

Kuwait Airways to fly from Chittagong

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Kuwait Airways said yesterday it would begin international flights from Chittagong to offer hassle-free travels to outbound passengers in the port city from October 30.

The national carrier of Kuwait said it would operate on two days a week -- Friday and Sunday.

The carrier expects that flights from the port city would help it attract those travellers who have to use Zia International Airport (ZIA) in Dhaka for flying abroad due to an inadequate air movement at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong.

"Chittagong has enormous commercial potential. This move will enable us to offer regular passenger and cargo services with wide-bodied aircraft to various cities around the world," said Samiur Razzak, sales manager (passenger) of Kuwait Airways, at a press conference at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka.

The carrier said it wants to bank on over 400,000



Samiur Razzak, sales manager (passenger) of Kuwait Airways, speaks at a press conference at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka yesterday. The airline has announced flights from Chittagong for outbound passengers from October 30.

Bangladeshi migrant workers in the Gulf states as well as travellers to Europe, the US and Africa.

"Our main target is the US- and Europe-bound travellers. We have set the flight schedule keeping in mind of attracting these passengers," said the official of Kuwait Airways, which now offers connections to 38 destinations around the world.

Razzak also hoped that the new flights would help reduce pressure on ZIA as most of the foreign carriers now operate from the capital instead of flying from other airports such as at Chittagong.

At present, only two foreign carriers -- Air Arabia and Oman Air -- operate flights from Chittagong along with three local airlines -- Biman, GMG and

United. "Many passengers use Dhaka to fly abroad. We want to take a lot of pressure away from the capital," the official said.

The carrier, which commenced operations in Bangladesh in 1981, now operates daily flights from Dhaka.

The airline will use A-300 and A-310 aircraft to operate flights from Chittagong.

Trust Bank cuts interest rates

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Trust Bank has slashed interest rates on business loans, it said in a statement.

The private bank slashed interest rates on women entrepreneur loan from 13.5 percent to 9 percent, agriculture credit from 10.5 percent to 10 percent and SME loan from 13.75 percent to 10 percent.

The rates for export finance have been set at 7 percent and home mortgage loan at 13 percent.

The interest rate for corporate credit will range between 11.5 percent and 13 percent and trade finance between 12-13 percent.

Iqbal U Ahmed, managing director, said the bank decided to support the business community and potential business clients in times of the global recession.

"We are on a mission to reach out to and support business in the country,"

Mohammad Masoom, executive vice president and head of credit risk management, said: "We want to ensure a risk adjusted rate of return on our credit portfolio and at the same time, focus on the customer's debt servicing ability."

"The interest rate on a loan is a vital component of the cost of doing business. So, we are taking into consideration the client's cash generating capacity and potential."

Ramu rubber garden profits after 46 years

BSS, Chittagong

Ramu rubber garden, run by Bangladesh Forest Industry Development Corporation (BFDC), made a profit of Tk 2.15 crore in last three years after continuous losses for long 46 years.

BFDC officials said the rubber garden earned neat profits of Tk 1.16 crore in fiscal year 2006-07, Tk 83 lakh in 2007-08, and Tk 15.53 lakh in 2008-09.

The garden presently has 66,000 productive trees on its over 2,682 acres of land. Some trees were cut down on expiry of their lifecycles.

Saplings were planted afresh on 432 acres of land from where the old trees were cut down, officials said.

The new trees will come under production in the current fiscal 2009-10. Saplings are also being planted in phases on 250 acres of land. The total number of trees in the garden will cross 2 lakh within a few years.

In FY 1960-61, the then Pakistan government set up the first rubber garden of East Bengal at Ramu, some 18 kilometres off Cox's Bazar.

Assistant General Manager of the garden

Mohammad Masuk Ahmad said the garden had incurred losses for long 45 to 46 years for various problems. Now development activities are going on at the initiative of the BFDC.

"If the present situation continues, the amount of profit in Ramu rubber garden will cross Tk 5 crore in the next two to three years," Ahmad added.

Presently, some 150 persons are working in the garden. Of them, 22 officers and employees and 18 night guards are the staff of BFDC and the rest work on daily payment basis.

4th Japan trade fair begins Oct 15

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The 4th Japan Trade Fair 2009 will begin from October 15 at Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka, said a press release.

The Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry announced the launching of the three-day

long biennial fair at a press conference in the capital recently.

More than 35 business firms and industries from various sectors will exhibit their products and services in more than 100 booths at the fair along with different Japanese government and semi-government organisations.

The event will be supported by the Embassy of Japan, Japan External Trade Organization and Japanese Commerce and Industry Association in Dhaka and managed by Windmill Advertising Limited.

Entry ticket for the fair is Tk 20 and the full proceeds from ticket sales will go to charity.

