

Ctg housing fair Tuesday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

A four-day real estate fair begins in the port city on Tuesday to promote "environment-friendly housing for all".

Bangladesh Real Estate Directory (BD-RED) is organising the fair at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) Chittagong Centre auditorium.

A total of 40 developers and 60 construction materials companies from Dhaka and Chittagong will join

the BD-RED Abasan Mela 2009, organisers said at a press conference in Chittagong yesterday.

BD-RED Chief Executive Mohammad Yasin Khan read out a written statement.

Khan said the industry that mostly depends on individual investment is often hindered by new policies for housing and conditions of lease, declared by the government, in different times.

"In such circumstances, BD-Red and real estate developers can help

the government introduce new work plans and well-designed policies," he said.

Khan observed both investors and government agencies should remain alert to protect huge investment made in real estate.

Industries Minister Dilip Barua will inaugurate the fair as chief guest. The fair will remain open from 10.00am to 10.00pm every day.

A procession will be brought out from the city's Wasa Intersection

tomorrow. Professor Emeritus Dr Jamal Nazrul Islam of Chittagong University will inaugurate the procession.

BD-RED Chittagong Bureau Chief Naimul Islam, officials of co-sponsors Amin Mohammad Group, Apple Homes Limited, Berger Paints (Bangladesh) Limited, BSRM, Comfort Homes Limited, Impulse Properties, SARM, Seven Properties Limited and US-Bangla Land Development were present at yesterday's conference.



Akku Choudhury, executive director of Transcom Foods, theatre personalities Aly Zaker and Sara Zaker and actress Tomalika Karmakar cut a cake to inaugurate new KFC and Pizza Hut outlets on Baily Road in Dhaka yesterday.

Waterway trade with India remains suspended

UNB, Bagerhat

Export-import between India and Bangladesh through waterways remained suspended for the last four days, as water-vessel workers at Mongla Port went on an indefinite strike Wednesday following the arrest of a cargo master.

The workers threatened to continue the strike until the cargo master, Liakat Hossain, is released.

According to the Water Transport Workers Federation, coastguards arrested

Liakat from Angtimara area Wednesday while returning in a cargo, MV Noor-e-Rifat, with imported raw materials of cement.

Some 3,750 workers of over 250 vessels are engaged in transportation of goods between Bangladesh and India through waterways. Coastguard (West Zone) Commander Captain Shahiduzzaman said coastguards arrested Liakat along with 14 kgs of venison Wednesday and later handed him over to police.

French investment sought

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Leaders of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) invited the French business community to invest, especially in sectors like information technology, readymade garments and pharmaceuticals, and joint ventures in the Export Processing Zones.

The FBCCI invitation came at a meeting on Friday with the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry, according to a press statement.

A forty-two member Bangladesh business delegation is now in France on a four-country trip in west Europe.

Roger Bacri, head of south and south - East Asia desk of the Paris chamber, presided over the meeting, while Enamul Kabir, ambassador of Bangladesh in France, business leaders of France and the Bangladesh businessmen working in France were present.

At the meeting, Kamaluddin Ahmed, director of FBCCI and leader of the delegation, welcomed the French business community to come forward for investment in Bangladesh.

Ahmed highlighted the opportunities Bangladesh offers to foreign investors and urged the French businessmen to establish educational and vocational training institutes in Bangladesh to facilitate jobs for the unemployed people.

The Bangladeshi envoy presented the current business scenario of Bangladesh and requested the French business people to come up with investment projects in Bangladesh.

Bacri expressed his interest to work jointly with the business community of Bangladesh and also emphasised expansion of the bilateral trade.

The FBCCI business delegation visited Germany last week. They will also visit Switzerland and Italy.



Kazi Wahidul Alam, editor of The Bangladesh Monitor, speaks at the launching of the 'Monitor-Malaysian Palm Oil Chef of the Year-2009' competition, jointly organised by the fortnightly magazine and the Malaysian Palm Oil Council.

