

# Thailand's CP Foods to invest up to \$763m in 2015 as it expands abroad

REUTERS, Bangkok

Charoen Pokphand Foods, Thailand's largest meat and animal feed producer, plans to spend 20-25 billion baht (\$611-763 million) this year, mostly on overseas expansion and acquisitions.

CP Foods will keep its annual investment budget at that level over the next five years, Chief Executive Adirek Sripratak said in an interview on Thursday.

The company has set an annual sales growth target of 10 percent. Two-third of its revenue comes from overseas markets, where CP Foods is aiming for revenue growth of 15 percent. The company has focused on high-growth markets in Japan, Russia, South Korea and the Philippines, Adirek said.

The flagship unit of Charoen Pokphand Group, controlled by Thailand's richest man Dhanin Chearavanont, is one of a handful of Thai conglomerates that have grown more aggressive in overseas expansion after months of political unrest last year led to softer domestic demand.

Adirek warned that domestic consumption remains weak as high household debt means consumers are more cautious about spending. But he is more concerned about the general state of the Thai economy.

"What I'm worried most is the country's economy. The impact from demand/supply is short term," he said.

CP Foods is also dropping non-core operations to bolster its balance sheet. The company plans to spin off the non-core assets of its Hong Kong-listed C.P. Pokphand Co, and put the new entity on the Hong Kong stock exchange sometime in the middle of the year, Adirek said.

CP Pokphand has animal feed and farm businesses in China and Vietnam.

CP Foods, the world's biggest shrimp farmer, expects its shrimp business to recover in the second



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Adirek Sripratak, president and CEO of Charoen Pokphand Foods, poses in front of the CP Food Market, a convenient store, at Bangkok's Fortune Town building.

quarter of this year after being hit by the Early Mortality Syndrome (EMS) disease for more than two years.

"The situation of the EMS disease should recover during summer in the second quarter. As the weather is hotter, the rate of survival for baby shrimp will be higher," Adirek said.

The shrimp business has also been dented by higher European Union tariffs on Thai frozen shrimp. CP Foods will shift its focus to customers

in China and Australia, while its unit in Vietnam will export to Europe, Adirek said.

CP Foods' farm business has also been affected by price volatility. At home, meat prices have fallen since the fourth quarter due to excess in supply as its rivals ramp up chicken production, he said.

The farm business, which accounts for 35 percent of sales, should recover in the second quarter, he said.

# WHO chief wants tobacco firms pushed out of business

AFP, Abu Dhabi

World Health Organisation chief Margaret Chan urged global action Wednesday to drive tobacco companies "out of business" and hailed progress in tackling smoking in many countries.

Speaking at the World Conference on Tobacco or Health in Abu Dhabi, she welcomed steps taken by several countries, led by Australia, to introduce plain packaging for cigarettes.

The WHO chief called for similar action by other nations.

Tobacco companies "use all sorts of tactics including funding political parties, individual politicians to work for them... There is nothing they would not exploit to undermine the governments' resolve and determination to protect their own people," Chan told reporters.

"It's going to be a tough fight... (but) we should not give up until we make sure that the tobacco industry goes out of business," she said.

Edouard Tursan d'Espaignet, the WHO coordinator of comprehensive information systems for tobacco control, said the industry "has lobbies, has very strong powerful friends, and these people can interfere in the right working of the government."

"That's why we're here to defy and eradicate it," he told AFP.

Despite a decline in the number of smokers in many countries, more needs to be done to curb tobacco use to meet the global target of a 30 percent reduction in consumption by 2025, participants said.

"Largely thanks to legislative measures, smoking has plummeted in several countries," Chan told the meeting,

referring to the latest WHO report showing that the proportion of men who smoke is going down in 125 countries.

Chan said non-smoking was "becoming the norm".

"We are happy to see this progress in so many countries," she told AFP on the sidelines of the conference.

However, she urged countries that produce tobacco leaves to "move faster to fight the tobacco industry in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization and the WHO."

The five-day conference aims to prove that tobacco use, in all its forms, is a major contributor to the occurrence of non-communicable disease (NCD) -- cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases.

