

# Muhith unhappy over PPP project execution pace

UNB, Dhaka

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday expressed his dissatisfaction at the slow pace in implementation of public private partnership (PPP) projects and blamed the previous BNP government for shattering the economy.

"Development works of the present government is not visible in a bigger way, as the previous BNP-led four-party alliance government battered the economy with their misrule," he said after a meeting with Unicef Representative in Bangladesh Carel D Rooy at his ministry.

The minister said the PPP project implementation could not make progress as per the plan and its impacts will be visible.

He, however, hoped that the infrastructures under the PPP will be developed soon and that would be a great achievement for the government.

Muhith said facilities under social sector would be expanded after implementation of the PPP projects.

About energy resources, he said this government, after assuming power, has raised the gas production from 1400 mmcf to 2000 mmcf.

"The energy sector is still the prime area for the government to spur economic activities and the government wants bigger investment in the power and energy sector."

Responding to a question, he said three projects -- Dhaka-Chittagong Highway, Dhaka Expressway (underground) and Dhaka-Mymensing

Highway -- are now in the pipeline for implementation as PPP projects.

"The papers of these projects are being prepared and any of the three could be the first PPP project," he said.

About FBCCI Foundation formed by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry as part of performing the business community's corporate social responsibility (CSR), he said this kind of initiative is very much encouraging and he hoped that it would be successful.

FBCCI President Annisul Huq at a press conference Saturday said this Foundation will work for poverty reduction, building food-safety net, employment generation and human resource development.



Abdul Hafiz Choudhury, second from right, president of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, presides over a meeting with a 20-member delegation led by Mingpant Chaya, president of Thai-Bangladesh Business Council under the Board of Trade of Thailand, in Dhaka yesterday.

## Deal next week to import palm oil through TCB

Says Faruk Khan after meeting with Malaysian minister

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Commerce Minister Faruk Khan has said an agreement with Malaysia government will be signed soon to import palm oil through the state-run Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) to bring stability in the domestic edible oil market.

Khan told this to reporters after a meeting with Malaysian Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Bernard G Dompok at the commerce ministry yesterday.

"The deal is expected next week and the arrival of imported edible oil in two months after striking it," he said.

Majority of the total edible oil demand is met by palm oil, mainly imported from Malaysia.

Generally, Bangladesh consumes 1.3 million tonnes of edible oil a year.

The private sector entrepreneurs import all the required edible oil, but this time the government has

intervened to bring stability in the prices of the item in the local market, the minister said.

Khan asked his counterpart also to import quality Bangladeshi medicines and ceramics in larger volume as the country has already proved as one of the largest exporters of the two items in the world.

The minister further said Bangladesh will hold a roadshow in Malaysia next month to attract more Malaysian investment and encourage the businessmen

of that country to import more Bangladeshi products.

Khan also requested the Malaysian minister to encourage investors of his country to invest more in energy and power in Bangladesh, as demand for such utilities grow.

Dompok said since Malaysia is one of the largest palm oil producing countries in the world, it has the capacity to meet the whole demand of edible oil of Bangladesh.

## MCCI calls for Thai lead in Bimstec growth

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) yesterday urged a Thai business delegation to take the lead role in speeding up the country's activities in Bimstec to bolster regional growth.

"Thailand is one of the major partners in the regional agreement of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation (Bimstec)," President of the chamber Abdul Hafiz Choudhury said at a meeting in Dhaka.

"We expect Thailand's support in successfully concluding the agreement as early as possible," he added.

He said Bimstec, comprising Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar,

Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand, accounts for 21 percent of the world population.

The Bimstec was initiated with the goal to combine the 'Look West' policy of Thailand and Asean with the 'Look East' policy of South Asia, he added.

"So we consider Bimstec as a link between Asean and Saarc, which is strategically important for regional development. We request Thailand to take the lead role in concluding the agreement soon, enabling a rapid economic development and accelerating social progress in the region," Choudhury said.

He called upon the Thai businesspeople to invest more in some labour-intensive sectors such as textile, leather, paper and pulp, energy, tour-

ism, healthcare, agro-based and agro-supporting industries in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh offers attractive investment incentives in energy sector, Choudhury told the delegation.

The MCCI boss also said the demand for energy is going up by over 800 megawatts (MW) annually and the projected demand is 7,000 MW by end-2011.

This will require investment of \$5 billion-\$7 billion in generation and distribution of electricity, he said, adding that the Thai government will find attractive opportunities in Bangladesh's energy generation and distribution.

Mingpant Chaya, president of Thai Bangladesh Business Council, and Usa Wijarun, minister counsellor of Thai embassy, also attended the meeting.



Md Jahangir Alam Khan, chairman of United Commercial Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's 91st branch at Savar yesterday. M Shahjahan Bhuiyan, managing director of the bank, was also present.

## Utilise tax break on CSR spend

Workshop suggests

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

A workshop in Dhaka yesterday suggested Bangladeshi entrepreneurs utilise a ten percent tax exemption offered by the National Board of Revenue on CSR expenditure.

The workshop People, Profit and Protecting the Planet was organised by Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CanCham) in association with the Canadian High Commission at the Canadian Recreation Centre.

The session was conducted by Reed Consulting (Bangladesh) Ltd with Rodney Reed, chairman and principal consultant of the firm, as the main speaker.

The speakers dwelt on the factors concerning CSR.

CSR does not only

include social responsibilities of corporate bodies but also companies of all sizes, no matter how small or big they are, said Reed while explaining his presentation to the participants.

The benefits a business can receive from CSR were also highlighted. These benefits come, among others, in the form of environmental protection, access to markets, permit to do business from the society and consumers' satisfaction.

