New FBCCI chief still sees lack of business confidence

UNB, Dhaka

Still there is a lack of confidence among businesspeople, although the situation has slightly improved on various steps taken by the government, said newly elected FBCCI (Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry) President Annisul Huq.

"There is still a lack of confidence among businessmen, although the situation has improved a little as the government has taken various steps in this regard," he told a function marking his takeover as the new head of the apex trade body yesterday.

FBCCI Administrator Syed activities," he said. Manzur Elahi handed over the

FBCCI's new leader said the economy is now going through investment is decreasing day



Newly elected President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) Annisul Huq addresses the charge takeover ceremony in Dhaka yesterday. Syed Manzur Elahi, administrator of the FBCCI, is also seen.

At the conference room, easing up due to government businesspeople," he said.

through an extraordinary time. thus build a new Bangladesh. "We're now at a corner of a valley from where we can cona sort of stagnation, while struct anything or we can fall

by day. "But this situation too is nothing but unity of the

He made an assurance to Annisul said the country's put in his best efforts to help charge of President to Annisul businessmen are passing rejuvenate the economy and

Earlier, FBCCI Election Board Chairman Prof M Ali Ashraf officially declared the down. What is needed today is names of president, vice manner.

presidents and other mem bers of the FBCCI Board of Directors.

Syed Manzur Elahi also spoke on the occasion and thanked all of FBCCI members and other stakeholders for their cooperation in holding the election in a free and fair

Citi Foundation microfinance scheme with SEEP Network

The Citi Foundation recently announced a three-year US\$11.2 million international grant programme, in partnership with the SEEP Network to advance the integration of microfinance into the mainstream economies of developing countries, says a press release.

The Citi Network Strengthening Program will increase the ability of 12 major microfinance networks and their members to develop products and services that meet the needs of their clients.

In addition, the program aims to enhance the industry's infrastructure, introduce higher standards of management and governance, and promote the vital role of microfinance in providing the poor with access to financial

This program builds on the Citi Foundation's longstanding support of the microfinance industry.

Citi Foundation Jute mills workers may get dues within week

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The workers of BJMC-run 21 jute mills and four closed ones who have long been agitating for their dues are going to receive most of it in a week as the government yesterday released Tk 75.52 crore to pay the dues.

The Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) yesterday received Tk 57.61 crore to pay the dues to the workers of four closed mills who were forced to retire and others of 21 BJMCrun mills who retired voluntarily, and Tk 17.91 crore to pay due gratuity.

start paying the dues in a week," Mohammad Ali, BJMC controller of accounts, told The Tk 459.36 crore to pay the dues ments.

Daily Star.

The BJMC that has been incurring loss in most of its mills over the years will have to repay the money with 5 percent interest in 20 years.

A total 5,926 workers of Peoples Jute Mills Ltd in VRS. Khulna, Qaumi Jute Mills Ltd in Sirajganj and Karnaphuli Jute Mills Ltd and Furat Karnaphuli Carpet Factory in Chittagong were forced to retire when the mills were closed.

As the government announced a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) to slash its staff in the BJMC-run 21 jute mills to half, 5,908 work-"We hope, we will be able to ers decided to retire voluntarily, said officials.

of the workers, it did not have the money to pay. The government later released Tk 382.54 crore in two instalments.

The finance ministry yesterday released 75 percent of the required Tk 76.82 crore for the

"The government has assured us of paying the rest 25 percent after we reply to some audit queries regarding previous Tk 382.54 crore,"

Mohammad Ali said. The BJMC yesterday received Tk 17.91 crore to pay the due gratuity of the employees who retired in 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 fiscal years. The BJMC needed Tk 109.41 crore but received Tk Although the BJMC required 91.50 crore earlier in two instal-

Parjatan Corporation to be National Tourism Authority

UNB, Dhaka

The government has decided to turn Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation into National Tourism Authority by December next for better exploitation of the potentials of - Parjatan Corporation will be the country's tourism sector.

The National Tourism Authority will be set up through the enactment of Tourism Act by the end of the year as the government now looks for complete privatisation of the prospective sector.

No. Eng. Sec.-46/Tender-5/06-07/838

Ministry/Division

Invitation for

Procuring entity name

Procuring entity code

Procurement method

Source of funds

tender documents

documents

tender

documents

Invitation Ref No. & date

a) Last date & time of selling

a) Last date & time of receiving

b) Places of receiving tender

Date & place of pre-tender meeting

Tender closing date & time

tender document

Eligibility of tenderer

document

18. Contact details

19. Package

GD-1333

13. a) Date & time for opening of

b) Place of opening tender

Name of official inviting tender

Address of official inviting tender

works

envelop) shall have to be submitted.

