

Development activity showcased at fair

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The Bangladesh Development Forum (BDF) has arranged a 'development fair' for the first time in the country to showcase different activities and technologies of government ministries and development partners.

With 40 participants, the fair that began yesterday is taking place on the sidelines of the two-day BDF at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka.

Almost all the ministries are participating in the fair to inform people of the services they render to develop the country, BDF organisers said.

Talking to The Daily Star, Naila Yasmeen, planning and development officer of the Directorate of Primary Education, said they are highlighting ongoing government development plans for primary education at the fair.

"Many people do not know the government's action plan on primary and mass education. Of course, such a fair will help disseminate vital information about the condition of primary education in the country," Yasmeen said.

She said the idea of holding a development fair is good as participants have an opportunity to simultaneously showcase their activities to development partners, policy makers and other influential people of the society.

Previously, Bangladesh did not have an opportunity to participate as the development meeting was usually held in Paris, she said.

Similarly, Harun-Ur-Rashid, agricultural extension officer under the agriculture ministry, said many are not aware of the urban agricultural activities of the government.

He said he has been working in urban Dhaka to increase productivity

in domestic agriculture like planting vegetables and fruit trees on building rooftops.

"We have a great potential to grow agricultural products in urban areas, including rooftop plantation, but many people in the city do not know about the government's activities in this regard," Rashid said.

He said at present, four offices are working in four zones in Dhaka city to expand such urban agricultural programme.

Development partners of Bangladesh and policy makers were the main visitors at the fair.

The participating ministries, departments and NGOs used different banners, placards, posters and leaflets to disseminate information about their activities.

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Rangpur firm to grow potato seeds

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

Adron Agro Biotech in Rangpur has started producing potato seeds through tissue culture to meet the increasing domestic demand.

The first ever agro-firm in the district cultivated potato this year for seeds on around 30 acres at Baharkatchna in Tapadhan union under

Rangpur Sadar upazila with a plan to market the seeds next year.

Adron Agro has targeted three kinds of potato seeds -- nuclear, breeder and foundation -- for this year, said Aminul Islam, proprietor of the company.

"I have brought breeder and foundation seeds from Olympic Agro Biotech in Dhaka and potato plantlets

to produce nuclear seeds."

"Now I need to set up a laboratory to produce plantlets of potato for which I have recently applied for bank loans," he added.

Farmers buy imported seeds for Tk 160-Tk 170 a kilogram, while local seeds cost Tk 50-Tk 60, Islam said, stressing the need for setting up a specialised cold storage for seeds in northern districts.

He said the farmers suffer a lot and incur a huge loss in absence of cold storage in Rangpur region.

Bangladesh imports potato seeds worth Tk 3,500 crore every year, according to Department of Agricultural Extension, Rangpur.

The country can downsize the import by producing more quality seeds locally, Islam said.



Anisur Rahman Sinha, chairman, and Erfanuddin Ahmed, president and managing director of Bank Asia Ltd, attend the bank's Customer Night in Sylhet on Saturday. A Rouf Chowdhury, Mohd Safwan Choudhury, Mustafizur Rahman, Rumeen A Hossain, Faisal Samad and Mashur Rahman, directors of the bank, were also present.



Pakistan's newly appointed High Commissioner to Bangladesh Ashraf Qureshi presented his credentials to President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

ICT fair begins in Ctg today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A three-day ICT fair begins in the port city today.

Inpace Management Services Ltd organised the event, Zoom Chittagong ICT Fair '10, for the fourth time at Woodland Community Centre in Muradpur.

Chittagong City Corporation Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury is scheduled to inaugurate the fair as chief guest at 12 pm.

Renowned computer and accessory brands from across the world will take part in the fair with 30 stalls and 14 pavilions, said organisers at a press meet at a hotel in Chittagong yesterday.

Mobile phone operator Citycell is the title sponsor, while Samsung is the gold sponsor, Intel and Lenovo are the silver sponsors and C News, local daily Azadi and Radio Today are the media partners for the event.

The fair will remain open from 10 am to 7 pm. The single entry fee is Tk 10, while school students will enjoy free entrance.

Participating companies for the event include Microsoft, Toshiba, Acer, Data Solutions, Daffodil Computer, Computer Solution, Flora Ltd, Janani Computer, Computer Sources and Computer Village.

Pakistan urged to waive high duty on jute goods

BSS, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman said Pakistan could take steps to waive high tariff on the import of jute goods, particularly jute bags from Bangladesh to reduce the trade gap between the two countries.

"There are ample opportunities of enhancing bilateral trade between Bangladesh and Pakistan by utilising the business potential between the two countries," he said while Pakistan's newly appointed High Commissioner to Bangladesh Ashraf Qureshi presented his credentials to him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

During the meeting, Rahman said Bangladesh attaches high importance to congenial relations between the South Asian countries to

promote regional peace, stability and development.

