

Experts suggest extensive research on agriculture to ensure food security

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Agri experts yesterday urged the government to set up a biotechnology division to boost agri research with a view to enhancing food security in both quantity and quality.

The opinion was expressed at a two-day 'International Biotechnology Conference', at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) in Dhaka.

At the opening session of the conference, renowned scientist Kazi Md Badruzzoda said the government should open a biotechnology division to conduct extensive research on agriculture and food security.

Badruzzoda, who spoke as the chief guest, also asked the government to release more fund for biotechnological research.

"The institutional capacity building, adequate fund and human resources are the key elements for conducting biotechnological research and increased food production and food security," he said.

Managing Director of Dutch Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) Yeasin Ali, attending the inaugural session of the conference, said the government should



A file photo shows farmers at work during harvesting season. Agri experts yesterday urged government to set up biotechnology division to boost food security.

increase budgetary allocation for agricultural research.

"We cannot ignore the importance of agricultural scientists when there is a food crisis, prevailing all over the world," he said.

Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) in Mymensingh Akter Hossain said it needs technological breakthrough for increasing the food production to ensure food security.

The inaugural session was presided over by BARC Executive Chairman Abdur Razzaque.

"Cost for producing crop must decline for better food security," he said.

Budgetary allocations to overcome impact of climate change sought

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A round table yesterday demanded more budgetary allocations to overcome the impact of climate change on food production and livelihood and for the protection of environment.

"Because of global climate change, last year we had to face two major floods and Sidr, simultaneously causing significant food shortage in the country," said Professor Muzaffer Ahmad, chairman of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB).

He said in recent years the country has been badly suffering from the effect of climate change on agriculture, a situation that demands long term government planning.

Professor Muzaffer was addressing the roundtable on National Budget in Overcoming the Effect of Climate Change, arranged by Bangladesh Poribher Andolok (BAPA) at WVA auditorium in Dhaka.

As an agro-based economy, the government needs to do adequate research on the effect of climate change on our agri-

culture and the remedy, he said, suggesting that the government should have a proper planning for the development of agro-based sectors and a proper policy on land management to ensure food security.

Prof Muzaffer blamed the shrimp farming for increasing salinity of the agricultural land in the southern part of the country and suggested the government develop an alternative source of export revenue other than shrimp.

Mahbuba Nasrin, professor of Sociology at the University of Dhaka, and Arifur Rahman, member secretary of BAPA, were also present at the roundtable.

Bangladesh is not generally responsible for the global climate change but one of its victims, and needs more budgetary allocations for overcoming the natural disaster and creating safeguard for environmental protections.

The roundtable stressed river dredging to lessen the possibilities and the extent of floods in the country.

Lee's popularity has taken a nosedive as expectations of a quick economic turnaround faded fast even though the former construction company CEO was elected on a promise to reactivate the economy.

Medvedev blames West for global economic woes

AFP, Saint Petersburg

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Saturday blamed Western countries for the world's current economic woes and said Russia's vast energy reserves could be part of the solution.

Speaking at a meeting of high-powered business executives in Saint Petersburg, Medvedev said the United States was behind a global credit crunch and that other countries had caused a food crisis by investing in biofuels.

"It is precisely the gap between the United States' formal role in the world economy and its real capabilities that was one of the key reasons for the current crisis," said Medvedev, who came to power last month.

"Russia is a global player. We understand our responsibility for the fate of the world and want to participate in forming the rules of the game, not because of so-called imperial ambitions, but because ... we have the resources."

He said that while Russia was helping to boost global energy security by developing its energy sector, its partners had concentrated on investment in biofuels, inflating food prices around the world.

The speech was being closely watched for signs of Russia's future economic strategy under Medvedev, who took over as Kremlin chief last month after Vladimir Putin's eight-year presidency.

"The resolution of this dispute... will send a very strong signal, positive or negative, about the environment for investment in Russia," Andrew Somers, head of the American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow, said at the forum.

Robert Dudley, the chief executive of TNK-BP, said on the sidelines of the meeting that the company's problems would be resolved "within days," Russian news agencies reported.

Bangladesh wants tariff barriers from developed countries to go

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Foreign Adviser Iftekhar A Chowdhury said Bangladesh wants the tariff barriers to go for a level playing field in the global economy.

"Non-tariff barriers are unfair. Our industry should be rewarded for their performance and not punished. We do not want hand-outs from trade partners, we just want a level playing field," said

Iftekhar.

He was inaugurating a workshop on "Regional Export Competitiveness Strategy for Asia" sponsored by the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute and the Commonwealth Secretariat.

He also said Bangladesh could be the next 'Singapore' and is poised to take off as an emerging Asian economic power, he added.

Iftekhar said Bangladesh's

ready-made garment industry's strong performance in the post-MFA period has been restricted by the high tariff and non-tariff barriers put up by developed countries.

But, he added, Bangladesh's socio-political instability in the pre-1/11 era has not been helpful to economic growth. The caretaker government, he said, has undertaken reforms to remedy those problems and

create a stable business climate.

Iftekhar said if productivity is improved in such a 'stable climate', Bangladesh can prosper to the levels of Singapore in a matter of years.

Board of Investment Chairman Kamaluddin Ahmed and Commonwealth Secretariat official Nikhil Treeboohun addressed the workshop, with BEI Chairman Farook Sobhan in the chair.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD E/M DIVISION-4
2ND 12-STORIED GOVT. OFFICE BLDG. SEGUNBAGICHA, DHAKA.

