

# Changes in mindset needed for development of women entrepreneurs

## Workshop told

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Changes in traditional mindset are needed for the development of women entrepreneurs, a workshop was told in Dhaka yesterday. The women entrepreneurs should not be confined themselves to particular areas of business for their development, speakers at the workshop said.

The speakers also called for increasing the efficiency of women entrepreneurs for the overall development of the country.

The workshop was part of a two-year project titled "Designs on Diversification", which discussed the aspects of women-owned businesses.

It also focused on long-term capacity and the sustainability of the busi-

nesses run by women entrepreneurs.

Jonathan Weber, project director of "Designs on Diversification", conducted the workshop.

Selima Ahmad, president of Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BWCCI), was also present.

Under the project, Birmingham Chamber of

Commerce and Industry (BCCI) and Lyon Chamber of Commerce (LCC) are providing theoretical and technical assistance for the entrepreneurs of Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BWCCI) on how to achieve desired quality of products for the European market.

The project is funded by the European Union (EU).

# Petrochemicals fire up S'pore export

ANN/ THE STRAITS TIMES

Singapore's exports rallied last month, easily beating expectations, as petrochemical firms lifted overseas shipments and offset slumping sales of drugs and electronics.

Petrochemicals are chemical products derived from petroleum, and are used in a vast range of consumer and industrial products such as

plastics.

The better-than-expected trade data showed that non-oil domestic exports (Nodx) had gained 5.4 per cent to \$14 billion since April last year. This was more than double the 2.3 per cent rise that economists had expected.

It was a welcome turnaround from March, when shipments slumped 5.9 per cent year-on-year.

The figures were released Sunday by International Enterprise (IE) Singapore.

HSBC Bank economist Robert Prior-Wandesforde said: "While it would be wrong to suggest that Singapore is seeing a strong export performance, the sector is hardly collapsing in the way many doom-sayers predicted."

However, other observers warn that the road ahead

remains cloudy.

CIMB-GK economist Song Seng Wun said: "The real test will come in the second half of the year, when the pinch from higher energy and raw material costs will be felt more acutely."

Non-electronic Nodx, which includes petrochemicals and pharmaceuticals, climbed 9.8 per cent to \$8.3 billion after slumping 4.3 per cent in March.

## Premier Leasing chairman, VC reelected



Shelley

Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley has been reelected chairman of Premier Leasing and Finance Limited at a meeting of the board of directors of the company held in Dhaka recently. ASM Feroz Alam has also been reelected vice-chairman of the company, says a press release. Dr Shelley, a former minister, is the chairman of Centre for Development Research Bangladesh (CDRB) and Mohona Holdings Ltd. ASM Feroz Alam is an icon of wholesale business of wrist-watch in the country. He is involved in travel and tourism business. Subsequently, he associated himself with banking and leasing business. Besides being one of the sponsor-directors of Premier Leasing & Finance Limited, he is also the first vice-chairman of Mercantile Bank Limited.

## India, Finland to up flight capacity to boost trade

PTI, New Delhi

Indian officials are expected in Finland as early as August to sign a revised bilateral air services agreement aimed at increasing capacity between the two countries, currently linked by Nordic carrier Finnair.

The visit and signing of the new agreement is expected in August or the latest in September, an informed source said. Finnair operates 12 daily services from Helsinki to New Delhi and Mumbai, and would be adding one more flight to Mumbai in the first week of June. The existing bilateral, modified in May 2006, allow 14 flights a day from each side.



Anis A Khan, CEO and managing director of IDLC Finance Ltd., and Md. Mazharul Islam, chairman and managing director of Bengal Meat Processing Industries Ltd., sign a contribution agreement recently. Under the agreement, LEIC will assist BMPI to conduct a training programme on various issues and aspects required for the international market.

# Salary gap widening in Indonesia: Study

ANN/ THE JAKARTA POST

The gap in salaries between managers and clerics in Indonesia widened last year from 2006 in part because of a shortage in talent amid the country's growing economy, a global study says.

The finding, released by global consulting company Hay Group, takes into account compensations and benefits of 12 million employees in 61 countries, including 71,000 employees in Indonesia working in large multinational and

local firms.

The disparity rate rose from 8.7 per cent in 2006 to 9.1 per cent last year, placing Indonesia's rate 8th highest out of 11 countries. The study shows the gap is widest in telecommunications and banking industries -- both fast growing sectors in Indonesia.

Michelle Low, the company's regional marketing manager in Singapore, told The Jakarta Post the gap was mainly driven by a lack of skilled labour to support the country's high economic growth.

"It is not that Indonesian managers demand high salaries, but companies competing with each other for a limited pool of experienced and skilled managers have driven up their salaries," Low said.

"As more companies in Indonesia adopt a pay-for-performance approach, the situation is becoming more balanced. Companies are able now to better measure their ROI (return on investment) for their salary budgets, while managers know what they are being paid to achieve."

## Australia says to quit EBRD in 2010

AFP, Kiev

Australia said on Monday that it would withdraw as a shareholder of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in 2010 after judging that its work was nearing completion in the former Soviet bloc.

The development came ahead of the appointment of new EBRD president Thomas Mrow, who will take over in July.



Dr Md Nurul Amin, chairman of BASIC Bank Limited and secretary to the Ministry of Industries, recently inaugurates the 31st branch of the bank in Rangpur. BSCIC Chairman Mahbubur Rahman, also the director of the bank, deputy commissioner and police superintendent of Rangpur and the bank's, senior officials were also present.

**বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়**  
গাজীপুর-১৭০৫

**পরীক্ষা বিভাগ**

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১৩/০৬/২০০৮ শুক্রবার	DCSA-2302	Operating Systems	সকাল ৯-১২টা
২০/০৬/২০০৮ শুক্রবার	DCSA-2303	Microcomputers and Microprocessors	সকাল ৯-১২টা
২৭/০৬/২০০৮ শুক্রবার	DCSA-2304	Database Management Systems	সকাল ৯-১২টা
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	DCSA-2303	Microcomputers and Microprocessors	
	DCSA-2304	Database Management Systems	
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১১/০৭/২০০৮ শুক্রবার	DCSA-1201	Computer Basics	সকাল ৯-১২টা
১৮/০৭/২০০৮ শুক্রবার	DCSA-1302	Office Automation	সকাল ৯-১২টা
২৫/০৭/২০০৮ শুক্রবার	DCSA-1303	Computer Programming	সকাল ৯-১২টা
০১/০৮/২০০৮ শুক্রবার	DCSA-1304	English	সকাল ৯-১২টা
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জিডি-২৪০৩

**The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd.**  
Gazipur

**International Tender for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 02 (two) Sheet Counting Machines**

Sealed tenders in two envelope system are hereby invited from the suppliers/manufacturers for supply of the above machines for this corporation as per under noted schedule. Tender document showing terms and conditions with specification will be available from the office of The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd., Gazipur and its Liaison Office at Annex Building-1, 6th Floor, Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka-1000 during Sunday to Thursday between 09.00am to 04.00pm against an application in the letterhead pad of the respective firm on payment of Taka 1,000.00 (one thousand) only.

1. Selling of tender : From 20-05-2008 to 05-06-2008.
2. Last date & time for submission of tender : 23-06-2008 up to 11.00am
3. Date & time for opening of tender : 23-06-2008 at 11.05am.

Earnest money @ 3% (three percent) of the total tender amount shall have to be submitted in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order/irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh. Irrevocable Bank Guarantee may also be given from an international commercial bank abroad having counter guarantee from any bank in Bangladesh along with the tender in favour of the Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bd) Ltd, Gazipur. Tender(s) without earnest money shall not be acceptable. The tender(s) under sealed cover addressed to the Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd, Gazipur shall have to be dropped in the tender box kept in Corporation's office at Gazipur and only the technical offer(s) shall be opened as per schedule mentioned above in presence of tenderer(s) if any. Financial offer(s) of only the technically qualified bidder(s) will be opened on a subsequent date which will be intimated to the concerned tenderer. Tender may be sent also through postal/courier services which must be reached within the scheduled deadline. 1 (one) tender schedule is applicable only for one supplier/manufacturer for submitting one offer along with earnest money. The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever. Submission of tender after the specified time shall not be acceptable under any circumstances.

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GD-2418

**Invitation for Tenders**  
Office of the Workshop Manager  
The Chittagong Port Authority  
Chittagong

1. Ministry/Division : Ministry of Shipping.
2. Agency : Chittagong Port Authority (CPA).
3. Procuring entity name : CPA.
4. Procuring entity code : N/A.
5. Procuring entity district : Chittagong.
6. Invitation for : Procurement of spare parts for Daewoo & TCM Forklift Truck.
7. Invitation Ref No : Tender No OTM-03/2007/CW.
8. Date : 18/05/2008.
9. Procurement method : Open tendering method.
10. Budget & source of fund : CPA's own fund.
11. Development partners : N/A.
12. Tender publishing date : 18/05/2008.
13. Tender last selling date : 11/06/2008.
14. Tender closing date and time : 12/06/2008 at 11.00am.
15. Tender opening date and time : 12/06/2008 at 11.30am.
16. Name & address of the office : Office of the Workshop Manager, Central Workshop, Chittagong Port Authority.
17. Selling tender document : 1. Office of the Workshop Manager, Central Workshop, Chittagong Port Authority.  
2. Office of the Director (E&M), Bandar Bhaban, Chittagong Port Authority.
18. Receiving tender document : Office of the Workshop Manager, Room No-18, Central Workshop, Chittagong Port Authority.
19. Opening tender document : Office of the Workshop Manager, Chittagong Port Authority.
20. Pre-tender meeting : N/A.
21. Eligibility of tenderer : This invitation for tenders is open to all suppliers of Bangladesh. Other eligibility is stated in the TDS.
22. Brief description of goods and service : Supply of body spares for Daewoo Forklift Truck, Model: D30S-3 and TCM Forklift Truck, Model: FD50Z7(T) & FD30Z5(T).
23. Price of the tender document : Tk 5000/- (non-refundable).

Lot No	Identification of lot	Tender security (TK)	Location	Completion time in days/weeks
1.	Supply of 09 items of spare parts for Daewoo Forklift Truck, Model: D30S-3	Tk 65,000.00	Central Workshop, CPA	14 weeks
2.	Supply of 14 items of spare parts for TCM Forklift Truck, Model: FD30Z5(T)	Tk 50,000.00/-		
3.	Supply of 10 items of spare parts for TCM Forklift Truck, Model: FD50Z7(T)	Tk 70,000.00/-		

24. Name of the official inviting tender : ASM Shahjahan.
25. Designation of the official inviting tender : Workshop Manager.
26. Address of official inviting tender : Room No-18, Central Workshop, Chittagong Port Authority, Chittagong.
27. Contact detail of official inviting tender : Phone-880-31-2510155, Fax: 880-31-2510889.
28. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

**Workshop Manager**  
Chittagong Port Authority  
NB: If the date of selling, submission and opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.  
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