

Hasina seeks more Korean investment

UNB, Seoul

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has invited the Korean government and entrepreneurs to invest in several sectors, including energy and shipbuilding, in Bangladesh.

Hasina also called for expanding bilateral trade and increasing import from Bangladesh for reaching a fair trade balance, addressing a meeting arranged by Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) at Hotel Grand Hyatt yesterday.

"We invite you to set up power plants, explore oil and gas, and build roads, highways and bridges," she said citing the example of Bangabandhu Bridge that was built by Hyundai, a Korean company.

She said the trade and investment had been playing a vital role between the two countries' relation after establishing diplomatic ties 37 years ago.

Hasina said two-way trade between the countries had crossed the billion-dollar mark in 2008 where the balance heavily was in favour of Korea. "Indeed, Korean products are popular in Bangladesh for their high quality."

The Board of Investment of Bangladesh registered investment

proposals of \$682 million from Korea as of March 2010.

"At present, there are huge unexplored potentials for Korean investments in our country," the Bangladeshi premier told Korean businessmen.

"Bangladesh is a market of 160 million consumers with abundant cheap but skilled labour, inexpensive cost of transportation, a home grown entrepreneur class, a politically stable environment where the government is committed to welcome investments."

She said the Koreans could get an idea on the size of Bangladesh's market from its 55 million mobile users, a number that is more than the population of many countries.

Hasina said Korea and Bangladesh had already signed an agreement on investment promotion and protection and one on double taxation to facilitate the Korean investment.

"We've also created an attractive investment climate with liberal fiscal policies that include tax holiday, concessionary duty on imported machinery, remittance of royalty, technical know-how, technical assistance fee, 100 percent foreign equity, unrestricted exit policy, and full repatriation

facilities of dividend and capital on exit."

Interestingly, during the recent global recession, Bangladesh had a GDP growth rate of 6 percent in 2009, she said.

The prime minister told that her government is determined to raise the rate to 8 percent by 2014.

"The good news is today Bangladesh is one of the listed promising economies among the next eleven. Recent rating by S&P and Moody's also placed the country above all South Asian nations, other than India."

Bangladesh is also transforming itself into a regional hub by expanding road, railway connectivity with countries in and neighbouring regions, she said.

She said at present, Bangladesh is working to establish operational road and railway connectivity with India, Nepal and Bhutan and develop road connections with China and South Asian countries, via Myanmar.

"Our proposed deep seaport in the Bay of Bengal will remain open to all our friends and neighbours, including India and China. Indeed, investment in Bangladesh today will ensure high dividend for tomorrow."

KCCI Chairman Kyung Shik Sohn also spoke.



Left, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks at a meeting with Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Hotel Grand Hyatt in Seoul yesterday. Hasina has invited the Korean government and entrepreneurs to invest in several sectors, including energy and shipbuilding, in Bangladesh. Participants of the meeting along with the members of the Korean chamber are seen.



Singer Plus launches sales campaign

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Singer Plus launched a sales campaign -- Panch Koti Takar Golden Goal Offer (Golden goal offer of Tk 5 crore) -- on Sunday for the upcoming FIFA 2010 World Cup, said the company in a statement.

Under the campaign, television customers will receive a minimum discount of Tk 500 or "buy one TV and get another free".

They will also enjoy guaranteed discounts of up to Tk 10,000 through scratch cards, upon purchase of a fridge, freezer or air-conditioner of any brand.

Customers will also get a chance to receive a discount of up to Tk 1 lakh on Singer and Haier LCD and Samsung LED and LCD televisions. They will also receive five years of warranty for fridge and freezer compressors and the picture tube for colour televisions of all brands.

In addition, customers will get two years of warranty for the main unit of the Singer Digital IPS.

The campaign will end on July 11, 2010. Singer Plus also allows customers to payback in 90 days at an interest rate of zero percent on the purchase of televisions, fridge, freezers, air-conditioners and IPS of all brands.

Dhaka stock index rises to new high

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The benchmark index of the premier bourse reached its highest of 5,842 points yesterday, after a bull run continued in bank shares.

