Motor show ends on high note

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Most of the participants in the three-day Dhaka Motor Show that ended yesterday were happy as they witnessed a huge turnout and many of them bagged satisfactory spot orders.

Rangs Ltd, the sole distributor of Mitsubishi brand cars, sold eight new cars at the show -- the highest number followed by Navana Ltd.

Qazi Saad Ulla Hill Alim, assistant sales manager of Rangs Ltd, said his company offered after-sales services that attracted many buyers and helped log good sales.

Navana Ltd, the distributor of Toyota cars in Bangladesh, sold seven cars at the fair.

Toyota, the market leader in personal car segment, sold more than 1,800 cars in 2009.

Shajia Afrin, senior sales executive of Navana, said, the prices of most of the cars sold in the show range from Tk 17 lakh to Tk 75 lakh.

However, some companies were not happy with sales.

Arefin Islam, sales executive of Pacific Motors Ltd, the sole distributor of luxury brand Nissan, said: "Sales at the fair dropped compared to the previous year."

This year the company sold four cars, while the number was five at the last year's show.

Industry insiders said automotive market in Bangladesh maintained a double-digit growth in the last couple of years mainly because of the flourishing corporate sector and export-oriented enterprises.

Although the annual sale is mostly dominated by reconditioned cars, sales of new cars increased to around 6,000 in 2009, up from 4,000-4,500 in 2008 and 3,500-4,000 in 2007, they said.

They said car sales usually remain high in the last three to four months of a fiscal year, when government purchases start.

However, many visitors came to the fair only to know about the prices of cars, motorcycles and trucks, and to compare those with the prices of reconditioned vehicles.

Cars apart, sales of batteries also increased in the last five years, said Mohammad Saifur Rahman, senior market development officer of Rahimafrooz.

Rahimafrooz, the market leader in battery segment, sold more than three lakh pieces of batteries across the country in 2009, and sales would rise further, he said.

"Sales of battery for both commercial vehicles and IPS (instant power supply) devices remain high during the March-July period, as people use batteries more to cope with the summer," Rahman said.

The company logged satisfactory sales in lubricant, tyre and battery at the fair, he said.

Rahimafrooz also displayed its new battery Globatt, which is meant for export to the European and North American markets.

A total of 60 companies showcased cars, trucks, motorcycles, motor parts and accessories such as batteries, tyres and lubricants at 207 stalls.

BAT sets up safe drinking water plant in Kushtia

STAR BUSINESS DESK

British American Tobacco (BAT) Bangladesh has recently launched a safe drinking water plant at Bheramara in Kushtia, said a statement.

The company's new CSR (corporate social responsibility) initiative -- Probaho -- aims at providing safe drinking water in arsenic-prone areas.

BAT Bangladesh has taken the initiative to help the community where it operates by providing them with safe drinking water to complement development efforts made by the government to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Water and sanitation is a critical factor to achieve the MDGs by 2015. The company has so far set up six filtration plants to make water free from arsenic and other harmful contents.

BAT

Golam Mainuddin, chairman of British American Tobacco (BAT), Bangladesh, inaugurates a safe drinking water plant at Bheramara in Kushtia under the company's new CSR initiative 'Probaho' in the district town recently. Dewan Zakir Hussain, industries secretary, Kamrul Hasan, defence secretary, and Md Humayun Kabir, managing director of Investment Corporation of Bangladesh, were also present.

IBBL

Abu Nasser Muhammad Abduz Zaher, chairman of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, speaks at the closing ceremony of the bank's two-month internship programme for BBA and MBA students from different universities, in Dhaka recently.

JS body moves on quick disposal of revenue cases

RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary body yesterday asked the authorities concerned to take immediate steps for disposing of 12,000 cases involving around Tk 5,000 crore as revenue, now pending with the High Court for years.

The parliamentary standing committee on finance ministry also directed the ministry to increase manpower at the income tax tribunal and reorganise it through adding members from legislative and account sections of the government.

"The committee called for recovering the huge amount as revenue from different organisations that owe to the National Board of Revenue," AHM Mustafa Kamal, chairman of the committee, told reporters after a meeting at Jatiya Sangsad (JS) Bhaban.

"Different organisations filed petition with the High Court about the revenues and the number of cases has now piled up as strong steps were not taken in the past to dispose of the cases," Kamal said.

"We have asked the authorities concerned to settle those cases as soon as possible to recover the money," he added.

The committee at the meeting also recommended turning income tax ordinance-1984 into law.

