CSR course outline gets nod from DU academic council

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The academic council of Dhaka University has recently approved a course outline on corporate social responsibility to incorporate CSR in the curriculum of the Institute of Business Adminis-tration and 14 departments under the social science and business studies faculties.

Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, vice chancellor of the university, extended his sincere support to the Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI)'s proposal of incorporating CSR in the curricu-

Siddique formed a curriculum development team which included deans and faculty members of the university and resources from MRDI. The team met several times, discussed in threadbare and developed the outline.

Role of the students of university is vital in building future Bangladesh because these young people will lead the nation, Siddique said.

companies come up with assistance for approving the CSR course outline in its research and studies on CSR under their academic council meeting. The topic will

stream of education from generation to generation," he said.

"I feel immensely happy that two faculties and an institute of Dhaka University have adopted CSR as a topic of their curriculum. I hope other faculties and other universities of the country will take similar steps."

"I believe, MRDI will continue its efforts in taking the issue forward," MRDI quoted Siddique as saying in a statement yesterday.

The focal point of CSR is founded on the credence that any progress depends on an inclusive participation of all without prejudice, Professor Syed Ferhat Anwar of the Institute of Business Administration said. "I congratulate the members of the

academic council of Dhaka University for performing the task of a light house, so that, all may pursue the true societal approach to learning."

Inclusion of CSR as a topic in the curricula of higher studies is undoubtedly a timely step, said Professor Farid Uddin Ahmed, dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

"Like before, this time also Dhaka "If the national and multi-national University has been the torch bearer by CSR activities, the issue will remain in the facilitate young learners explore a close

linkage between corporate sector and social development for an inclusive growth of the society."

MRDI has done a great job by accomplishing the task of developing the course outline with the technical support of Dhaka University, Ahmed said.

"I am happy to be a part of the approval process of corporate social responsibility as a text for two of our faculty and an institute by the authority of our beloved Dhaka University," said Shibli Rubayat Ul Islam, dean of the Faculty of Business Studies.

"I hope as always, Dhaka University will play the leading role to teach CSR as a core subject to the future generation to make them participate more for the faster development of the society and overall Bangladesh." Developing this course outline is the first

step towards designing a full course on CSR, said Hasibur Rahman, executive director of the MRDI. "Time may even come when opening a separate department of CSR in the university

treated as the foundation of a big outcome." MRDI believes the faculties of other public and private universities should come forward in including CSR in their regular

will be possible. This effort will then be

Stocks return to the red

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Stocks returned to the red yesterday, breaking a four-day gaining streak, as the investors adopted a "wait-and-see" approach in the face of a twoday strike enforced by the BNPled 18-party alliance.

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DSEX, the benchmark general index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, closed the day at 4,296.3 points, after falling 17.75 points or 0.41 percent.

"Investors showed interest in engineering, pharma and foods shares over financial stocks," LankaBangla Securities said in its daily market analysis. "If political clashes continue,

utility and foreign multinational companies are expected to perform better compared to other sectors in terms of profitability. In this sort of situation, textile, banks and non-bank financial institutions are at the most risk," the stockbroker said.

Turnover, the most important indicator for the market, declined 14.89 percent to Tk 316 crore, compared to the previous

Losers took a storing lead over the gainers 157 to 92, while 39 issues closed unchanged on

the DSE floor.

A total of 0.86 lakh traders were executed with 7.16 crore shares and mutual fund units changing hands on the Dhaka

All the major sectors declined: banks 1.07 percent, power 0.09 percent and nonbank financial institutions 0.85 percent respectively. However, pharma gained 0.17 percent. LankaBangla Finance domi-

nated the top turnover chart with 23.66 lakh shares worth Tk 17 crore changing hands followed by Golden Son, Unique Hotel and Resorts, Active Fine Chemicals and Appollo Isapat.

Bangas was the day's highest gainer, posting a rise of 7.74 percent, while Rahima Food was the worst losers, slumping by 7.27 percent.

The Chittagong Stock Exchange also ended marginally lower with its selective categories index, CSCX, losing 41.66 points, to close at 8,436.69 points.

Losers beat gainers 150 to 44, while 15 issues remained unchanged at the port city bourse that traded 86.84 lakh shares and mutual fund units with a turnover of Tk 33 crore.