HT Imam, prime minister's establishment and administration affairs adviser, was present as chief guest and gave away certificates among the participants.

"Improving business relations is an aspect of the workshop which can help Bangladeshi companies



HT Imam, the prime minister's establishment and administration affairs adviser, distributes certificates among participants in a workshop co-organised by Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Canadian High Commission in Dhaka yesterday.

gain overseas market share," Imam hoped.

In his speech, the prime minister's adviser expressed his concerns about the effects of climate change and global warming as

Bangladesh has already been declared as a most vulnerable country in this regard.

CSR can play an important role in protecting the environment, he reminded

the participants.

Robert Beadle, acting high commissioner of Canada, and Masud Rahman, president of CanCham, were also present.

## Invitation for Re-Tender (IFT)

Re-Tender No: 01(2009-2010)

Memo No: 371/DPHE/Dhaka Division

Date: 7/12/2009

### GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Local Govt., Rural Development & Co-operatives, Local Govt. Division.				
2	Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE).				
3	Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, DPHE, Dhaka Division, Dhaka.				
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.				
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.				
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Goods.				
7	Invitation Ref. No.	PD, STWSSP, Memo No-480.				
8	Date	03/12/2009.				
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>						
9	Procurement method	NCT		Open		
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB & ADB.				
11	Development partners (if applicable)	ADB				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.				
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Secondary Towns Water Supply & Sanitation Sector (GOB-ADB) Project.				
14	Tender package No.	PMU-W1.				
15	Tender package name	Supply of Furniture, Air Conditioner & Installation of Work Station.				
16	Tender publication date	On or before 10 December/2009.				
17	Tender last selling date	20/12/2009 up to 5:00pm.				
18	Tender closing date and time	Date	Time			
		21/12/2009	2:00 pm			
19	Tender opening date and time	21/12/2009	3:00 pm			
20	Name & address of the office(s)					
	Selling tender documents (principal)	a) Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, Dhaka Division, Dhaka.				
	Selling tender documents (others)	b) Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, SIR Division, Dhaka. c) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka.				
	Receiving tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, Dhaka Division, Dhaka.				
	Opening tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, Dhaka Division, Dhaka.				
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Date	Time			
		17.12.2009	11.00am			
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>						
22	Eligibility of tenderer	Any tenderer who possesses the qualification stated in the tender documents.				
23	Brief description of works	Supply of Furniture, A/C & Work-Station.				
24	Brief description of related services	N/A				
25	Price of tender document	500/- (five hundred)				
26	Package No.	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in days
	PMU-W1	02	Supply of Furniture, Air Conditioner & Installation of Work Station	Office of the PD, Secondary Towns Water Supply & Sanitation Sector (GOB-ADB) Project at DPHE Bhaban 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor.	44000/- (forty four thousand)	60 (sixty) days
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>						
27	Name & official inviting tender	Md. Nazrul Islam Mian.				
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer				
29	Address of official inviting tender	DPHE, Dhaka Division, Dhaka.				
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No.		Fax No.		E-mail
		7168383				
31	This procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.					

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## Business info centre demanded for Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Speakers at a dialogue yesterday demanded setting-up of a business information centre at the city corporation, a separate market for women and a special economic zone in Sylhet.

The dialogue focused on public-private partnership.

Faruque Mahmud Chowdhury, administrator of Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), moderated the dialogue. Sylhet Mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran was also

present. MA Razzaque Chowdhury, former president of SCCI, read out the keynote paper.

The Asia Foundation organised the dialogue at the Sylhet City Corporation conference hall.

The Sylhet mayor assured businessmen of taking immediate steps to ease the process of issuing trade licence and setting up the centre as early as possible.

Hafiz Ahmed Mazumder, a lawmaker and chairman of Pubali Bank Ltd, said the bank would provide special loans to 100 women investors in the city.



Afroz Rahim, chairman of Rahimafrooz Group, inaugurates the new sales and service centre of Rahimafrooz Distribution Ltd, at Mirpur in Dhaka recently.



Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd.,  
(An Enterprise of BCIC)



## International Tender Notice

1.	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Industries.				
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC)				
3.	Name of Procuring Entity	Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Polash, Narsingdi				
4.	Invitation Ref. No., Invitation for, Bid security Money, Last selling Date & time, Closing & Opening time, price of Tender Documents are as follows :-					
SI No	Ref. No. & Date	Invitation for	Security Money	Last selling Date	Closing & Opening Date & Time	Document Price
1.	PUFFL/Com/2.392/08-09 Dt: 12/12/2009	Primary Reformer Tube & Pig Tail Tube (Re-Tender)	US\$ 5,500.00	Dt: 11/01/2010	Dt: 12/01/2010 11.30 AM	Tk. 1000.00
2.	PUFFL/Com/4.405/09-10 Dt: 12/12/2009	Control Valve	Tk. 40,000.00	Dt: 25/01/2010	Dt: 26/01/2010 11.30 AM	Tk. 500.00
5.	Procuring Method	International Open Tendering Method (IOTM)				
6.	Source of Fund	Any suitable Source of Finance.				
7.	Name and addresses of the offices selling Tender Documents.	i Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, (6th Floor), 30-31 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka. ii Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6-Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. iii G.M (A & F) PUFFL, Polash, Narsingdi.				
8.	Address of the office Receiving & Opening Tenders.	General Manager (Commercial), Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Polash, Narsingdi.				
9.	Detail Address of Official Inviting Tender	Managing Director, Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Polash, Narsingdi. Phone: 9351216, 0628-74391 Fax: 88-02-9351223				
10.	Special Instruction	The procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason.				

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