Organisers warn that tobacco causes one in six of all NCD deaths and that almost half of current tobacco users will eventually die of tobacco-related disease.

"Tobacco use is one of the biggest risk factors for NCDs, and especially for cancer," Chan said. "It is also one of the most responsive to control measures."

According to the WHO, one person dies every six seconds due to tobacco -- nearly six million people each year.

Smoking could kill one billion people this century, it says.

Participants at the conference have warned that unless urgent action is taken, the annual death toll could rise to eight million by 2030.

"Tobacco use is rising fastest in countries where control measures are relatively new," Chan warned.

China is "number one... in terms of smokers, so it is important that China takes appropriate action to reduce tobacco consumption."

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**Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)**  
Selection of a Firm for Developing Enterprise Framework for Bangladesh Land Information Management (Jomi)  
03.801.00.00.00.67.201.403 Date: 18/03/2015

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Prime Minister's Office.
2	Agency	Access to Information Programme.
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Expressions of interest for selection of	Selection of a Firm for Developing Enterprise Framework for Bangladesh Land Information Management System (Jomi).
7	Eoi Ref No.	03.801.00.00.00.67.2015.403
8	Date	18/03/2015.

**KEY INFORMATION**

9	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10	Budget and source of funds	GOB (Dev).
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A.

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A.
14	Eoi closing date and time	Expression of Interest shall be submitted by 11:45am (BST) on 05/04/2015 in sealed envelope delivered to Project Director, Access to Information Programme II and be clearly marked "Expressions of Interest for Selection of a Firm for Developing Enterprise Framework for Bangladesh Land Information Management System (Jomi)".

**Information for Applicant**

15	Brief description of the assignment	Selection of a Firm for Developing Enterprise Framework for Bangladesh Land Information Management System for detail Terms of Reference (TOR) please log in: www.a2i.pmo.gov.bd
17	Experiences, resources & delivery capacity requires	The minimum qualifications for bidders are: 1. Minimum 4 years' experience in ICT business in Bangladesh. 2. Must have 3 years practical experience of developing web-based enterprise solution. 3. Experience of developing Software Solution for Government of Bangladesh or any of its agencies will be an added advantage. 4. Vendor needs to have experts with domain and technology knowledge in Land Management of Bangladesh. 5. Needs to have full time System Architecture Specialist in team capable of designing Architectural Design Document with at least 5 years practical experience in System Design and Architecture. 6. Needs to have full time Database Specialist capable of designing robust shared database with at least 5 years practical experience in Database Design and Development. 7. Vendor's Headquarter must be located at Dhaka. 8. Multiple Companies having technical and legal competency for developing such product can bid jointly but they must have legal agreement among them where one company needs to be master. Master company needs to fulfill all conditions mentioned in this ToR joint venture agreement needs to have clear identification about each responsibility matrix along with IPR. Access to Information Programme-II now invites eligible applicants to indicate the interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. This shall require substantiation through submission of brochures and other documents describing similar assignments, experience availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among applicant's staff, resources to carry out the assignment, financial logistical capability etc. An applicant may associate with other consultants to fulfill their qualifications. A shortlist of consultants will be prepared upon evaluation of Eois of the eligible applicants and "Request for Proposal" document will be issued in their favour. A consultant will be selected using the Quality and Cost Based (QCBS) method. It is expected that the services will commence on June 2015. Total duration of the contract will be 5 months. Interested applicants may obtain further information on the requirements including the criteria of short-listing by applying to the address below:- jalalimed@a2i.pmo.gov.bd/contacting 88 02 9144848, 9102311- ext-101 during normal office hours up to 04/04/2015.
18	Other details (if applicable)	Not applicable.
19	Association with other firms	Encouraged.
20	Phasing of services	Not applicable.

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

30	Name of official inviting EOI	Kabir Bin Anwar.
31	Designation of official inviting EOI	Project Director, Access to Information Programme.
32	Address of official inviting EOI	Prime Minister's Office, Old Sangsad Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.
33	Contact details of official inviting EOI	9144848 8159896 a2i@pmo.gov.bd
34	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.	

