

Aziz for donors' accountability

UNB, Dhaka

Finance and Planning Adviser Dr Mirza Azizul Islam has urged the donors to establish a system of accountability of donors in an effort to make foreign aid effective.

"There is no system of establishing accountability of donors," he told the ministerial session of the high level 'Forum on Aid Effectiveness' in Accra, Ghana on Thursday, according to a message received here yesterday.

By contrast, he said, the recipient countries still have to go through diverse conditions by the donors.



Berger Paints (BD) Managing Director Rupali Chowdhury inaugurates one of the four Berger ColorBank outlets that have been opened in Chittagong recently. The outlets are Uncommon Hardware at Hathazari, Tohid and Brothers at Fatikchari, Macca Hardware Store at Chandgaon Road and Asha Hardware Store at Baizid Bostami Road. Mohsin Habib Chowdhury, general manager of sales and marketing, Syed Abu Abed Saher, branch manager of Chittagong, and other high officials were also present.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

National Board of Revenue
Rajashaw Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka - 1000

Modernizing the National Board of Revenue: An Exciting and Challenging Opportunity

The Government of Bangladesh is in the process of modernizing the National Board of Revenue (NBR), the revenue administration of the country, with the ongoing Modernization and Automation Project (MAP). The project is being implemented with assistance from the World Bank and primarily aims at reforming and reorganizing the structure of NBR, development of human resource management system, extensive use of ICT in revenue administration, reforms in Customs, VAT, Income Tax, strengthening of the research and statistics wing, strengthening of training activities for revenue administration staff etc.

As a part of this Project, NBR is seeking to appoint a Programmer (Local Consultant) for the following positions on a contractual basis:

Programmer - 3 person-months

LOCAL CONSULTANT	MAN/MONTH	NO. OF CONSULTANT	CODE
PROGRAMMER	03 person-months	1	LOC-ICT-PG

Tasks and Qualifications of Programmer

- a) He/She will work under direct supervision of ICT Manager;
- b) Develop a fully equipped PC-based communication facility at NBR and its field offices - Income Tax, Customs, and VAT with appropriate interface via EDI hook-up;
- c) Specify hardware, software and communication peripheral requirements for the above and facilitate their procurement;
- d) Develop, test and implement the required software for administering the business process (from circle offices to Commissionerates and NBR) and database in different subordinate offices and NBR;
- e) Design, install and configure the network connecting all Commissionerates and their subordinate field offices to a central database at NBR;
- f) Assess the data needs of policy planners at NBR, design and implement at appropriate Management Information System (MIS) at NBR;
- g) Study and analyze essential elements of effective NBR computerization with particular emphasis on improving administrative efficiency, service compliance;
- h) Organize training courses for the officials and staff at NBR and make the officers of NBR effective users of the computer and communication technologies;
- i) Study and analyze data needs for Commissionerates for effective monitoring, with particular emphasis on improving administrative efficiency, service compliance;
- j) Design appropriate modules for dispersion of data from the central database at NBR to the Commissionerates for effective monitoring of tax revenue administration;
- k) Manage the central transactions database at NBR and developed appropriate modules/utilities for effective and regular dispersion of the data through regular NBR's Web page;
- l) Analyze and document appropriate audit trail for management at NBR;
- m) Analyze and document appropriate procedures for the data security, integrity and maintenance of the NBR's Information System;
- n) Take all follow up actions required to make the comprehensive MIS & computerization plan fully operational;
- o) Will require extensive traveling within Bangladesh;
- p) Perform such other functions as assigned by the Project Director.

Qualifications:

- a) Graduation degree in ICT or in related field from any recognized university. Master's degree in ICT will be preferred;
- b) 3-5 years experience in system design, project implementation;
- c) Proven practical experience in Software development using Oracle Developer and Database Management (Oracle Engine) is essential;
- d) Background in working with web based applications like ASP, .net, and domain knowledge will be an added advantage;
- e) Experience in the design, development and implementation of LANs, WANs, and most recent communication technologies;
- f) Experience in the design, development and implementation of hierarchical and relational database captured through a customized software with executive information system capability;
- g) Extensive exposure in a revenue-focus public organization, preferably in a developing country;
- h) Excellent communication and presentation skills;
- i) Working experience of minimum five years in designing and developing tax system in developing country;
- j) Knowledge of tax laws and procedures expected;
- k) Experience of diagnosing existing computer system preferred.