New executive director for BB



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Abdur Rahim has recently been promoted to executive director of Bangladesh Bank, the central bank said in a statement yesterday.

Prior to the promotion, he was serving the banking regulator as its general manager. Rahim joined BB as

assistant director in 1984 and has served at the bank's Sylhet, Rajshahi and Dhaka offices. Rahim is an economics

graduate of Dhaka University and attained a master degree from the Institute of Business Administration. Under the Bank of

England scholarship, he



Nazra Mahjabeen Sabet, programme head of BRAC Enterprises, presents award to top three winners of BRAC Chicken's Eid special 'Buy & Fly' campaign. Other senior officials of the organisation were also present.

Words, but no action yet from ECB: analysts

AFP, Frankfurt

The European Central Bank looks set to ring in the New Year with interest rates on hold, but will have its work cut out for it in 2014, analysts say.

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The ECB's policy-setting governing council is scheduled to hold its first meeting of this year on Thursday, but central bank watchers are not projecting any new measures just yet after a surprise rate cut in November.

"The ECB's governing council appears unlikely to make any substantive policy changes at its first policy meeting of the year," said Jonathan Loynes at Capital Economics.

"But the ongoing combination of weak economic growth, a damagingly strong currency and poor liquidity conditions will maintain the pressure on the central bank to take further action to support the region's fragile economic recovery in 2014," he said.

The ECB took markets by surprise in November and pared back its central "refi" refinancing rate by a quarter of a percentage point to a record low of 0.25 percent.

The reason behind the move was an expectation that the single currency area is facing a prolonged period of very low inflation.

Area-wide inflation picked up fractionally in November, but analysts believe that does

Trust Bank promotes new DMD

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Abu Zafar Hedaytul Islam was recently promoted to deputy managing director of Trust Bank, a statement said yesterday.

He was serving as senior executive vice president of the bank prior to this appointment.

Islam joined the bank as senior vice president

in October 2003, before which he worked with Eastern Bank and IFIC Bank. He completed his undergrad and graduation from the

Economics Department of Dhaka University.

Japan automakers accelerate

Govt to talk to US about first Ticfa meeting

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Around 95 percent of Bangladesh's exports to the US are garment products, for which 15.30 percent duty has to be

In 2012, Bangladesh paid \$746 million as duty to the US government for exporting a little above \$5 billion worth of garment products.

The US was supposed to review Bangladesh's GSP in December, but later postponed the schedule and the new review is expected in March or April.

Desperate fight to ward off hunger

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On December 13, this correspondent found one Anwar Hossain driving a rickshaw-van rather unsteadily in a quiet road at Bogra town. "I learnt driving just a day ago, so my hands are still shaky," said the 45-year-old.

A construction worker for the major part of his life, he scooped up his family's total savings to buy a second-hand van for Tk 6,000 after construction activities withered with the onset of picketing.

The 25-year-old Shafiqul Islam, however, had the foresight that the political situation would turn very bad. Three months ago he took out a loan

from a microcredit organisation and bought a rickshaw which he rented out while he worked as a welder at a work-The recurrent shutdowns and block-

ades forced his employer to keep the workshop shut quite frequently. He gets Tk 350 a day when the shop remains open and nothing if it remains shut. With weekly instalments to pay off his

microcredit loan, he decided not to rely on the irregular earnings from the workshop and drive the rickshaw himself.

"I feel awkward driving the rickshaw because I have many friends and acquaintances. But there is no alter-

Garment exporters get cash benefits against fund transfer via TT

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Three platforms of garment and knitwear makers and textile mill owners placed a three-point demand to the finance minister on December 11 to help them offset the extra cost following the recent hike in garment wages. They also demanded measures to make up for the losses caused by politi-

The finance minister later sat with the officials of the central bank, the finance ministry and the National Board of Revenue to devise plans on the stimulus packages.

China sales despite tensions from 2012, when a

AFP, Tokyo

Two of Japan's top automakers Monday reported record sales in China last year, after an anti-Japanese consumer boycott depressed demand in the world's largest vehicle market in 2012.

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Toyota said it sold 917,500 vehicles in China last year, its best ever. The figure was up 9.2 percent

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dispute over islands in the East China Sea flared anew and sent relations between Tokyo and Beijing plummeting.

