



Annisul Huq, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, speaks at a press conference on the launch of FBCCI Foundation yesterday in Dhaka. Abul Kashem Ahmed (3-L), first vice-president, and Abu Alam Chowdhury (5-L), vice-president, are also seen.

FBCCI moves to create jobs

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The FBCCI Foundation has taken up two projects to reduce poverty through employment generation.

The projects are Employment Project and One Family-One Businessman.

At least 10,000 males and females will be employed through the first project. They will be posted in bakeries and restaurants under Bangladesh Bread, Biscuit and Confectionery Manufacturers Association and Bangladesh Restaurant Owners Association.

Annisul Huq, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, briefed about the programmes at a press conference at

the federation office yesterday.

"The unemployed youths aged above 18 years will get jobs on the basis of 'on job training', no educational qualification is needed," Huq said.

According to the FBCCI chief, these youths will get Tk 1,500 a month along with breakfast, lunch, housing, medical facilities and others for free in a six-month training.

On completion of the training, a bakery worker will then get Tk 2,000 a month, while the amount is Tk 1,800 for the restaurant workers along with other facilities.

Under this project, primarily 250 females, both novice and regular, will be employed at Tk 4,000 per month with free breakfast and lunch only.

Moreover, around 500 educated

youths will get the post of System Support Assistant in cyber cafes in cooperation with the Cyber Cafe Owners Association of Bangladesh.

The trainee assistants will get Tk 3,000 a month in the post-training period without other benefits.

"This persons who passed class VIII are qualified for the jobs and the job seekers will have to apply through the respective district's chamber," said a FBCCI statement yesterday.

The foundation will help make around 300 poor youths self-reliant under its One Family-One Businessman project by the last week of January 2010.

A help desk has been working in the trade body's office to disseminate information.

Campus career festival kicks off tomorrow

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Bdjobs.com, one of the largest job portals in the country, is going to organise the '2nd Bdjobs.com Campus Career Festival' tomorrow, according to a press statement.

The company officials at a press conference in Dhaka recently said the festivals will be held in six public and private universities in Dhaka and Chittagong.

The universities are: Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, North South University, East West University, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology and Chittagong University.

At each of the campuses will find a 2-day long event. The first event of the festival will be held at North South University Campus on December 14-15.

A total of 25 reputed organisations in the country will take part in the festival with job offers in different positions.

More than 200 fresh graduates will be recruited through the festival this time, hoped Fahim Mashroor, chief executive officer of Bdjobs.com.

Face-to-Face interviews for new and upcoming graduates will be organised during the event. Apart from the job announcement and interviews by the employers, seminars and workshops on different career related topics would also be a part of the event.

Benapole Customs exceeds revenue target in Jul-Nov

A CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Benapole Customs revenue earning in July-November is now Tk 57.62 crore ahead of the target set for the period of this fiscal.

Officials say import-export trade through the country's biggest land port is gradually gaining momentum because of a better coordination among clearing and forwarding agents, port users and workers.

However, they stressed removal of infrastructure mismanagement to earn the revenue more than the amount currently in place.

The first five-month earning reached Tk 784.06 crore against Tk 1,783 crore, an amount that the government has fixed for the 2009-10 financial year.

During the time, around 7 lakh tonnes of goods, imported from India, was unloaded at Benapole land port.

In the last fiscal, Benapole Customs House lagged behind the target fixed for the year during the rule of caretaker government. The amount earned as revenue in FY 2008-09 was Tk 1,613 crore while the target was Tk 1,691 crore, which means Tk

77.81 crore less earning.

Meanwhile, Benapole Customs Commissioner Abdul Mannan Shikder has said necessary steps will be taken on an emergency basis to solve different problems in the port, as pointed out by businesspeople.

These problems include inadequacy of equipment like cranes and forklifts, bribery and pilferage of goods.

"We expect a remarkable rise revenue earnings at Benapole if these problems are resolved immediately," said Mofizur Rahman Sajon, vice president of Benapole C&F Agents Association.



