

New president of BASIS



Habibullah N Karim has been elected president of Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) for the term 2008-2009, says a press release.

Karim, who obtained BSEE degree from Yale University, founded Technohaven in 1986.

Karim represented the software industry as a full member of the Bangladesh Prime Minister's ICT Task Force between 2001 and 2003 and spearheaded a number of initiatives meant to accelerate the growth of the software and IT services industry in the country and remove the regulatory and policy level hurdles along the way.

He helped found the ICT Business Promotion Council (IBPC) in 2002 under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh.

He also served BASIS as its president and served in that capacity from 2001 to 2003.

Prime Bank celebrates 13th anniversary today

Prime Bank Ltd will celebrate its 13th founding anniversary today, says a press release.

The bank held a press conference in Dhaka yesterday to announce the celebration and highlight its products, services and different corporate social responsibility practices.

Managing Director M Shahjahan Bhuiyan, Additional Managing Director Nasiruddin Ahmed, deputy managing directors RQM Forkan and Syed Mahbubur Rahman and other senior officials were present at the press conference.

The MD at the press conference talked about the bank's present programmes and future strategies.

Fidelity's Asia Fund lists Bangladesh as frontier market

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Emerging Asia Fund, launched by Fidelity Investments Management (Hong Kong), lists China, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, and the Philippines as emerging markets while Pakistan, Vietnam, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka are listed as the frontier markets.

The Fidelity, however, hasn't set a target size of the fund and said it expects to initially invest the bulk of the portfolio's assets in the emerging, rather than the frontier markets, due to 'limited opportunities' at the moment, says Teera Chanpongsang, who will manage the fund on behalf of

Fidelity.

The fund will be looking for stocks that fit four investment themes: domestic consumption, exposure to China and India growth, infrastructure spending, and new frontier markets.

Chanpongsang expects that Vietnam, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Cambodia will be part of the MSCI (Morgan Stanley Capital International) Emerging Asia Index in three to five years. The index is designed to measure equity market performance in global emerging markets.

Chanpongsang counts demographics as one of the opportunities presented by

emerging and frontier markets in Asia.

In Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Malaysia, India, Vietnam, and Indonesia, more than 50 percent of the population is below the age of 25. This segment of population in these markets will constitute their labour force in the coming years and will be the ones to support consumer growth.

In Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and Indonesia, more than 60 percent of GDP is driven by domestic consumption and this is a trend that Chanpongsang expects to continue.



Managing Director of Prime Bank Ltd M Shahjahan Bhuiyan speaks at a press conference in Dhaka yesterday to announce the bank's 13th founding anniversary to be celebrated today. Other senior officials are also seen.

Dragonair to up frequency to Dhaka from July

Dragonair will increase the number of flights to Dhaka from four times a week to five from July 7 to cope with the increasing market demand, says a press release.

"Dhaka has always been an important market for both passenger and cargo services, and we are seeing month-by-month growth in the market. By adding one more flight

every week, both business and leisure travellers will benefit from the increased frequency," said CEO Kenny Tang.

"The demand from business travellers in Dhaka for services to Hong Kong and beyond has always been high. We have also seen an increasing demand from the growing population of expatriates from Asia and the

Mainland in Dhaka," said Tang.

"The extra frequency will also help meet the huge demand for cargo services in the Dhaka market, which has been increasing, and we anticipate the strong growth to continue."

Dragonair, an affiliate member of oneworld, is a Hong Kong-based airline operating a fleet of 31 passenger aircraft and eight freighters serving 34 regional destinations. Dragonair is part of the Cathay Pacific Group, providing seamless connectivity for passengers to more than 100 cities around the globe.



Chief Adviser Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed visits a stall after inaugurating a 3-day exposition of textiles styled TEXBANGLA 2008 at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday.



Agrani Bank gets CEO

Syed Abu Naser Bukhtear Ahmed joined Agrani Bank Limited Tuesday as chief executive officer (CEO) and managing director, says a press release.

Ahmed started his banking career at the State Bank of Pakistan in Karachi in 1970.

He also served Southeast Bank Ltd as its managing director.

US firm buys Philippine power plant

AFP, Manila

US company AES Corp. said Wednesday it had closed a deal to buy a coal-fired power plant from the Philippine government for 930 million dollars.

AES Corp. president and chief executive Paul Hanrahan said his company had finalised the acquisition of the Masinloc power plant.

