# Economic roadmap to be presented to ex-PMs

### **Business conventions planned**

BSS, Dhaka

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), the country's apex trade body, is contemplating holding two separate conventions with the two major political parties in presence of their top leaders.

The purpose of the convention, expected between December 20 and 24, is to present the economic roadmap for development focused for the first 100 days from the private sector viewpoints to leaders of both tions. the camps.

FBCCI President Annisul Huq told the news agency yesterday that

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Qatar Airways' Business

Class picks the title 'World's

Leading Business Class' at

the World Travel Awards,

according to a press state-

The airline's winning

streak continued when

the five-star carrier

scooped the award at the

World Travel Awards

grand final ceremony. The

known as the travel indus-

try's 'Oscars', were

announced at the 15th

annual world gala cere-

mony, which took place at

a beach resort on the

In a worldwide survey

conducted by the World

Travel Awards, professionals

in the travel and tourism

industry initially voted Qatar

Airways as the Middle East's

leading business class air- worldwide."

Caribbean Island of Turks year by the most prestigious

2008 global awards, also

they had already sent letters to Awami League President Sheikh Hasina and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in this regard.

leaders of the two political parties growth. and personal aides to materialise the programme," he added.

He said 12 chamber leaders representing the FBCCI, DCCI, MCCI, BGMEA, CCCI and such other trade bodies have sent letters to the two top leaders and sought support of their parties in holding the conven-

Hug said election will decide which party will come to power but the support of both the leaders and

their parties is very important to remove political snags and create conducive environment and policy support to bring the nation "We are also in contact with the back to an unimpeded way to

> The FBCCI chief said the leaders of the country's business community are striving hard to take the sensitive business issues to the notice of the two major parties and especially to the two top leaders so they can start mobilising actions immediately after the election.

"We have no time to waste," he said, adding that the FBCCI has prepared the economic roadmap with detailed plan of action in the policy front and hardcore areas of

implementations. The FBCCI president said he had met the AL chief before the Eid festival to present the private sector's plan of action and win her support for taking care of the woes and expectations of the country's business community. Sheikh Hasina has also agreed to attend the proposed convention to be held in a city hotel ifher time permits.

He said his efforts to meet Khaleda Zia before election failed due to her time constraints. But she has agreed in principle to attend the convention if time permits through hectic electioneering campaign.

### GP launches CSR report

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Grameenphone Ltd yesterday vowed to help the country achieve the millennium development goals.

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The country's largest mobile phone operator, which had submitted a prospectus to the Securities and Exchange Commission to list on the capital market, also said it would continue to be a catalyst for "prosperity and innovation" for the betterment of Bangladeshis and economic growth.

"Besides our business, we intend to tie up with the people of Bangladesh to update their livelihood, said Oddvar Hesjedal, chief executive officer of Grameenphone, at the launch of their first 'Corporate Social Responsibility Report', at Dhaka Sheraton

report in the presence of representatives from both the public and private sec-

The objective of the publication was to create better understanding among key stakeholder groups about the company's corporate governance practices and its contribution to the socioeconomic development of the country.

As a responsible and sustainable business, Grameenphone's socioeconomic responsibilities extend beyond its financial performance.

In his presentation, the Grameenphone chief executive said: "The company is geared to invest beyond business through its CSR initiatives and committed to work hand in hand with the government and other development agencies in meeting the millennium

development goals." Grameenphone said it recognises the potential for social and economic benefits to Bangladesh through telecommunication and added that it has a role to play in ensuring that these benefits are accessible to as many sections of society as possible.

# CCCI elects its president today

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....... Twenty-four directors, elected uncontested yesterday at the biennial election (2009-10) of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCCI), will choose today a president, a senior vice president and a vice president for the chamber.

The directors were elected from four separate categories, said a statement.

The directors from 'Ordinary Class' are MA Latif, Md Abdul Maleque, Fahim Ahmad, Md Shahin Alam, AKM Akter Hossain, SM Abu Tayyeb, Moinuddin Ahmed, Md Nurul Amin, Wasiur

Rahman Chowdhury, Mohammed Shouib Riad, ASM Kaiser Ali and Alamgir

Directors elected from 'Associate Class' are Mohd Amirul Haque, Shahabuddin Ahmed, Syed Sagir Ahamed, SM Shafiul Hoque, SM Mahbubul Islam and Nur Mohammed, while from 'Town Association' are MA Salam, Nasiruddin Ahmed Chowdhury and Ferdous Khan Alamgir.