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**Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited**  
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Level 14, Probashi Kalyan Bhaban, 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

**Invitation for Pre-Qualification**  
Invitation of Pre-Qualification Application for Contract No. CP-07, Procurement of E&M Systems Comprising of Track Works, Electrification (Power Supply and Catenary) System, Signalling System, Telecommunication System, Automatic Fare Collection, Platform Screen Door, Lift & Escalator for MRT Line-6

Date: 18 March, 2015  
Loan Agreement No. JICA Loan Applied For IFF No.: Contract No. CP-07

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for a loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) toward the cost of the Dhaka Mass Transit Development Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract resulting from the bidding for which this pre-qualification is conducted.
- The Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited (DMTCL) (hereinafter referred to as "the Employer") intends to pre-qualify contractors and/or firms for the Contract No. CP-07, "Procurement of E&M Systems Comprising of Track Works, Electrification (Power Supply and Catenary) System, Signalling System, Telecommunication System, Automatic Fare Collection, Platform Screen Door, List & Escalator for MRT Line-6". Dhaka MRT Line-6 is a 20 km (approx.) long elevated metro rail system with 16 stations and one maintenance depot.
- Pre-qualification will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for Procurement under Japanese ODA Loans, and is open to all applicants from eligible source countries.
- Interested applicants may obtain further information from and inspect and purchase the pre-qualification documents in the room of the Chief Engineer (E&M), Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited, Level 14, Probashi Kalyan Bhaban, 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000 from 9:00am to 4:30pm on working days from 18 March, 2015 to 26 May, 2015.
- A complete set of the pre-qualification documents may be purchased by the interested applicant(s) on the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BDT 25,000 (Bangladesh Taka twenty-five thousand) only in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of the Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited from any schedule bank of Bangladesh and payable at Dhaka.
- If requested, the Employer will promptly dispatch the documents by registered airmail, but under no circumstances the Employer will be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so mailed.
- Applications for pre-qualification should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered by hand to the address above on 27 May, 2015 and be clearly marked "Pre-qualification Application for Contract No. CP-07, E&M Systems Comprising of Track Works, Electrification (Power Supply and Catenary) System, Signalling System, Telecommunication System, Automatic Fare Collection, Platform Screen Door, Lift & Escalator for MRT Line-6".

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**Invitation for Tenders**  
[for use when there are MULTIPLE lots in a package  
This is the website format and as used for published advertisement.  
It is included in this document for information only]  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief.	V	
2	Agency	Department of Disaster Management (DDM).	V	
3	Purchaser name	Procurement of Equipment for Search and Rescue Operation for Earthquake and other Disaster Project (Phase II).		
4	Purchaser code	5-4932-5034		
5	Purchaser district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.	V	
6	Invitation for	Supply of in Line Breathing Apparatus, Air Ventilator, Hydraulic Spreader Set (25 ton), Hydraulic Cutter Set (25 ton), Hydraulic Ram Jack, Air Lifting Bag, Portable Eco Sonar, Side Scan Sonar, Combi Set (Back Pack) with Related Services for each items.	V	<select> V <select> V
7	Invitation Ref. No.	51.01.014.00.00.0034.2014-425		
8	Date	12-03-2015.	V	

**KEY INFORMATION**

9	Procurement method	International Open Tender Method	V	<select> V
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10	Budget and source of funds	GOB.	V	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	None.		

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	5-4932-5034		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Procurement of Equipment for Search and Rescue Operation for Earthquake and other Disaster Project (Phase II).		
14	Tender package No.	GD-11.		
15	Tender package name	Supply of in Line Breathing Apparatus, Air Ventilator, Hydraulic Spreader Set (25 ton), Hydraulic Cutter Set (25 ton), Hydraulic Ram Jack, Air Lifting Bag, Portable Eco Sonar, Side Scan Sonar, Combi Set (Back Pack) with Related Services for each items.		
16	Tender publication date	20-03-2015	V	
17	Tender last selling date	04-05-2015	V	
18	Tender closing date and time	05-05-2015	V	12:00 noon V
19	Tender opening date and time	05-05-2015	V	12:30pm V
20	Name and address of the office(s)	Address -Selling tender document (principal) Procurement of Equipment for Search and Rescue Operation for Earthquake and other Disaster Project (Phase II), Department of Disaster Management, Disaster Management Bhaban, 92-93, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh. -Selling tender document (others) None.		

