
Tenka	R Secl	Sing	Rainbow	12/1
Alan Tabah	Wheat(P)	Viza	RSA	13/1
Jasmine	Wheat(P)	Momb	SMSL	15/1

VESSLS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Samara	-	-	SMSL	R/A(10/10)
Banglar Urmi	-	-	BSC	R/A(14/1)
Erodios	-	-	Litmond	R/A(13/1)

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 17.1.2001

Outgoing	Incoming	Shifting
J/10 Jon Jin	DOJ B. Jyoti	J/9 Pangani to RM/4
RM/3 Andhika Adiparwa	J/7 St Criox	-
DOJ B. Shourabh	Enos	-
-	Al Murtuba	-
-	J/10 Tenka	-

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

Bangladesh Postal Department

Office of the Post Master General, Central Circle
Dak Bhaban, Dhaka-1000

File No SD-7/Pillar Letter Box/2000-2001 Dated Dhaka-8-1-2001/25-9-1407 Bang

Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from pillar letter box manufacturers/suppliers/organisations as per schedule specification approved by Postal Stock Depot, the Post Master General, Central Circle. Schedule of tender will be available in the office of the Senior Post Master, Dhaka GPO/DPMG Sorting & Air Division, Dhaka-1217/Post Master, Dhaka Sadar Main Post Office, Dhaka-1100/ Sub Post Master, New Market Sub Post Office, Dhaka-1205 and Postal Stock Depot, Dhaka on 23-1-2001 till 11 AM and specimen can be seen in the Stock Depot, Dhaka. Persons interested in participating in tender will have to apply in respective pads for purchasing tender. Attested photocopy of trade licence up to date, certificates of income tax, VAT registration and solvency certificate must submitted with application and the photocopy of press release regarding the issue; after attestation, must be enclosed with the application for purchasing. Otherwise schedule will not be sold. The cost of schedule is non-refundable. By depositing it any non-classified head, the original receipt will have to be enclosed with the application. Otherwise, schedule will not be supplied. Tenders will be received in the box kept at the said offices and in the office chamber of DPMG (Savings), Central Circle, Dhaka on 25-01-2001 till 11 AM. Tenders received in the Dhaka GPO/DPMG Sorting & Air Division/Dhaka Sadar Main Post Office and New Market Sub Post Office will have to be sent by a special messenger in the sealed condition in presence of tenderers (if anyone remains present) after preparing list on the same day by 2 PM in the office of DPMG Savings, Post Master General, Central Circle, Dhaka. All tenders will be opened the same day at 2-00 PM in the office room of the Addl. PMG (Postal Service) in presence of the tenderers (if anyone remains present). The specimen of the items with the label, seal and with signature (refundable) must be given on 24-01-2001 during office hours by 02 PM to Manager, PSD. Otherwise tenders will be treated as rejected. Income tax, VAT will be realisable as per government rules. Bill will be paid as per allocation of budget. The authority reserves the power to accept any tender or reject all tenders.

Serial No	Description of item	Number size/ingredient	Cost of schedule
1	Pillar letter box	100 as per description in schedule and approved specimen	350/=

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Chittagong Port Authority

Marine Engineering Division

Tender Notice

Tender Notice No-EE(V)/i-32(Loose-3)/2001

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are hereby invited from those interested vessel repairing establishments situated in Chittagong which have the slipway or dockyard and engineering workshop for docking repairing work of Deck loading barge no-1. Tender schedule can be procured from the office of the undersigned during office hours through Challan by depositing Taka 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only non-refundable in the port fund and through Pay-Order/Bank Draft from the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong. No tender schedule will be sold on the day of opening tender. If the slipway in which docking will be done is private, the certificate regarding capacity of lifting, technical eligibility by the Classification Society, Government of Bangladesh or Engineering University (Bureau of Research, Testing and Consultation/BUET) will have to be submitted. 2.5% (two and a half per cent) of the total quoted cost in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the "Port Authority" will have to be enclosed with tender. Tenders will be received on 30-01-2001 till 12-30 PM in the box kept at the office of the undersigned and office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong. Tenders will be opened the next day that is 31-01-2001 at 12-00 Noon before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present).

The port authority reserves the power to accept or reject any tender partially or fully without assigning any reason.

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Chittagong Port Authority.

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