The parliamentary body has directed the ministry to ease procedures in income tax return and self-assessed income tax systems.

On preparing of an income tax law, the committee chief said the income tax ordinance was enacted in 1984 when there was no parliament session. Many foreigners face difficulties with the present income tax ordinance as they do not get any information about the matter through internet.

GP declares 60pc cash dividend

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Grameenphone (GP), the only listed telecom company in Bangladesh stockmarket, has recommended 60 percent cash dividend for the year 2009.

The recommendation was made at GP's board meeting on Friday, according to price sensitive disclosure by the mobile phone operator published in different newspapers yesterday.

The net asset value (NAV) of the company stood at Tk 5,015 crore with NAV per share at Tk 37.14 and earnings per share (EPS) at Tk 12.08. Net operating cash flow per share was Tk 24.77 at the end of December 31, 2009.

The annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on June 8, while the record date will be on April 8. Time and venue of the AGM will be announced later.

Ctg port to be digitised by year-end

BSS, *Chittagong*

Chittagong port will be digitalised by year-end to upgrade the premier seaport's operations.

The port will be brought under a full computer network as part of digitalisation under Chittagong Port Trade Facilitation Umbrella Project, said officials with Chittagong Port Authority.

The Tk 225 crore project will be implemented with the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank.

To this end, all activities including submission of bill of entry for export-import and the process for imposing duty of the Chittagong Customs House have already been brought under automation.

Work for implementation of two projects -- the Port Management Information System (PMIS) and the Container Terminal Management System (CTMS) -- is nearly complete.

The projects are being executed to make other operational activities technology-dependent, including administrative management, goods handling of ships and scanning of goods delivery of the port.

"To turn Chittagong port into a world-standard port, its activities are being computerised," said RU Ahmed, chairman of Chittagong Port Authority.

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Singer launches summer sales campaign

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Singer Plus, the retail chain from Singer Bangladesh, launched its special summer campaign on March 16, the company said in a statement.

The campaign -- "Discount Bahu Gune, Summer Tour London-e" -- will award two lucky buyers of the company's fridge, television, airconditioner, IPS and Singtech Pc, with a Dhaka-London-Dhaka air ticket through coupon draw.

The campaign, which ends on April 30, also allows customers to enjoy a guaranteed discount up to Tk 10,000 through scratch cards on purchase of colour televisions and fridge or freezer.

Customers will also get up to Tk 79,900 discount on Singer LCD and Samsung LED and LCD televisions.

Trade through Bhomra on hold

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

Border trade through Bhomra land port remained suspended since last morning, as an indefinite transport strike was enforced by Ghojadanga Truck Workers Union at Ghojadanga on Indian side.

The strike called by the workers' body is a sequel to a clash with Ghojadanga Truck Owners Association over an assault on an Indian truck driver by BDR at Bhomra land port on March 19.

Bhomra Customs Superintendent Hasan Morshed confirmed the incident and said the governemnt is facing huge revenue loss because of the strike.

US hosts next Apec talks

AFP, *Washington*

The United States said Friday it would host annual talks among trade ministers of 21 economies of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in the western state of Montana in May next year.

"Bringing the APEC Trade Ministers to Montana will broaden our horizons both literally and figuratively, giving our partners a fresh perspective on the diverse places from which America's entrepreneurs and exports can spring," said Ron Kirk, the top US trade envoy.

"The American West has always been a place of limitless possibility," he said. Farm-rich Montana is often referred to "Big Sky" country, well known for its mountainous western region, part of the famous Rocky Mountains.

Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited
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Invitation for Tender for Providing Maintenance Services for Metler-Tolledo electronic Belt weighing scale

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderer for the following works as per terms and conditions stated below.