No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents

-Receiving tender document	Procurement of Equipment for Search and Rescue Operation for Earthquake and other Disaster Project (Phase II), Department of Disaster Management, Disaster Management Bhaban (4th Floor), 92-93, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh.	
-Opening tender document	Conference Room (1st Floor), Department of Disaster Management, Disaster Management Bhaban, 92-93, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka.	
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Conference Room (1st Floor), Department of Disaster Management, Disaster Management Bhaban, 92-93, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Date 12-04-2015 Time 10:30am

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

22	Eligibility of tenderer	a. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 10 (ten) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. b. The satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum 1. BDT 17500000/- (one crore seventy-five lakh only) or equivalent US dollar for Lot 1 (In Line Breathing Apparatus, Air Ventilator, Hydraulic Spreader Set (25 Ton), Hydraulic Cutter Set (25 Ton), Hydraulic Ram Jack); 2. BDT 12500000/- (one crore twenty-five lakh only) or equivalent US Dollar for Lot-2 (Air Lifting Bag, Portable Eco Sonar); 3. BDT 40000000/- (four crore) only or equivalent US Dollar for Lot-3 (Side Scan Sonar); 4. BDT 10000000/- (one crore) only or equivalent US Dollar for Lot-4 (Combi Set (Back Pack)); and under maximum single contract in the last 5 (five) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. c. Others are described in the tender document.
23	Brief description of goods or works	Supply of in Line Breathing Apparatus, Air Ventilator, Hydraulic Spreader Set (25 ton), Hydraulic Cutter Set (25 ton), Hydraulic Ram Jack, Air Lifting Bag, Portable Eco Sonar, Side Scan Sonar, Combi Set (Back Pack) with Related Services for each items.
24	Brief description of related services	Provide related training to the designated manpower of the user.
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	BDT 8000/- (eight thousand) only with application in writing on official pad. Price must be paid in cash.

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months	
26	1	Supply of in Line Breathing Apparatus, Air Ventilator, Hydraulic Spreader Set (25 Ton), Hydraulic Cutter Set (25 Ton), Hydraulic Ram Jack with Related Services	Designated Places at Dhaka, Bangladesh	BDT 5,00,000.00 (five lakh) only or equivalent US dollar	Maximum 120 (one hundred twenty) calendar days after the date of opening of LC by the purchaser
27	2	Supply of Air Lifting Bag, Portable Eco Sonar with Related Services	Designated Places at Dhaka, Bangladesh	BDT 4,00,000.00 (four lakh) only or equivalent US dollar	Maximum 120 (one hundred twenty) calendar days after the date of opening of LC by the purchaser
28	3	Side Scan Sonar with Related Services	Designated Places at Dhaka, Bangladesh	BDT 11,00,000.00 (eleven lakh) only or equivalent US dollar	Maximum 120 (one hundred twenty) calendar days after the date of opening of LC by the purchaser
29	4	Supply of Combi Set (Back Pack)	Designated Places at Dhaka, Bangladesh	BDT 3,00,000.00 (three lakh) only or equivalent US dollar	Maximum 120 (one hundred twenty) calendar days after the date of opening of LC by the purchaser

27	Name of official inviting tender	Ahmed Murshed.
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.
29	Address of official inviting tender	Procurement of Equipment for Search and Rescue Operation for Earthquake and other Disaster Project (Phase II), Department of Disaster Management, Disaster Management Bhaban, 92-93, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 88-02-9883989 <Fax No.> e-mail: ahmed.murshed@yahoo.com
31	The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

Ahmed Murshed  
Joint Secretary  
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