

Bangladesh, Libya to sign manpower export deal

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh and Libya will sign a new memorandum of understanding (MoU) on manpower export today, the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment announced yesterday.

The MoU will be signed by Foreign Adviser Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, also in-charge of the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, and visiting Libyan Labour Minister Maa'touq

Mohammed Maa'touq following formal discussions between the two sides at the state guesthouse Padma.

Chowdhury said: "This will be a significant breakthrough for our manpower export. Libya is an expanding market. Its growing cooperation with the West is opening up many opportunities for Libya".

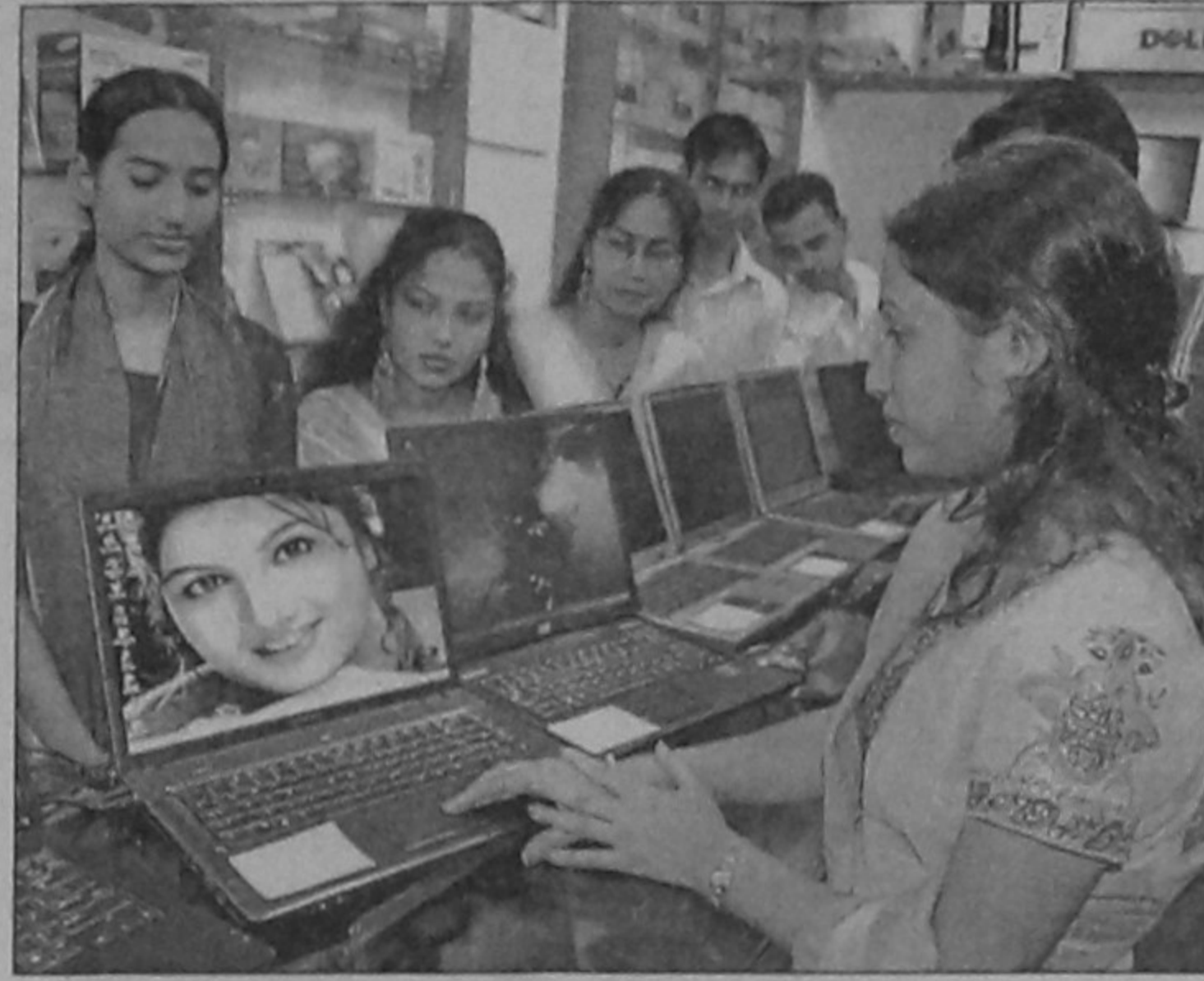
"We should take advantage of this. The MoU will open a new door for all categories of workers. We have also decided to send a full-fledged ambassa-

dor to Tripoli now, which will give this an added impetus," he said.