He said the firm would increase its capacity by as much as 600 megawatts with an additional one billion dollars to be spent for expansion.

India inflation too high, expects action soon: Central bank

AFP, Mumbai

India's central bank governor says inflation is unacceptably high and that the bank will make an announcement after its next policy meeting on how it will seek to tame it.

India's inflation is at a 40-month high of 7.41 percent fanning expectations of more monetary tightening that would hit economic growth.

"We anticipated some inflationary pressures but it turned out to be more intense. We have to examine all aspects of the situation, both global and domestic," central bank Y.V. Reddy told reporters in New York late on Tuesday.

"Definitely the current level of inflation is unacceptable to us," said Reddy in remarks aired Wednesday on Indian television.

"We are having a meeting of the policy advisory committee and we expect to make an announcement on April 29," he said.

Some analysts forecast as much as a 50-basis-point interest rate hike when the central bank meets later this month

that could slow economic growth further by driving up loan costs and dampening demand.

Other analysts have forecast the central bank would choose instead to hike the amount banks must hold as cash reserves to curb liquidity in order to try to tame inflation, saying another rate hike might hit the economy too hard.

Interest rates are already riding at six-year highs.

Economic growth is seen slowing to as low as seven percent in this fiscal year to March 2009, from around 8.8 percent last year.

The rising Indian inflation comes amid global worry about inflationary pressures from soaring prices for food, fuel and metals.

Indian inflation has climbed steeply from a trough of 3.1 percent in October and is far above the central bank's tolerance level of five percent.

The country faces a daunting challenge of trying to keep food and other goods affordable for its population of more than 1.1 billion people, many of whom live in grinding poverty.

Garment accessories making plant to be set up in Adamjee EPZ

UNB, Dhaka

An India-Hong Kong joint venture company will set up a garment accessories manufacturing plant in Adamjee Export Processing Zone.

The company, M/s Cosmopolitan Industries (Pvt) Limited, will invest Tk 155 crore and produce garments items. The company will create employment opportunity for 1,096 Bangladeshis, including 16 foreign nationals.

An agreement to this effect was signed between the Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority and the Cosmopolitan Industries in BEPZA Complex Wednesday.

Intel reports profit dip

AFP, San Francisco

Intel Corporation announced Tuesday a dip in profit despite record-high revenues of 9.7 billion dollars in the first three months of 2008.

The world's biggest chip maker reported net income of 1.44 billion dollars, or 25 cents per share, in the first quarter.

ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালকের কার্যালয়
“ওয়াসা ভবন”
৯৮, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ
কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫

স্মারক নং-১এ-২০৮/২০০৮/ভি-১/৫০১/প্রঃ তারিখ: ০১/০৪/২০০৮

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা ওয়াসার নিম্নবর্ণিত পদে উপযুক্ত প্রার্থী নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

ক্রঃ নং	পদের নাম	শূন্য পদের সংখ্যা	০১/০৪/০৮ তারিখে বয়স	বেতন স্কেল (২০০৫ অনুযায়ী)	শিক্ষাপত্ন যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা
১.	সহকারী প্রকৌশলী	৪১	অনুর্ধ্ব ৩০ বৎসর	৬,৮০০-৩২,৫৭৭-৩,০৭৫-ইবি-৩০৫-১১-১০,০৮০/-	কোন স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে সিল্ভি/মেকানিক্যাল/কেমিক্যাল/ইলেকট্রিক্যাল এন্ড ইলেকট্রনিক্স/গ্যাসার রিসোর্সেস ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং এ বিএসসি/এএমআইই (পার্ট এ এন্ড বি) বা সমমানের স্বীকৃত ডিগ্রি।
২.	উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী	৭৯	অনুর্ধ্ব ৩০ বৎসর	৫,১০০-২৮,০৭৭-৭,০৬০-ইবি-৩০০-১১-১০,০৬০/-	কোন স্বীকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে সিল্ভি/মেকানিক্যাল/ইলেকট্রিক্যাল এন্ড ইলেকট্রনিক্স/গ্যাসার/কেমিক্যাল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং এ কমপক্ষে ২য় শ্রেণীর ডিগ্রোয়া।

সাধারণ প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যাবলী:

- ০১। দরখাস্ত গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ: ৩০-০৪-২০০৮।
- ০২। মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা ৩২ (বত্রিশ) বৎসর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য (উপযুক্ত সনদপত্র দরখাস্তের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে)।
- ০৩। উল্লিখিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন বিভাগীয় প্রার্থীদের বেলায় ৪৫ (পঁয়তাল্লিশ) বৎসর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য।
- ০৪। সরকারি বা অন্যান্য সংস্থার অধীনে চাকরীরত প্রার্থীদেরকে প্রয়োজনীয় সার্টিফিকেটসহ যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদনপত্র নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ০৫। মেধা, জেলাভিত্তিক কোটা, মুক্তিযোদ্ধাদের সন্তান, মহিলা, এতিম ও প্রতিবন্ধী, উপজাতীয় ইত্যাদি কোটা সংরক্ষণ সংক্রান্ত সরকারি বর্তমান আদেশ মোতাবেক প্রার্থীদেরকে নির্বাচন করা হবে।
- ০৬। সাদা কাগজে প্রার্থীর নাম, পিতা/স্বামীর নাম, মাতার নাম, স্থায়ী ঠিকানা ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা, নিজ জেলা, জাতীয়তা, জন্ম তারিখ, শিক্ষাপত্ন যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা উল্লেখপূর্বক সনদ সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি সহ সাম্প্রতিক কালে তোলা ২ (দুই) কপি সত্যায়িত পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ফটো এবং প্রথম শ্রেণীর ম্যাট্রিক/প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড অফিসারের নিকট থেকে গৃহীত চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র এবং স্থানীয় সিটি কর্পোরেশনের কমিশনার/পৌরসভার চেয়ারম্যান অথবা ইউনিয়ন পরিষদের চেয়ারম্যানের নিকট হতে নারিকঙ্কড়ের সার্টিফিকেট সংযুক্ত করে ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক বরাবরে দরখাস্ত (কপিউটারে কম্পোজ ও স্বাক্ষরসহ) ওদুমার ডাকঘরো বিজ্ঞাপনে উল্লিখিত সর্বশেষ তারিখে অবধা তৎপূর্ণে সচিব, ঢাকা ওয়াসা, ওয়াসা ভবন, ৯৮, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫ এর কার্যালয়ে দাখিল করতে হবে। দরখাস্ত গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ বা তৎপূর্ণে অফিস চলাকালে সন্নিবিষ্ট কার্যালয়ে না পৌঁছালে কোন দরখাস্ত গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। বামের উপর প্রার্থীর পদের নাম উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- ০৭। ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক, ঢাকা ওয়াসা এর অনুকূলে ২০০/- টাকা মূল্যের পোষ্টাল অর্ডার/সোনালী, অগ্রাধী, কৃষি ও জনতা ব্যাংক হতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার (অফেরতযোগ্য) সমেত দরখাস্ত সর্বশেষ ৩০/০৪/২০০৮ তারিখের মধ্যে পৌঁছাতে হবে।
- ০৮। সাক্ষাৎকার গ্রহণের সময় মূল সার্টিফিকেট প্রদর্শন করতে হবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তানদের ক্ষেত্রে সর্বশেষ সরকারি বিধি মোতাবেক তাদের দরখাস্তের সাথে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সার্টিফিকেট দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ০৯। শিক্ষা জীবনে তৃতীয় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। অসম্পূর্ণ দরখাস্ত বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- ১০। কোনরূপ ভদরিক প্রার্থীর অযোগ্যতা বলে গণ্য হবে।
- ১১। নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত সকল ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং এ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি যে কোন সময় বাতিলের ক্ষমতাও কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

ওয়াসা-পিআই-০৩৯/২০০৮
জিডি-১৮০৮

প্রকৌশলী মোঃ রাহমানুল আবেদীন
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INTERNATIONAL RE TENDER NOTICE