Unified code of conduct sought from RMG buyers

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Leaders of garment industry owners yesterday demanded a 'unified code of conduct' meant for international buyers to help ensure compliance at their factories.

"We need a unified code of conduct set for the international buyers. Different buyers have different sets of regulations, and they stress ensuring different standards, which often cause trouble to us," said Abdus Salam Murshed, president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).

"For maintaining these standards, we need to get certificates from different international organisations

spending a huge amount of money. For example, if one has to get three or more certificates, certainly it'll affect the process of ensuring compliance," he explained.

He was speaking at a roundtable on "social compliance to address the necessity of improvements of the working conditions in the garment industry of Bangladesh", jointly organised by Brussels-based Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI), and London-based LIFT Standard, in Dhaka.

"We are keen to ensure compliance at all the garment factories and already 90 percent members of BGMEA have ensured compliance," said Murshed.

But at the same time the

buyers also can help ensure compliance, he added.

Abdul Momen, director of Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association, also echoed the views of the BGMEA boss.

Momen said the foreign buyers should provide adequate opportunities to the Bangladeshi manufacturers and exporters to improve working conditions at the factories.

"We should offer satisfactory salary, health facility and hygiene to all workers to ensure better working conditions at the factories. We need support from the buyers to do so," he said.

"The buyers often offer lower prices for our products compared to those from other countries, which com-

pel many owners to pay lower wages to their workers. And finally many owners fail to ensure better working conditions at the factories," Momen added.

Commerce Minister Faruk Khan said the government is constantly working to bring harmony between the garment owners and the workers.

"We (the government) are trying to meet compliance requirements in line with the labour law of the country. We have ensured minimum wages and appointment letters for all workers, and are trying to ensure health facilities at the factories," he said.

The minister called upon the industry owners to ensure fire safety at their factories.

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

৪৫তম সমাবর্তন-২০০৯

২০০৯ সনের ডিসেম্বর মাসের ১২ তারিখ শনিবার ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শারীরিক শিক্ষা কেন্দ্রের খেলার মাঠে ৪৫তম সমাবর্তন অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উক্ত সমাবর্তনের নিম্নলিখিত গ্যাজেট/পদকপ্রাপ্তগণ অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন:

- ২০০৪, ২০০৫ ও ২০০৬ সনের এমএস ডিগ্রি এবং ২০০৫, ২০০৬ ও ২০০৭ সনের এমএ, এমএসএস, ২০০৫, ২০০৬ ও ২০০৭ সনের এমবিএ, এলএলএম ও এম-ফার্ম
- ২০০৫, ২০০৬ ও ২০০৭ সনের বিএসসি (অনার্স), বি-ফার্ম (অনার্স) ডিগ্রি এবং ২০০৬, ২০০৭ ও ২০০৮ সনের বিএ (অনার্স), বিএসএস (অনার্স), ২০০৬, ২০০৭ সনের এলএলবি (অনার্স), বিএড (অনার্স) ও বিবিএ
- ২০০৮ ও ২০০৯ সনের এমবিএস ও বিডিএস ডিগ্রি
- ২০০৬ ও ২০০৭ সনের বিএসসি ইন টেক্সটাইল
- ২০০৫ ও ২০০৬ সনের বিএসসি ইন লেন্ডার
- ২০০৭ ও ২০০৮ সনের বিএসসি ইন নার্সিং
- ২০০৭ সনের বিএসসি (পাস) ইন হোম ইকোনোমিক্স
- ২০০৬, ২০০৭ ও ২০০৮ সনের এমএড
- ২০০৭ ও ২০০৮ সনের বিবিএ (আইবিএ)
- ২০০৭ ও ২০০৮ সনের এমবিএ (আইবিএ)
- ২০০৪ ও ২০০৫ সনের বিএফএ (অনার্স)
- ২০০৩, ২০০৪ ও ২০০৫ সনের এমএফএ
- ২০০৭ সনের এমবিএ (এমআইএসটি)
- ২০০৮ সনের বিএসসি ইন্টারন্যাশনাল (এমআইএসটি)
- ২০০৫ সনের বিএসসি ইন টেকনিক্যাল এডুকেশন
- ২০০৪ ও ২০০৫ সনের বিএইচএমএস
- ২০০৬ ও ২০০৭ সনের বিএএমএস ও বিইউএমএস
- ২০০৩, ২০০৪, ২০০৫ ও ২০০৬ সনের বিএসসি ইন ফিজিওথেরাপি, অকুপেশনাল থেরাপি (পাস)
- ২০০৮ সনের বিএসসি অনার্স ইন ফিজিওথেরাপি এড অকুপেশনাল থেরাপি
- ২০০৬, ২০০৭ ও ২০০৮ সনের তথ্যবিজ্ঞান ও গ্রন্থাগার ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ এমএ (Evening)
- ২০০৬, ২০০৭, ২০০৮ ও ২০০৯ সনের এমবিএ (Evening)
- ২০০৫, ২০০৬, ২০০৭ ও ২০০৮ সনের সমাজকল্যাণ ও গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউটের এমএসএস (Evening)
- ২০০৫ সনের এম এ (ELT)
- ২০০৬, ২০০৭ ও ২০০৮ সনের ডেভেলপমেন্ট স্টাডিজ বিভাগের এমডিএস
- ২০০৭ ও ২০০৮ সনের তথ্যগুরুত্ব ইনস্টিটিউটের এমআইটি
- ২০০৫ অনার্স ল্যাবরেটরি সয়েন্স ২০০৬ এবং বিএসসি অনার্স স্পীচ এণ্ড ল্যাংগুয়েজ থেরাপি
- স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রিসহ ও গবেষণা অনুদান থেকে ২০০৮ ও ২০০৯ সনের ডিগ্রি
- এমফিল: জানুয়ারি ২০০৮ থেকে ডিসেম্বর ২০০৯
- পিএইচডি: জানুয়ারি ২০০৮ থেকে ডিসেম্বর ২০০৯
- ২০০৮ সনের ৪৪তম সমাবর্তন অনুষ্ঠানের পর থেকে এ পর্যন্ত যারা স্বর্ণপদক পেয়েছেন।