Single-day turnover on Dhaka Stock Exchange touched a new high of Tk2,305 crore.

The bank stocks, largely cheered by a recent conversion of share face value, have become darlings to investors, market analysts said.

Investors speculated that the shares of banks that proposed or decided to convert face value will rise further, said one of the analysts.

Around 10 banks have so far proposed or decided to convert the face value of their shares from Tk 100 to Tk 10.

Abdul Kader Munna, an investor, said he had bought Premier Bank stocks on speculation that prices may go higher after denomination of share face value.

He said the companies having Tk 10 in share face value trade high, and it will be so

for banks as well.

By definition, the changes in face value should not make an impact on share prices, as there will be no difference in the companies' financials or fundamentals.

So says the stockmarket regulator. "We have asked stock exchanges to create awareness among investors about the issue," said Mansur Alam, member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The DSE General Index rose 16.89 points or 0.28 percent before reaching its highest.

However, losers beat advancers 147 to 92 with six securities remaining unchanged on the prime bourse. A total of 5,47,09,495 shares and mutual fund units traded.

The key index of Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) increased 27.13 points, or 0.24 percent, to 11,043.78.

A total of 55,69,064 shares and mutual fund units worth Tk 153.69 crore changed hands on CSE. Of the traded issues, 71 advanced, 109 declined and five remained unchanged on the port city bourse.



Syed Manzur Elahi, chairman of Apex Adelchi Footwear Ltd, presides over the company's 20th annual general meeting in Dhaka recently. Syed Nasim Manzur, managing director, and Samson H Chowdhury, independent director, are also seen.

BB goes online

BSS, Dhaka

All the branches and departments of Bangladesh Bank (BB) yesterday came under an online network to ensure faster and transparent services at the central bank.

"The online networking would be the platform for bringing the entire financial sector under ICT technology," said Governor Atiur Rahman while inaugurating the online system at the BB headquarters in Dhaka.

The new system will enable the BB staff to intercommunicate and share necessary information online without physical movements, saving both time and resources.

Under the system, all the data are stored at a data centre at the central bank, backed by a highly secured disaster recovery site.

A total of 2,600 computers have also been installed at BB branches from where the designated staff can log in to work.

Astellas to buy US drug company

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's second-largest drugs maker by sales Astellas said Monday it will buy US firm OSI Pharmaceuticals for four billion dollars after raising its bid during a two-month-long takeover attempt.

Astellas lifted its offering price to 57.50 dollars per share, up from an initial offer of 52 dollars. The new offer is 55 percent higher than OSI's price on February 26 when the bid was first announced, it said.

In a statement the Japanese firm said the all-cash acquisition

was fully approved by the boards of both Astellas and OSI.

The Japanese company said the deal would propel it to become a global leader in oncology, but the drug-maker's shares fell 1.74 percent in Tokyo trade after the announcement on concerns the purchase was expensive.

The agreement between the Tokyo-based drug maker and the US developer of Tarceva cancer drug comes two months after Astellas launched a hostile takeover bid for the company in March.

President stresses ICT links to rural areas

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

President Zillur Rahman said yesterday villages across the country need access to the information highway to bridge the gap between rural backwaters and the rest of the world.

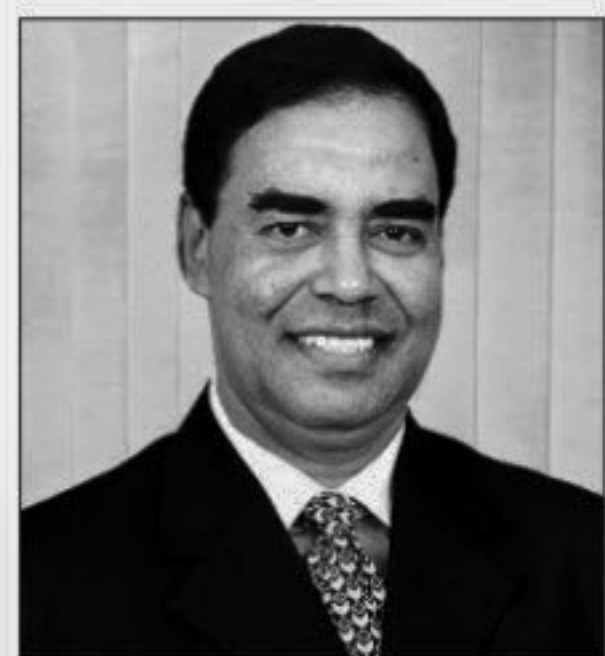
Inaugurating a programme marking World Telecommunications and Information Society Day at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka, the president also said the rural people would become one and an inseparable entity of the global population, if they enter the information technology highway.

