

Effective confidence building needed in Asian region

BSS, Dhaka

Appropriate dialogue-mechanism coupled with political will to evolve convergence of views as far as possible would help develop confidence building measures (CBMs) in the regional countries, a seminar was told yesterday.

Speakers on the last day of the two-day seminar dealing mainly with Southeast Asia's links with Bangladesh in different perspectives opined that nations in South Asia need to learn CBMs from adjacent Southeast Asian region since beneficial ventures like the SAARC are being afflicted by lack of necessary political under-

standing.

Organised by the Bangladesh Institute for International and Strategic Studies (BISS), yesterday's deliberations were spread into two sessions. Session on "Confidence Building and Security in Southeast Asian Countries" was presided over by former ambassador Anwar Hashim where papers were presented by Dr Atiur Rahman of BIDS and AKM Abdus Sabur and Mohammad Humayun Kabir of BISS.

The second session on "Myanmar - its role in fostering Bangladesh - Southeast Asian Relations" was chaired by former foreign secretary Abul Ahsan and papers were read by the Holiday chief editor Enayeturrahman Khan and Professor Imtiaz Ahmad of Dhaka University. BISS director general Major General Jamil D' Ahsan and Myanmar Ambassador U Ohn Thwin also spoke.

The speakers often drew parallels in the south Asian and Southeast Asian scenario and lamented that what could be possible in one region is largely absent in the other because of mistrust and inhabitation. Nations in south Asia must stop look askance at each other for the sake of furthering the SAARC and improvement of the political environment in the region.

They observed that ASEAN had overcome much of inter-group conflicts and shifted emphasis from "political to economic" issues to turn the forum meaningful. Among others, former foreign secretary Barrister AKH Morshed, former ambassador QM AR Rahim, Major General (Retd) Syed Mohammad Ibrahim, journalist and columnist Zaglul A Chowdhury.

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Sheba Telecom donates ACs to DMCH

Sheba Telecom, one of the leading cellular operations in the country, has donated two units of new air-conditioners for the operation theatre of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), says a press release.

Sheba prompted to donate the air-conditioners following press reports that the cooling system at DMCH operation theatre was out of order for the last one year. As a result, both patients and surgeons have been suffering during critical operations.

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JS body meet on Social Welfare ministry held

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The members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Social Welfare led by its chairman Dabirul Islam visited the UAE Moltree Shopping Complex and the Moltree Housing Complex in the city's Banani area yesterday.

Later they went to the Al-Nahyan Trust at Mirpur and reviewed the activities of the Trust, according to an official press release.

Academic recognition to Al-Nahyan School, providing necessary help to orphanages to become self-reliant, preservation of environment of Al-Nahyan Children Family and preservation of quota for the retarded came up for discussion at the meeting.

A three-member sub-committee was formed with Dabirul Islam as the convenor to submit a report on irregularities in the appointment of night guards by the Social Welfare Department. The two other members of the committee are Ukai Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan and Syeda Zebunnessa Haque.

hury. Professor Shahiduzzaman and Brigadier (Retd) Shakawat Hossain took part in the discussion.

In the first session, Anwar Hashim said CBMs are important in South Asia for bettering bilateral ties. Dr Atiur Rahman said during the recent Indo-Bangladesh border problems a section of the press in both countries played negative role to whip up tensions while a section of intellectuals in our country played "safe role."

In the second session, Abul Ahsan observed that Myanmar is our important neighbour but Dhaka-Yangon interactions in different fields need to be further bolstered.

Enayeturrahman Khan, also a former Bangladesh envoy to Myanmar, said two countries have complementary economies which can be developed for mutual benefits.

Tk 17.5 cr German grant for farmers' project

UNB, Dhaka

Germany will provide a grant of seven million Deutsche Mark equivalent to approximately Tk 17.5 crore for Small Farmer Agroforestry Programme under German-Bangladesh technical cooperation.

German Ambassador to Bangladesh Uwe Schramm and Secretary Economic Relations Division (ERD) Dr AKM Masihur Rahman signed an exchange notes to this effect at ERD office in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday.

The project objective is to develop entrepreneurship of small and landless farmers of agroforestry on private land or homesteads.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhanmondi Dhaka will be held today at 5:30 pm at Dhaka Club Upstairs Family Lounge, says a press release.

The guest speaker A. B. Chowdhury, Vice Chairman, Export Promotion Bureau, will speak on "Export Potential of Bangladesh."



Krishak Khetmajur Sangram Parishad brought out a procession in the city yesterday to press for their various demands including immediate launching of rice procurement drive.

FEMA launches campaign for awareness on voter list

BSS, Dhaka

Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) has launched a campaign to make the voter aware and encourage that they check their names in the voter list.

Under the drive, more than 40 volunteers from Journalist Association for Human Rights (JAHR) in association with volunteer from SCL, a member organization of FEMA, distributed voter guide, leaflets and displayed posters among the people, a FEMA press release said.

The campaign was begun in front of Ananda Cinema Hall and covered different areas of Farmgate, the release added.