Directors from 'Trade Group' are Syed Ahsanul Hoque, Md Emdadul Hoque Chowdhury and Benazir Chowdhury.

### Etihad wins major Hesjedal unveiled the award in USA

UNB, Dhaka

Etihad Airways has been voted the 'Airline with the best business class service from the United States to the Middle East' by the readers of the American monthly consumer magazine 'Business Traveler USA.'

The magazine's "Best in business travel awards" are based upon a comprehensive survey of readers and their views of airlines, hotels, cruise lines, car rental firms and destinations.

The Business Traveler (USA) accolade is the latest in a series of top awards that Etihad has received in 2008, including "world's leading first class airline" at the World Travel Awards, 'airline of the year' at the British Travel Awards, 'leading airline', 'leading first class' and 'leading travel website' at the Middle East World Travel Awards; 'best cabin staff' and 'best economy class' at the Business Travelers (Middle East) awards, and 'best website' at the Pan Arab Web awards.

"The last 12 months has seen Etihad Airways invest substantially in its business class product and service, both in the air and on the ground, and we offer our business class customers a premium experience when they fly," executive vice president (marketing and product) of Etihad Airways Peter Baumgartner said.

Etihad Airways has progressively introduced throughout 2008 a new in-flight service style, seeking to provide our premium customers with service individually tailored to their needs, he said.

Etihad Airways' business class offers passengers an award-winning fully flatbed seat which is self-contained in an individual privacy cocoon with special mood lighting designed to relieve the symptoms of jet-lag.

Passengers can take advantage of an in-seat massager and more than 500 hours of on-demand entertainment provided via individual 15 inch screens, operated by touchscreen technology. Passengers can eat 'on demand', anytime, from a la carte fine dining menus or opt for kitchen style snacks, says a press release.

The airline has plans to introduce new dedicated lounges in a number of key overseas destinations during 2009

### Qatar Airways gets WORLD international award NEWS line for the second year running. World Travel Awards Senior Vice President David Falcon presented Qatar Airways Sales Manager Mid Atlantic USA Bill Schachte with the award. This is the tenth award to Qatar Airway this year. With recognition for all elements of service, both in the sky and on ground, the Be airline celebrates a positive

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World Travel Awards Senior Vice President David Falcon presents Qatar Airways Sales Manager (Mid Atlantic USA) Bill Schachte with the 'World's Leading Business Class Award' for Qatar Airways at the 15th annual ceremony, which took place recently at a beach resort on the Caribbean Island of Turks & Caicos.



Qatar Airways Chief

Executive Officer Akbar Al

Baker said, "To be named as

having the best business

class in the world at the

biggest travel event of the

industry awards body, just

goes to prove that, once

again, Qatar Airways is seen

by the travel industry as the

preferred airline for frequent

corporate travelers not only

in the Middle East but

### সংশোধিত নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

চট্টগ্রাম উনুয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষের অধীনে অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে নিমুবর্ণিত পদে নিয়োগের জন্য বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখান্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদনকারীদের নিকট স্পস্টীকরণের জন্য ইতোপূর্বে প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞপ্তি আংশিক সংশোধনকরত

