

MRDI organises workshop on CSR in Thailand

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Businesses are more sustainable when they prioritise people and society, and sustainable business initiatives have innovated new ideas to address the needs of people aiming to build a caring society, MRDI said in a statement yesterday.

Experts presented this view at a weeklong capacity building workshop on corporate social responsibility held at the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand, jointly organised by the Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI), Bangladesh Bank and AIT.

The Bangladesh delegation lead by Farid Uddin Ahmed, dean of social sciences faculty of Dhaka University, included professors of Dhaka University, officials of Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management and MRDI.

The workshop participants also visited the Standard Chartered village in the Mekong province to see a sustainable CSR intervention.

The workshop was facilitated by Alex Mavro, professor of the Sasin Institute of Business Administration of Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok and Dennis Walker, a management and sustainability consultant.



MRDI

Participants pose during a weeklong capacity building workshop organised by the Management and Resources Development Initiative, Bangladesh Bank and the Asian Institute of Technology, in Thailand recently.

The workshop presented the ISIS methodology of business sustainability that stands for indicators, systems, innovation and strategy and highlighted global trends and practices in sustainability.

Business that creates values for the stakeholders sustain in the long run, said Jonathon

Shaw, executive director of AIT-Extension, at the certificate awarding ceremony. "A programme or business designed in a constructive manner sustains, whereas an extractive design necessarily collapses," he said.

Hasibur Rahman, executive director of MRDI, also spoke.



EBL

Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director of Eastern Bank, launches the EBL Zero Instalment Program (ZIP) for its credit cardholders at a ceremony in Dhaka on Tuesday. M Nazeem A Choudhury, consumer banking head, was also present. ZIP is a non-interest bearing equal instalment plan that allows credit cardholders to convert retail purchase transactions at designated outlets into instalment schemes ranging from three months to 24 months.

Oil drilling to begin in Kailashtila gas field in July

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Oil drilling of Kailashtila well 7 at Golapganj in Sylhet is set to begin on July 15 with rig installation expected to finish in two weeks.

Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company (Bapex) would do the testing and commissioning of the drilling rig, said Project Director Harun Ur Rashid Molla.

Bapex's drilling work may finish in three months at a cost of Tk 220 crore, said Molla, who is also the deputy general manager of the state-run Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd.

"Since it is targeted as an oil well, about 500 barrels of oil would be produced every day. Otherwise it will produce 25 mmcf/d gas

everyday. On the basis of seismic surveys, we are optimistic about getting oil here."

The new field has a reserve of 109 million barrels of oil out of recoverable 44 million barrels of oil and 658 billion cubic feet of gas.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation of the field on September 17 last year and the drilling was supposed to start in December the same year.

It will be the second oil well after the Haripur gas field in Sylhet, he said. Haripur field dried up in 1994.

In 2011-12, Bapex carried out 3D surveys and found oil and gas reserves below the gas structures in Kailashtila, Haripur and Rashidpur.

Alibaba ties up with China's state postal service

AFP, Shanghai

E-commerce giant Alibaba said Thursday it would develop a logistics network with China's dominant state postal carrier, the latest in a series of deals before a planned US listing.

The firm operates China's most popular online shopping platform, Taobao, which is estimated to hold more than 90 percent of the online market for consumer-to-consumer transactions. But the company has identified delivery problems as a bottleneck for its business.

It said in a statement that it will develop a "smart" logistics network with China Post through a strategic cooperation deal, integrating more than 100,000 post offices into its own system.

The two will also collaborate on e-commerce, finance and information security, it said, but gave no details.

Taobao sellers have traditionally relied on privately run courier companies to deliver tens of millions of packages daily, rather than the vast yet often inefficient government postal service.

Last year, Alibaba established its own logistics network called Cainiao with partners including Shanghai-based private conglomerate Fosun Group and leading domestic courier companies.

Alibaba said last month it will buy a 10.35 percent stake in Singapore Post -- the city-state's main postal service -- for \$249 million and explore a joint venture in the global logistics business.



