

World Cup, Olympics can bring fireworks or fizzle for tourism

Global sporting events like the World Cup and the Olympics can be a powerful shot in the arm for tourism but the effects can vanish soon after the fans' cheers fall silent. Industry experts at the Berlin tourism fair (ITB), one of the sector's largest gatherings, stressed Friday that there was no guarantee of a boost for the host country from a giant sporting event.

While European capitals such as Paris and Berlin weigh a possible bid for the 2024 Olympic Games, Rome has already thrown its hat in the ring with hopes of welcoming supporters from around the world to the Eternal City.

Meanwhile London after its 2012 Olympics extravaganza and previous football World Cup hosts Brazil and South Africa offer their own object lessons, presenting a decidedly mixed picture.

In South Africa, tourism "took a leap in 2010 and then it flattened a little bit after, but then from that higher basis, it continued growing," said Derek Hanekom, the country's tourism minister.

Estimates of the tourist influx generated by that year's World Cup range from 100,000 to 200,000, said Wolfgang Maennig of the University of Hamburg in northern Germany at an ITB conference on the subject.

However the explosion in flight and hotel prices linked to such events can have the opposite effect and drive away potential visitors.

Tom Rostek of travel company Dertour said championship organisers are often to blame for reserving blocks of hotel rooms, "up to 80 percent" in the case of the World Cup final in Rio de Janeiro in July.

In the end, they may not even be used but the practice serves to send prices for the remaining accommodations soaring, "potentially scaring people off", Rostek said.

The impact can be particularly



Attendees talk at Ukraine's stand at the International Tourism Trade Fair in Berlin on Thursday. The fair has over 10,000 exhibitors from around 190 countries.

acute in cities that were already popular as a tourist destination, especially if the event takes place during the high season.

London, for example, lost 350,000 overnight stays at the time of the 2012 Olympics compared to previous summers.

On the upside, however, the visitors in town for the Olympics spent much more than average tourists, Maennig said.

And while host cities rarely escape articles forecasting doom and gloom before the global sport establishment pitches up, once the first whistle is blown the media coverage tends to be enormous and often glowing.

"There is an undoubted impact in terms of publicity," said Iris Gleicke, parliamentary state secretary at the German economy ministry.

Germany welcomed an additional 100,000 tourists during

the 2006 World Cup. It was fewer than expected, but the effect of showing a "welcoming image" has transformed perceptions of the country abroad, she noted.

It's not even essential to organise an event on your home turf to bask in its glory.

The surprise arrival of the Costa Rican national team in the quarterfinals of the last World Cup was "very positive" for the country, said its tourism minister, Wilhelm von Breyman.

"Now people no longer know us only for the beauty of the country and coffee, but also for football," he said.

Beyond an image polish, big events of course prompt investment in infrastructure, said the sales director of the Rio Convention and Visitors Bureau, Michael Nagy, whose city will also be hosting the Olympics next year.

"In 2016, we will have a city capable of welcoming all the kinds of tourists we didn't have before," he said.

"Museums are built, cultural events take place. Before, people went to Europe for all that."

Sports facilities, public transport networks and new hotels -- "these investments were planned in any case but this gave us the opportunity to do it faster," said Vinicius Nobre Lages, Brazil's tourism minister.

Meanwhile down the corridor at the sprawling ITB, the Russian stand offered brochures boasting spa hotels, large car parks and gleaming conference rooms in Sochi, the Black Sea resort which held the Winter Olympics last year.

But the country's tourism agency says it is still too early to know what sort of success the facilities will have now that the winter sports fans and competitors are gone.

Major banks in US pass first phase of stress tests

AFP, Washington

The 31 largest banks in the United States passed the first phase of regulatory stress tests, the Federal Reserve announced Thursday.

But the three leading investment banks Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase and Morgan Stanley were among the worst performers, mainly because of their greater exposures to capital markets.

In tests of their strength to withstand a severe economic crisis -- one worse than that of 2008 -- all the banks proved capable of maintaining more than the minimum 5.0 percent level of core capital.

But the tests showed the investment banks with the largest exposure to capital markets came out among the weakest: Goldman's Tier 1 capital ratio fell to 6.3 percent, JPMorgan 6.5 percent, and

Morgan Stanley 6.2 percent.

The worst performer, as in last year's stress tests, was Zions Bancorp of Salt Lake City, which barely topped the minimum with a core capital ratio of 5.1 percent.

Also coming in low in the severe-crisis scenario was BBVA Compass Bancshares, at 6.3 percent.

