

# BB asks financial institutions to practise CSR

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Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Sunday issued a circular asking all scheduled banks and financial institutions to include Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in their activities.

Mofiz Uddin Chowdhury, general manager, department of Off-site Supervision of BB signed the circular.

The move, the circular said, will help develop an environmentally sustainable and socially equitable society. But adoption of CSR has been

made optional and not mandatory.

CSR is about taking stock of the economic, social and environmental impacts of a business, mitigating the negative impacts and bolstering the benign impacts, taking up action programmes and community investments to reduce social exclusion and inequality and to address the key sustainable development challenges.

Besides adoption of socially and environmentally responsible practices in own internal operations, banks and financial institutions can make

major CSR contribution by speeding up financial inclusion of the large socially disadvantaged rural and urban population.

Networking and joint initiatives in CSR programmes among banks and financial institutions may be useful in some cases in devising more inclusive, comprehensive programmes of necessary critical size.

Foreign banks in Bangladesh having structured CSR programmes (in line with their home country practices) can come forward to usefully

mentor the new, incipient CSR initiatives of local banks.

The circular suggested the banks that employment, output and income generation issues could be given priority as part of the banks' CSR.

Board of directors of banks and financial institutions have to decide on adoption of CSR, the BB said.

Although adoption of CSR is voluntary, BB will monitor CSR adoption and CSR performance of banks and financial institutions as an additional dimension of their management performance.

# Govt opens up import of iron steel, scrap

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The government yesterday allowed the import of iron steel and scrap for all to keep the skyrocketing price of MS rod at a tolerable level.

A statutory regulatory order (SRO) has already been circulated to execute the decision, a statement said yesterday.

It said the order will come into immediate effect to break the monopoly in import of scrap vessels by ship breakers.

From now on, any company which is not the member of the Ship Breakers Association (SBA) will also be able to import scrap vessels without the permission of the association, the commerce ministry statement said.

Before the circulation of this SRO it was a mandatory to be a member of the SBA for importing scrap vessels.

# NBR rewards 18 customs officials

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The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has rewarded 18 customs officials of Dhaka Customs House for detecting unauthorised foreign currencies and gold worth over Tk 6.74 crore during fiscal year 2006-07.

They were rewarded recently under the Customs (Grant of Reward) Order, 1986, for their outstanding performance in detecting unauthorised gold and foreign currencies, and reining in tax evasion attempts, said an NBR hand-out.

Of the rewarded persons, one is commissioner, one additional commissioner, one deputy commissioner, four assistant commissioners, three superintendents and eight are inspectors.

Of them, Superintendent Ashok Barua, ADC Lutfar Rahman, Commissioner Firoz Shah Alam, DC Mubeenul Kabir and AC Mohammad Shafi Uddin received the highest financial reward.

# SECOND PRSP

# BB governor for taking inputs from parties

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Salehuddin Ahmed Monday recommended preparing the second PRSP taking inputs from the election manifestoes of the political parties as the election is due in next six months.

"It would have been best and easy if a poverty reduction strategy is prepared by taking inputs from the election manifestoes," he told the concluding session of a two-day consultation on finalising the second PRSP.

"A PRSP document prepared after new political government assuming office, it will ensure accountability of the government to the people," he said adding that the political gov-

ernment would decide how they would like to give importance on sectors like agriculture, SMEs and women empowerment.

"Political ownership of the PRSP is very important," he observed.

The governor's recommendation is almost similar to the one put forward on the first day of consultation for adopting an interim PRSP due to the absence of a political government in the country.

General Economic Division of the Planning Commission organised the two-day consultation on the first draft of the second PRSP for the period FY09-11 at the NEC conference room.

The 3-year first PRSP expires this month, without going

through any monitoring and evaluation on its implementation.

Economists, academics, senior bureaucrats, researchers and NGO activists took part in the discussion with the Bangladesh Bank Governor in the chair.