ক্রমিক নং	পদের নাম	পদ	বেতন স্কেল	যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা	বয়স
1	প্রধান নগর পরিকল্পনাবিদ	সংখ্যা ০১ (এক)টি	টাঃ ১৬,৮০০/- -२०,१००/-	যে কোন স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে নগর পরিকল্পনায় স্লাতক/স্লাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রিধারীসহ সংশ্লিষ্ট ক্ষেত্রে সরকারি/ আধা-সরকারি/বায়ন্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে বা দেশে বিদেশের কোন কর্পোরেট প্রতিষ্ঠানে নগর পরিকল্পনাবিদ হিসেবে ১ম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা পদে কম পক্ষে ১৫ (পনের) বংসরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। উচ্চতর যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীর ক্ষেত্রে অভিজ্ঞতা শিথিলযোগ্য।	(বংসর) ন্যুনতম ৪০ বংস
21	সিসটেম এনালিষ্ট	০১ (এক)টি	টাঃ ১১,০০০/- -১৭,৬৫০/-	(a) Master Degree in Physics/Mathematics/ Economics/Commerce/Sociology/Business Administration/B.Sc. Engineering (Computer Science & Engineering/IT)     (b) Associate membership of a recognized professional Computer Society.     (c) At least 5 years experience (2 years in case of Master Degree in Computer Science/Engineering) as System Analyst.	ন্যুনতম ৩৫ বংস
01	সহকারী স্থপতি	(এক)টি ১১	টাঃ ৬,৮০০/- -১৩,০৯০/-	যে কোন স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে স্থাপত্যে স্নাতক ডিগ্রিধারী হতে হবে। অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে	অনধিক ৩০
81	সহকারী প্রোগ্রামার	০১ (এক)টি	টাঃ ৬,৮০০/- -১৩,০৯০/-	(a) Master Degree in Physics/ Mathematics/ Economics/Commerce/Sociology/Business Administration/B.Sc. Engineering (Computer Science & Engineering/IT).      (b) Must pass standard aptitude test for programming.      (c) Associate member of a recognized professional Computer Society.	অনধিক ৩০
Q1	হিসাবরক্ষক	০১ (এক)টি	টাঃ ৩৭০০/- -৮০৬০/-	বাণিজ্যে স্নাতক ভিগ্নিসহ সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজে পাঁচ বংসরের অভিজ্ঞতা, সরকার বা কোন স্থানীয় কর্তৃপক্ষের অফিসে উক্ত অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিলে অমাধিকার দেয়া হবে।	অনধিক ৩২
61	হিসাবরক্ষক (চউক অনন্যা আবাসিক প্রকল্পের অধীনে)	০১ (এক)টি	সর্ব সাকুল্যে টাঃ ৬,১৫০/-	বাণিজ্যে স্নাতক ডিগ্রিসহ অভিজ্ঞ প্রার্থীকে অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।	অন্ধিক ৩০
61	গাড়ি চালক	০২ (সুই)টি	সর্ব সাকুল্যে টাঃ ৩১০০/- -৬,৩৮০/-	সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজে ০৩ বৎসৱের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ বৈধ ড্রাইভিং লাইসেন্সধারী এবং ৮ম শ্রেণী পাস।	অন্ধিক ৩০

প্রার্থীকে সাদা কাগজে নাম, পিতা/খামীর নাম, মাতার নাম, বর্তমান ঠিকানা, জন্ম তারিখ, বয়স, ধর্ম, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা ইত্যাদি উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সদ্য তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ২ (দুই) কপি সত্যায়িত ছবি, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি, নাগরিকত্ব সনদ (ইউনিয়ন পরিষদের চেয়ারম্যান/ওয়ার্ড কমিশনার কর্ত্তক প্রসন্ত), এক জন ১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড অফিসার কর্তৃক প্রদন্ত চারিত্রিক সনদ দাখিল করতে হবে।

চেয়ারম্যান, চউক-এর অনুক্লে ২০০/- (দুইশত) টাকার পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে। অসম্পূর্ণ, ক্রাটিপূর্ণ ও বিলম্বে প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। নিয়োগ সম্পর্কিত কোটা পদ্ধতি ও অন্যান্য সরকারি নীতি অনুসূত হবে। প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশী নাগরিক হতে

হবে। চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীদের যথায়থ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। দরখান্ত সচিব, চট্টগ্রাম উনুয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ, চট্টগ্রাম এর বরাবরে লিখতে হবে। সর্বশেষ ১৮/১২/২০০৮ তারিখের মধ্যে আবেদন অত্র দপ্তরে দাখিল করতে হবে।

৬) সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি অথবা সায়তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে চাকুরীরত কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীগণকে যথায়থ কর্তপক্ষের মাধামে আবেদন করতে হবে। অনন্যা আবাসিক প্রকল্পের অধীনে হিসাবরক্ষক পদে চাকুরী প্রার্থীকে আবেদনপত্রে অনন্যা প্রকল্পের অধীনে

আবেদনকৃত কথাটি লিখতে হবে। কোন ধরণের তদবির প্রার্থীর অযোগ্যতা হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবে।

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অদুদুল বারী চৌধুরী চট্টগ্রাম উনুয়ন কর্তপক্ষ

in Seoul.

### Export trade hit by Mumbai attacks

AFP, Mumbai

The Mumbai attacks have hit export-oriented trade as foreign buyers skip the peak shopping season amid travel warnings from overseas governments, experts said.

India's export growth, already hit by the global financial crisis, could even halve by March-end, industry officials say, with key sectors like textiles, jewellery and handicrafts the hardest hit, following the attacks.