SOLIDARIDAD NETWORK ASIA

Selim Reza Hasan, country manager of Solidaridad Network Asia, and Shyamal Das, director of MU Sea Foods Ltd, attend the signing of a deal at a programme yesterday to increase shrimp export.



FSIBL

AAM Zakaria, managing director of First Security Islami Bank, attends the launch of school banking services at Keshobpur Pilot School and College in Jessore recently. Md Asaduzzaman, principal of the school, was also present.



CITY BANK

Faruq M Ahmed, additional managing director of City Bank, and Mohammad Ferdousur Rahman, executive director of Prodipon, sign a deal at a programme recently to make banking services available to poor and working children.



TAS

Mashiur Rahman, economic affairs adviser to the prime minister, attends the launch of Tsuneishi Alliance Solutions Ltd, a joint venture company of Tsuneishi Kamtecs Corp of Japan, Alliance Holdings Ltd and NewVision Solutions Ltd, at a programme recently. Shiro Sadoshima, Japanese ambassador, was also present.




COMPUTER SOURCE

Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, state minister for home affairs; Dato Hamdan, managing director of IRISH Corporation Barhat, and Asif Mahmud, director of Computer Source, attend the signing of a deal among Bangladesh government, IRISH Barhat, GTI of UAE and Computer Source on Wednesday to provide machine readable passport service to the Bangladeshis currently living in UAE.



PUBALI BANK

Pubali Bank Chairman Hafiz Ahmed Mazumder opens a branch of the bank at Hetimganj in Sylhet recently. Managing Director Helal Ahmed Chowdhury was also present.



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Memo No.: GMD/Ctg(S)/Sa-5/14/425
 Date : 05/06/2014

Invitation for Tender

1	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Supply & delivery of 1000 meters 33kV XLPE insulated single core 800 sqmm copper, power cable.
2	Tender Security	Bank Draft/ Pay order of TK. 5,00,000.00 (Taka Five Lac) only (Refundable) from any schedule Bank in Bangladesh in the name of Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. is to be enclosed with the Tender Proposal.
3	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 5,000/- only as Pay-Order/Bank Draft (Non-refundable) from any schedule Bank in Bangladesh in favor of Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
4	Place of Selling Tender Document	i) Chief Engineer, Transmission-1, Biddyut Bhaban (3 rd floor), 1 no. Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. ii) Superintending Engineer, Grid Circle, Biddyut Bhaban (1 st floor) Agrabad, Chittagong. iii) Company Secretary, IEB New Bhaban (4 th floor), Ramna, Dhaka. iv) Executive Engineer, GMD, Chittagong (South), Madunaghat, Hathazari, Chittagong. The bidder shall have to apply in letter head pad and show documents (Up-to-date Trade License, Income Tax clearance and VAT Registration Certificate) for prior permission from the relevant office head for purchasing the tender document.
5	Eligibility of Tenderers	Tenderer shall meet the following requirements along with the other minimum requirements stated in the TDS (Tender Data Sheet): i) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. ii) The satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum Tk. 1 (One) crore under maximum 1 (One) contract in the last 5 (five) years as on the date of opening of tender. iii) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is Tk. 1 (One) crore. iv) Average annual turnover shall be at least Tk. 60 (sixty) lac within the last (03 (three) years. Audited balance sheet of the last three years shall have to be submitted with the tender. v) Up-to-date Trade license, Income Tax clearance and VAT Registration Certificate.
6	Tender last selling Date & Time	03 July 2014
7	Place of Receiving Tender Document, Date & time	i) Chief Engineer, Transmission-1, Biddyut Bhaban (3 rd floor), 1 no. Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. ii) Superintending Engineer, Grid Circle, Biddyut Bhaban (1 st floor) Agrabad, Chittagong. iii) Executive Engineer, GMD, Chittagong (South), Madunaghat, Hathazari, Chittagong. 06 July 2014 up to 12.00 noon.
8	Place of Tender opening, Date & time	Executive Engineer, GMD, Chittagong (South), Madunaghat, Hathazari, Chittagong. 10 July 2014 at 10.00 am.
9	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annual the Tender proceedings.	

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