The draft document after finalisation through consultation will be submitted to the Council of Advisers for its endorsement. Prior to this, the Planning Commission will hold another consultation on the draft document with the development partners.

Dr Salehuddin said all the parties were more or less unanimous about the poverty reduction strategy, but differences of opinion still remained over its implementation.

# Bangladesh Lamps declares 30pc cash dividend

Bangladesh Lamps Ltd, the official licensee of Philips Electronics NV Holland for lighting products and manufacturer of Philips electric bulbs, has declared a cash dividend at the rate of Tk 30 per share.

The dividend was announced at the 47th annual general meeting (AGM) of the company on Thursday in Dhaka, says a press release.

Latifur Rahman, chairman and managing director of the company, presided over the AGM, which was attended by a large number of shareholders.

The meeting also approved the annual report and accounts of the company for the year that ended on December 31, 2007.

The Board of Directors of the company comprises of Latifur Rahman, Shahnaz Rahman, Saifur Rahman, Atiqur Rahman, Shamsur Rahman, Obaidur Rahman Khan and Ahmed Shafi Choudhury.



Chairman and Managing Director of Bangladesh Lamps Ltd Latifur Rahman (4-L) presides over the 47th annual general meeting of the company on Thursday in Dhaka. (From left) Directors Saifur Rahman, Shamsur Rahman, Shahnaz Rahman, Obaidur Rahman Khan, Atiqur Rahman, Ahmed Shafi Choudhury and Company Secretary Abdullah Ismail are seen.

# ICT roadmap being prepared

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The upcoming national ICT roadmap will bring together all the key ICT policymaking organizations of the government, a view exchange programme was held yesterday.

"The time line of implementing the project is December 2009, but we are hopeful about completing the whole matter much earlier," said Kamal Uddin Ahmed,

deputy director (Training) of Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC), also the project director.

The government is formulating the National ICT Roadmap under The Economic Management Technical Assistance Programme (EMTAP) of BCC, funded by the World Bank.


Gov3, a British management consulting firm, is providing the roadmap development service with two local partners-

Spinovation Ltd and D.Net.

Under the project, different things will be given priority including, formulating a e-governance strategy, devising a national ICT roadmap, developing electronic network to ensure transparency of the government entities and train-up government officials on ICT.

Low cost of IT outsourcing in the country in terms of investment in human resource, good English language skills, low cost of computer hardware and the growing access of mobile phone are some advantages, said Chris Parker, manager partner of Gov3.

TIM Nurul Kabir, representative of Gov3 Limited, UK, also spoke at the function.



**সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড**  
(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)  
Sylhet Gas Fields Limited  
(A Company of Petrobangla)

গাছ লাগান, গাছের পরিচর্যা করুন এবং পরিবেশ বাঁচান।

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ। এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন।

## Invitation for Bid

Tender No. SGFL/07-08/FP-53/Re-tender-1 Dated: 29-05-2008

1. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resource Division.
2. Agency	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A Company of Petrobangla).
3. Procuring entity name	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL).
4. Procuring entity district	: Sylhet.
5. Invitation ref. No.	: SGFL/07-08/FP-53/Re-tender-1 dated 29-05-2008.
6. Invitation for	: Bid for the turn-key supply of one (1) Gas Compressor (capacity 18-20mmscfd) and its accessories including installation, testing & commissioning and tie-in of the gas compressor in all respect with the existing system at Kalashilla Gas Field, Sylhet, Bangladesh.

**KEY INFORMATION**

7. Procurement method: Open tender method (international competitive bidding), single stage one envelope system.

**FUNDING INFORMATION**

8. Budget and source of funds: Own source of Sylhet Gas Fields Limited.

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

9. Project name: N/A

10. Tender publication date: N/A

11. Tender last selling date: 02-07-2008

12. Place of tender selling:

- Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152.
- Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, House-4/10, Iqbal Road, Block-A, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207.
- Petrobangla, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
- Titas Gas T&D Company Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
- Gas Transmission Company Ltd, Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level 4-6), 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.
- Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Co. Ltd, Shahjalal Tower, 80/A-B, Shiddeshwari, Malibagh, Dhaka-1217.