"We've seen a slowdown after the terror attacks," Ganesh Gupta, president of Mahal hotel and the popular the Federation of Indian (FIEO), told AFP.

"Main buyers are not coming to India and prefer specifically for foreigners. to travel to China and They're just not there, and Taiwan," he said.

compared with 28 percent last year," said Ajay Sahaini, normally the busiest day.

As India's most cosmopolitan city, with good domestic and international air links plus a vibrant nightlife, Mumbai -- dubbed the "Maximum City" -- is a mag-

director general at FIEO.

net for visitors.

On the streets of Colaba, normally a haven for shoppers with banks of street vendors selling trinkets, souvenirs and clothing, stall holders and shopkeepers said they had noticed a definite fall in business since the attacks.

The south Mumbai district -- which houses the Taj Leopold's cafe -- was at the Exporter Organisation centre of the militant attacks.

"We stock merchandise sales are down 70 percent,' "Our exports growth is said Mohinuddin, who owns expected to be 15 percent for an antique shop just off the the year-to March 2009 main drag of Colaba Causeway, last Sunday --

## SKorea expands swap deals with Japan, China

ANN/THE KOREA HERALD

Korea has expanded its currency-swap agreements with Japan and China, securing a total of about \$60 billion in foreign funds, the Bank of Korea said Saturday.

Central banks in Seoul and Beijing agreed to establish a 38 trillion won (\$26 billion) swap line for regular use, on top of an existing \$4 billion agreement for the crisis time, the two said in a joint statement.

The new agreement, effective for 3 years, entitles Korea to access a total \$30 billion in funds - \$26 billion in yuan and \$4 billion in US dollars or yuan - from China.

"The arrangement is designed to help improve shortterm liquidity conditions in the financial systems of the two fundamentally sound and well management economies and to promote bilateral trade," the BOK said.

An hour later, the Korean bank announced a similar deal with Japan, expanding the availability of the won-yen swap funds at normal times to \$20 billion from \$3 billion. "The increase will be effective until the end of April 2009," the BOK That comes on top of an existing \$10 billion credit line,

earmarked for emergency use only. This should push the total sum of available Japanese funds to \$30 billion. "The expanded swap deals will add a sense of security to the local foreign currency market, which has shown signs of stabilising recently," said Oh Suk-tae, a Citigroup economist

### Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Invitation Reference Memo. No. CVASU-10/ED/IFT/07 Date: 04-12-2008 Name of Ministry Ministry of Education. Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU). Agency & procuring entity name Procuring entity district Chittagong. Invitation for Works & Goods. Procurement method Open tendering method (NCB). Budget & source of fund GoB. Tender package No. PW-3, PW-4, PW-5 & PG-1 Tender publication date 04-12-2008. Tender last selling date 04-01-2009 up to 4:00pm. Last date & time for 05-01-2009 up to 12:00 noon. submission of tender Tender opening date and 05-01-2009 at 12:10pm. Name and address of the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Chittagong Veterinary and offices selling tender Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Pahartali, Chittagong-4202. documents Receiving Superintending Engineer, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal tender Sciences University, Khulshi, Pahartali, Chittagong-4202. document Place of tender opening Conference Room, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Pahartali, Chittagong-4202. Brief description of works PW-3: Macadam road: PW-4: Repair of building and construction of shed; PW-5: Repair work of building: PG-1: Stationeries. Eligibility of tenderer Tenderers enlisted in any government, semi-government or autonomous organisation having similar work experience. Name, description, location and price etc. of tender document.

Package Name of work Price of Tender Location Completion No. tender security time in days in Taka document in Taka PW-3 Construction of Internal Pahartali, 500/00 6000/00 75 Road at CVASU Chittagong PW-4 Repair work of Girls Hall Pahartali, 500/00 7000/00 50 and construction of a Chittagong Guard Shed at CVASU PW-5 Repair work of Abdullah Pahartali, 500/00 8000/00 50 Al-Noman Chittagong Hall at CVASU PG-1 Supply of Stationeries at Pahartali, 500/00 6000/00 21 Chittagong CVASU

Name, designation and Shah Md. Zillur Rahman, Superintending Engineer, Chittagong address of the official Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Chittagong 4202; Phone No: 659093, 659492 Ext-114, Fax No. 031inviting tender

Tender security is to be submitted in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee (Form W-3) of any scheduled bank in favour of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

GD-5812 Superintending Engineer