At present, there are over 20,000 Bangladeshi workers employed in Libya, which is likely to increase manifold after the signing of the new MoU.

"The MoU will not only facilitate the dispatch of more manpower but will also protect the interest and promote the welfare of our workers, which is our current emphasis," Chowdhury concluded.

The Libyan minister arrived here in the morning yesterday.



Visitors through a stall of a nine-day computer fair that began at Multiplan Centre on New Elephant Road in Dhaka yesterday.

Computer fair kicks off

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
With a view to using computer as a tool for culturing merit and knowledge, a nine-day computer fair began in Dhaka yesterday.

Around 400 computer shops of ECS Computer City at Multiplan Centre, New Elephant Road are participating in the fair titled "ECS City IT Fair-2008" organised by the Multiplan Centre Shop Owners Association, on its premises.

The world has turned into a global village due to unprecedented development of information and communication technologies. In such times, lagging in ICT is synonymous to lagging behind all progress, said ICT personality Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, vice chancellor of BRAC University,

while speaking at the function as chief guest.

"The ICT sector still has time to blossom. Bangladesh can become a mid-income country in the next 10 years if we fully emphasis on the ICT industry," he said.

The organisers of the fair said visitors would be able to buy personal computers from the fair at a minimum cost of Tk 17,000.

Products ranging from clone and brand computers, mouse, CDs, key boards, speakers, CD rom drives, MP 3, MP 4, digital cameras, laptops, printers, and scanners, etc, are being displayed at the fair, open for all with a Tk 10 entry ticket.

However, school students will enjoy free entrance, which opens from 10 am to 8 pm everyday until November 7.



New director of int'l apparel fed
STAR BUSINESS DESK
Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) President Fazlul Hoque has been elected a director of International Apparel Federation (IAF).

IAF is the Netherlands-based world's largest organisation of readymade garment (RMG) industry.

Expression of Interest (Eoi)

For Inclusion in UNICEF-Bangladesh Suppliers' Database

Reference: EOI/BANA/2008/02
Closing date & time for Collection of Application Form: November 13, 2008 by 4:30 pm
Closing date & time for Submission: November 21, 2008 by 4:30 pm

The UNICEF-Bangladesh intends to compile new suppliers database for goods and services in the following categories:

GOODS	
GENERAL	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT/ ACCESSORIES
Blankets	Consumables
Furniture (Office) & Fixtures	Electro-Medical Equipment
Leather/ Synthetic Leather Goods	First Aid Kits
Musical Instruments	Hospital Furniture
Office Supplies/ Stationeries	Surgical Equipment
Packaging Materials	MOTOR CYCLES & BI-CYCLES
Pesticides	Bi-Cycles
Sports Items	Motor Cycles
Toiletries	EMERGENCY & RELIEF GOODS
SPECIAL ITEMS & EQUIPMENT	Kit comprising OF EDUCATION MATERIALS as under:
Arsenic Removal Filters & Accessories	Wooden Pencils, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Ballpoint Pens, Blackboards, Chalk Sticks, Dusters & Steel Trunks.
Chemicals - including but not limited to Acetone, Ammonium (Acetate/ Metavanadate/ Molybdate), Bleaching Powder, Lime, Ethanol, Hydroxylamine Hydrochloride, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Borohydride, Acids (Hydrochloric/ Nitric/ Phosphoric), Reagents (Chloride/ Fluoride/ Manganese/ Nitrate/ Phosphate/ Potassium/ Sulphate/ Zinc) etc.	Kit comprising of EMERGENCY RECREATION MATERIALS (for children age 12-14) as under:
Equipment - Spring Balance/ Weighing Machines (All Types)	Paper Offset, Wooden Pencils, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Water Colour/ Paint Box, Football, Board Game Ludo-Set (Various Types: General, World Travel, Health), Cotton Skipping Rope With Plastic Handles, Rubber Play-Rings, Tambourine, Carrying Bags, T-Shirts, Printed Meena Story Books (supplied separately for packing only)
Pumps & Pipes (PVC/ GI)	Kit comprising of EMERGENCY RECREATION MATERIALS (for children age 6-11) as under: Paper Offset (Blank), Paper Offset (Photocopied), Wooden Pencils, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Wax Crayons, Water Color/ Paint Box, Football, Board Game Ludo-Set (Various Types: General, World Travel, Health)-(Supplied Separately For Packing Only), Cotton Skipping Rope With Plastic Handles, Rubber Play-Rings, Stuffed Toy Animals, Stuffed Dolls, Tambourine, Carrying Bags, T-Shirts, Printed Meena Story Books (supplied separately for packing only)
Safety & Security Items	Kit comprising of FAMILY EMERGENCY MATERIALS as under:
ELECTRICAL GOODS & APPLIANCES	Plastic Buckets & Jerry Cans, Melamine Plates, Mugs & Large Spoons, Aluminium Cooking Utensils With Lids, Cotton Saree & Lungi (Stitched), Gamchha (Local Towels) & Bed sheets, Plastic Sheets, Nylon Ropes, Bath & Laundry Soaps
Air-Conditioners	Construction Material (Cement, MS Rod, MS Angles etc)
Electrical Equipment: Generators/ Substations/ Instant Power Supplies (IPS)/ Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS)/ Anti Voltage Regulators/ Stabilizers	Corrugated Coloured Iron Sheets
Electrical Supplies & Fixture	Corrugated Galvanized Iron Sheets (CGI)
ICT & OFFICE EQUIPMENT	Corrugated Plastic Sheets
Computers (Hardware; Software) & Accessories	Plastic Floor Mats
Multimedia Projectors & Accessories	Plastic Jerry Cans & Buckets
Printers & Consumables/ Toners	Plastic Water Tanks
Scanners	Poly Ethylene Bags & Materials (of Permissible Thickness)
Telephone Sets & Fax Machines	Poly Ethylene Sheets
De-Humidifier	
Lamination Machine	
Overhead Projectors (OHP)	
Paper Shredder	
Photocopiers	
Spiral Binders	
Fans (All Types)	
PHARMACEUTICALS	
Water Purifying Tablets	
MICRO-NUTRIENTS	
Blended Foods	
High Protein Biscuits	
Vitamin Premix	
SERVICES	
Advertisement - Newspaper	Research, Survey, Monitoring & Evaluation in following areas:
Advertisement - Web	Education, Health & Nutrition, HIV/ AIDS, Child Protection, Water & Sanitation, Environment
Auditing Services	Security Services (Including Guards/ Access Control & CCTV Systems)
C&F Services	Social Communication Campaign Through Electronic, Print & Outdoor Media
Cleaning & Messenger Services	Social Mobilization
Constructions	Software Development
Courier Services	Training & Facilitation in Following Fields:
Driving Services	Administration, Finance & Budget, Procurement & Logistics, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Monitoring & Evaluation, Health & Nutrition, HIV/ AIDS, Water & Sanitation, Environment
Event Management	Translation Services
Graphic Design	Travel Services
Hotels/ Guest Houses/ Accommodations	Vehicle Repair & Maintenance
Inspection & Quality Assurance (including but not limited Pre & Post-Shipment)	Video Documentation
Insurance	Warehouse, Distribution, Monitoring
Interior Design	Web Database & System Design Services
Internet Services	Write-Up: Feature Articles, Text Brochures, Case Studies, Concept Papers, Short & Analytical Reports and all other types of Writing Related Services
Logistics - Packers, Movers & Transportation Services	
Maintenance Contractors (Electrical Repair & Maintenance, Renovation/ Repair Works)	
Media Monitoring	
Photography	
Pot Plants & Saplings (Supply & Maintenance)	
Pre-Testing Of Materials (Communication/ Training)	

First German trade show November 6

UNB, Dhaka
The first-ever German Trade Show will begin here at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre on November 6.

The Bangladesh-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BGCCI) in cooperation with the German Embassy will organise the three-day show where about 60 companies and organisations will exhibit their products and services.

The trade show will be accompanied by a series of presentations held by German and Bangladesh experts covering various aspects of German-Bangladesh trade, said a press release.

Ericsson teams up with Buet

STAR BUSINESS DESK
LM Ericsson Bangladesh Limited (EBL) has signed an agreement with Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), under which it will provide telecommunication technology related training to the under graduate students of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department of the Buet, says a press release.