Agency

undermentioned works as per terms & conditions stated below:

of the corporation, Joint Secretary Shafiq Alam Mehedi, made the disclosure at an opinion-exchange meeting with journalists at his office in Dhaka yesterday.

"By December, the present reformation. turned into National Tourism Authority. The present government wants to see the tourism sector grow as a real industry that helps earn robust revenues and create significant job opportunities," Shafiq Alam said.

"The National Tourism ists."

Zila Parishad, Dhaka

46-47, Johnson Road, Dhaka-1100

Invitation for Tenders

Tender Notice No. 12/2006-07

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for the

Zila Parishad, Dhaka.

Not used at present

Tender for works.

ADP & own.

Local Government Division.

CEO, Zila Parishad, Dhaka.

National open tendering method.

Date: 15.4.2008 time: 5.00pm and

Places of selling tender 2. Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Dhaka.

Office, Dhaka.

Office, Dhaka.

16.4.2008 at 12.00 noon.

Office of the undersigned.

to be submitted.

Md. Atikul Islam.

16. Designation of official inviting Assistant Engineer, Zila Parishad, Dhaka.

Name of Source of Tender security Time

fund

purchased at the place of selling specified at SI. No 9(b).

(Taka)

12 (twelve) projects shall be implemented. Detail lists along with tender documents shall be known and

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any

reason thereof 2 (two) sets of tender documents, one in original and one in duplicate (each in a separate

16.4.2008 time: 3:00pm and

Parishad, Dhaka.

1. Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka.

Date: 16.4.2008 time: 12.00 noon and

1. Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka.

Eng. Sec. ZPD-16/Tender-5/06-07/838 dt. 12.3.2008.

3. UNO Nawabganj/Keraniganj/Dhamrai, Dhaka.

3. UNO Nawabganj/Keraniganj/Dhamrai, Dhaka.

4. Office of the Deputy Director, Local Government, DC

5. Office of the Assistant Engineer, Zila Parishad, Dhaka.

2. Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Dhaka.

5. Office of the Assistant Engineer, Zila Parishad, Dhaka.

4. Office of the Deputy Director, Local Government, DC

7.4.2008 at 12.00 noon Office of the Assistant Engineer, Zila

a. All papers including up-to-date valid trade license, Vat

registration certificate & income tax clearance certificate.

b. Original tender purchasing money receipt shall have to be

c. Amount of annual turnover, experience & liquid assets

Assistant Engineer, Zila Parishad, Dhaka, 46-47, Johnson

for Price of tender

completion (days) | documents (Taka)

Assistant Engineer

Zila Parishad, Dhaka

d. As per qualification specified in PPR-2003.

Road, Dhaka-1100, Phone: 7116456 (Office)

Zila Parishad, Dhaka, 46-47, Johnson Road, Dhaka.

from 12.3.2008 to 10.4.2008 specified in TDS shall have

Newly appointed chairman Authority will play the role of the facilitator and supervisor of all the activities of various

institutions in tourism sector." The new chairman said the tourism sector in Bangladesh is "limping" and it needs radical

Shafiq Alam said, "The government is working to attract investments from home and abroad to bring about a massive change in the tourism sector. The present infrastructures are no longer adequate to satisfy the needs of the tour

Date: 12.3.2008

ADB talks Padma **Bridge construction** with Dhaka

UNB, Dhaka

Visiting ADB Director General. for South Asia Kunio Senga yesterday discussed supports for construction of Padma Bridge, budgetary measures and long-term disaster management programmes with Bangladesh.

Talking to the reporters after a meeting with Finance and Planning Adviser Dr Mirza Azizul Islam, the ADB senior executive also appreciated Bangladesh for smooth progress of ADB-supported projects and said the excellent performance in project implementation resulted in record high loan disbursement of around US\$1 billion last year.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) director general arrived here Sunday night on a 3-day official visit to Bangladesh.

The finance adviser told reporters that the donors have so far pledged to provide \$950 million -- ADB \$350 million, and JBIC and World Bank \$300 million each -- for the construction of Padma Bridge at a cost of \$1.6 billion.

He said Bangladesh would have to invest some money in this regard, but it would require some more external assistance. The ADB DG assured that they would try to mobilise more funds in

Warid offers prepaid users call rate options

Warid Telecom has offered its subscribers to choose call rate according to their choice, says a press release.

Under this new offer the Warid Zem prepaid subscribers can choose from four alternative tariff options -- Zem Startup, Zem 24hrs, Zem 1 Sec and Zem FnF -- and switch between them once a day without any charge.

Some features in the Zem Startup are the subscribers will get Tk 0.99/minute call rate from 9am to 5pm and Tk 1.80/minute in regular hours to anyoperator

In Zem 24 hrs, the users will enjoy Tk 0.80/minute day and night call rate to any Warid numbers and Tk 1.50/minute to other operators.