Fresh applications are sought and each application must accompany a detailed Curriculum Vitae which should include, inter alia, employment history with duties and responsibilities, major professional achievements, current remuneration, academic details including information on any distinctions earned, major publications (if any), two references, contact address, telephone number, and email address. Existing employees of National Board of Revenue or any of its field offices should not apply for the positions.

Competitive compensation package, commensurate with the relevant skill and experience, will be offered to the deserving candidate.

Closing date is 15 September, 2008

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

Please mention the name of the post you are applying for at the top of the envelope and apply to the following address:

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China RMG unit in Karnaphuli EPZ soon

UNB, Dhaka

A Chinese company will set up a garments manufacturing industry in the Karnaphuli Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) with an investment of Tk 34 crore.

The 100 percent foreign owned company, M/s Blossom Textile Limited, will produce T-shirts, Polo shirts, pants and jackets. Some 1,950 Bangladeshi people and 50 foreigners will be employed at the factory.

An agreement to this effect was signed between the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority and M/s Blossom Textile Limited in Bepza complex here recently.

Member (Investment Promotion) of Bepza Prasanta Bhushan Barua and Operation Manager of M/s Blossom Textile Limited Achmad Saikhu signed the agreement on behalf of their organisations.

the factory.



Prasanta Bhushan Barua, member of the Investment Promotion of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza), and Achmad Saikhu, operations manager of M/s Blossom Textile Ltd, exchange documents after signing an agreement on behalf of their respective sides in Dhaka recently. Under the agreement, the Chinese garments manufacturer will invest about Tk 34 crore in setting up a plant in the Karnaphuli Export Processing Zone. Senior officials from both sides were also present.

Satkhira shrimp output may miss target

UNB, Satkhira

About 85,000 people in the Asia-Pacific region, including Singapore, are carrying around Sony laptop computers that are in danger of overheating.

The Japanese electronics giant on Thursday called for owners of 19 models of its Vaio TZ series to have the machines inspected and repaired for free, if necessary, at its offices.

Local shrimp farmers said the shrimp enclosures were affected due to nurturing of virus affected fry. They said they are losing interest in shrimp production as they are facing huge loss.

Although a PCR machine was installed here one and half years ago for detecting virus in shrimp fries, the Fisheries Department could not yet

make it operative.

District Fisheries Department sources said shrimps were cultivated on about 70,000 hectares of land this year and a target was set to produce 18,000 tonnes of shrimp worth about Tk 900 crore.

Biswajit Sadhu, a shrimp cultivator of Patkeghata area, said this year virus infection in the shrimp enclosures is much higher than the previous year.

"Some 85 to 90 fries die if 100 fries are released which is causing huge loss to the farmers", he said.

Local shrimp farmers alleged that the PCR lab was

not made operative due to secret understanding between fisheries officials and hatchery owners.

If the supply of virus-free fry could not be ensured the shrimp industry, which occupied the second position after readymade garments (RMG) in terms of earning foreign currencies in Bangladesh, will face ruination, they said.

Hasanuzzaman Chowdhury, a fisheries official, said the lab could not be made operative as the government has not yet determined how much fee the farmers would be charged for testing in the lab.

Prime Bank gets new MD



Mohammad Ehsanul Haque

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Prime Bank Ltd has appointed Mohammad Ehsanul Haque as its new managing director, effective since September 2, says a press release.

Prior to joining Prime Bank, Haque served as an executive director and chief executive officer of Infrastructure Development Company. He started his career as a management trainee at Grindlays Bank and now has over 28 years of banking experience in local private and multinational banks.

Canada jobless rate steady

AFP, Ottawa

Canadian employers added 15,000 jobs in August while the jobless rate held unchanged at 6.1 percent, Statistics Canada said Friday.

The report was slightly better than expected and marked a turnaround from July, when 55,000 jobs were cut -- the largest loss in 17 years.

Analysts had been expecting an increase of 8,000 jobs and an unemployment rate of 6.2 percent.

Over the first eight months of the year, Canada has added 87,000 jobs, suggesting slow activity after last year's 221,000 over the same period.

Japan fails to achieve WTO minimum rice imports

ANN/THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN

Japan has failed to achieve its minimum access levels for rice imports for fiscal 2007 as required under an accord with the World Trade Organisation, government sources said Thursday.