The president and the Pakistani envoy also discussed various issues related to bilateral cooperation and mutual interests.

The new envoy said Pakistan has proposed Bangladesh to hold foreign-secretary level meeting and joint economic commission meeting of the two countries to identify new sectors of cooperation for further increasing trade and commerce relations between the two countries.

Qureshi also said that during his tenure in Dhaka he would try to convince his country to waive the high tariff on the import.

He also sought the president's all-out cooperation to discharge his new responsibilities.

Ctg ICMAB gets new chairman



STAR BUSINESS DESK

Imtiaz Alam has been elected chairman of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) for its Chittagong branch, an ICMAB statement said.

The election was held at a meeting of the institute's Chittagong branch in the port city Saturday.

Alam, an FCMA, was the regional head of finance for Warid Telecom in Chittagong.

He is also a certified financial consultant from USA and a member of National Institute of Accountants in Australia.

Md Mahfuzul Hoque, Md Mostafa Kamal and Mohammed Nazmul Hoque were elected vice chairman, secretary and treasurer of the Chittagong ICMAB.

Microsoft unveils mobile platform upgrade

AFP, Barcelona, Spain

Microsoft unveiled on Monday an upgrade to its mobile operating system as the US software giant seeks to regain lost ground in the competitive handset market.

Windows Mobile 7 was made public on the first day of the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona,

Spain, ending months of speculation about what Microsoft had in store for the industry's biggest trade show.

The new system, which follows the launch of Windows Mobile 6.5 in October, is "a major new step in our strategy," Nicolas Petit, director of Microsoft's mobile division in France, told AFP.

Bharti in talks to buy out Kuwait's Zain Telecom

PALLAB BHATTCHARYA, New Delhi

Close on the heels of acquiring a majority stake in Bangladesh-based Warid Telecom for US\$ 300 million, India's largest cellphone operator Bharti Airtel is exploring possibility to buy out Kuwait-based Zain Telecom in the fast growing African markets.

Pushing ahead aggressively with its global ambitions, Bharti has initiated a move to begin talks for buyout of Zain's African business.

Bharti yesterday said it will enter into exclusive talks for acquisition of Zain's mobile operations in Africa for an enterprise value of US\$ 10.7 billion.

According to analysts, Bharti is seeking to grab every scope that could help the entity to expand its international footprints.

Zain has operations in 17 African countries and Bharti's offer is for buying businesses in all the regions, except in Sudan and Morocco.

In India, Bharti Airtel boasts of over 110 million users.

The Indian entity's earlier efforts to enter the emerging African telecom market had suffered a setback last September when Bharti called off its months-long US\$ 23 billion merger talks with South Africa-based MTN Group.

Zain is estimated to have over 40 million subscribers in Africa.

UK examines bonds for green energy industry

AFP, London

Britain is considering the introduction of "green bonds" offered to the public to help fund the sustainable energy industry, a newspaper reported Monday.

Ian Pearson, economic secretary to the finance ministry, told the Financial Times that he had asked officials to examine the idea of bringing in the new form of government borrowing.

খুলনা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
(অধুনালুপ্ত বিআইটি খুলনা)
খুলনা-৯২০৩
তারিখঃ ০৯/০২/২০১০

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি			
১।	দরপত্র আবেদনকারী	ঃ	পরিচালক (পরিচালনা ও উন্নয়ন), খুলনা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, খুলনা-৯২০৩।
২।	তহবিল ও খাত	ঃ	উন্নয়ন খাত।
৩।	দরপত্রাদাতার যোগ্যতা	ঃ	হালনাগাদ (২০০৯-১০ অর্থ বছর) নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্সধারী ভারী গাড়ি প্রস্তুতকরণ ও সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী।
৪।	দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট বিক্রির স্থান	ঃ	পরিচালনা ও উন্নয়ন বিভাগ, খুলনা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।
৫।	দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার স্থান	ঃ	প্রকৌশল অফিস ভবন, কুয়েট, খুলনা/পুলিশ কমিশনারের দপ্তর, খুলনা।
৬।	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	ঃ	সভাকক্ষ, প্রশাসনিক ভবন, খুলনা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।
৭।	দরপত্র বিক্রির আরম্ভের তারিখ	ঃ	১৫/০২/২০১০ইং (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে)।
৮।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	০৮/০৩/২০১০ইং বিকাল ৫:০০ মিনিট।
৯।	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	০৯/০৩/২০১০ইং বেলা ১২:০০ মিনিট।
১০।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	০৯/০৩/২০১০ইং বেলা ৩:৩০ মিনিট।
১১।	টেডার সংক্রান্ত তথ্য সংগ্রহ	ঃ	০৪১-৭৬৯৪৭১ Ext-১৬৩, ৪১৫ (অফিস সময়ে)।
ক্রমিক নং	সরবরাহের নাম	ঃ	দরপত্রের জামানতের পরিমাণ (টাকা)
১।	প্যাকেজ-০৩ (উন্নয়ন)ঃ Procurement of 55 (fifty five) seated bus for KUET.	ঃ	১,১০,০০০/= (এক লক্ষ দশ হাজার) ৭৫০/= (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ)