RE TENDER FOR IMPORT OF 3000 M. TONS ±10% OF REFINED EDIBLE SOYABEAN OIL UNDER CASH

Tender No. TCB/IMP-04/2008 Dated: 17-04-2008

Trading Corporation of Bangladesh invites sealed tender, in the prescribed form obtainable from Sonali Bank, Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka on payment of Tk. 1,500.00 (Taka One Thousand Five Hundred) only per set (non-refundable) for import of 3,000 M. Tons ±10% of Refined Edible Soyabean Oil against payment under cash. Out of 3000 M.Tons, 1500 M.Tons Soyabean Oil is to be supplied in 2 litre, 5 Litre & 8 Litre container and 1500 M.Tons in 185 kg drum. A tenderer shall have the option to offer whole quantity i.e. 3000 M.Tons in 2.5 and 8 Litre container. Tenderer should quote both FOB price and freight separately. Prices shall have to be quoted on CFR(C) Chittagong liner term basis. Entire quantity of tendered Soyabean Oil is to be shipped by 30-06-2008 at the latest. Offers should remain valid for minimum 15(fifteen) days from the day of opening of tender. Tenders are to be submitted alongwith Earnest Money amounting to US\$ 85,000 or Tk.60,00,000.00 in the form of Bank Guarantee or Pay Order. The amount of Earnest money shall be US\$ 42,500.00 or Tk. 30,00,000.00 in case offer for 1500 M.Tons Soyabean Oil. Successful bidder is to submit 10% Performance Guarantee before signing of contract with TCB. Other terms and conditions are given in the Tender Form. Offers should be strictly in accordance with the tender terms and conditions as mentioned in the tender documents.

Tenders to be dropped in the tender box kept in the Import Division of the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh, TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka upto 11:00 a.m. on 15-05-2008 and to be opened at 11.15 a.m. on the same day in presence of the representatives of the tenderers, if any. No tender form shall be sold on the day of opening of the tender.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason and to increase or decrease the quantity of Soyabean Oil to be purchased under this tender.

(Md. Ruhul Amin Talukdar)
Senior Executive(Import)
Phone: 8120031

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH National Institute of Mass Communication
Ministry of Information
125/A, Danus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1216.
Invitation for Tenders
Seal Tenders are hereby invited from the confide Suppliers/Local agents /Importers/Distributor for supply of Miscellaneous Materials & Furniture and accessories.

No.	Particulars	Remarks
1.	Ministry	Ministry of Information
2.	Agency	National Institute of Mass Communication 125/A, Danus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1216.
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Director General National Institute of Mass Communication 125/A, Danus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1216.
4.	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6.	Invitation Ref No. & Date	(1) NIMC/Store-5/2006/564 Date- 13-04-2008 (2) NIMC/Admin-62/2007/565 Date- 13-4-2008
7.	Tender name	(1) Supply of Miscellaneous Materials (2) Supply of Furniture and Accessories
8.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) National
9.	Funding Information	Revenue Budget Own Funds
10.	Budget and Source of Funds	N/A
11.	Tender last selling date	21-04-2008 up to 4:30 p.m.
12.	Tender Closing date & time	22-04-2008 At 11.00 a.m.
13.	Tender opening date & time	22-04-2008 At 11.30 a.m.
14.	Name & Address of the office	National Institute of Mass Communication 125/A, Danus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1216.
15.	Receiving Tender Document	National Institute of Mass Communication 125/A, Danus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1216.
16.	Opening Tender Document	National Institute of Mass Communication 125/A, Danus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1216.
17.	Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional) Place, Date, Time	N/A
18.	Eligibility of Tender	Registered Bangladeshi Suppliers /Local agents /Importers/ Distributor
19.	Brief Description of Goods	(1) Supply of Miscellaneous Materials (2) Supply of Furniture and Accessories
20.	Brief Description of Related Services	N/A
21.	Price of Tender Document	300.00 (Tk. Three hundred) Only (Not Refundable) (Per Item)

Lot No.01	Identification	Location	Security Amount (Refundable)	Completion Date
22.	Item No.1 Miscellaneous Materials (Appendix-A)	National Institute of Mass Communication 125/A, Danus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1216.	4,000.00 (Tk. Four thousand only)	15 days after signing of contract
	Item No. 2 Furniture and Accessories (Appendix-B)	National Institute of Mass Communication 125/A, Danus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1216.	3,000.00 (Tk. Three thousand only)	15 days after signing of contract

Procuring Entity Details

23.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Sk. Ejazur Rahman
24.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Assistant Director (Admin)
25.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	National Institute of Mass Communication 125/A, Danus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1216.
26.	Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone : 9007410-4, Fax : 880-2-9005580
27.	Special Instructions	A) The provision laid down in the Public Procurement Act - 2006 shall be in strict compliance. B) The procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders prior to acceptance. If tender opening day happens to be holiday or unavoidable circumstances the next normal working day will be treated as valid day for dropping and opening the tender. No tender document will be sold on the day of opening and no tender will be received through Telex / Fax / Post / Courier etc.

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