

# Benefit from climate change battle

## MCCI discussion calls upon businesses

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The business community should come up with new ideas and proposals to take a share of billions of dollars being spent for addressing global warming, said a leading environmental scientist yesterday.

On top of the current development assistance globally, the international community has already pledged to spend \$30 billion in the next three years to 2012, with the amount to be extended to \$100 billion by 2021, to fight climate change, Aynun Nishat said.

"The United States is already out to spend billions. So we have a huge opportunity, as Bangladesh is one of the few countries that are feeling the impact of global warming," he told a discussion at the Dhaka Sheraton hotel.

Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) organised the discussion titled 'Climate Change: Business Opportunities'.

MCCI President Anis Ud Dowla chaired the programme, which was attended by academics, businessmen, bankers, industrialists and civil society members.

Nishat said most of the countries to be affected or have already been affected by the climate change are not prepared to accept the money. "Bangladesh is one of the few countries who are really prepared."

He said Bangladesh has progressed in taking on the climate change issue. "We formed National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) in 2005. We have also formulated Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan," he said.

"Besides, the government has formed a trust with a fund of Tk 1,400 crore. We have received so far 5,000 proposals on climate change issue. We have already started financing."

The private sector can initiate cli-

mate-change related programmes that will be financed by the fund, he said.

He said the local trade bodies should advise the government's negotiation team on its strategy that can bring benefit to the country.

Nishat said the business community could think of insurance opportunity. "Natural disasters are frequent. We have to prove that such calamities are linked to climate change."

"In this case, the premium will be paid by the international community and we will get huge financial benefits," said Nishat, also the vice chancellor of BRAC University.

He said: "We have introduced CNG-run transport. We could have billions if we had related it to global warming under Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)."

The local cement factories can get fund if they replace their old technology with new one and emit less gas, he said, adding that the private sector has to develop ideas and propose programmes that fit Bangladesh's needs.

"The barren hills in the Chittagong hilly areas can be afforested by the businessmen. The western countries are financing this type of programme."

He said advanced technology would come sooner or later and Bangladesh has to take that opportunity. "Hundreds of billions of dollars will be spent. It would be huge if Bangladesh can get two billion dollars of those."

The eminent climatologist said Bangladesh has to prepare to face the challenges stemming from global warming although the country's per capita greenhouse gas emission is one of the lowest in the world.

"Our food production will severely be affected due to the rise in temperatures," the former professor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) said, adding that wheat and

rice production would halve if the temperature go up by 4 degree Celsius.

"Besides, the sea level rise will become a serious threat to the country's coastal areas. The country will need 2-3 billion dollars to prevent these areas from disappearing into the sea," he said.

Nishat said Bangladesh cannot afford sitting back in utilising windmill, solar and nuclear sources to produce thousands of megawatts of electricity.

"We have 20 windmills in Kutubdia, but they produce only one watt of electricity. Besides, our solar panels could only generate a few watts whereas India is planning to generate thousands of megawatts of electricity from windmill, solar and nuclear sources."

"We are still using old technologies. The public-private partnership initiative has tremendous opportunities in this area. Time has come for the private sector to take a lead. They should convince the government's negotiating team to listen to them and take their ideas into consideration."

He said Bangladesh has to spend every dollar it gets from the international community in an accountable and transparent manner.

Anis Ud Dowla said the country could not utilise the Tk 300 crore climate change fund floated as a multi-donor trust fund in 2007. Even after failing to spend any amount from the fund, Tk 700 crore was allocated in 2009-10, which also mostly remained unspent.

"We believe that private sector participation in utilising a portion of the fund would be more efficient and effective," he said.

MCCI Secretary General Farooq Ahmed, Citibank NA Country Representative Mamun Rashid and former chief executive officer of Agrani Bank Ltd Syed Abu Naser Bukhtear were also present at the discussion.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina receives a Tk 1 crore cheque for the construction of Liberation War Museum from Prime Bank Chairman Azam J Chowdhury at the premier's office in Dhaka recently. Finance Minister AMA Muhih and Bangladesh Bank Governor Atiur Rahman are also seen.

## Mongla gets cargo-handling equipment

QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna

Mongla Port Authority has sped up efforts to procure cargo-handling equipment, a top official of MPA said yesterday.

Engineer Md Mahabubur Rahman, in charge of the mechanical and electrical department of MPA, said the Tk 23 crore procurement project is a component of a comprehensive port modernisation programme.

Early this year, the government allocated around Tk 22.97 crore for implementation of the project particularly to gear up container handling and unloading work at the port within the quickest possible time.

According to Rahman, also director of the project, MPA has already imported two most modern straddle carriers worth Tk 12 crore from Noel Mobile Systems Company of Germany.

The straddle carriers -- each capable of handling a container weighing up to 40 tonnes at a time -- reached the port on August 1.

Installation of the carriers will be complete by next week as five German engineers and technicians have been working for the purpose round-the-clock, Rahman said.