Samson H Chowdhury, chairman, and Anis A Khan, managing director and chief executive officer of Mutual Trust Bank Ltd, are seen at the bank's stall at the SME Financing Fair 2009 in Dhaka recently.

Separate economic zone soon in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Rangpur will soon be declared as a separate industrial and economic zone to attract local and foreign investors, Industries Minister Dilip Boruah has said.

"Through setting up this zone the government wants to fulfill its commitment to creating job opportunities for Rangpur people," the minister said while inaugurating a month-long trade fair on Rangpur Zila School premises on Friday.

Around 133 stalls have

been set up in the fair, organised by the Rangpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister GM Quader was the special guest at the function, also addressed by Awami League lawmaker HN Ashiqur Rahman, Rangpur Sadar upazila Chairman Mostafizar Rahman, Rangpur Municipality Mayor Abdur Rouf Manik, Deputy Commissioner of the district BM Enamul Huq and Superintendent of Police Saleh Mohammad Tanvir.



Barrister Manzoor Hasan, director of Institute of Governance Studies at BRAC University, speaks at a three-day regional workshop on strengthening citizen engagement in procurement, reviewing experiences, identifying challenges and exploring opportunities, at BRAC Centre for Management Development in Rajendrapur recently.

Gold prices fall from record heights

AFP, London

Gold prices dropped further from recent record heights and crude oil futures tumbled this week but cocoa struck a 24-year peak in a mixed trading week for commodities amid a stronger dollar and debt fears.

Gold prices extended losses after the precious metal had hit a record high of 1,226.56 dollars an ounce on December 3.

Gold prices fell "as a stronger dollar prompts profit-taking," said Barclays Capital analyst Suki Cooper.

The dollar won back some ground against the euro this

week on growing concerns about Europe's mounting debt strains.

Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou on Friday ruled out going cap in hand to the International Monetary Fund as a way out of his country's 300-billion-euro debt morass.

The beleaguered premier said it was "out of the question to resort to the IMF" after earlier stating in Brussels at a European Union summit that Greece -- a member of the eurozone -- was "not about to default on its debts."

Greece's sovereign debt

was downgraded this week by the international ratings agency Fitch, prompting fears of dangerous divergence in the 16 countries that use the euro.

Gold prices had meanwhile smashed records in recent weeks on the back of inflationary fears and increasing moves by central banks to diversify assets away from the dollar. Gold is traditionally viewed as a safe-haven investment.

By late Friday on the London Bullion Market, gold dropped to 1,124 dollars an ounce from 1,190.25 dollars a week earlier.



CBC chief due today

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Managing Director of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (CBC) AL Gooneratne is scheduled to arrive in Dhaka today on a three-day visit, said the bank in a statement.

During the visit, Gooneratne will inaugurate CBC's two SME centres, launch the bank's global credit card, attend the annual customer get-togethers in Dhaka and Chittagong, and meet the governor of Bangladesh Bank.

Japan firms owed \$7.5b by Dubai

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's non-financial firms had some 7.5 billion dollars in uncollected bills from the Dubai government and its affiliated firms as of the end of October, the Nikkei business daily reported on Saturday.

The data, excluding bank loans, was derived from a total of 18 projects worth about 15 billion dollars and involving Japanese general contractors, trading houses and electric machinery manufacturers, the daily said.



