

Roadshows raise hope for multibillion dollar investment in energy

Says PM's adviser after NY, Singapore shows

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Roadshows in New York and Singapore have called for investment worth \$7 billion in Bangladesh's energy and power sector, the prime minister's energy adviser said yesterday.

A large number of investors took part in the roadshows and showed keen interest in investing in Bangladesh, said Toufiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury.

Chowdhury said there were no specific commitments on the investment to be made, but the roadshows raised hopes for huge investment in the power sector. He briefed reporters at the power, energy and mineral resources ministry on the outcomes of the roadshows.

Bangladesh investment conferences and roadshows were held in Singapore on January 25-26 and in New York on January 28 to attract investment in the power and energy sector.

Chowdhury said foreign experts would visit Bangladesh in March to

discuss liquid natural gas (LNG) imports.

The government plans to install an LNG terminal in the Bay of Bengal, considering the country's ongoing and future gas crisis, at a time when several gas-based power and industrial units are installed.

The terminal will help ease off-loading of imported LNG containers by ships and transmit LNG into the national gas system. The terminal should have the capacity to deal with 3.5 million tonnes of LNG.

The adviser said they were able to gain back the confidence of foreign investors lost in the past seven years.

"Their main concern was whether Bangladesh was capable and had an investment environment. We told them that Bangladesh is back in business."

Power Secretary Abul Kalam Azad said the government would invite pre-qualification (PQ) bids from power developers this month to set up four power plants in Bangladesh, aiming to generate 800 megawatts

(MW) of electricity.

The four power plants will be set up at Savar (100MW), Kaliakoir (100MW), Bhola (150MW -- 2nd phase) and Bibiyana (150 MW -- 2nd Phase).

Azad said PQ bids would also be floated in July to set up four coal-based power plants to generate 2,000MW of electricity. The plants will be set up in Chittagong, Mongla, Meghna Ghat and Jazira.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Md Enamul Haque said the country's commitment to private-sector investment was lost in the past seven years, which many foreign companies questioned during the shows.

"We have convinced them that the present government is committed," he said.

Power Development Board Chairman ASM Alamgir Kabir, Petrobangla Chairman Dr Hossain Monsur and Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation chief Anwarul Karim were present.



Commerce Minister Faruk Khan poses after a meeting with a delegation from International Business Forum of Bangladesh (IBFB), led by its President Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury, at the minister's office in Dhaka on Wednesday. The IBFB exchanged views and suggestions with the minister prior to their departure on a four-day trip to Bhutan.

IBFB team leaves for Bhutan today

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A 24-member trade delegation from the International Business Forum of Bangladesh (IBFB) will leave Dhaka today on a four-day trip to Bhutan, said the organisation in a statement yesterday.

Earlier, the delegation, led by IBFB President Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury met Commerce Minister Faruk Khan at the minister's office to exchange views and suggestions regarding this mission.

During the visit, the delegation will meet the Bhutanese Economic Affairs Minister Khandu Wangchuk, members of Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bhutan Export Association and other business communities with the primary objective to encourage foreign direct investment in Bangladesh.

The trade body will also explore further trade opportunities between the two nations.

Trade with Germany crosses 2b euros in 2009

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Trade between Bangladesh and Germany increased by 16 percent in the first eleven months of 2009 defying the global economic downturn, said a statement from German embassy yesterday.

Bilateral trade volume surpassed 2.1 billion or \$3.15 billion euros in the period, while the trade surplus of Bangladesh amounted to 1.6 billion or \$2.4 billion euros.

German Ambassador Holger Michael welcomed this development. He said, "Germany is already the second largest export market for Bangladesh and an important partner in its trade based development strategy."

"We firmly believe that Bangladesh is on a growth trajectory. German business

and industry has a lot to offer also to support this development."

Bangladesh exports to Germany reached a new record high of 1.86 billion euros, a 17.4 percent increase over the first 11 months of 2008. More than 90 percent of the exports are readymade garments, added the statement.