But as a group the banks were stronger than in the 2014 tests.

Their average actual Tier 1 capital ratio going into the test was 11.9 percent, up from 11.5 percent a year ago. In the test the group average fell to 8.2 percent, compared with 7.6 percent last year.

"The largest US-based bank holding companies continue to build their capital levels and to strengthen their ability to lend to households and businesses during a period marked by severe recession and financial market volatility," the Fed said.

Apple to join Dow blue-chip index, replacing AT&T

AFP, New York

iPhone and iPad maker Apple is already the world's largest listed company. Now it will be part of America's oldest and most storied equity index.

The California tech giant will be added to the elite blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average on March 19, replacing venerable telecom company AT&T, the index announced Friday.

With a market capitalization of \$730 billion, more than \$300 billion above number-two company Google and four times that of AT&T, Apple was a natural fit for the 30-member Dow, S&P Dow Jones Indices said.

They said Apple would ensure adequate representation for the information-technology sector on the Dow, which for decades served as a guideline for conservative, value-focused investors and an indicator of the health of US industry.

"As the largest corporation in the world and a leader in technology, Apple is the clear choice for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the most recognized stock market measure," said David Blitzer, managing

director of the index committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices.

The index dropped AT&T after concluding the Dow was "over-weighted" in telecommunications, Blitzer said.

The addition of Apple marks another key landmark in the evolution of the 119-year-old Dow and the latest confirmation of the company as an enduring power in the US corporate landscape.

Originally consisting of General Electric and 11 other "smokestack" companies, the Dow index has progressively diversified to include other sectors, such as retail and telecommunications.

Over the years, the comings and goings of the index have marked the shifting fates of companies and the economy.

The first of the modern technology companies to join was International Business Machines, or IBM, in 1932. The index added Microsoft and Intel in 1999 and Oracle in 2000.

AT&T, whose history dates back to the invention of the telephone itself by Alexander Graham Bell, first joined the Dow index in 1939 as American Telephone & Telegraph.