13. Date & time for selling of tender document: The tender document will be available from 05-06-2008 to 02-07-2008 within office hours on all working days.

14. Tender closing date & time: 03-07-2008 and 12-00 hrs (BST).

15. Tender opening date & time: 03-07-2008 and 12-15 hrs (BST).

16. Place of tender receiving & opening: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, House-4/10, Iqbal Road, Block-A, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207.

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

17. Eligibility of bidder: Reputed manufacturer(s) or their authorised representatives/contractor(s)/firm(s) from all countries except Israel are eligible to participate in the bidding. Likewise the offered materials should be of origin of any country other than Israel. If the bidder is manufacturer or producer, they must have minimum 5 years experience in manufacturing or producing the gas compressor & must have minimum 5 years sales record for gas compressor other than its own country. If the bidder other than manufacturer, they must have minimum 5 years experience in supplying of gas compressor other than its own country.

18. Brief description of goods & service & works: Gas Compressor and its accessories including installation, testing & commissioning and tie-in of the gas compressor in all respect with the existing system.

19. Price of tender document: Tk. 10,000.00 or US\$ 145.00 (non-refundable).

20. Address of the official inviting tender: Managing Director, Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152, Bangladesh. Attn: Deputy General Manager (Procurement), Phone No. 880-821-2871735 (Ext. 372).

21. Special instruction:

- Bid must remain valid for 90 days from the date of closing of the tender.
- Bidders shall furnish with the bid an acceptable bid security bond in the form of Demand Draft/Pay-Order/Bank Guarantee issued by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh or Bank Guarantee issued by any reputed foreign bank duly endorsed with full obligation and liability by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh in the format provided in the tender document amounting to Taka 12,000,000.00 or US\$ 17,000.00 or GBP 8,000.00 or Euro 14,000.00 with full obligations & liabilities.
- The bid bond must remain valid for one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of closing of the tender.
- The scope of supply, terms of supply and information required to be furnished by the bidders, etc. are included in the tender document.
- Bid(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of bids will be rejected and returned unopened to the bidder.
- The bid must not be submitted by Fax or E-mail. Photocopy of faxes or e-mailed bid from the principal will not be accepted.
- This tender notice will also be available at CPTU Website [www.cptu.gov.bd](http://www.cptu.gov.bd), Petrobangla Website [www.petrobangla.org.bd](http://www.petrobangla.org.bd) and SGFL Website: [www.sgfl.org.bd](http://www.sgfl.org.bd)

22. Sylhet Gas Fields Limited reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or annul the bidding process without assigning any reason.

GD-2658 Deputy General Manager (Procurement)



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

### A. INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ENLISTMENT OF FOREIGN SUPPLIERS/ MANUFACTURERS TO SUPPLY THE SECURITY PAPER (CURRENCY NOTE/BANK NOTE PAPER, NON-JUDICIAL STAMP PAPER, GUMMED PAPER).

Sealed applications are hereby invited from internationally reputed suppliers/manufacturers for enlistment of suppliers/manufacturers to supply the aforesaid security paper for this corporation as per under noted schedule. Documents showing terms & conditions 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 9.00am to 4.00pm against an application in the letterhead pad of the respective firm against payment of Tk. 1,000.00 (one thousand) only.

Necessary information is given below:

- Selling of tender: From 02.06.2008 to document 19.06.2008.
- Last date & time for: 06.07.2008 up to 3.30pm. submission of tender
- Date & time for: 07.07.2008 at 11.05am. opening of tender

The existing enlisted security paper suppliers/manufacturers will also have to apply for enlistment.