৪৫তম সমাবর্তনে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য যারা ইতোপূর্বে রেজিস্ট্রেশন করেছেন তাদের পুনরায় রেজিস্ট্রেশন করার প্রয়োজন নেই। তবে উপরোক্ত পরীক্ষাসমূহের আত্মীয় গ্যাজেট/পদকপ্রাপ্তগণ যারা এখনও রেজিস্ট্রেশন করেন নাই তারা নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে নির্দিষ্ট ফি জমা দিয়ে রেজিস্ট্রেশন করতে পারবেন।

৪৫তম সমাবর্তনে যোগদানের ক্ষেত্রে গ্যাজেট/পদকপ্রাপ্তদের অবশ্যই বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃক সরবরাহকৃত নির্দিষ্ট একাডেমিক পোশাকে সমাবর্তনে উপস্থিত থাকতে হবে।

উপরে লিখিত পরীক্ষাসমূহে উত্তীর্ণ গ্যাজেট/পদকপ্রাপ্তদের মধ্যে যারা এ সমাবর্তনে অংশগ্রহণ করতে আত্মীয় তাদেরকে পরীক্ষা নিয়ন্ত্রকের দপ্তরে প্রাপ্তব্য সমাবর্তন ২০০৯-এর জন্য নির্ধারিত দুটি ফর্ম যথাযথভাবে পূরণকরতঃ রেজিস্ট্রেশন ফিস বাবদ স্নাতক (পাস ও অনার্স/সমমান) গ্যাজেট এবং পদকপ্রাপ্ত টাকা ৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) এবং অন্যান্য গ্যাজেটদের রেজিস্ট্রেশন ফিস বাবদ টাকা ১,৫০০/- (এক হাজার পাঁচশত)। আগামী ১২ নভেম্বর, ২০০৯ বুধসপ্তাহের আর মধ্যে জনতা ব্যাংক, চিএসসি শাখায় সমাবর্তন ষাট নগদ জমা দিয়ে ৩ (তিন) কপি সত্যায়িত ছবিসহ ফরমটি পরীক্ষা নিয়ন্ত্রকের দপ্তরে জমা দিতে হবে। উপর্যুক্ত গ্যাজেটদের মধ্যে কেহ যদি তাদের ডিগ্রির মূল সনদ সমগ্র করে থাকেন তবে তা তারা পরীক্ষা নিয়ন্ত্রক দপ্তরে মূল সনদ জমা দিয়ে ৪৫তম সমাবর্তনে অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন। আগামী ১২ নভেম্বর, ২০০৯ তারিখের পরে কোন ফিস গ্রহণ করা হবে না। মানি অর্ডার/পোস্টাল অর্ডার/পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়। আগামী ২০ অক্টোবর, ২০০৯ তারিখ মঙ্গলবার থেকে ৪৫তম সমাবর্তন-২০০৯ এর ফরম পরীক্ষা নিয়ন্ত্রকের দপ্তর থেকে বিতরণ করা হবে।

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

Scaled tenders are invited as per PPR-2008 for the under mentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below.

