

# 'Cricket diplomacy' can strengthen Sino-Bangla ties

Says Dipu Moni

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni yesterday pointed out the relations between Bangladesh and China could be strengthened through 'cricket diplomacy'.

"Both Bangladesh and China share a thousand-year-old history of bonds and the omnipresence of the soil of Bangladesh was mentioned in many Chinese old books," she said while unveiling a book 'Asian Games A China Darshan', written by Ranjan Sen.

Sen wrote the 80-page book based on his experience in the 16th Asian Games held in China in 2009. The writer tries to highlight the aspects of modern diplomacy where cricket can be instrumental.

Dipu Moni said the Chinese people in greater numbers have been becoming familiar with Bangladesh through cricket as Bangladesh cricketers, especially former Bangladesh captain Aminul Islam Bulbul, now working as a coach, for Chinese cricket development.

Cultural Counselor of Chinese Embassy in Dhaka Liang Bin, cricketer Bulbul, journalist Farid Hossain, among others, spoke on the occasion.



(Clockwise) Students toss their mortarboards in the air in front of Raju Bhaskorjo on the campus after completion of the 46th convocation of Dhaka University yesterday. President Zillur Rahman confers Honorary Doctor of Law degree on World Trade Organisation Director General Pascal Lamy and presents a gold medal to a successful graduate at the convocation.



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# 4 COMMERCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS Census begins today

BSS, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) will begin census 2011-12 on four types of commercial service providing organisations across the country from today.

The census will be conducted on decorator, security, cleaning and recruiting service agencies and will continue till April 10, said a BBS press release yesterday.

It will help determine their total financial strength and percentage of contribution to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The survey is needed as the country's agriculture-based economy is gradually shifting to industry and service-based economy.

Meanwhile, the BBS has provided training to some 200 employees at its office in Dhaka and at 23 other regional offices in the country to carry out the survey on service providers accurately.

BBS sources said the country's industrial and service sector is growing, contributing 30 percent to the national economy now that was only 15 percent earlier.

On the other hand, contribution of the agriculture sector has now declined to 16 percent from 21 percent, the sources added.

There are 18,000 decorators in the country who are providing services to people even at the union level.

Besides, there are 486 security service providers, nearly 500 cleaning service providers and 416 recruiting agencies in the country.

## DU CONVOCATION

# A pleasant end to a journey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University yesterday presented before the country 17,000 of its brightest and talented graduates at its 46th convocation to mark the end of one journey and the beginning of a new one.

"It's a wonderful feeling," said Hasan Nitol, a master's graduate from the mass communication and journalism department of the university, told The Daily Star.

"I'm absolutely happy! This is my graduation after all. This is what I've been working for over the past seven years."

But the day also meant that he was leaving behind his student life--"The best years of my life," in his words which painted a tint of the blues in an otherwise ecstatic canvas of emotions.

Tears sparkled in the eyes of Dilshad Hossain, a graduate of the social science faculty.

"The convocation means I'm no longer a student of the university," she said, "I can't seem to hold back the tears whenever the thought crosses my mind that I'm actually done with my studies."

Recalling his student life at the university, Khaled Hossain, a political science graduate said: "...We took to the streets to raise our voice against

things that we resented, and also took to the streets to celebrate the things that we loved."

"We had got everything--all the prerequisites needed to mould a person into a complete human being," he said, adding, "I feel privileged to be part of this crowd."

The university not only taught us topics of the academic arena, but also enriched us with the practical knowledge of the country's politics, culture and extra curricular activities, said Shamsul Kabir Rahat, a graduate of the department of social work.

"Student life was golden time of my life. From now, I will miss the university campus, friends and teachers very much," he said.

As the 46th convocation ceremony drew to its end, graduates covered in black robes came out of the convocation ground in stream.

The midday sun did little to hinder the celebrations as the graduates exchanged smiles and hugs.

Cameras clicked everywhere to capture the celebrations. It was difficult to take a step without invading the frame of a camera.

For those who did not carry cameras, Dhaka University Photography Society (DUPS) arranged a large photo booth at the Teacher-Student Centre

(TSC).

At the booth, groups of graduating friends cheered and threw their hats in the air as the cameras were flashed while others hugged their parents to share the moment with them.

Amid the smiles and tears, there was also a sense of apprehension.

"You can't help but feel a little fear at a moment like this," said Obaidur Rahman, a graduate from the department of Arabic at the university.

"Now my student life is over, I have to look forward to building my career. The future scares me," he said.

Khalid Hossain, the political science graduate, has, however, bigger dreams.

"I want to go abroad for my post-doctorate to harness as much knowledge as possible to contribute to the academic arena of the world," he said.

Talking to The Daily Star, Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, the vice-chancellor of the university, offered a word of advice for the graduates.

"I hope the young graduates will utilise their knowledge to help the nation build a modern state with no hunger, poverty and corruption," he said adding, "We are happy to hold the convocation in a successful way."

# Ashtami Snan ends

UNB, Narayanganj

Holy Ashtami Snan (holy bath), a big annual religious festival of the Hindu community ended in Old Brahmaputra River in Langalbandh village in Bandar upazila yesterday morning.

Thousands of Hindu devotees from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka took a holy dip in the Old Brahmaputra at dawn yesterday heralding the end of this year's holy bath.

Every year on the eighth day of the lunar month which falls in the Bengali month of Chaitra, tens of thousands of devotees from home and abroad assemble on the banks of the Old Brahmaputra for the ritual bath in the river.

On the occasion, a three-day fair is held in and around the village, starting before the day of Ashtami Snan and ending a day after the bathing ceremony.

This year's Ashtami Snan was held peacefully, the district administration officials claimed.