Anisur Rahman Sinha, chairman of Opex and Sinha group that owns Best Fried Chicken (BFC), and Sharmin Lucky, model, inaugurate BFC's eighth branch at New Eskaton in Dhaka on Friday.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD Project Circle-1, Public Works Department Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka			
INVITATION FOR TENDERS (FRESH) (For Publication in Newspaper only) IFT No. 01/2009-2010			
Memo No- SE/PC-1/2009/Food/05		Date: 09/12/2009	
1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Food and Disaster Management		
2. Agency	DGoF (Directorate General of Food)		
4. Procuring Entity Name	Superintending Engineer, PWD Project Circle-1, Dhaka		
5. Procuring Entity District	15 Administrative Districts of Rajshahi Division		
KEY INFORMATION			
6. Procurement Method	National Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
FUNDING INFORMATION			
7. Budget and Source of Funds	GOB (DRGA-CF of Japan)		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
8. Project Name	Construction of New Food Godown of 1.10 lakh M.T. Capacity in the Northern region of the Country.		
9. Tender Package no.	01/NFGNR (Total 50 nos lots)		
	Lot Nos.	Date	Time
10. Tender Last Selling date and time	For WD-16, WD-17, WD-18, WD-19, WD-20, WD-21, WD-22, WD-23, WD-24, WD-25	11-01-2010	Up to 5.00 PM.
Tender Closing date and time	-DO-	12-01-2010	Up to 12.00 Noon
Tender Opening Date and Time	-DO-	12-01-2010	2.00 PM.
11. Tender Last Selling date and time	For WD-26, WD-27, WD-28, WD-29, WD-30, WD-31, WD-32, WD-33, WD-34, WD-35,	12-01-2010	Up to 5.00 PM.
Tender Closing date and time	-DO-	13-01-2010	Up to 12.00 Noon
Tender Opening Date and Time	-DO-	13-01-2010	2.00 PM.
12. Tender Last Selling date and time	For WD-36, WD-37, WD-38, WD-39, WD-40, WD-41, WD-42, WD-43, WD-44, WD-45,	13-01-2010	Up to 5.00 PM.
Tender Closing date and time	-DO-	14-01-2010	Up to 12.00 Noon
Tender Opening Date and Time	-DO-	14-01-2010	2.00 PM.
13. Tender Last Selling date and time	For WD-46, WD-47, WD-48, WD-49, WD-50, WD-51, WD-52, WD-53, WD-54, WD-55,	17-01-2010	Up to 5.00 PM.
Tender Closing date and time	-DO-	18-01-2010	Up to 12.00 Noon
Tender Opening Date and Time	-DO-	18-01-2010	2.00 PM.
14. Tender Last Selling date and time	For WD-56, WD-57, WD-58, WD-59, WD-60, WD-61, WD-62, WD-63, WD-64, WD-65	18-01-2010	Up to 5.00 PM.
Tender Closing date and time	-DO-	19-01-2010	Up to 12.00 Noon
Tender Opening Date and Time	-DO-	20-01-2010	2.00 PM.
15. Name & address of the office(s)	1. Superintending Engineer, PWD Project Circle-1, Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. 2. Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD of Concerned District.		
Selling Tender Document (Principal)	1. Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD Project Circle-1, Dhaka.		
Selling Tender Document (Others)	2. Office of the DG (Director General) of Food, Abdul Gani road, Dhaka.		
Receiving Tender Document	3. Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E den Division, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.		
Opening Tender Document	1. Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD Project Circle-1, Dhaka.		
16. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	21/12/2009 at 10.00 AM. Conference Room of Directorate General of Food, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDER			
17. Eligibility of Tenderers	The Tenderers shall have a minimum three(3) years of specific Experience in the construction works of Godown/ Building Projects which must be in conformity with ITT and TDS of the tender document.		
18. Brief Description of Works	Construction of Godown Building, Internal & External Electrification, Internal Road, Site Development etc.		
19. Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	1000.00 (One Thousand Taka only) Per lot		
Lot No.	Identification of LOT	Location(District)	Tender Security Amount (Tk. in lac)
Time for Completion			
As per lot List			
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
20. Tender Validity	120 days		
Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Nabi Newaz		
Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Superintending Engineer, PWD Project Circle-1, Dhaka		
Address of Official Inviting Tender	PWD Project Circle-1, Dhaka.		
Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	02-953590, 02-9560474, ee_pd2@yahoo.com		
Special Instructions	a) Any tenderer (Individual or JVCA) can participate in maximum two lots. Violation of the instruction will make the tenderer liable to be non responsive in all participating lots. b) Money receipt of tender document sale must be attached with the tender. c) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.		
This invitation for tender is available on following Web Sites: www.pwd.gov.bd, www.dgfood.gov.bd, www.cptu.gov.bd			

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