

## China keen to construct bridge over Jamuna

Ambassador tells prime minister

BSS, Dhaka

China is eager to construct a bridge over the mighty river Jamuna at Balashi Ghat point in Gaibandha to further facilitate the communications system of Bangladesh.

Apart from this, China also has expressed its eagerness to build a permanent structure for the Dhaka International Trade Fair with underground car parking facilities at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city.

The assurance came when Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Zhang Xian Yi called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Jamuna in the city on Tuesday evening.

After the meeting, Deputy Press Secretary to the Prime Minister M Nazrul Islam briefed the newsmen.

During the meeting, Yi said his government would take joint initiatives with Petrobranga of Bangladesh for exploration of hydrocarbon.

Besides, he also assured Hasina of providing technical support for the agriculture sector, including innovating highbred seeds, for further increasing the rice production to ensure the food security of Bangladesh.

In this context, he also assured Bangladesh of providing agricultural equipment and support for the food processing sector.

During the meeting, Hasina proposed the Chinese government for taking a tripartite initiative involving Bangladesh, China and Myanmar for producing fertilizer and power using gas in Myanmar for the benefit of the peoples of three countries.

Regarding the proposed deep sea port, she said both China and Bangladesh could be benefited by using the port in future that would help reduce distance of China in transporting goods significantly.

Besides, the entire gamut of bilateral and regional issues, including the PM's upcoming visit to China from March 17 to 21, came up for the discussion prominently.

Describing China as a trusted friend of Bangladesh, Hasina expressed her hope that the relations between the two countries would be further consolidated in the days to come.

In this context, she said the Chinese contribution to the Bangladesh's development efforts is immense and that cooperation would be expanded in future as mark of mutual friendship of the two people.

Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni, Ambassador At-Large M Ziauddin, Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office Molla Waheeduzzaman and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Abdus Sobhan Golap were present on the occasion.



Accused border guards are being taken to a special tribunal set up at BDR Darbar Hall at Pilkhana in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

### BERGER-STAR CAMPUS COMPETITION

## CU, Silver Bells School clinch titles



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Winners of 'Berger-Star Campus Brainstorming Business Case-Solving Competition 2010' pose for photograph with the guests at its award giving ceremony in the port city of Chittagong on Tuesday. Drishty Chittagong organised the competition in association with Star Campus and Chittagong Stock Exchange.

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Chittagong University (CU) and Silver Bells Girls' High School clinched the championship titles in the university- and school-level events of 'Berger-Star Campus Brainstorming Business Case-Solving Competition 2010' in the port city of Chittagong on Tuesday.

Drishty Chittagong, a local educational and cultural organisation, organised the competition in association with Star Campus, a supplement of The Daily Star, and Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE).

The competition, aimed at enhancing skills of school- and university-level students on different issues of marketing and business, was held at Hotel Saint Martin's.

East Delta University and

William Carry Academy became the runners-up in the competitions at the respective levels.

The participants presented different business and marketing plans through multimedia presentations and faced queries from four judges.

Berger Paint Bangladesh Ltd Managing Director (MD) Rupali Chowdhury, Managing Editor of the daily Purbokone Jasim Uddin Chowdhury, CSE Chief Executive Officer Prof Abdullah Mamun, Sunshine Grammar School and College Principal Safia Ghazi Rahman, Berger Paint General Manager Humayra Amin, cultural activist Subhra Biswas, consultant of Abul Khair Consumers Goods Tasnim A Karim and Sunmar Properties Ltd Deputy General Manager Selim Bin Saleh were present at the prize giving ceremony.

The Berger Paint MD said it was the beginning of a unique initiative and called on the participants not to be fearful and do more researches to make business and marketing plans properly.

"Quality product cannot be given in low cost and the manufacturer should fix a price to the product depending on its quality."

Principal Safia Ghazi said the students have done a quite challenging job through the presentations of business and marketing plans and called on them to keep the initiative up for building future.

Lauding the role of Drishty in social and educational activities for the last 18 years, the Purbokone managing editor said the event created a new avenue

for the students to build themselves as future leaders.

The CSE CEO hoped that students of different universities and schools will join the unique initiative of Drishty in future.

Drishty President Masud Bakul presided over the function while General Secretary Saif Chowdhury and Coordinator of the contest Adnan Mannan also spoke.

Thirty-four groups from 12 schools and nine universities took part in the competitions that began on February 16 at Theatre Institute, Chittagong.

Of them, William Carry Academy, Cider International School, Bangladesh Women Association School and Silver Bells Girls' High School competed in the final round for school level while six groups from Chittagong University, Premier University, International Islamic University, Chittagong and East Delta University for university level.

## 'One-third patients suffer from lung diseases'

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One-third patients of Bangladesh have been suffering from lung diseases, including lung cancer, tuberculosis and asthma, said health experts at a scientific seminar yesterday.

At least 70 lakh people have been suffering from Asthma while 3 lakh people are newly diagnosed with tuberculosis every year and 70,000 die of the disease, they added.

Even 20 percent of the patients, who seek treatment at the medicine department of medical colleges, come with different types of chest

diseases, which indicate the severity of chest diseases in the country.

The experts said this at the annual general meeting and scientific seminar of Chest and Heart Association of Bangladesh organised at Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons in the city.

President of the association Prof Mirza Mohammad Hiron said air pollution causes various types of diseases that finally lead to deaths of 25,000 people per year.

He further said that a total of 47 posts for respiratory medicine have been created

in 13 medical colleges.

But unfortunately, he failed to set up a respiratory medicine department at National Institute of Diseases of Chest and Hospital for lack of cooperation from various sectors, Prof Hiron added.

The experts also said that the non-communicable diseases like heart and chest diseases, cancer and diabetes are on the rise for lack of awareness.

For a resource-constrained country like Bangladesh, it is difficult to ensure treatment for all the patients by increasing health facilities, rather steps should be taken to prevent the diseases, they said.

Speaking as the chief

guest, State Minister for Health Mozibur Rahman Fakir said the government has taken steps to increase the facilities for specialised treatment of heart and chest diseases.

President of Bangladesh Medical Association Prof Mahmud Hasan, Secretary General Prof Sharfuddin Ahmed, Joint Secretary General Dr Mohammad Abdul Aziz, Secretary General of Chest and Heart Association Dr Mohammad Jahirul Islam Shakil and Treasurer Dr Biswas Akhter Hossain also spoke.

## Check BCS question leakage

President asks PSC UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday asked the Public Service Commission (PSC) to take steps to check the recurrent question leakage that scandalises BCS examinations.

"Take measures so that BCS questions can never be out before examination," the president said when a 16-member PSC delegation led by its chairman Dr Sa'daat Hossain presented the commission's annual report 2009 to him at Bangabhaban.

During the meeting, the delegation apprised the president that the PSC has already taken measures to check the question leakage. "Question will never be out," he said.

About Quota for freedom fighters' children, they sought president's cooperation in appointing muktijoddhas' children through a special circulation with a view to filling in the vacant posts under this quota as well as female and tribal quotas.

The president assured them of his all-out support in this regard.

Secretaries of the president's office were present at the meeting.

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