Move to promote local cuisines

Chef of the Year contest launched

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

In a bid to promote local cuisines in the country and beyond, travel magazine Bangladesh Monitor yesterday launched a "Chef of the Year" competition.

"Discovering the culinary talents of the country and making Bangladeshi cuisines popular are the main purposes of the contest," said Kazi Wahidul Alam, editor of the fortnightly magazine.

He was speaking at a press conference in Dhaka to announce the fifth version of the competition.

Malaysian Palm Oil Council that works across the world to raise popularity of palm oil is the title

sponsor of the competition styled 'Monitor-Malaysian Palm Oil Chef of the Year-2009'.

Dubai-based airline Emirates is the premium partner of the contest.

Anyone, including housewives as well as amateur and professional cooks, will be able to submit their recipes to the organisers within November 15 without any entry fee, said Alam.

Each participant will have to send at least two recipes of traditional Bangladeshi food dishes under two categories -- "Cardinal Dish" prepared of meat or fish and "Vegetable Dish".

The participants will also be able to send as many

recipes as they can but every dish should contain as much food as it is required to serve at least six persons, the press conference was told.

A panel of judges headed by Siddiqua Kabir, a writer on health and nutrition and a culinary expert, will elect the top recipes of the competition.

The first three performers will be awarded with cash money, return air tickets and hotel accommodation outside the country.

AKM Fakhru Alam, regional manager (Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar) of Malaysian Palm Oil Council, and Hanif Zakaria, area manager of Emirates for Bangladesh, also spoke at the press meet.

US company launches IP solutions

BSS, Dhaka

Digium, a leading manufacturer of Internet Protocol products based on the open-source Asterisk platform, yesterday launched its IP telephony solutions for Bangladesh market targeting such service providers, small and medium enterprises, corporate and financial sectors.

The US-based Digium has an array of IP products and solutions tailored to meet the needs of different segment of customers.

EMEM System Limited, one of the country's fastest growing information and communications technology companies, has been appointed as the sole distributor of Digium in Bangladesh.

Rupert Utteridge, Director, Sales and Marketing, Digital Technique

(Asia Ltd), which distributed the Digium products in Asia region gave a presentation on various features of the solutions at the launching programme held at Hotel Sarina in the city.

The Digium products include Switchvox, Asterisk Appliance 50, Digium Analog and Digital board and B410P. All are feature rich, cost effective and easy to upgrade.

Addressing the launching ceremony, Abdul Mutaleb, chief executive officer of EMEM Systems Limited, said the Digium products are very cost-effective with the ability of easily upgrade when business expands.

He said the IP telephony service providers will be benefited a lot from adopting the Digium solutions as the nascent industry has to upgrade their infrastructure gradually in a cost-effective

manner when their business will grow over time.

Syed Samiul Huq, director of EMEM Systems Ltd, said EMEM is working persistently to introduce innovative technologies to Bangladesh and investing immensely to build a pool of trained engineers in the field of IP technology.

He said Bangladesh is yet to exploit the wide range of benefits from IP based technology where Digium Asterisk pledges to play a pivotal role in the years to come.

The Bangladesh Telecommunications Regulatory Commission recently awarded over 30 IP telephony licences enabling the ISPs to introduce IP based Voice services for the first time which promises to bring in more features and benefits to the telephone users.



Shafiqul Alam, deputy managing director of United Commercial Bank, and Syed Mahbubur Rahman, deputy managing director of BRAC Bank, sign an agreement in Dhaka recently. Customers of UCB can use a network of over 273 ATMs of OMNIBUS, a platform of shared ATM and POS (point of sales) networks, led by BRAC Bank, across Bangladesh.

Singapore Airlines connects Melbourne with daily A380

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Singapore Airlines has introduced its A380 service to Melbourne, it said in a recent statement.

A 471-seat double decker aircraft took off from Singapore Changi Airport with 453 customers aboard and touched down at Melbourne Airport recently.

