

# Biman to get two aircraft soon

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Two more new aircraft will be added to the national flag carrier Biman Bangladesh fleet in the second half of the year to carry passengers, said Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister GM Quader yesterday.

Quader also said the government has a plan to purchase a total of 10 new passenger carrying aircraft within 2019 to be gradually added to the current fleet of eight international passenger carrying aircraft. The minister, however, did not elaborate any further on it.

"Biman is now suffering because it does not have

enough income to survive and grow. We have only eight aircraft, which are all very old," the minister said.

Quader was speaking on civil aviation and tourism industry in Bangladesh as the guest of honour at the regular luncheon meeting of the Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka.

"We need to increase the number of airlines. We have to go for open sky policy so that the international airlines can come here to carry passengers," he added.

About a new airport, the minister said this is the right time to build another airport because, after another five or 10 years,

there will be hardly any space available in the vicinity of the capital to build such a sprawling infrastructure, he added.

Defending his stance, the minister said Bangladesh has a lot of potential to make profit from airport business by transforming the country into a regional hub of airlines like India, Singapore, Dubai and China.

The minister said, since the public-private partnership (PPP) is a lengthy process, the government may contract with a foreign company to build a new airport.

"After 20 or 25 years of operation by the builder company, the property will be ours."

quality scanning machines will be installed at Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka for efficient and state-of-the-art cargo scanning.

He blamed corrupt and politically-biased bureaucracy for the stalemate in the tourism industry though it has potential for development.

"The problem lies in the bureaucracy, which is corrupt. The bureaucrats do not work or let others change anything," the minister said.

The global turnover of the tourism industry was \$1 trillion in 2010, of which only 1 percent was secured by all the Saarc nations together. Of the Saarc nations again, India alone made

half of the business, he added.

Three countries including Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka among the Saarc nations simultaneously announced 2011 as the year of tourism.

Developing the tourism sector is not the job of just any department or a particular department of the government, it is actually the responsibility of an entire nation, he added.

FICCI President AM Hamim Rahmatullah said the shortage of energy is the biggest barrier to attracting foreign direct investment in the country. Tax evasion and increasing costs of doing business are the other major barriers, he added.



AB BANK  
Officials of AB Bank pose at the bank's stall at SME Financing Fair-2011, jointly organised by SME Foundation and Bangladesh Bank, in the capital recently.

## Faruk urges Bimstec members to boost intra-regional trade

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Commerce Minister Faruk Khan has called upon Bimstec members to move towards greater integration to fully exploit the potential of intra-regional trade, still largely untapped.

He made the call while presenting a keynote speech at the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (Bimstec) business seminar titled "Opportunities for Trade and Investment in Bimstec countries" in Bangkok on Wednesday, the commerce ministry said yesterday.

Khan said the seven-member Bimstec is yet to fully exploit the existing potential of intra-regional trade, which was evident from low level of regional trade among the member states.

With a combined gross domestic product (GDP) of about \$1.7 trillion and average annual growth rate of 1.6 percent, there exists huge potential for increasing intra-regional trade, he said.

Khan said most of the economies in Asia withstood the onslaught of the recent global financial crisis, thanks to appropriate and timely policy interventions of these countries.

"An important lesson learnt from the crisis is to develop and create greater inter-dependence among the member states so as to avoid shocks from future crisis," the statement quoted Khan as saying.

The commerce minister is currently on a two-day visit to attend the Bimstec Business and Economic Forum meeting in Bangkok.



Ogilvy  
Participants of a workshop on marketing and brand communications, organised by Ogilvy & Mather Dhaka, pose with lemon, an item used in the workshop, in the capital recently. Madhukar Sabnavis, country head of Ogilvy Discovery in India, was also present.



STANCHART  
Tanvir Haider Chaudhury, head of transaction banking of Standard Chartered Bank, and Mohammad Shoeb Ali, head of Solution Delivery, attend a seminar of the bank for wholesale banking clients in Chittagong recently.

### Correction

In the report "EBL unveils savings account for students" published yesterday, we inadvertently mentioned that students aged between 11 and 17 years will be eligible for opening the account at EBL branches, individually or jointly with parents. In fact, they would be able to open the account jointly with their parents only. We regret the error.

### New head for ICMAB

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Zahir Uddin Ahmed has been elected president of Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) for 2011.

Ahmed is a former president of Institute of Chartered Accounts of Bangladesh. Also, AKM Delwer Hussain and Mohammed Salim were elected vice-presidents, Md Jasim Uddin Akond secretary and Arif Khan treasurer.



Zahir Uddin Ahmed

### Row surfaces over BGMEA voter roll

#### New polls schedule comes Sunday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The leaders of the two rival groups of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) are in a disagreement now over the issue of its election, which was scheduled for yesterday.

The election was postponed by the Election Commission (EC), as it found a significant number of fake voters on the voter list.

Chairman of the EC Shafiullah Chowdhury said the EC will announce the next schedule on Sunday.

The two rival groups -- Sammilita Parishad (combined council) and Forum -- are competing for the BGMEA executive committee for the next two years.

At present Sammilita Parishad (SP) is leading the committee. Forum leaders blamed the present committee for putting fake voters on the voter list.

Sources in the BGMEA said some 96 fake voters were detected in the voter list of 3,270 voters. "It needs at best two or three days to correct and update the voter list," said a leader of Forum, seeking not to be named. He also said the committee leaders are wasting time and not cooperating with the EC to correct the voter list.

Nasir Uddin Chowdhury, a leader of SP and first vice-president of BGMEA, said: "There may be some disagreements, but these can be solved."

He said the EC has been conducting the whole process of the election since November 20 last year. He claimed the present committee is not responsible for the fake voters on the list.

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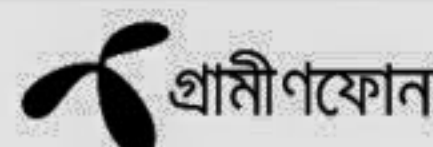
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### Description of Responsibilities

To coordinate specific administrative requirements or to supervise standard clerical activities as may be directed by supervisor.

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### Reporting Arrangement

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### Selection Criteria

Specific criteria include

- bachelor's degree in Commerce (major in Accounting)
- 5 years of relevant experience; related experience in administrative and financial accounting, preferably in international agencies, will be preferred
- good writing and speaking skills in English language are essential
- proven ability to undertake background research and analysis on difficult but well-defined tasks, collect and organize required data and information, apply

appropriate computer skills in analyzing and developing the data, and prepares notes, papers and sections of reports

- good analytical thinking with ability to make simple causal links (A causes B), pro-and-con lists and analyses to reach a decision; and sets priorities for tasks in order of importance
- ability to establish and maintain productive contacts with appropriate officials of host government, donor agencies and executing agencies; good inter-personal and communication skills are desirable. Ability to work with individuals from different cultural/national backgrounds
- good computer skills with sound knowledge of common word-processing, spreadsheets and graphics software used in ADB

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