

BRAC, Desktop launch LINC IT course

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Experts at the launching ceremony of a career IT (Information Technology) training programme yesterday stressed the need for developing skilled human resources to exploit the opportunities in the IT sector.

Observing that the IT sector in Bangladesh has immense potential to flourish, they suggested building essential infrastructure and facilities for the students.

LINC IT, a professional IT training programme, initiated by BRAC and Desktop in association with the IDP Education Australia, was launched in the city yesterday.

LINC IT, a one and half years course, is an initiative of IDP Education Australia, Australian Computer Society (ACS) and five leading Australian universities. BRAC and Desktop training centres will offer the course in the country.

Upon successful completion of the course, one will get the membership of ACS.

The experts said that Information Technology has opened the floodgates to maximum utilisation of global resources to enhance living standard.

"It will continue to play a crucial role in developing a nation in all fronts, but the problem is how to utilise the advantages of this technology", they remarked.

Speaking as chief guest, Prof. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, chairman of IT Export Advisory Committee, said, "We are facing shortage of teachers in the field of IT education and we cannot make our dream come true without trained human resources".

"At present, only 250 IT

graduates are coming out from different public and private universities a year as against the demand for ten thousand professionals," he said. "Without the software industry, we cannot compete in the global market of IT."

Prof. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, also the Vice Chancellor of the BRAC University, said that a set of recommendations for developing the IT sector will be submitted to the government shortly.

The launching ceremony was also addressed by Christina Landsberg of IDP Education Australia. Prof. Frank Fursenko of University of South Australia, Maj. Gen (retd) Sahool Afzal, IT Director of BRAC, Borhan Uddin, Managing Director of Desktop, and SM Kamal, President of BASIS.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

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

The members are requested to attend the meeting on time.

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today at 1:30 pm at Dhaka Club Ltd, Shahbag, says a press release.

Rotarians are requested to attend the meeting for fellowship and make-up.



The launching ceremony of the LINC IT course in Bangladesh was held at the BRAC Inn Centre at Mohakhali yesterday.

157 HIV patients detected in country

BSS, Dhaka

A total of 157 people have so far been detected with HIV virus in the country of which 17 are AIDS patients. And 11 of the 17 AIDS patients have already died.

This was told at a training workshop for the journalists on "HIV/AIDS Awareness Raising via Media" yesterday.

Bangladesh Manabdhikar Sangbadik Forum (BMSF), a human rights organisation dealing with AIDS, organised the training workshop in association with the

UNDP at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB).

Chief editor and managing director of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) Haroon Habib inaugurated the two-day training workshop as chief guest.

Presided over by president of BMSF Aini Elias, the function was addressed by general secretary of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, vice president of BMSF Kalyan Saha, vice president of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum Dr Sultan Mohammad Razzak and executive director of

the BMSF Khairuzzaman Kamal. Haroon Habib said that HIV/AIDS now reached an alarming stage in some countries including China, Philippines and India and the killer disease is rapidly spreading in Bangladesh.

He said the journalists of the electronic media and the print media should come forward to prevent the spread of such killer diseases through their write-ups and columns.

A total of 18 journalists from 16 districts of Dhaka division are taking part in the workshop.



FemiCom Bangladesh screened a telefilm *Patal Purir Deshe* at the BRAC Inn at Mohakhali yesterday. The film deals with arsenic pollution and arsenicosis patients. Picture shows (From L to R) singer Shuvro Dev, actor Mahfuz Ahmed and Actress Champa at the programme.

New computer virus detected

UNB, Dhaka

A new computer virus named VBS/VBSW.GX worm has been detected. This worm is spreading fast via Internet.

The Bangalore-based Virus Emergency Response Team ProLand Software said VBS/VBSW.GX is a rapidly spreading email worm, which uses MS-Outlook.

"This worm can infect Windows 95/98 and Windows NT/2000 systems. It arrives with the subject: Homepage and with an attachment: Home-page-HTML.vbs," it said.

More about the virus is available at <http://www.protectorplus.com/virus-us-info/worms/vbswg.htm>.

Protector Plus detects and removes the virus. Latest version of the Virus Database can be downloaded from <http://www.protectorplus.com/download/database.htm>.

A 30-day evaluation copy can also be downloaded from <http://www.protectorplus.com/download>.

Samad Azad acting president of AL

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister and Awami League president member Abdus Samad Azad will be the acting president of Awami League in absence of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Sheikh Hasina, the President of Awami League, left Dhaka yesterday to attend the special summit of Least Developed Countries in Brussels.

BOU Pro-VC re-appointed

UNB, Dhaka

Prof Rafiqul Islam Sharif, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University (BOU), has been re-appointed for another year with effect from April 30.

Prof R I Sharif, an international IT expert, is the President of Bangladesh Computer Society.