1	Ministry/Division	Housing & Public Works .
2	Agency	Public Works Department.
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Engineer, Dhaka PWD Division-II, Dhaka.
4	Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB)
5	Tender No. & date.	Group-No-I DD-2/ 11 of 2009-2010. Group-No-II DD-2/12 of 2009-2010.
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
7	Tender Name	Group No-(I). Yearly Contract for Internal and External cleaning and House Keeping of Prime Minister's office at Tejgaon, Dhaka During the year 2009-2010. Group No-(II). Yearly Contract for Internal and External cleaning and house keeping of International Conference centre (I. C. C) at Tejgaon, Dhaka. During theyear 2009-2010.
8	Period of Contract	(1 (one) year from the date of Agreement for each group.
9	Eligibility of Tenderers.	This invitation for Tenders is open to all eligible Tenderers as mentioned below. (1)Minimum 5(five)years of General experience in cleaning and House keeping work preferably in key point installation (KPI) , international standard office building, Foreign Embassy , International standard Hotels in Bangladesh (2) Successful completion of 1 (one) number of cleaning and house keeping work amounting not less than Tk.50.00 (Fifty) Lac for group No-I, and Tk.40.00 (Forty) Lac group No-II, in a single work order under Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous/Reputed organization during last 5(five) year. (3)Increase of running/ ongoing work the bidder must have successfully completed at least 80% (Eighty percent) physical progress of the House Keeping work under any Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous/ Private organization within last 2(Two) years. The receipt of payment in such cases shall not be less than Tk. 50.00 (Fifty) Lac for group No-I & 40 (Forty) Lac for group No-2 on 28(twenty eight) days before the submission date of this tender. (4)Certificate of authentication in respect of the work should have to be furnished by the bidder along with tender document in the following manner as applicable a)Increase of a work done under PWD, the certifying and authenticating authority shall be the concerned Executive Engineer, under whom the work has been executed. b)Increase of a work done under any Government/ Semi-Government/Autonomous Bodies/ Organization other than PWD the certifying authority shall be an officer of the organization (not below the rank of Executive Engineer) and the same should be duly verified by the concerned Executive Engineer of PWD of that area under whose jurisdiction the work has been done (from W-9) c)Increase of a work done under a Private Organization , a certificate is to be obtained from the Chairman/CEO/ Managing Director of the Organization about the type and nature of work or service and up to date payment made to the servicer and the same is to be duly verified by the concerned Executive Engineer of PWD of that area under whose jurisdiction the work has been done. other wise the offer will be treated as cancelled. d)Increase of a work done under a Private Organization, prescribed work order (Original or duly attested by competent authority) for the work should be enclosed along with tender Document. e)Increase of work done under a Private Organization payment certificate and certificate of deposit is to be obtained from the Banker and is to be enclosed along with the Tender Document. (5)Annual turnover: Tk.115.00 (One hundred fifteen) Lac for group No-I, and Tk. 97.00 (Ninety seven) Lac for group No-II, during last 5(five) year. (6)Tender Capacity: Not less than tender amount & must satisfy by the Tenderer as per formula laid down in T.D.S. clause No-IIT-13-2. (7)Minimum liquid asset/Credit facilities Tk.30.00 (Thirty) Lac for group No-I, and, Tk.25.00 (Twenty five) Lac. for group No-II Other required eligibility , criteria and conditions as mentioned in tender document (Section-2& section-4)
10	Brief Description of works & related services.	Group No-(i) Cleaning & House keeping works. Group No-(ii) Cleaning & House keeping works.
11	Price of Tender document.	Tk.1000/- (Taka one thousand) only each group .
12	Amount of tender security	Group No-(i)Tk.2.00 Lac (Taka Two Lac) only. Group No-(ii)Tk.1.75 Lac (Taka one Lac seventy five thousand) only.
13	Name and address of the office(s) Selling Tender Document.	The tender document may be purchased by the contractors/ firms by himself/themselves or his/their representative on producing of authorized letter bearing the attested signature of representative from the following offices. Office of the undersigned, Offices of the Executive Engineers: City PWD Division/ Motijheel PWD Division/ Azampur PWD Division/ Resource PWD Division/ Sher-E-Bangla Nagar PWD Division-2/Mirpur PWD Division/PWD E/M Division-I In Dhaka/ Chittagong PWD Division-I/Khulna PWD Division-I/Rajshahi PWD Division-I /Sylhet PWD Division/ Barishal PWD Division. office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division-5, under PWD Division-iv, Purta Bhaban, Dhaka.
14	Name & Address of the office(s) Receiving Tenders.	(a) Office of the undersigned .
15	Last date & Time for selling tender Document.	Tender document will be sold during office hours upto 08/11/2009
16	Last Date and time for Submission of Tenders. Date and time for Opening of Tenders.	09/11/2009 Up to 12.00 Noon. Tender will be opened on 09/11/2009 at 1.00 P.M. in the office of undersigned in presence of the members of the tender opening Committee(TOC). Tenderers or their authorized representative, shall be allowed to attend during opening of tenders, whose name will be registered.

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