In Zem 1 Sec, the customers have to pay two paisa/second for Warid to Warid calls and three paisa/second for other operator calls.

are the users will get Tk pany's new passenger and 1.20/minute call rate for Warid- commercial vehicles that use Warid calls and Tk 1.80/minute modern 'green diesel power' call rate for other operators.

this regard, he added.

The finance adviser also sought ADB support in Bangladesh's 15-year disaster recovery programme worth \$4 billion while the ADB DG apprised him of the development bank's efforts to set up a disaster fund in the bank.

He said the Bank would also participate in the London conference on climate change at the end of May this year, which would focus on Bangladesh.

During his 3-day visit, Kunio Senga is also scheduled to hold discussions with the advisers for Foreign Affairs, Communications, and special assistant to the chief adviser for Power and Energy, and senior government offi-

The discussions would focus on regional cooperation, food security, and power and transport sector developments, said an ADB state-

Senga will also exchange views with the development partners and other stakeholders on a wide range of development issues.

The Manila-based Asian Development Bank is dedicated to reducing poverty in the Asia and Pacific region through pro-poor sustainable economic growth, social development, and good governance.

Set up in 1966, the Bank is owned by 67 members -- 48 from the region.

In 2007, it approved \$10.1 billion of loans, \$673 million of grant projects, and technical assistance amounting to \$243 million.

Shafin brand ambassador of Great Wall Motors

Great Wall Motors, a Chinese automobile company, has appointed singer Shafin Ahmed its brand ambassador in Bangladesh, says a press release.

An agreement to this effect was signed between the company and Shafin recently.

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As the brand ambassador of Great Wall Motors Shafin will assist ACE Autos, Great Wall Motors' distributor in Bangladesh, to create awareness about reducing air pollution from automobiles.

Moreover, he will introduce Some features in Zem FnF the Chinese automobile comtechnology.

Benefits of trade deals hinges on quality goods: Adviser

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Commerce Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman yesterday called for improving the standards of domestic products so that Bangladeshi entrepreneurs can reap benefits from trading agreements.

main challenge is to develop quality products for the export market.

The adviser was addressing a regional seminar on bilateral, regional and unilateral trading arrangements in Dhaka.

Economic Modeling (Sanem), CUTS International, India and Commonwealth Secretariat jointly organised the seminar with Centre for Policy Dialogue Chairman Prof Rehman gested for studying the existing

Sobhan in the chair. The seminar, attended by

trade experts from other South Asian countries, was arranged at a time when the fate of proper implementation of Safta remains bleak.

regional trade relation, as we He also said Bangladesh's are lagging behind the volume of trade compared to other regional trade blocs," the adviser said.

Now, India and Pakistan want to ink FTAs (free trade agreements) with Bangladesh.

Noting the issue, trade South Asian Network on experts stressed the need for identifying the non-tariff barriers, reviewing and assessing two countries reached over the subsidy and tariff structures before signing an FTA.

In this regard they also sug-

FTAs between India and Sri Lanka, and India and Nepal.

Referring to the India-Sri Lanka FTA, CPD Executive Director Prof Mustafizur Rahman said the long negative lists affect the mutual benefit of "We need to improve our bilateral trade.

If there is any bilateral agreement between Bangladesh and India, it should have a very short negative list, he observed.

Commenting on the India-Sri Lanka bilateral FTA, Dr Saman Kelegama, executive director of Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, said the trade imbalance between the \$2000 million in 2007 from \$463.2 million in 1999. But both exports and imports have increased, he said.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

"তথ্য প্রযুক্তি প্রয়োগের মাধ্যমে ফিল্ম আর্কাইভের চলচ্চিত্র সংরক্ষণ ব্যবস্থার মানোয়নুন সনাতন চলচ্চিত্র সংরক্ষণ এবং কার্যক্রম পুনরুজ্জীবন" প্রকল্প বাংলাদেশ ফিল্ম আর্কাইভ, ঢাকা