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| ০১। | মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ | স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়। |
| ০২। | সংস্থা | বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ। |
| ০৩। | দরপত্র ক্রয় কর্তৃক | ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, ঢাকা। |
| ০৪। | দরপত্র আইটেমের নাম | বিভিন্ন ধরনের রিবন (Ribon) লট নং-০১ (দরপত্র দলিল/সিটিউন মোতাবেক)। |
| ০৫। | দরপত্রের আহ্বানের মন্বর | ২০/০১৪-২০১৫ অর্থবছর। |
| ০৬। | দরপত্রের তারিখ | ০৩/০৩/২০১৫ তারিখ। |
| ০৭। | টেন্ডার সিদ্ধি/রিফি | টেন্ডার সিদ্ধি/রিফি হিসাবে লট নং-(১) এর জন্য ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকা বাংলাদেশ সরকার কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত যে কোন ব্যাংক এর পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট পুলিশ কমিশনার, ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, ঢাকার অফিসে দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করিয়া দাখিল করতে হবে। |
| ০৮। | দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য | দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য লট নং-০১ এর জন্য লক্ষ ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা (অনেকেরমাগে)। |
| ০৯। | দরপত্র পদ্ধতি | উন্মুক্ত স্থানীয় দরপত্র (জার্নাল)। |
| ১০। | দরপত্রের অফের উৎস | জিওবি (রাজস্ব)। |
| ১১। | দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় | ০৪-০৪-২০১৫ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত। |
| ১২। | দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় | ০৫-০৪-২০১৫ তারিখ সময় ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে। |
| ১৩। | দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় | ০৫-০৪-২০১৫ তারিখ সময় ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা। |
| ১৪। | দরপত্র দলিল সংগ্রহের ঠিকানা | (১) সহকারী পুলিশ কমিশনার (ইউইপিএস), রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইন্স, ঢাকা (২) জিবি (অর্থ ও বাজেট), জিওবি, ঢাকা অফিস-৩৬, শহীদ ক্যাম্পেটন মনুর আলী সড়ক, ডিএমপি সদর দপ্তর, রমনা, ঢাকা (৩) পুলিশ সুপার (প্রায়শচিত্ত) এন্ড টেলিকম, টেলিকম ভবন, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা। |
| ১৫। | দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার ঠিকানা | (১) সহকারী পুলিশ কমিশনার (ইউইপিএস), রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইন্স এর অফিস কক্ষে রক্ত দরপত্র বাক্সে, (২) জিবি (অর্থ ও বাজেট), জিওবি, ঢাকা অফিস-৩৬, শহীদ ক্যাম্পেটন মনুর আলী সড়ক, ডিএমপি সদর দপ্তর, রমনা, ঢাকা (৩) পুলিশ সুপার (প্রায়শচিত্ত) এন্ড টেলিকম, টেলিকম ভবন, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা এর অফিস কক্ষে রক্ত দরপত্র বাক্সে। |
| ১৬। | দরপত্র খোলার স্থান | উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (লজিস্টিক্স এন্ড প্রকিউরমেন্ট) এর কার্যালয়, রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইন্স, ঢাকা। দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র খোলা হবে। |
| ১৭। | কার্যের সফলতা বিবরণ | বিভিন্ন ধরনের রিবন (Ribon) লট নং-০১ (দরপত্র দলিল/সিটিউন মোতাবেক)। |
| ১৮। | দরপত্র আহ্বান কর্তৃকপত্রের নাম | ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, ঢাকা। |
| ১৯। | দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবী | উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (লজিস্টিক্স এন্ড প্রকিউরমেন্ট), ডিএমপি, ঢাকা। |
| ২০। | দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর ঠিকানা | লজিস্টিক্স এন্ড প্রকিউরমেন্ট অফিস, রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইন্স, ঢাকা। |
| ২১। | দরপত্রদাতার যোগাযোগ | বিভিন্ন ধরনের রিবন (Ribon) লট নং-০১ (দরপত্র দলিল/সিটিউন মোতাবেক) ক্রয়ে প্রতিষ্ঠানের (ক) নবায়নকৃত সিটি কর্পোরেশন/পৌরসভার ড্রই লাইসেন্স (খ) হাশদন পর্যন্ত আয়কর পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেট (গ) জাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট (ঘ) ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট ও ব্যাংক স্টেটমেন্ট (ঙ) Liquid Asset (Working Capital) সম্পর্কিত ব্যাংকের সনদপত্র দলিল ও কাগজপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি সিটিউন ক্রয়ের আবেদনের সঠিক দাখিল করতে হবে। লজিস্টিক্স এন্ড প্রকিউরমেন্ট কর্তৃক কাছাকাছি মোতাবেক রিবন (Ribon) এর কাজ সম্পন্ন করতে হবে। উক্ত কার্যের ০১(এক) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ দাখিল করতে হবে। দরপত্রদাতা কর্তৃক উক্ত প্রতি পয়েন্টের দর হিসাবে সর্বমোট আইটেমের মোট সন্ধ্যা মূল্যের ২৫% Liquid Asset (Working Capital) থাকতে হবে। |

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Samsung Electronics in talks with Indian states on new factory

REUTERS, Seoul

South Korean technology giant Samsung Electronics Co Ltd said on Friday that it was in talks with Indian state administrations about building a third manufacturing plant in the country.

"While we are in talks with the state governments, nothing has been decided," Samsung said in a statement. It didn't say how much it might invest, nor what products any new plant might make.

The Economic Times reported earlier on Friday that Samsung was considering building a new plant to make smartphones and other electronic goods. The paper, citing an unnamed source, said Samsung may invest between \$500 million and \$1 billion in the new plant.

US labour market flexes muscles as Feb payrolls soar

REUTERS, Washington

US employers stepped up hiring in February and the jobs rate fell to its lowest level since the spring before President Barack Obama took office, which could put pressure on the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates in June.

Nonfarm payrolls increased 295,000 last month after rising 239,000 in January, the Labour Department said on Friday. The broad job gains came despite disruptive winter weather that took hold across large parts of the country in mid-February.

The unemployment rate dropped two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.5 percent, the lowest since May 2008, slipping into territory that some Fed officials consider consistent with full employment.

"The labour market is on a roll. This should ease fears at the Fed that the global downturn and sharp drop in oil prices are materially disrupting the US economic outlook, and keep the Fed firmly on course for a June lift-off," said Scott Anderson, chief economist at Bank of the West in San Francisco.

US stocks and shorter-dated government bonds fell sharply as traders brought forward bets on when the Fed would raise rates. The dollar hit an 11-1/2-year high against the euro, which has been under pressure since the European Central Bank announced a bond-buying program to lower euro zone borrowing costs.

Last month's decline in the unemployment rate, however, largely reflected people dropping out of the labour force.

But economists, who had expected payrolls to rise only 240,000 and the unemployment rate to fall to 5.6 percent, noted that other indicators monitored by the US central bank showed a rapidly tightening labour market.