The diplomatic row sparked riots across China and a boycott of Japanese brands. A visit last month by Japan's premier to a controversial war shrine once again stirred up longstanding tensions.

Samsung eyes auto expansion as high-end smartphones slow

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Samsung Electronics Co, which sells almost one of every three smartphones, wants to parlay that technology into automotive navigation and entertainment systems for an industry that makes more than 80 million vehicles a year.

Asia's biggest technology company is pushing beyond the hardware that underpinned its growth as global demand weakens for high-end handsets. Samsung is attending the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas this week along with a record nine carmakers, including Volkswagen AG's Audi unit and General Motors Co. (GM)

Businesses that reach from batteries and household appliances to memory chips, cameras and liquid-crystal displays provide components the Suwon, South Koreabased company can use inside automobiles. Samsung is partnering with Intel Corp on open-source software called Tizen that can run smartphones, tablets, TVs and car systems, and has garnered interest from automakers including Toyota Motor Corp, the world's biggest.

"In the past, passengers just used cars for moving, but now they want to enjoy entertainment and access to the Internet," said Lee Seung Woo, an analyst at IBK Securities Co. in Seoul. "It's like a gigantic smartphone on wheels."

Among the applications Lee expects in the future from Samsung are windows made of transparent flat-panels that provide map displays and other information for people inside the car while still enabling full visibility. It also may use sensors to monitor passengers' health, to select music to match a driver's mood and



An employee helps a customer at a Samsung Electronics Co. mobile store in Seoul.

he said.

Samsung declined to comment on its Corp and Intel. plans for the car sector, according to an emailed statement. The company is open to collaborations with automakers that could expand to include entertainment and navigation, President Hong Won-Pyo said by e-mail in October without elaborating.

Autos are set to be in the spotlight this year at CES, as carmakers look to catch consumer attention with new gadgetry in the cabins of their vehicles. Last year, more than 11,000 of the 150,000 attendees at the show described themselves as being in the automotive electronics business.

Samsung faces competition from chipmakers such as Freescale Semiconductor Ltd. that have historically

to analyze traffic and suggest a better route, supplied the auto industry and relative newcomers such as Qualcomm Inc, Nvidia

Qualcomm, whose radio chips are part of GM's Onstar service, and Nvidia, which supplies the processors for Tesla Motors Inc and Volkswagen AG's Lamborghini vehicles, are trying to bring elements already widely used in mobile phones to cars. Intel, the largest maker of personalcomputer processors, supplies Tata Motors Ltd.'s Jaguar Land Rover and Hyundai Motor Co.

Samsung shipped a record number of handsets in 2013 and posted its highest quarterly earnings, yet its stock had its first annual decline in five years amid signs of slowing growth in high-end handsets and competition from Apple Inc's new iPhones.

Shares of the company, which reports preliminary fourth-quarter earnings tomorrow, rose 0.9 percent to 1,307,000 won in Seoul. The stock dropped 9.6 percent in the previous six trading days, a slump that erased about \$19 billion of market value, or more than the capitalization of smartphone competitors HTC Corp, LG Electronics Inc. and BlackBerry Ltd. combined.

Samsung's market capitalization is about \$181 billion, making it one of the 30 biggest companies in the world, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Billionaire Chairman Lee Kun Hee on Jan. 2 urged Samsung's 236,000 workers to move beyond hardware and create new technologies, markets and business practices.

"We must give a bigger push for innovations," Lee, South Korea's richest man, said

in his New Year's speech to employees. Samsung shipped 81.2 million smartphones in the third quarter, accounting for 31.4 percent of the global market, researcher IDC said in October. Apple shipped 33.8 million for 13.1 percent market share.

Global vehicle production was 79.3 million in 2013 and will reach 82.4 million this year, Morgan Stanley said in a Dec. 3 report. The average car contained about \$330 worth of semiconductors in 2012, compared with \$200 worth in 2002, market researcher IHS said in a Sept. 9

By 2020, there will be about 152 million Internet-connected cars on the road, IHS Automotive said in a Nov. 19 report.

Google Inc.'s Android operating system has underpinned Samsung's growth into the world's largest smartphone maker, deploying the software on devices costing from less than \$150 to more than \$900. Yet

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