A German team is providing a month-long training for 30 technicians of the port in the operation of the state-of-the-art straddle carriers.

Once installed, the straddle carriers will be able to handle over 2,000 containers in 24 hours' time, paving the way for unloading goods within the quickest possible time, Rahman said.

MPA has also purchased two TM (tug master) forklift trucks from Singapore, two more high powered forklift trucks and four low-mast forklift trucks from India, which are likely to reach Mongla today, Rahman added.

## New COO for DSE



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Md Zahurul Alam joined the Dhaka Stock Exchange as chief operating officer Monday, says a statement.

Alam, a former brigadier general of Bangladesh Army, has been serving the bourse as a director, before the new appointment, since 2008.

He graduated with honours from Dhaka University, followed by a Master's from National University.

## Stocks tumble on SEC move

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Dhaka stocks suffered a big jolt yesterday due mainly to the regulator's price curbing measures that were announced on Tuesday.

The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange -- DSE General Index (DGEN) -- tumbled down by nearly 2 percent, or 128.35 points, to 6,649.6. It is the biggest single-day fall in the last one month.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on Tuesday directed the merchant bankers and brokerages to follow a 'net asset value' (NAV) based calculation in providing credit for share purchases as well as loan maintenance. The SEC also asked them to implement the latest measures within September 30 this year.

The market nosedived in the morning on panic-sale and lost around 130 points. It recovered almost half of the losing points in the next one hour, but dipped again in the last hour.

"Being panicked by the SEC move, the investors, especially the retailers, sold their holdings in the morning, sending the market into tailspin," said a merchant banker.

Big individuals, however, were calm. Md Zazimuddin, an individual investor, said he traded only 10 percent to 15 percent that he usually does. "I was watching and observing the market trend."

Stocks fell across the board as the share prices of almost 80 percent issues declined under the insurers, non-banking financial institutions (NBFIs), and fuel and power sector.

Banks and telecom edged up. Losers outnumbered gainers 184 to 60, and seven securities remained unchanged on the premier bourse.

Trading volume was on the lower side with more than 7.95 crore

shares and mutual fund units being traded on a value of Tk 1,685 crore, down by around 13 percent over the previous session.

Beximco Ltd, the flagship company of industrial conglomerate Beximco Group, topped the turnover leaders with more than 31.64 lakh shares worth Tk 99.20 crore changing hands.

Chittagong stocks also marked a sharp fall with the CSE Selective Categories Index plummeting by 226.78 points, or 1.74 percent, to 12,741.15.

The Chittagong Stock Exchange traded more than 1.04 crore shares and mutual fund units on a turnover of Tk 147.66 crore.

Losers beat advancers 153 to 33, and five securities stayed unchanged on the port city bourse.

Beximco Ltd topped the turnover leaders with more than 3.28 lakh shares worth Tk 10.42 crore being traded.

SEC approves rights offer of Phoenix Finance

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The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) yesterday approved a rights offer of a listed company and an open-ended unit fund.

The approval came from a meeting, chaired by SEC Chairman Ziaul Haque Khondker.

Phoenix Finance and Investments Ltd will offer one rights share for every five shares at a price of Tk 200, including Tk 100 in premium.

The company will issue more than 8.74 crore rights shares and use the raised fund for business expansion.

Prime Finance 1st Unit Fund will be the first open-ended unit fund from the private sector. The initial fund size of the perpetual fund will be Tk 20 crore, and after subscription of the initial fund it will be reopened for regular buy-sell.

PHP 1st Mutual Fund is a Tk 200 crore and 10-yearly closed-ended fund, sponsored by PHP Power General Plant Ltd.

Of the Tk 200 crore mutual fund, PHP Power General will subscribe units worth Tk 20 crore or 10 percent, as the sponsor. Of the remaining fund, Tk 100 crore or 50 percent will be kept for IPO and Tk 80 crore or 40 percent for pre-IPO or private placement.

The face value of each unit of the fund is Tk 10. The market lot will be of 500 units.

## Khulna Eid shopping gains momentum

BSS, Khulna

With only two weeks left for Eid-ul-Fitr, the greatest Muslim religious festival, the Eid shopping has started gaining momentum in the industrial city Khulna.

All the city markets are seen busy selling their commodities to shoppers. The throng of customers at the shopping centres starts in the morning and continues till midnight.

With a rise in the number of buyers, traffic jam in the city's busy market areas and intersections, especially from Picture Palace area to KDA New Market, has become acute.

Retail prices of men's and women's wear, both home made and imported,

rose by 8 to 10 per cent than last year.

The volume of transactions is relatively higher this year, as the city's Zail Market, Esha Chamber, Akter Chamber, Rob Super Market, Nixon Market, Moshir Rahman Market, Khulna Shopping Complex, BoroBazar, KDA New Market, Safe N Save Shopping Mall, Meena Bazaar, Khalishpur and Daulatpur market were humming with unusual Eid shopping crowd.

The buyers, mostly middle income people, are found moving from shop to shop asking prices of goods. Roadside footpath shops and small shops of lower price market are found more crowded than the big shopping malls.