The application(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 at its above addressed liaison office but all the application(s) to be received will be opened together at Corporation's Office, Gazipur as per abovementioned schedule in presence of applicant(s), if any. Application(s) may also be sent through Postal/Courier Services which must be reached within the scheduled deadline. The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any application(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever. Submission of application(s) after the specified time shall not be acceptable under any circumstances.

**Zeauddin Ahmed**  
General Manager  
Phone: 88-02-9205103

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

**National Nutrition Program (NNP)**  
House # 46, Road # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205

### Invitation for Tenders

1. Ministry	: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
2. Agency	: National Nutrition Program (NNP)
3. Procuring Entity Name	: Executive Director & Line Director
4. Procuring Entity Code	: 8320
5. Procuring Entity District	: Dhaka.
6. Invitation for	: BCC materials - Bill Board.
7. Invitation Ref No	: NNP/HNPS/Adm.&Proc./Bill Board/1-604/2007/9882
8. Date	: 29.05.2007

**KEY INFORMATION**

9. Procurement Method: Open Tendering Method-National Competitive Bidding (NCB)

10. Budget and Source of Funds: ADP

11. Development Partners (if applicable): International Development Agency (IDA)/HNPS

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12. Project / Programme Code (if applicable): 8320

13. Project / Programme Name (if applicable): National Nutrition Program (NNP)

14. Tender Package No.: G-35

15. Tender Package Name: Procurement of BCC materials - Bill Board

16. Tender Publication Date: 29.05.2008

17. Tender Last Selling Date: 23.06.2008

18. Tender Closing Date and Time: 24.06.2008 12.00 P.M.

19. Tender Opening Date and Time: 24.06.2008 12.15 P.M.

20. Name & Address of the office(s):  
 NNP, H # 46, R # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205  
 - Selling Tender Document (Principal): NNP, H # 46, R # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205  
 - Selling Tender Document (Others): NNP, H # 46, R # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205  
 - Receiving Tender Document: NNP, H # 46, R # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205  
 - Opening Tender Document: NNP, H # 46, R # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205

21. Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting: NNP, H # 46, R # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205 16.06.2008, 11.00 A.M.

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

22. Eligibility of Tenderer: The Tenderer must be Government enlisted.  
 The Tenderer shall have -  
 > A minimum of 3 (Three) years of overall experience in Govt. work.  
 > The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 2 (Two) years of specific experience in Govt. work of similar work.  
 > A single contract value Tk. 50 (Fifty) Lac in any year of last 5 (five) years.

23. Brief Description of Goods: 344 (Three hundred forty four) Bill Board. Size :12' x 8', Board : 22 gauze steel sheet, Print: Digital Print, Colour:4 colour as per design back side grey colour, Height: At least 7' (seven feet) form ground level or 3/4' three or four feet) from roof top. Structure :1.5' x 1.5' front and 2' x 2' back, 1.5' x 1.5' Cross Angel, Spam:3 (three) nos.

24. Brief Description of Related Services: Not Applicable

25. Price of Tender Document (Tk): Tk. 4000/- (Four Thousand) only. Non refundable. Method of payment will be Pay-Order/Bank Draft from any schedule Bank in favour of procuring entity 'Executive Director & Line Director, National Nutrition Program (NNP)'.  

Lot No.	Identification of Lot and Package	Location (Final destination)	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks / Months
26	1. Procurement of BCC materials - Bill Board Package No. G-35	National Nutrition Program (NNP) H# 46, R # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205	3,00,000 (Three lac)	2 (two) months from the date of Contract signed.

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

27. Name of Official Inviting Tender: Biman Kumar Saha ssk

28. Designation of Official Inviting Tender: Executive Director & Line Director, National Nutrition Program (NNP)

29. Address of Official Inviting Tender: H # 46, R # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.

30. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender: 8629934 8620250 nnp@online.org

31. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders

Signed  
Biman Kumar Saha ssk  
Executive Director & Line Director  
National Nutrition Program  
House # 46, Road # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205

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