February marked the 12th straight month that employment gains have been above 200,000, the longest such run since 1994.

Invitation for Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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| 1 | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Posts, Telecommunication and Information Technology. |
| 2 | Agency | Bangladesh Post Office. |
| 3 | Procuring entity name and district | Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka. |
| 4 | Procuring entity code | N/A. |
| 5 | Invitation for | Procurement of Goods. |
| 6 | Invitation Ref. No. and date | Dhaka Metro/psd/poshak-1/2014-15; 04/03/2015 |

KEY INFORMATION

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| 7 | Procurement method | Open Tendering Method (OTM). |
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FUNDING INFORMATION

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| 8 | Budget and source of funds | Revenue Budget 2014-2015 (GOB). |
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

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| 9 | Tender package No. | Package-1 to 7. |
| 10 | Tender package name | 1. Procurement of shoes, 2. Procurement of Cloths for uniform, 3. Procurement of umbrella, 4. Procurement of sweater, 5. Procurement of socks, 6. Procurement of female dress, 7. Procurement of nameplate. |
| 11 | Tender publication date | 08/03/2015. |
| 12 | Tender last selling date | 29/03/2015. |
| 13 | Tender closing date and time | 30/03/2015. 12:30pm |
| 14 | Tender opening date and time | 30/03/2015 13:00pm |
| 15 | Selling tender document (address) | 1. DPMG, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka 2. Senior Post Master, Dhaka GPO, Dhaka 3. DPMG, Dhaka North Division, Dhaka 4. Postmaster, Dhaka Sadar Head Post Office, Dhaka-1100 5. Postmaster, Narayanganj Head Post Office. |
| 16 | Receiving tender document (address) | 1. Deputy Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka-1000, 2. Tender document may be submitted by post or courier and must reach within the submission period/time (12:30). |
| | Opening tender document (address) | Deputy Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka-1000. |

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

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| 17 | Eligibility of tenderers | As per tender document and PPR-2008, Rule 47-49. Tenderer should provide: 1. Valid & updated trade licence, VAT registration certificate, income tax certificate with TIN, bank solvency certificate etc. 2. A certificate from 1st class gazetted officer for completion of similar work minimum amount Tk 5 (five) lac for G1 & G2 and 1 (one) lac for G3 to G7 in a single tender and annual turnover of 10 (ten) lac for G-1, G-2, 3 (three) lac for G3, G7 as per TDS GCC & PCC. |
| 18 | Brief description of goods or works | Package: G-1. Procurement of 910 Pairs of Bata Black Oxford Shoes. G-2 Procurement of 2130 Metre (Coffee colour) & 150 Metre (Chocolate) Cloths for Uniform. G-3. Procurement of 935 Pieces of Umbrella. G-4. Procurement of 210 piece sweater. G-5. Procurement of 1820 Pairs of socks. G-6. Procurement of 48 set female dress & 70 pieces of Umbrella. G-7. Procurement of 958 Nameplate. As per Technical Specification of Goods. |
| 19 | Price of tender document (Tk) | Tk 1000 (non-refundable) payable to the Unclassified Head (UCR) of any post office in favour of Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka-1000 for each package separately. |
| 20 | Information about tender (package name) | Location Tender security amount (Tk) Liquid assets Completion time in weeks/months |
| | 1. Bata Black Oxford Shoes | Dhaka 25,000 10,00,000 30 days |
| | 2. Cloths for the Uniform | Dhaka 20,000 10,00,000 30 days |
| | 3. Umbrella | Dhaka 5,000 3,00,000 30 days |
| | 4. Sweater | Dhaka 5,000 3,00,000 20 days |
| | 5. Socks | Dhaka 5,000 3,00,000 20 days |
| | 6. Female dress | Dhaka 5,000 3,00,000 20 days |
| | 7. Nameplate | Dhaka 5,000 2,00,000 30 days |

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

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| 21 | Name of official inviting tender | Sheikh Saiful Alam. |
| 22 | Designation of official inviting tender | Deputy Postmaster General. |
| 23 | Address of official inviting tender | Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka. |
| 24 | Contact details of official inviting tender | 9553327 |
| 25. | Other conditions: A. Envelope with tender documents must be properly marked and sealed as per Rule 96(6). B. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tender. C. If two or more responsive tenderer quotes same price for goods and tender is acceptable in that case the tenderer will be selected by lottery. In such case the time, place and date of lottery will be notified later. | |

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