Melbourne is the second Australian city and sixth city in Singapore Airlines' network to receive the A380. Singapore Airlines currently

operates 21 weekly flights between Singapore and Melbourne, including the daily A380 service.

"The Singapore Airlines started A380 operations in October 2007 and continues to be extremely popular with Bangladeshi customers, as we have been experiencing positive booking response for our A380 services," said Malcolm Leong, general manager Bangladesh for Singapore Airlines.

The airline has 10 A380s in the fleet.



ABM Asaduzzaman, deputy general manager of National Trading Company Ltd, speaks at a press conference organised to mark the launch of Goodyear passenger car tyres at Hotel LaVinci in Dhaka yesterday.

Pizza Hut, KFC open new outlets

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Transcom Foods Ltd launched KFC and Pizza Hut outlets on Baily Road in Dhaka yesterday.

Akku Choudhury, executive director of Transcom Foods, led the launching ceremony. Theatre personalities Aly Zaker and Sara Zaker and actress Tomalika Karmakar were also present at the launch.

Transcom Foods is the franchisee of international restaurant chains Pizza Hut and KFC in Bangladesh.

The Pizza Hut outlet

comes in a new flavour for its customers with new enhanced dine-in experience that includes upgraded décor, expanded menu and a new logo and tagline.

"Young Bangladeshis are not looking for just fast food or fine dining options. They are looking for places that will be an extension of their own comfort zones and homes, where they can get together with friends and families and have relaxed talk and fun over good food that does not pinch their wallet," Choudhury said.

The Pizza Hut outlet also

comes with a specialised menu, new appetisers and pizza toppings.

On the launch of the KFC outlet, Choudhury said: "Food lovers will enjoy our 11 secret spices recipe, first rated service and over all outstanding dining experience."

Transcom Foods, a sister concern of Transcom Group, introduced Pizza Hut in 2003 and KFC in 2006 in Bangladesh.

Both KFC and Pizza Hut are subsidiaries of the world's largest international restaurant company 'Yum!'



Satya Gopal Das, managing director of Progressive Credit Co-operative Society Ltd, presides over the company's 17th annual general meeting in Dhaka on Thursday. The company declared 15 percent dividend for 2008.

WASA চট্টগ্রাম পানি সরবরাহ ও পয়ঃ প্রণালী কর্তৃপক্ষ

ওয়সা ভবন, চট্টগ্রাম

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চট্টগ্রাম ওয়াসায় কর্তৃক পানি সরবরাহ প্রকল্পের নিম্নোক্ত পদগুলো পূরণের জন্য বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদনপত্র আগামী ২৫/১০/২০০৯ইং তারিখের মধ্যে চেয়ারম্যান, চট্টগ্রাম ওয়াসা, ওয়াসা ভবন, দামপাড়া, চট্টগ্রামের নিকট পৌছাতে হবে।

ক্রমিক নং	পদের নাম	মাসিক সাকুল্যে বেতন	পূনা পদের সংখ্যা	বয়স (দরখাস্ত গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ)	যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা
১।	সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (ক) সিভিল-২টি (খ) মেকানিক্যাল-১টি (গ) জিআইএস-১টি	১১,৬২০/-	৪	অনূর্ণ ৩০ বছর	সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়ে বিএসসি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং অথবা সমমানের শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা। কম্পিউটারে এমএস ওয়ার্ড; এমএস এক্সেল ব্যবহারে দক্ষ হতে হবে। সহকারী প্রকৌশলী জিআইএস এর জন্য Auto CAD এবং জিআইএস-এ অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
২।	উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (ক) সিভিল-৪টি (খ) ইলেকট্রিক্যাল-১টি (গ) মেকানিক্যাল-২টি	৯,০৭০/-	৭	অনূর্ণ ৩০ বছর	সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়ে ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং-এ ডিপ্লোমা। কমিউটারে এমএস ওয়ার্ড, এমএস এক্সেল ব্যবহারে দক্ষ হতে হবে।
৩।	ডাটা এন্ট্রি অপারেটর	৬,৩৫০/-	৪	অনূর্ণ ৩০ বছর	বিজ্ঞান বিভাগে উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক সার্টিফিকেট পাস। কম্পিউটারে এমএস ওয়ার্ড, এমএস এক্সেল ও Auto CAD-এ পারদর্শী হতে হবে।
৪।	এমএসএস	৪,৬০০/-	৪	অনূর্ণ ৩০ বছর	এসএসসি পাস। কম্পিউটারে জান থাকলে অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।