Japan's agriculture, forestry and fisheries ministry has stopped importing rice to meet the required import quota of about 770,000 tonnes for fiscal 2007, according to the sources. More than 60,000 tonnes of rice would have to be imported to meet the target.

It is the first time Japan has failed to meet the goal after it started importing rice in fiscal 1995, except for years when the quality of some rice had deteriorated during transportation

and had to be discarded as a result.

Starting Friday, the government will start importing the so-called minimum access rice to meet the fiscal 2008 requirement.

Under the Uruguay Round agreement in the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs in 1993, Japan has been required to import a specific percentage of domestically consumed rice as minimum access every year.

However, rice-exporting countries' decision to limit their exports resulted in skyrocketing global rice prices from the beginning of this year, making it difficult for the government to achieve the requirement. In the bidding for rice, trading houses' tender

prices often exceeded the government's maximum expected price.

According to the agriculture ministry and other sources, if any WTO member country complains about Japan's failure to meet the quota, bilateral negotiations will be held in line with WTO procedures.

If the two parties fail to reach an agreement during the negotiations, a panel will be set up within the organization to settle the conflict. In the event that the panel concludes Japan has violated the accord, the WTO could issue a warning to Japan to correct the practice, according to the sources.

However, the government believes that the country is not at fault for failing to meet the minimum access target.

RE-AUCTION NOTICE (2nd time)

Ref: Jabi/Admin/Auction-32(14)/2007/2750

Sealed auction is hereby invited from the bona fide National Firm(s) /Person (s) to sell following Vehicles/ Iron scraps such as L.T.I Sections, Grill, Gates, HCI pipes, C1 Sheets, Wooden materials & Furniture at different places of Jagannath University, Dhaka. "as and where basis" on the following 3 (Three) Packages.

Package No.	Description	Condition /Model and Registration	Price of Schedule	Earliest Money	Delivery Period
02/2008	Auction for 2 (Two) condemned Minibus	Old, Condemned, Minibus, Toyota 1989. Registration No- Dhaka Metro-Jha-11-0028 & Dhaka Metro-Jha-11-0029	500.00	60,000.00	15 days
03/2008	Auction for Iron scraps such as L.T.I Sections, Grill, Gates, HCI pipes, C1 Sheets 30.00m. boundary wall (Neck column with foundation and grade beam only), etc.	Old, Unused, Broken, Decayed (as and where basis).	500.00	50,000.00	30 days
04/2008	Auction for Wooden materials, Wooden Furniture.	Old, Unused, Broken, Decayed (as and where basis).	300.00	5,000.00	15 days

Interested Bidder can inspect Vehicles/ Iron scraps (L.T.I Sections, Grill, Gates, HCI pipes including 30.00m. boundary wall (Neck column with foundation and grade beam only) / Wooden materials & Furniture physically by communicating with the undersigned/ his representative within office hours before submission date of auction documents.

Auction document can be purchased by paying price of schedule for respective packages within September 21, 2008 from the following office. It is to be noted that original money receipt has to be submitted along with auction documents.

• Accounts Section, Jagannath University, Dhaka-1100.

Tender must be submitted on September 22, 2008 before 12:30 pm at following offices:

a) Office of the Treasurer, Jagannath University
b) Sr. Asst. Secretary (Service), MoE, Dhaka.
c) Deputy Commissioner Office, Dhaka.

Auction documents will be opened at 2:00 PM on September 22, 2008 in presence of bidder (if any) at the office room of the Registrar, Jagannath University, Dhaka-1100. Successful Bidder (s) have to pay the total quoted value including VAT & Tax as per Govt. rule in the form of DD/Pay order from any Schedule Bank in favor of Treasurer, Jagannath University. After receiving the total amount quoted by the Bidder, delivery order will be issued. After issuance of delivery order, two Minibuses/ Iron scraps/ Wooden materials and Furniture have to be taken out by the Bidder within the stipulated time as mentioned in the auction document, otherwise earliest money will be forfeited. Successful bidder will not be allowed to take any materials / equipment beyond the inventory list for relevant package.

If the last selling / submission date of Auction document becomes government holiday, it will be shifted to next working day and the corresponding auction submission and opening dates will be shifted accordingly.

The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any offer in full or part without assigning any reason whatsoever.

By order of the authority

F. P. Rahman - 4.5.08
Registrar and Convener, Auction Committee, Jagannath University, Dhaka-1100.

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