With about thirty ships worth around 250 million euros on order by German ship owners, the shipbuilding sector expects to prominently figure in the export statistic of Bangladesh in the years to come.

During January-November in 2009, German exports to Bangladesh increased by 8 percent over the corresponding period in 2008. German companies sell mainly machinery, chem-

icals and electric equipment to Bangladesh market.

Generators are among the most successful German products sold last year. More than 30 generators that are capable to generate almost 80 MW of energy and valued at about 20 million euros were delivered in 2009 to Bangladesh.

With 16 percent share in the global market, German industry is the world leader in environmental technology, including renewable and "green" energy generation.

President of Bangladesh-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry Md Saiful Islam said: "With a positive mindset to expand the trade and investment relations between the two countries, BGCCI plans to organise "German Trade Show II" in 2011.



Md Abdul Hamid Miah, managing director of Rupali Bank, and AEA Muhaimen, managing director and chief executive officer of BRAC Bank, exchange documents after signing a deal yesterday. Rupali Bank is now a member of BRAC Bank-led ELDORADO and OMNIBUS shared networks.

Rupali teams up with BRAC Bank for easy remittance

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Rupali Bank Ltd has joined ELDORADO and OMNIBUS shared networks, two electronic fund transfer systems initiated by BRAC Bank Ltd, says a statement released yesterday.

The two banks teamed up, with signing of an agreement by Md Abdul Hamid Miah, managing director of Rupali Bank, and AEA Muhaimen, managing director and chief executive officer of BRAC Bank, at a ceremony. Dr Atiur Rahman, governor of Bangladesh Bank, and Ahmed Al-Kabir, chairman of Rupali Bank, were also present.

This partnership is the first of its kind in the industry where a public bank has partnered with a technology platform led by any private bank.

"I am happy that Rupali Bank is the first government

bank to take such a bold step towards customer benefit," said the central bank governor at the deal signing ceremony.

ELDORADO is an online real-time remittance distribution system that enables recipients to withdraw remittance from any branch of any member banks.

BRAC Bank initiated ELDORADO to bring in banks on a common technological platform to share foreign remittances.

Now with Rupali Bank as the ninth member in the network, foreign remittances can be withdrawn from over 1,000 branches across the country

OMNIBUS is a shared ATM and POS networked by BRAC Bank. Customers from any member bank can use any ATM point. The combined network has over 300 ATMs and 1,200 POS terminals across Bangladesh.

Shell profits plunge

AFP, London

Energy giant Royal Dutch Shell reported a plunge in annual profits on Thursday, blaming a weak global economy and an uncertain outlook as it axed 1,000 jobs and earmarked more assets for disposal.

Shell said in a statement that net profit tumbled 52 percent to 12.52 billion dollars (9.0 billion euros) last year from 26.28 billion dollars in 2008.

"Our fourth quarter 2009 results were impacted by the weak global economy," Royal Dutch Shell Chief Executive Officer Peter Vosser said in the statement.

"Oil prices have increased compared to a year ago but gas prices and refining margins have declined sharply because of weaker demand and high industry inventory levels.

"We are not assuming that there will be a quick recovery and the outlook for 2010 is uncertain," he said.

However, the group bounced back into the black in the three months to December, owing to a major restructuring programme and a modest recovery in crude oil prices.

আধুনিক ভাষা ইনস্টিটিউট
ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আরবী, ফরাসী, জার্মান ও হিন্দী ভাষার সংক্ষিপ্ত কোর্স
আসান সীমিত। আগে এলে আগে পাবেন ভিত্তিতে ভর্তি চলছে।