(ক) এ নিয়োগ সম্পূর্ণ প্রকল্পের বিপরীতে হবে। প্রকল্প সমাপ্তিতে এ নিয়োগের কার্যকারিতা শেষ হয়ে যাবে।

(খ) প্রার্থীকে সাদা কাগজে নিম্নের নাম, পিতা ও মাতার নাম, বর্তমান ও স্থায়ী ঠিকানা (টেলিফোন নম্বর যদি থাকে), জন্ম তারিখ ও বয়স, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা, জাতীয়তার সনদ, সাম্প্রতিক তোলা ২ (দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি ও চেয়ারম্যান, চট্টগ্রাম ওয়াসার অনুকূলে ক্রমিক নং-১ ও ২ এ বর্ণিত পদের জন্য ১০০/- (একশত) টাকার এবং ৩ ও ৪ বর্ণিত পদের জন্য ৫০/- (পঞ্চাশ) টাকার ক্রসড পে-অর্ডার/চ্যাক ড্রাফট (অফেরতযোগ্য) সহ আবেদনপত্র চেয়ারম্যান বরাবরে পৌছাতে হবে।

(গ) ছবি, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, জাতীয়তার সনদ প্রথম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা দ্বারা সত্যায়িত হতে হবে। একজন প্রথম শ্রেণীর সরকারি গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

(ঘ) চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।

(ঙ) মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তানদের বেলায় বয়স সর্বোচ্চ ৩২ বছর পর্যন্ত গ্রহণযোগ্য। এ ক্ষেত্রে মুক্তিযোদ্ধা বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয় থেকে ইস্যুকৃত সনদপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

(চ) নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে সরকারি নিয়ম ও কোটা পদ্ধতি অনুসরণ করা হবে।

(ছ) পদ সংখ্যা কম বেশী হতে পারে।

(জ) কর্তৃপক্ষ জারিকৃত নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি বাতিল বা বাতাল রাখার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

(ঝ) ইতোপূর্বে যদি কেউ একই পদে নিয়োগের আবেদন করে থাকেন তাদের নতুন করে আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই।

(ঞ) ২৫/১০/২০০৯ইং তারিখ বিকাল ৫.০০টার মধ্যে প্রাপ্ত আবেদনসমূহ যাচাই বাছাই এর জন্য গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে।

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VEIT BRISAY KANNIEGESSER, GERMANY opened its Liaison office in Dhaka. The grand opening ceremony was held on Oct 7th, 2009 at Spectra Convention Center with Mr Gunter Veit extending a warm welcome note. Mr Haroon Ar Rashid, Director of BGMEA was the chief guest and Mr Virender Goyal, Deputy Managing Director of Epic Group graced this occasion as a special guest.

Mr Gunter Veit felt that the Bangladesh market has very high growth potential. He also spoke in detail about the new product innovations that VEIT Group had done in the recent year which can help the garment manufacturers to reduce their energy cost. Mr Haroon Ar Rashid, welcomed VEIT Group and promised to extend more support from BGMEA in case of any needs. Mr Goyal insisted that as a garment machinery manufacturer Veit Group should emphasize on transferring knowledge as in "KNOW HOW" to "DO HOW" inside the industry. Finally, Mr Sri Ramaswamy, Country Manager of VEIT Group gave a fitting presentation on the new technological innovations of VEIT Group products such as knitwear finishers and tunnel

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