Professor AMM Safiullah, vice chancellor of Buet, says, "This is a very positive step towards building telecom competence in Bangladesh. I am delighted to have this partnership of Buet with Ericsson".

Telecommunication has become one of the basic needs of modern world and this need is ever changing. In a recent study conducted by the London Business School revealed that there is a direct impact of mobile penetration in a country's GDP growth, the release added.



Mohammad Mohsin, energy and mineral resources secretary, attends a recent seminar on "Natural Gas in Bangladesh: Demand and Supply Spectrum", organised by City Bank. Annisul Huq, FBCCI president, Jalal Ahmed, Petrobangla chairman, Aziz Al Kaiser, City Bank chairman, and K Mahmood Sattar, the bank's managing director & CEO, were also present.

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Price Sensitive Information

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of the Company in their 73rd meeting held on October 30, 2008 between 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM has taken the following decisions:

- The draft audited report along with financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2008 has been approved.
- Dividend Recommended: 15% stock dividend (15 bonus shares against existing 100 shares) for the year ended June 30, 2008
- 12th Annual General Meeting to be held in the following schedule:
Date & time of AGM: December 15, 2008 at 10:00 AM
Venue: Spectra Convention Center, House # 19, Road # 7, Gulshan - 1, Dhaka - 1212.
- Record date: November 16, 2008

The shareholders, whose names would appear in the Depository Record on the record date (November 16, 2008), will be eligible to attend the meeting and to receive the dividend.

By order of the Board
Sd/-
Muhammed Shariful Islam
Company Secretary

NARROWING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Advertisement - Newspaper	Research, Survey, Monitoring & Evaluation in following areas:
Advertisement - Web	Education, Health & Nutrition, HIV/ AIDS, Child Protection, Water & Sanitation, Environment
Auditing Services	Security Services (Including Guards/ Access Control & CCTV Systems)
C&F Services	Social Communication Campaign Through Electronic, Print & Outdoor Media
Cleaning & Messenger Services	Social Mobilization
Constructions	Software Development
Courier Services	Training & Facilitation in Following Fields:
Driving Services	Administration, Finance & Budget, Procurement & Logistics, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Monitoring & Evaluation, Health & Nutrition, HIV/ AIDS, Water & Sanitation, Environment
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Media Monitoring	
Photography	
Pot Plants & Saplings (Supply & Maintenance)	
Pre-Testing Of Materials (Communication/ Training)	

Eois are hereby invited from bona fide and interested firms/ companies. The firms/ companies shall ensure that the APPLICATION FORM is collected from the Reception Desk of UNICEF Office at BSL Office Complex, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 during business hours (8:00 am to 4:30 pm except between 12:30 to 1:00 pm) on all weekdays (except Fridays, Saturdays and Govt. holidays) before 4:30 pm on November 13, 2008.

All firms/ companies responding to this advertisement shall submit the Eoi/ completed application forms hand-delivered or through courier to the Reception Desk at the same address (during aforementioned business hours and days) before 4:30 pm on November 21, 2008. Current suppliers of UNICEF-Bangladesh need not apply.

Please note that, this advertisement does not constitute the basis of any agreements/ contracts. UNICEF-Bangladesh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Eoi/ applications without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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The Assistant Country Director, Program Support (ACD-PS) provides leadership, direction and is responsible for all the Country Office (CO) financial and administrative processes and functions. The current CO annual budget is in excess of 40 million dollars.

The post requires exceptional professional financial management skills and experience to ensure that program support is implemented efficiently and cost effectively providing high quality services and information to 'clients' at all the different levels of CARE, as well as for individuals and communities, donors and other stakeholders.

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Assistant Country Director Program Support

Requirements:

- Education: CPA / CA and a Masters preferably a MBA
- Ten years experience in senior finance and administration, including 3 years experience in a leadership role
- Excellent communication skills in Bengali and English,
- Excellent facilitation and presentation skills
- Proven track record of organizational change management
- Experience of resource acquisition and donor compliance and reporting
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- Excellent negotiation skills

How to Apply:
If you are interested, please write a cover letter stating your top three achievements in your professional career thus far and what are your personal goals for the next few years and the talents, skills and professional experiences that best describe you and any other personal and professional information you want to share with us at this time.

We would also require a detailed resume, passport size photograph and the names of two referees.

Interested candidates who fulfill the above requirements are requested to send their applications at hr@carebangladesh.org and/or post to:
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