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BCIC 1609-22/5/2001
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Addl Chief Manager (Purchase) for Managing Director

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh 1st Corrigendum Notice of Tender

This is informed to all concern that the tender invited vide this office Tender No. 84/2000-2001, 85/2000-2001, 86/2000-2001 and Memo. No. 1046 dt. 19-4-2001, 1048 dt. 19-4-2001, 1050 dt. 19-4-2001 respectively for the work (1) Sarkari Shishu Sadan converted into Shishu Paribar (Phase-II) 54 nos. one at Jhikorgacha in the dist. of Jessore, (SH-Special repairs to 3-storey hostel building), (2) -Do- -Do (SH- Special repairs & re-construction of Superintendent's quarter), (3) -Do- -Do (SH- Special repairs & re-construction of boundary wall & gate) are here by 1st corrigendum due to unavoidable circumstances as mention below:

1. Last date of selling : 06/06/2001 in place of 21/05/01.
2. Receiving & opening : 07/06/2001 in place of date of tenders 22/05/2001.
3. Date of lottery (if : 18/06/2001 in place of necessary) 31/05/2001
- 4) All other terms & conditions of the tenders will be remain unchanged & this corrigendum notice will be a part of the tender.

Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Jessore
Phone: 73395.
DFP-14241-24/5
G-1012

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Science and Technology
Bangladesh Secretariat, Room-903, Floor-9, Building-6
Dhaka-1000

R&D Proposals for Financial Support under Special Allocation for Science and Technology

- Research proposals expenditure of which must be closed on June 2002) in prescribed form are invited (in advance) from researchers/scientists/technologists of established R&D organisations/universities/institutions of Bangladesh for financial support (subject to the availability of the fund) under special allocation from the Ministry of Science and Technology for the financial year 2001-2002. The programmes (detail of which described in the guidelines) are: 1. Capacity Utilization Programmes [1.1 Research Contract (Annexure-A), 1.2 Coordinated Research (Annexure-B)], 2. Capacity Build-up/Capacity Institutionalization Programmes (Annexure-C), 3. Study Contract Programmes (Annexure-D), 4. Supplementary Support Programmes (Annexure-E).
2. Area of research: Agriculture/Medical Science/ Environment Science/Animal Science/Aquaculture /Marine Science/Microbial and Industrial/Basic Sciences/others (to mention).
 3. Guidelines for different programmes under special allocation for science and technology will be available at (A) the office of: Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission/Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research/BANSDOC/Bangladesh Computer Council/ National Museum of Science and Technology/Dhaka University/Rajshahi University/Chittagong University / Jahangirnagar University/Khulna University/Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet/BUET / Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh/ Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (Ex-IPGMR)/Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (IPSA), Gazipur.
(B) Website address: <http://www.bccbd.org> (search for special allocation).
 4. Researchers/Scientists/Technologists of those (para 3 above) and other institutions may obtain, on request, copies of guidelines/terms and conditions/prescribed form (Annexure-A/B/C/D/E) from the above institutions.
 5. Researchers under the special allocation for the financial year 1997-98, 1998-99 & 1999-2000 who have not submitted project completion report should not apply. Other eligible researcher whose project/programme is a necessary in which case 12 (twelve) sets of progress report (Annexure-F), etc along with 12 (twelve) sets of prescribed form (Annexure-A/B/C/D/E) fill in properly must be submitted.
 6. Researchers under the special allocation for the financial year 2000-2001 who are just starting their programmes must not apply since the project completion date is similar i.e., June 2002.
 7. Pursuant to clause 25 of terms and conditions of the special allocation for science and technology of the guidelines, any invitation for proposals and subsequent (if any) relevant advertisement/letter in this regard must be integral part of the guidelines.
 8. The terms and conditions relating to expenditure of this research allocation and outline of subsequent activities are given in clause 6 (pages 5-7) of the abovementioned guidelines. Payment of salary or honorarium to any investigator, procurement of transport or furniture and making any construction work have been prohibited out of this allocation in order that funding is available for more number of R&D project. The ministry's intention is to optimize on the resources, be thrifty and cost conscious. Procurement of computer or refrigerator is restricted to special programme(s)/project(s) if the procurement appears to be essential in the research work. Purchase of auricular or similar equipment cannot be done from this fund; when it becomes necessary, the implementing organization should procure the same from its own resources or otherwise, but definitely not out of the fund. List of minor equipment, where applicable, must be provided.
 9. The last date for submission of proposal [a) Annexure-A/B/C/D/E duly filled-in and signed 12 (twelve) sets and (b) Article 1 through 6 (7 pages) of the guidelines signed by the Project Director (Chief Scientific Investigator) 3 (three) set] for different programmes/projects at the above address, is 28 June 2001. It is to be mentioned that no further extension of date for submission of proposal is permitted.

Fazlul Karim
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 2. Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Ltd (BAPEX), invites proposals from local consulting firms having experience of similar services to provide the following consultancy services.
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 - ii) Objectives : (c) The overall objectives of the above assignment is to conduct the required environmental studies and to prepare the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports for the aforementioned project.
(d) Obtaining environmental clearance from Department of Environment.
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 - Description of the existing environment.
 - Legislative and Regulatory considerations.
 - Assessment of the potential impacts of the project.
 - Description of relevant socio-economic conditions.
 - Recommendation of an environmental management plan with this study.
 - iv) More details of the scope of assignment have been provided in the terms of reference (TOR) of the tender document.
 3. The tender document will be sold from 10.06.2001 between 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on all working days on payment of Tk 1000/- (one thousand) non-refundable only at the following address:
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