নূনতম শিক্ষণত যোগ্যতা	এইচ.এস.সি/সমমান পরীক্ষার পাস।
ভর্তির সময়	সকাল ১০.০০টা থেকে দুপুর ০১.০০টা পর্যন্ত। (শনিবার থেকে বৃহস্পতিবার)। হিন্দী ভাষা-শনিবার থেকে বুধবার (সকাল ১১.০০-১.০০টা)
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ফ্রান্সের তারিখ	আরবী ভাষা-২৫ ফেব্রুয়ারি-২০১০ইং। ফরাসী ও জার্মান ভাষা-১৯ ফেব্রুয়ারি-২০১০ইং। হিন্দী ভাষা-১লা মার্চ-২০১০ইং।
যোগাযোগ	আরবী ভাষা-কক্ষ নং-১২৯ (টেলিফোন-৯৬৬১৯০০ এক্স-৮৫৫০) ফরাসী ভাষা-কক্ষ নং-১০২ (টেলিফোন-৯৬৬১৯০০ এক্স-৮৫২০) জার্মান ভাষা-কক্ষ নং-১০৫ (মোবাইল- ০১৮১৬২৫৪১৩) হিন্দী ভাষা-কক্ষ নং-২০৮ (মোবাইল- ০১৮১২৯০৪৪০)

বিভারিত তথ্য ইনস্টিটিউটের নোটিশ বোর্ডে দেওয়া আছে।
সি-২০৮ পরিচালক

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

একটি সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত গ্রুপের অফ ইন্ডিয়ান ডি ডেন্টা কার্টন ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজ লিঃ, ডি ডেন্টা ইন্ডিয়ান লিঃ, ও সাক্স হাই-টেক প্যাকেজিং লিঃ এর জন্য জরুরী ভিত্তিতে নিম্নোক্ত পদসমূহে পোক নিয়োগ করা হবে।

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মার্কেটিং ম্যানেজার	কমপক্ষে ৫ বছর এক্সেসরিজ, পেপার প্রিন্টিং আইটেম, প্রাথমিক প্যাকেজিং- প্রাথমিক কন্ট্রোলিং, প্রাথমিক বোতল ও হ্যাশার ইত্যাদির উপর ন্যূনতম ৫ বছর।	এমবিএ/স্নাতকোত্তর	৫ জন
মার্কেটিং এনালিস্ট	৫ বছর	এমবিএ/স্নাতকোত্তর	৫ জন
কমার্শিয়াল ম্যানেজার	উপরোক্ত অভিজ্ঞতার সাথে কমপক্ষে ৫ বছর বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।	এমবিএ/স্নাতকোত্তর	১ জন
প্রশাসনিক অফিসার / মানব সম্পদ	নূনতম ৫ বছর	স্নাতকোত্তর	১ জন
কন্ট্রোলিং অফিসার ও জব কার্ড মেকার	নূনতম ৩ বছর	এমবিএ/স্নাতকোত্তর	১ জন
হিসাব রক্ষক	নূনতম ৫ বছর	স্নাতক/স্নাতকোত্তর	১ জন
ইলেকট্রিক্যাল ইঞ্জিনিয়ার	নূনতম ৩ বছর	ডিগ্রিপ্লামাডিসী	১ জন
মেকানিক্যাল ইঞ্জিনিয়ার	নূনতম ৩ বছর	ডিগ্রিপ্লামাডিসী	১ জন
স্টোর অফিসার	নূনতম ৫ বছর	স্নাতক/স্নাতকোত্তর	১ জন
প্রোকিউরমেন্ট অফিসার	নূনতম ৫ বছর	স্নাতক/স্নাতকোত্তর	১ জন
পিসন/মেসেঞ্জার	নূনতম ২ বছর	এসএসসি	২ জন

আগ্রহী প্রার্থীদের জীবন বৃত্তান্ত, শিক্ষণত যোগ্যতা ও সকল সংশ্লিষ্ট কাগজপত্রের
ক্রিয়াকারী সত্যায়িত ২ (দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি এবং জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র
ও নাগরিকত্বের সনদপত্র নিম্নোক্ত ঠিকানায় ডাকযোগে আগামী ১৫-০২-২০১০ইং
তারিখের মধ্যে পাঠাতে হবে। নামের উপর পদের নাম উল্লেখ থাকবে।
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Mahfuzur Rahman Mitra, chairman of Rupali Life Insurance Ltd, and Amirul Islam, chief executive of Reliance Trade International and Raymond in Bangladesh, inaugurate the tenth branch of Raymond Shop on New Elephant Road in Dhaka yesterday.