INVITATION FOR TENDER

TENDER MEMO NO : 3247

DATE : 29.05.2008

TENDER NO : 194 (2007-2008)

01.	Invitation for	1. ঢাকা মেডিকেল কলেজ ও হাসপাতালের বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহের বিন্দুমান ১০০০ কেফিএ কফ্মার বৈত্যুতিক টেক্সেন্সের নতুন এক্সেন্সে এইচি.টি. সুইচারীয়ার পরিবর্তন করে একটি নতুন এইচি.টি. সুইচারীয়ার সরবরাহ ও শাপল করন কাজ।
02.	Location of Site	2. Dhaka Medical College & Hospital, Dhaka.
03.	Tender Security	3. Tk. 30,000.00 (Thirty thousand) only.
04.	Completion Time	4. 15 days.
05.	Price of the Tender Document	5. Tk. 1,000.00 (One thousand only) (Non refundable).
06.	Procurement Method	6. Open Tendering Method (OTM).
07.	Tender Last Selling Date	7. 18.06.2008 Upto office Hour
08.	Tender Closing Date & Time	8. 19.06.2008 12:00 Hours
09.	Tender Opening Date and Time	9. 19.06.2008 At 3:00 PM
10.	Name and Address of the offices	10. PWD E/M Division-4, 2 nd -12-storied Govt. office Bldg. Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
10 a.	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	11. Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division / PWD E/M Division-1 / 2, 3, 4, 5 / 7 & 8, Dhaka / PWD E/M Mechanical Workshop Division, Dhaka / PWD Wood Workshop Division, Dhaka / PWD Division-1, Dhaka.
10 b.	Selling Tender Document (Others)	12. Name and Address of the offices
11.	Receiving Tender Document (Principal)	13. PWD E/M Division-4, Dhaka.
11 a.	Receiving Tender Document (others)	14. Receiving Tender Document (others)
11 b.	Opening Tender Document	15. PWD E/M Division-4, Dhaka.
12.	Eligibility of Tenderer :	16. This invitation for Tender is open to all eligible Tenderers having the following qualification :-
13.		(a). Reputed bonafide firm / organization having (i). Trade License, (ii). TIN, VAT Registration Certificate, (iii). Bank Solvency Certificate, (iv). Valid ABC Category Electrical License & Supervisory License from Electrical Licensing Board.
14.		(b). Having experience in successful completion of similar works.
15.		(c). All other qualifications, Terms & Conditions as specified in Tender Data Sheet (TDS)
		(d). Turnover : Tk. 50 lac (Liquid Asset : 30 lac)
		(e). Minimum Tendering Capacity : Not less than the Tender value.
16.		17. The Procuring Entity Reserve the Right to Accept or Reject all Tenders.
17.	Special Instructions :	18. (a) This Tender Notice is brief and the details of the Tender may be seen from the office of the undersigned during the office hours.

GD-2700

Sub-Asst. Engineer

Abdur Razzaque Khan

Executive Engineer

PWD E/M Division-4, Dhaka.

Phone : 8333863 (office).

22/5/08

Chittagong Development Authority

CDA Building, Chittagong

Mechanical Division

Invitation for Tenders

Sealed cover tenders are hereby invited in STDS (NCP) from the eligible tenderer for the following work:

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works.
2.	Agency	Chittagong Development Authority, Chittagong.
3.	Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, (E/M) Division.
4.	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5.	Invitation for	Goods.
6.	Procuring entity district	CDA Building, Chittagong.
7.	Invitation reference No.	Mechanical 2007-08.
8.	Date	27-05-2008.
9.	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).
10.	Budget & source of funds	Self-finance.
11.	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14.	Tender package No	Nil.
15.	Tender package name	As per package list.
16.	Tender publication date	Not applicable.
17.	Tender last selling date	22-06-08 (up to office hour).
18.	Tender closing date & time	23-06-08 (up to 12:00 noon).
19.	Tender opening date & time	23-06-08 (at 12:30pm).
20.	Name & address of the office(s)	1. Manager, Pubali Bank, CDA Branch. 2. Cashier, CDA.
	Selling tender document	Not applicable.
	Receiving tender document (other)	Executive Engineer, (E/M) Division.
	Opening tender document	Executive Engineer, (E/M) Division. Tenderer/tenderers representative are allowed to attend the opening of tender.
21.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not necessary.
22.	Eligibility of tenderer	All tenderers regardless of whether enlisted or not enlisted with the employer may submit tender provided that they are otherwise qualified as follows: (i) VAT registration, (ii) TIN certificate, (iii) Attested copy of trade licence, (iv) Enlistment certificate (v) Nationality certificate should be submitted with the tender document.
23.	Brief description of goods or works	Goods.
24.	Brief description of related services	Not applicable.
25.	Price of tender document	As per works list below.

PACKAGE LIST/2006-2007

Lot No. Identification Location Tender security amount (Tk) Price of tender document (Tk) Completion time in weeks/month

1. Supply of 1 (one) unit of brand new latest model Microbus (7-12 Seater, 2000-4000 CC 2/4WD, 3-4 doors) Petrol/Diesel driven

60,000/- 1000/- 30 days (from issue date of works order)

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27. Name of official inviting tender Md. Nurul Alam.

28. Designation of official inviting tender Executive Engineer, E/M Division.

29. Address of official inviting tender Executive Engineer, E/M Division.

30. Contact details of official inviting tender 031-632327.

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

32. Special instruction In the event of unavoidable circumstance if the selling, receiving and opening of the tender cannot be done on the abovementioned dates, the next normal working day will be treated as valid date of selling, receiving and opening of the tender respectively. Time and place shall remain unchanged.

Md. Nurul Alam

Executive Engineer (E/M)

Chittagong Development Authority

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