मखनानग्र ঃ তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়। দপ্তর/সংস্থা ঃ বাংলাদেশ ফিলা আকহিত, ঢাকা। সংগ্রাহকের পদবি ও জেলা ঃ প্রকল্প পরিচালক, ঢাকা। টেভার আহবানের কারণ ঃ প্রকল্পের জন্য ইলেক্ট্রনিক দ্রব্যাদি/যন্ত্রপাতি ক্রয়। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর ও তারিখ ঃ বিএফএ/প্রকল্প-২৬/২০০৮/৯৬, তারিখঃ ১৮/০৩/২০০৮। ক্রয়ের পদ্ধতি ঃ উন্মুক্ত দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে। অর্থের উৎস ঃ জি ও বি (উনুয়ন খাত)। ৫০১০, "তথ্য প্রযুক্তি প্রয়োগের মাধ্যমে ফিলা আর্কাইভের চলচ্চিত্র সংরক্ষণ ব্যবস্থার প্রকল্পের কোড নম্বর ও নাম মানোনুয়ন, সনাতন চলচ্চিত্র সংরক্ষণ এবং কার্যক্রম পুনরুজ্জীবন" প্রকল্প, বাংলাদেশ ফিল্ম আৰ্কাইভ। টেভার প্যাকেজ নম্বর ও নাম বিএফএ/প্রকল্প-২৬/০৮, G-5 দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ ঃ | ২১/০৩/২০০৮ (সম্ভাব্য)। সিডিউল বিক্রির শেষ তারিখ ३৫/08/२००४ विद्वन ८.००छो। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও ১৬/০৪/২০০৮ বেলাঃ ১২,৩০টা। দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ 35/08/2007 সিডিউল বিক্রির স্থান ও হিসাব শাখা, বাংলাদেশ ফিল্ম আকহিড (৩য় তলা), ১২, গজনবী রোড, কলেজগেট, ठिकाना মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭। হিসাব শাখা, বাংলাদেশ ফিল্ম আর্কাইভ (৩য় তলা), ১২, গজনবী রোড, কলেজগেট, দরপত্র দাখিলের (ক) স্থান (খ) তারিখ ও (গ) শেষ সময় মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭। ১৬/08/२००४ विना ১२.००छा। সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের ৩ (তিন) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ব্যাংক দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা সলভেঙ্গি এবং ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন থাকতে হবে। ১। ল্যামিনেটিং মেশিন, ২। এলসিডি/প্লাজমা টিভি, ৩। ডিজিটাল স্টিল ক্যামেরা, ৪। মালামাল/দ্রব্যাদির মাল্টিমিডিয়া প্রজেষ্টর এবং ৫। কম্পিউটার, ল্যাপটপ ও এক্সসরিজ। বিবরণ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে নিজ খরচে মালামাল সংগ্রাহকের নিকট পৌছাতে হবে এবং অন্যান্য প্রাসঙ্গিক বিষয়াদি সংস্থাপন করতে হবে। সরকারি বিধি মোতাবেক ভ্যাট ইত্যাদি পরিশোধ করতে হবে। সিডিউলের মূল্য প্রতিটি সিডিউলের মূল্য ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)। ক্রমিক নং/প্যাকেজ নং लिए नाम জামানত মূল্য সরবরাহের সময়সীমা न्यास्यतिष्टेः स्थिन G-3 কার্যাদেশ প্রান্তির ২১ এলসিডি/প্লাজমা টিভি দিনের মধ্যে ডিজিটাল স্টিল ক্যামেরা মূল্যের কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্তির ২১ মাল্টিমিডিয়া প্রজেক্টর দিনের মধ্যে কম্পিউটার, ল্যাপটপ, কালার প্রিন্টার, উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্তির ২১ ইউপিএস ও মাল্টিকালার টোনার দিনের মধ্যে দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী এবং পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা ২০০৮ দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন পদ্ধতি অনুযায়ী মূল্যায়ন করা হবে।

দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। জামানত ছাড়া কোন দরপত্র বিবেচনায় আনা কর্তপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত যে কোন দরপত্র পূর্ণ/আংশিক গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

ফোন ঃ ৯১৩৭৪৮৭

মোহাম্মদ ইসতাক হোসেন, প্রকল্প পরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ ফিলা আর্কাইভ, ঢাকা।

১. প্রতিটি দ্রব্যের আইটেমওয়ারি একক দর ও সর্বমোট দর উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

৩. প্রতিটি যন্ত্রপাতি/দ্রব্যের আইটেমওয়ারি স্পেসিফিকেশন উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

আইটেমের দর/মূল্য দাখিল/উদ্ধৃত করতে হবে।

২. সংশ্লিষ্ট যন্ত্রপাতি/দ্রব্যাদির ব্র্যান্ড ও প্রস্তুতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম উল্লেখ করতে

৪. প্রতিটি লটের জন্য দরপত্র সিডিউল আলাদা এবং দরদাতাকে একই লটের প্রতিটি

৫. জামানতের টাকা প্রকল্প পরিচালক, চলচ্চিত্র সংরক্ষণ ব্যবস্থার মানোনুয়ন প্রকল্প,

বাংলাদেশ ফিল্ম আর্কাইড, ঢাকা বরাবর পে-অর্ডার/ক্রস চেক এর মাধ্যমে

জিডি-১৩৬৯ প্রকল্প পরিচালক

আহ্বানকারী ঃ

কর্মকর্তার নাম, পদবি ও