"Without confining information technology to the well-off alone, it should be expanded to all," he said.

Admiring this year's slogan, Better City, Better Life with ICT, Rahman said extraordinary development of information technology has brought the people of the world much closer.

The president expressed contentment over the expansion of ICT at different spheres of national life, which benefits people of different segments, including students, teachers, professionals, businessmen and researchers.

Telecom Minister Rajiuddin Ahmed Raju said Bangladesh will install its own satellite in the next five years and plans are underway to make low-cost laptops and mobile handsets.



New chairman for Shahjalal Bank

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Shahjalal Islami Bank has elected Mohammad Solaiman as chairman, the bank said in a statement yesterday.

Mohammed Younus and Abdul Berek have been elected as vice chairmen.

Solaiman, a postgraduate in public administration from Chittagong University, is also the managing director of Paradise Corporation and Paradise Electronics.

Younus is the chairman of Younus Group and managing director of Sonali Paper and Board Mills Ltd.

Barek is the proprietor of Rony Electronics, Arzo Electronics, New Rony Electronics and Jony Electronics.

Inclusive business to help cut poverty

Speakers tell seminar

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Inclusive business model, where big enterprises widen the range of businesses through adding the rural poor to their supply chain, can be an effective tool to reduce the country's poverty, speakers said at a seminar yesterday.

This model will benefit both the entrepreneurs and the poor, as it creates employment for the community living below the poverty line, said the chairman of ACI Ltd.

Such practices also enhance the product range of any company, Anis Ud Dowla said.

"Inclusive business is beyond the traditional business models that incorporate value into the supply chain, and it is a step forward from corporate social responsibility," said Anis, also the president of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"It enriches the business chain in terms of product marketability, product viability and market visibility for a particular organisation. And by including people from the bottom of the pyramid, the model helps reduce poverty, as it creates a good number of employment."

He was speaking at the conference on 'Inclusive Business Models: Innovation and

Action', co-organised by UKAID, International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF), International Development Enterprises (IDE) Bangladesh and CSR Centre, at the Westin Dhaka hotel.

The ACI chairman emphasised the need to strengthen outsourcing products without risking the reputation of any company.

Anis also urged local entrepreneurs to come forward to train and develop skills of the poor people to make the inclusive business model effective.

Bipasha S Hossain, chief planning officer of Otobi Ltd, shared the experiences of her company that used an inclusive business model in 2008.

The company incorporated some marginal furniture makers into its business and enhanced product range, such as home décor items with furniture line.

Joe Phelan, representative of IBLF from India, moderated the conference, while Kazi Anis Ahmed, chief executive officer of Kazi and Kazi Tea, and Mominul Ahsan, head of HR of Apex Adelchi Footwear Ltd, shared their experiences of using inclusive business models in their respective companies.

Chris Austin, country representative of the UK Department for International Development, was also present.

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শর্তাবলী :

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- চাকরিরত প্রার্থীগণকে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।
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- নির্দিষ্ট সময়সীমার পর প্রাপ্ত আবেদন সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- মুক্তিযোদ্ধা ও তাঁদের সন্তানদের ক্ষেত্রে সরকারি নীতিমালা অনুসরণ করা হবে।
- বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েবসাইট (www.bsmmu.org) থেকে নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি ও আবেদনপত্র সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

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Mamun Rashid, Citi country officer for Bangladesh, and Prof Imran Rahman, pro vice chancellor of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, pose with the participants of a workshop on capital markets, organised by the bank for its employees in Dhaka recently.