শর্তাবলীঃ			
(ক)	দরপত্রের জামানত এবং তফসিলের মূল্য কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হতে খুলনা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, খুলনা এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে জমা দিতে হবে।		
(খ)	দরপত্র দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এর আইন ও ধারা অনুযায়ী হবে।		
(গ)	টেডার সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে জানা যাবে।		
(ঘ)	দরপত্র খোলার সময় দরদাতা/টার প্রতিনিধি উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন।		
(ঙ)	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র আংশিক/সম্পূর্ণ বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।		
(চ)	বিশেষ কোন কারণে উল্লেখিত দরপত্র জমা ও খোলার দিন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী ১ম কার্যদিবসে পূর্ব লিখিত সময়ে দরপত্র জমা ও খোলা হবে।		
(ছ)	দরপত্র সিডিউল কুয়েট গুয়েট সাইটে (www.kuet.ac.bd) দেখা যাবে।		
(জ)	টেডার সিডিউল ক্রয়ের পর ০৯/০৩/১০ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০ মিঃ এর পূর্বে যে কোন কার্যদিবসে রোজিন্দিকৃত ডাক মারফতেও সিডিউল জমা দেয়া যাবে। উল্লেখ্য যে, ডাক বিচারের কারণে বিলম্বে পৌঁছালে উহা গ্রহণযোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবে না।		

Directorate of Land Records and Surveys (DLRS)			
Invitation for Tenders			
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh			
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Land.	
2	Agency	Directorate of Land Records and Surveys (DLRS).	
3	Procuring entity name	Director of Surveys.	
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka	
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Server, Computer, Application Software and Training for DLRS.	
7	Invitation Ref No.	Jarip-47/2010/574	
8	Date	14/02/2010	
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method National open tendering method (NOTM).	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget & GOB.	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	4855	
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Printing of backing Khatian & Mouza Maps, Preservation of International Boundary Strip Maps, Preparation and Preservation of Khatian & Mouza Maps of the Directorate of Land Records and Surveys through Digital System.	
14	Tender package No.	GD4	
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Server, Computer, Application Software and Training for DLRS.	
16	Tender publication date	Between 14/02/2010 and 17/02/2010	
17	Tender last selling date	01/03/2010 (up to 5:00pm)	
18	Tender closing date and time	Date	Time
19	Tender opening date and time	04/03/2010	At 2:30pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
	Selling tender document (principal)	Directorate of Land Records and Surveys (1st Floor), Room No. 217, 28 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Sarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.	
	Selling tender document (others)	(i) Secretary, Land Appeal Board, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. (ii) Deputy Land Reforms Commissioner (Adm), Land Reforms Board, 141-143 Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.	
	Receiving tender document	As stated in the tender documents.	
	Opening tender document	Directorate of Land Records and Surveys (1st Floor), Room No. 219, 28 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Sarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.	
21	Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Date	Time
		Not applicable	Not applicable
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
22	Eligibility of tenderer	(i) 5 (five) years' updated experience in the relevant field or similar types of job, (ii) Up-to-date trade license, tax payment certificate with TIN, VAT registration certificate, bank solvency certificate with all transactions report of last two years, company profile with registration certificate, etc. (iii) A certificate issued by internationally reputed brand company(s) affirming that the tenderer is an authorised distributor/importer/master reseller/ business partner of their own, (iv) A certificate issued by a competent authority that the tenderer has a well-established service centre in Bangladesh.	
23	Brief description of goods or works	Server, Computer, Application Software, etc.	
24	Brief description of related services	Skill-level operational training of the supplied equipment & software.	
25	Price of tender document (TK)	Taka 1000.00 (one thousand) non-refundable (applicable for hard copy only). Soft copy of tender document can be downloaded from www.dgdlrs.gov.bd	
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location
1.	Procurement of Server, Computer, Application Software and Training for DLRS.	Directorate of Land Records and Surveys (1st Floor), 28 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Sarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.	100000.00 (one lakh) only
			8 (eight) weeks from the date of notification of contract award.
27	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Rafiqul Islam.	
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Director of Surveys.	
29	Address of official inviting tender	Directorate of Land Records and Surveys (1st Floor), Room No. 219, 28 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Sarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.	
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 8111920	e-mail: ds.dlrs09@yahoo.com
31	(a) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings. (b) Notification of Award (NOA) will be issued in favour of the successful tenderer subject to the availability of fund.	Md. Rafiqul Islam Director of Surveys	