1.	Ministry/division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division.				
2.	Agency	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited (BCMCL) (A Company of Petrobangla)				
3.	Procuring entity name	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited.				
4.	Procuring entity code	None.				
5.	Procuring entity district	Dinajpur.				
6.	Invitation for	Works.				
7.	Invitation ref no	BCMCL/05/128(B)/2495.				
8.	Date	11 March 2010.				
9.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.				
10.	Budget and source of funds	Company's revenue budget.				
11.	Project/programme code	Not applicable.				
12.	Project/programme name	Not applicable.				
13.	Tender package No.					
14.	Tender publication date	16 March 2010.				
15.	Tender last selling date	30 March 2010.				
		Date	Time			
16.	Tender closing last date and time	31 March 2010	11:30AM			
17.	Tender opening date and time	31 March 2010	11:45AM			
18.	Name & address of the office(s)					
	Selling tender document	Tender documents are available in the following offices during office hours: 1. Accounts Division, Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur. 2. Accounts Division, Petrobangla, 3 Karwan Bazar, C/A, Dhaka.				
	Receiving & opening tender documents	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Surface Operation) Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur.				
19.	Eligibility of tenderer	1. Having a valid trade licence for the fiscal year 2009-10. 2. Income Tax Clearance Certificate for the fiscal year 2007-08 or evidence of submission income tax return for tax year 2008-2009. 3. Valid VAT Registration certificate. 4. Other Qualification as described in TDS.				
20.	Brief description of goods or works	Package No-01:				
21.	Package No	Description of works	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time	Price of tender document (Tk.)
22.	Not applicable	Providing Maintenance Services for Matler Tolledo Electronic Truck Weighting Scale	BCMCL Site, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur	5,000/- (five thousand) only	12 (twelve months)	200.00 (two hundred)
23.	Name of the official inviting tender	Engr. S.M.N. Aurangajeb, PEng.				
24.	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (Surface Operation).				
25.	Address of official inviting tender	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur.				
26.	Contact details of official inviting tender	05327-56200 - Ex-8010.				
27.	Special Instructions					
	(a)	Rate must be quoted both in figures & in word for each item of works in the attached schedule up to two digits beyond decimal point. The tenderer must fill-up Tender submission Sheet (Form W-1).				
	(b)	If the tenderers submit any false, incorrect or forged certificate, the tender security may be forfeited.				
	(c)	Attested copy of receipt of purchasing tender document, TIN & VAT registration certificate etc. must be submitted with the tender.				
	(d)	For any unavoidable reason if the office remains closed at the date of receiving & opening, the tender will be received and opened in the next office day at the same time.				
	(e)	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.				
28.	The tenderer will be Non-responsive if not meet the Eligibility of the tenderer in the invitation of tender including Qualifications criteria as TDS.					

Engr. S. M. N. Aurangajeb, PEng.
Deputy General Manager (Surface Operation)

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Ansar-VDP Unnayan Bank
Head Office, Dhaka

Invitation for Re-Tender

No.1/12/172/8604 **Date : 16/03/2010**

	GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH					
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance/ Banking Division	V			
2	Procuring Entity Name	Ansar-VDP Unnayan Bank				
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh	V			
4	Invitation for	Purchase of Motor Car	V	<select>	V	<select> V
5	Invitation Ref No	1/12/172/8604				
6	Date	16/03/2010	V			
	KEY INFORMATION					
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)	V	<select>	V	
	FUNDING INFORMATION					
8	Budget and Source of Funds	Banks' own fund	V			
9	Development Partners (if applicable)					
	PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
10	Tender Package No.	14/2009-2010				
11	Tender Package Name	Supply of 01(one) unit Sedan Car				
		Date				
12	Tender Publication Date	21/03/2010	V			
13	Tender Last Selling Date	07/04/2010	V			
		Date		Time		
14	Tender Closing Date and Time	12/04/2010	V	11.00 AM	V	
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	12/04/2010	V	12.00 AM	V	
16	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address				
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Common Service Department, Ansar-VDP Unnayan Bank, Head Office (2nd Floor), "Aman Court", 14, Outer Circular Road, Rajarbag, Dhaka.				
	- Selling Tender Document (Others)					
	- Receiving Tender Document	Common Service Department, Ansar-VDP Unnayan Bank, Head Office (2nd Floor), "Aman Court", 14, Outer Circular Road, Rajarbag, Dhaka.				
	- Opening Tender Document	Ansar-VDP Unnayan Bank, Head Office (1st floor), "Aman Court", 14, Outer Circular Road, Rajarbag, Dhaka.				
	INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	Renowned Manufacturer /Distributor / Agent				
18	Brief Description of Goods or Works	1(One) unit Sedan Car				
19	Brief Description of Related Services					
20	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Tk. 1000.00 (one thousand) only in cash (Non-refundable)				

	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks / Months
21	1	Motor Car	Dhaka, Bangladesh	42000/-	7 weeks

	PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
22	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Abdur Rahim Khandaker	
23	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Asst. General Manager, Common Services Department, AVUB, Head Office, Dhaka	
24	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Ansar-VDP Unnayan Bank, Head Office, "Aman Court", 14, Outer Circular Road, Rajarbag, Dhaka	
25	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel.9348452, 8332800	Fax 8313165
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders		

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