Echoing them, the upazila administration officials said: "No untoward incident took place in Langalbandh or in any other parts of Bandar upazila during the holy bathing and the three-day fair."

# JU deans' election on April 26

BSS, Savar

Election for the post of four deans under four faculties of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will be held on April 26.

The election will be held at the JU teachers' club.

The faculties are Arts and Humanities, Mathematical and Physical Science, Social Science and Biological Science.

# The Bangladesh Rating Agency Limited



## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Bangladesh Rating Agency Limited (BDRAL), an initiative of Dun & Bradstreet South Asia Middle East and nine local Banks and Financial Institutions aims to provide credit rating service for the Small and Medium Enterprises of the country--the thrust sector of the economy. BDRAL has been recently granted Credit Rating License by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to commence SME Ratings. BDRAL is looking for dynamic talents for the following positions:

### 1) Chief Risk Officer (CRO)

Ref No: BDRAL1/CRO

The CRO will implement BDRAL Risk Management framework and customized rating model for clients' in Bangladesh. The position will develop appropriate methodologies, tools and techniques enabling risk assessment of the clients and take overall responsibility of BDRAL risk framework in the country. Developing and implementing IT strategy to enable risk management will be expected from the position. The CRO works closely with the CEO and Executive Committee of BDRAL in Bangladesh for developing and communicating risk management strategy and policies. The role entails extensive education and training of clients as required.

The successful candidate will have:

- CA/Masters degree in Business Administration or a similar qualification
- Minimum 12-15 years experience in banking/financial institutions/management consulting
- Strategic thinking, excellent communication and relationship skill
- Client management and facilitation skills

### 2) Head of SME

Ref No: BDRAL1/HSME

The person in the position shall oversee the SME Ratings Team, Acquire/Explore new business opportunities. S/he will have to take initiative to introduce the SME Ratings to the market-place. Head of SME will be responsible for overall business performance including its operational activity in the rating vertical.

The successful candidate will have:

- Masters Degree in Business Administration/ACCA/CPA or equivalent
- Minimum 15 years of total work experience with at least 5 years in leadership position
- High level of integrity and dependability with a strong sense of urgency and result orientation
- Excellent communication and relationship skills are essential

### 3) Business Analyst – 2 Positions

Ref No: BDRAL1/BA

The person will be responsible to conduct in-depth review of key risk management areas of a business. The position requires high conceptual, technical and research capability. S/he will require ongoing interaction and engagement with the client as well as other professionals/experts in the field.

The successful candidate will have:

- ACA/ ACCA/ ACMA/ MBA/ Masters in Finance and/or Accounting from a reputed university
- 3-8 years work experience in Finance Related Role
- Strong financial & Business analysis skills
- Knowledge and experience in capital management, quantitative risk analytics, as well as an in-depth knowledge of risk management systems
- Strong Knowledge of portfolio risk industry and the ability to counsel senior leads in this area
- Must have advance skills in Microsoft office & other statistical software

### 4) Associate Business Analyst – 6 Positions

Ref No: BDRAL1/ABA

The person will be responsible for analyzing the business information and recast a financial statement and also compile the non-financial parameters for the company under review.

The successful candidate will have:

- Masters in Finance/ Accounting, ACCA/ CA – part qualified will get preferences
- 1-2 years of work experience in Finance Related Role
- Strong financial & Business analysis skills.
- Strong Knowledge of portfolio risk industry and the ability to counsel senior leads in this area.
- Must have advance skills in Microsoft office & other statistical software

### 5) Senior Compliance Officer/ Manager - 1 Position

Ref No: BDRAL1/COM

The person will be responsible to ensure compliance of statutory and regulatory requirements. S/he will be the key person to correspond with the regulatory authority and will be responsible to circulate all notices and rules issued by internal/external regulatory bodies to all concerns.

The successful candidate will have:

- Master in Business Administration
- Conversant with SEC ordinance, rules and regulations, Bangladesh Bank Guidelines and other related laws
- 2-3 years of experience in the field of compliance

### 6) Research Associate – 2 Positions

Ref No: BDRAL1/RA

The person will be responsible to conduct the industry research and assist in updating - as and when required - the rating model in ensuring its compatible with the industry trend. S/he shall be responsible for creating and maintaining database of the industry.

The successful candidate will have:

- Masters in Business Administration / Masters in Economics
- 1-2 years of work experience in the related field
- Strong financial and analytical skill
- Must have advance knowledge in Microsoft Office

### 7) IT Officer – 1 Position

Ref No: BDRAL1/IT

The person will be responsible for Data Centre Management, Programming, Trouble shooting and day to day Software Management and managing Data Security.

The successful candidate will have:

- Masters in Information Technology/ Computer Science
- 2-3 years of work experience in the related field

### 8) Business Reporters – 4 Positions

Ref No: BDRAL1/BR

Business Reporter will be responsible for collecting business information of companies in the provided format. The position requires contacting clients over the phone, through e-mails and in person, introducing BDRAL and seeking business information. The position requires ability to understand business and good communication ability.

The successful candidate will have:

- Bachelor degree in commerce or business administration
- 2-5 years experience in client facing role
- Excellent communication skills

Salary will commensurate with experience. All the positions are based in Dhaka, Bangladesh and is open to all nationalities. The Bangladesh Rating Agency Limited will offer an excellent working environment and growth opportunity. Please email your resume with a recent passport size picture and covering letter to the following address [BharuchaD@dnbsame.com](mailto:BharuchaD@dnbsame.com) by April 10, 2012. Resumes may also be mailed/hand delivered to BDRAL office at 47 Karwan Bazar, Latif Tower (12th Floor), Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.