Economic governance index likely

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A unique economic governance index (EGI) is likely to be formulated in Bangladesh in a few months to improve the business climate for the private sector and encourage balanced development in regions.

With the EGI, the government, local authorities, business leaders and entrepreneurs will be able to take steps to foster better economic environment, business expansion and employment.

The Asia Foundation is

designing the EGI for Rajshahi, Bogra, Sylhet and Barisal, incorporating business information from district headquarters, where surveys have been conducted since December.

The findings will be disseminated both at national and regional levels in a few months, speakers said at a discussion at the Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce and Industries (RCCI) auditorium on Wednesday.

The information found in the surveys will also be compiled into a 'Guide to Best Practices' that will be used as

a potential source of inspiration and ideas in engaging other districts.

The UK Department for International Development (UKAID) and European Union are funding the programme, being assessed by International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Bangladesh Investment Climate Fund (BICF).

As the EGI will identify districts with better enabling environments for private enterprise, the sub-indices will spot particular strengths and weakness of each district.

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Health Care Development Project (HCDP) - a recent initiative of the Diabetic Association and a sister Project of BIRDEM under Dutch collaboration - is the largest comprehensive health care network so far attempted in Bangladesh. For its newly built/renovated well equipped Regional Hospital (North Bengal Medical College Hospital) in Sirajganj, the Project invites application from professionals who are qualified, skilled, dedicated and socially motivated. Attractive remuneration packages, competitive to those in private health sector market, will be offered.

Designation	Qualification, Experience & Salary range
Consultant-I/Professor* (in all clinical and diagnostic disciplines) *as per BMDC criteria	MBBS with Postgraduation degree in the relevant subject and 15 years of professional experience of which 10 years would be in the relevant field after post graduation; Salary Range: Tk 80,000/- Tk 1,20,000/-
Consultant-II/Associate Professor* (in all clinical and diagnostic disciplines) *as per BMDC criteria	MBBS with Postgraduation degree in the relevant subject and 10 years of professional experience of which 5 years would be in the relevant field after post graduation; Salary Range: Tk 70,000/- Tk 1,00,000/-
Consultant-III/Assistant Professor* (in all clinical and diagnostic disciplines) *as per BMDC criteria	MBBS with Postgraduation degree in the relevant subject and 5 years of professional experience; Salary Range: Tk 50,000/- Tk 80,000/-
Consultant-IV/Sr. Registrar (in all clinical and diagnostic disciplines)	MBBS with Diploma in the relevant subject and a total of 7 years of professional experience which 2 years in the relevant field after Diploma; Salary Range: Tk 30,000/- Tk 60,000/-
Sr Medical Officer / Registrar (in all clinical and diagnostic disciplines)	MBBS with a recognized Institution or an equivalent academic qualification and 5 years professional experience in the relevant field ; Salary Range: Tk 25,000/- Tk 45,000/-
Medical Officer / Asstt Registrar (in all clinical and diagnostic disciplines)	MBBS from a recognized institution or an equivalent academic qualification; Salary Range: Tk 16,000/- Tk 30,000/-

Application can be submitted in plain papers (e-mail accepted: coordinator-pmc@hcdp-bd.org); together with certified copies of all qualification and experience certificates and a recent passport size color photograph (scanned copies accepted). The Application should be addressed to the Chairman, Local Recruitment Committee or to the Executive Director, HCDP, Bangladesh Institute & Health Sciences & Hospital (BIHSH), 125/1, Darus Salam, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216. The last date of submission of application forms is 20th February 2010.