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Dhaka Electric Supply Authority
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Tender Notice

- Name of work : RMO Building during the year 2000-2001 (SH-Essential patch repairing of internal service road from Old Airport to MT Garage at TAP Residential Area) at TAP, Dhaka.
- Estimated cost : Tk 77,557/-
- Earnest money : Tk 2000/- in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of the undersigned.
- Cost of tender : Tk 150/- (one hundred fifty) only (non-refundable).
- Last date of issue of tender document : Up to 17:00 hours on 21-5-2001.
- Time and date of closing : 12:00 hours on 22-5-2001.
- Time and date of opening : 12:30 hours on 22-5-2001 in presence of the contractor or his representative if any in the office of the undersigned.
- Reason for rejection of tender : Tender will be declared informal and will be summarily rejected on the following ground:
i) If the quoted rate is less by more than 5% below the estimated cost.
ii) If attested copy of up-to-date enlistment receipt, VAT registration and TIN certificate issued from appropriate Authority is not furnished along with tender.
iii) If the original money receipt for purchasing tender document is not enclosed.
iv) If the requisite earnest money is not furnished along with the tender.
- Place of tender : In the event two or more tenderer quote the same lowest rate, the award winner shall be decided by a lottery on 24-5-2001 at 11:30 hours in the office of the undersigned.
- Eligibility of contractor : CAAB enlisted 'C' Class and above (Civil) Contractor.

The tender document may be purchased from the office of the Director, CEMSU, PA to Member (Ops & Plan), Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarter, Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, Director, ZIA and from the office of the undersigned during the office hours on all working days except the date fixed for opening the tender. The tender document will be received in the office of the Director, CEMSU, Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle & in the office of the undersigned. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Md Azizul Haque
Executive Engineer
Civil Division-II
CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka
DFP-11820-2/5
G-853

Office of the Executive Engineer
Comilla PWD Division, Comilla

Tender Notice

(Tender No. 38/2000-2001)

Sealed tenders are invited in BD Form No. 2911 for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below :

- Name of work : Construction of 2 Nos. R.C.C. Gate attached to Fire Service & Civil Defence Station at Comilla during the year 2000-2001.
- Estimated cost : Tk 1,17,321/12 (Tk. one lakh seventeen thousand three hundred twenty one & paise twelve) only.
- Earnest money : Tk. 2,350/- (Tk. two thousand three hundred fifty) only.
- Time allowed for completion of the work : 30 (thirty) days.
- Price of tender : Tk. 425/- (Tk. four hundred twenty-five) only per set.
- Place of selling & receiving tenders : Office of the undersigned in/ c. all Executive Engineer's Office under PWD-Circle, Comilla.
- Last date of selling : During office hours up to 23.5.2001.
- Eligibility of contractor/firm to compete in the tender : a) Category applicable as per financial limit authorised enlisted contractor of PWD.
b) The intending tenderers must have VAT registration & TIN Certificate.
c) The tender must enclose the original money receipt in support of purchasing tender document & attested copy of VAT registration & TIN Certificate along with the tender.
- Date of receiving and opening of tender : Upto 12:00 Noon of 24.5.2001 & will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM.
- Lottery (Applicable where necessary) : If more than one tenders are received having same rates stand lowest, selection will be made by lottery to be held on 4.6.2001 at 12:30 PM in the chamber of the undersigned in presence of intending tenderers who like to be present.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

Md. Mohsin Farroque
Executive Engineer
Comilla PWD Division
Phone No. 76935.
DFP-11693-2/5
G-862

Dhaka WASA
Tender Notice (2nd Call)

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Tenders will be received up to 12-00 noon of 21-5-2001 & opened on the same day at 2-00 pm in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Tender schedule will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA & office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address:
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WASA PI-136/2001
DFP-12065-7/5
G-887

Md. Mosharraf Hossain Faruk
Executive Engineer
Drainage Division-2
Dhaka WASA

Gazipur PWD Division
Tender Notice

- Tender No. : 219/of 2000-2001.
- Name of work : Supplying & installation of one Fax machine and one Photocopier for Gazipur PWD Division office at Gazipur in the Dist. of Gazipur, during the year 2000-2001.
- Specification : As per attached schedule.
- Earnest money : Tk 2% (two per cent) of the total quoted amount.
- Time allowed for completion of the work : 20 (twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Price of tender schedule : Tk 425/- (Tk Four hundred twenty-five) only per set.
- Place of selling & receiving of tenders : Office of the undersigned including all Executive Engineers' offices under Savar PWD Circle, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling tenders : During office hours up to 22/5/2001 Eng.
- Date of receiving & opening of tenders : Up to 12-00 Noon of 23/5/2001 Eng and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM.
- Eligibility of contractors/suppliers to compete in the tenders : Bonafide dealer, agent of Photocopier & Fax machine.
- To compete in the tender, pre-conditions, terms and conditions with special terms and conditions along with relevant informations are laid down in the tender schedule which may be seen accordingly.
- The undersigned reserves the right to reject or accept any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason.

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