Meanwhile, a large number of makeshift shops have sprung up on the pave-

ments of the city on the occasion of Eid.

Prices of different varieties of cloths, particularly cotton, tissue, silk and synthetic, have registered a sharp rise although the shops are almost full of a variety of garments.

Most upper class buyers are crowding different big shopping centers, while the low-income group people are also seen purchasing their desired items from the footpath shops in the city.

Supply of goods, including foreign brands, in the market is abundant. The goods vary from luxury to household items.

Varieties of Indian sarees and three pieces are also flooded at shopping centers, especially KDA New Market.

Most shop owners expect an increase in sales after 20 Ramadan.



State owned general insurer Sadharan Bima Corporation (SBC) announced a net profit of Tk 101.5 crore in 2009 at its board meeting in Dhaka yesterday. SBC Chairman M Shamsul Alam presided over the meeting in presence of Managing Director Md Rezaul Karim.

## Huawei acquires 12pc of patents in Europe

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Huawei, a telecom network solutions provider, has been granted 147 long-term evolution (LTE) patents by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute.

The 147 patents for Huawei take up 12 percent of the 1,272 LTE patents assigned by the European institute as of August 2009, the company said in a statement.

The patents were granted across key LTE sub-sectors: physical-layer air interface, radio resource management and connection management.

"The achievement reflects our pioneering vision and firm commitment to support operators worldwide," said Yin Weimin, president for LTE in Huawei.



Fazle Rahim Shahrar, managing director of Aftab Bahumukhi Farms Ltd, a sister concern of Islam Group, receives the "Rising Star Supplier" award from Akku Chowdhury, executive director of Transcom Foods Ltd, at a programme in Dhaka recently. Yum India Pvt Ltd gave the award to the farm for being an international quality chicken and processed poultry supplier to KFC, an international chain restaurant under Yum.

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
 মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়  
 বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা  
 স্মারক নং-মশবিম/মাঃউঃ-২/২৯/২০০৯/২৯২  
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**নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ীয় বাংলাদেশ শিশু একাডেমি কর্তৃক পরিচালিত "সিনিমপুর আউটস্ট্রীচ প্রকল্পের" নিম্নবর্ণিত পদে প্রকল্প মেয়াদকালীন সময়ের জন্য সম্পূর্ণ স্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে জনবল নিয়োগের জন্য বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। প্রকল্পের মেয়াদান্তে পদসমূহ স্বয়ংক্রিয়ভাবে বিলুপ্ত হয়ে যাবে।

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**আবেদনের নিয়মাবলীঃ**

- ১। সাদা কাগজে প্রার্থীর নাম, পিতা/স্বামীর নাম, মাতার নাম, স্থায়ী ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা, জন্ম তারিখ, বয়স, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, জাতীয়তা, অভিজ্ঞতা ইত্যাদি উল্লেখপূর্বক বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ১০ (দশ) দিনের মধ্যে সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব (উঃ-২), মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়, পরিবহন পুল ভবন, কক্ষ নং-৮১১, সচিবালয় লিকে রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০ এর ঠিকানায় আবেদনপত্র পৌঁছাতে হবে।
- ২। নিম্নবর্ণিত কাগজপত্র আবেদনপত্রের সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করে দিতে হবেঃ  
 (ক) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি।  
 (খ) অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি।  
 (গ) ১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র।  
 (ঘ) ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ চেয়ারম্যান/পৌরসভা চেয়ারম্যান/সিটি কর্পোরেশনের কমিশনার কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র।  
 (ঙ) ১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত ০৩ (তিন) কপি পাসপোর্ট আকারের ছবি।
- ৩। প্রার্থীর বয়সসীমা ২৬ আগস্ট ২০১০ তারিখে ৩০ বছরের মধ্যে হতে হবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র/কন্যার ক্ষেত্রে বয়স ৩২ বছর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য।
- ৪। প্রার্থীকে আবেদনপত্র প্রেরণের সময় নামের উপর প্রার্থীর পদের নাম ও নিজ জেলার নাম আলাদা করে উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- ৫। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র/কন্যা হলে উপর্যুক্ত কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি আবেদনপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ৬। চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীদেরকে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। আবেদনপত্রের কোন অগ্রিম কপি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
- ৭। যৌতুক নেব না/দেব না মর্মে প্রার্থী কর্তৃক একটি অঙ্গিকারনামা আবেদনপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ৮। অসম্পূর্ণ, ত্রুটিপূর্ণ কিংবা বিলম্বে প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- ৯। আবেদনপত্র বাছাই করে শুধুমাত্র যোগ্য বিবেচিত প্রার্থীদের লিখিত/মৌখিক পরীক্ষার জন্য ডাকা হবে (সাক্ষাৎকার পরীক্ষার সময়ে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অন্যান্য সনদপত্রের মূলকপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে)। এজন্য কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।

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