

The container village migrants oiling Thailand's economy

AFP, Bangkok

The village sprang up in a matter of days -- neat lines of bright yellow houses that looked like something a child might have built with Lego bricks.

This eye-catching complex on the outskirts of Bangkok is unlikely to win any architectural awards.

But for the hundreds of migrants who live there it is an unusually neat home in a country where poorly paid foreign workers all too often toil in harsh conditions.

The village is made out of refurbished shipping containers, stacked three blocks high and connected by a series of walkways and ladders.

Over the next three years its 800 or so inhabitants will construct one of the many luxury condo blocks that add to the Thai capital's ever-shifting skyline.

Standing amid piles of bags and boxes as she prepares to move into her container, 28-year old Cambodian national Duan is upbeat, despite having momentarily mislaid her television.

"Life here is better," she tells AFP. "Living in Cambodia was good but I couldn't earn as much money."

Duan is one of an estimated four million foreign migrant workers who have flocked to Thailand in search of higher wages, often in the kind of low-paid, physically demanding and sometimes dangerous industries that comparatively wealthy Thais now have little appetite for.

The vast majority of these workers, many of whom are undocumented, hail from Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos and work inside the construction, agriculture, fishing and manufacturing industries.

Without them Thailand's economy would grind to a halt.

"Migrant labourers are now work-



Men and women get out of a truck as they come back from work to a construction workers' camp made of steel containers in Bangkok.

ing in areas where Thais no longer wish to work," explains Jeff Labovitz, chief of mission in Thailand for the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

"They're more dangerous than other jobs, the conditions are not necessarily as good and the pay is not necessarily as high. But for those people coming to Thailand, it's much higher and much better than it is in their home country," he adds.

Strumming a guitar inside his shipping container home, Dam, 30, is typical of those who oil the lower rungs of Thailand's economy.

As a welder he earns 400 baht (\$11) a day, almost three times the average daily wage in his native Laos.

And because his accommodation is already paid for by the construction company, most of that money goes home to his family of rice farmers.

"I do not really suffer here. I have fun in Bangkok... I just live my life freely," he says.

To say Dam and his fellow construction workers have it easy would be an overstatement.

Their accommodation is spartan, not to mention sweltering in a country where even nighttime temperatures rarely dip below 30C (86F) for much of the year.

While the container homes boast electricity, they don't have running water and bathing takes place communally, with thin sarongs to protect female modesty.

Each 12m-long container is divided into four sections, with some housing an entire family of four.

But others have it much worse. Rights groups have long documented exploitative and dangerous conditions for Thailand's migrant workers.

It is not uncommon to see migrants jammed into pick-up trucks being ferried across Thai towns, sleeping in makeshift huts and bathing their children by the roadside after a long day of work.

Facebook shares hit all-time high

AFP, San Francisco

Facebook shares lifted Friday to an all-time high, crossing \$100 for the first time, during a rally in the technology sector on Wall Street.

Shares in Facebook rallied 2.5 percent to close at a record \$102.19, to give the world's biggest social network a market value of \$288 billion.

While Facebook has seen ups and downs since its stock market debut in 2012 -- hitting a low of \$17.73 in September 2012, it has been on a tear as it leverages its billion-plus audience to bring in advertising revenues.

The record close comes a day after a spectacular day for tech sector earnings: Amazon, Google and Microsoft all beat expectations and saw strong gains as well. Microsoft rallied 10 percent, Google jumped 8 percent and Amazon 6 percent in a strong day for the sector.

Facebook, which releases its quarterly earnings November 4.



Rashed Chowdhury, chairman of Mututal Trust Bank, and Syed Manzur Elahi, founding chairman, cut a cake to mark the 16th founding anniversary of the bank at MTB Tower in Dhaka. Anis A Khan, managing director, was also present.

India's gold monetisation scheme may be ready in weeks: Modi

REUTERS, New Delhi

A programme to attract gold owned by households into a bank deposit scheme to monetise the precious metal could be ready in weeks, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday, a step aimed at cutting expensive imports.

The scheme would allow people to put their gold into banks in return for interest payments in an attempt to mobilise thousands of tonnes of the metal sitting idle in Indian households. Indians prize gold as

gifts and as a way of storing wealth. The country consumes nearly 1,000 tonnes of gold every year, most of it imported, and gold is the second-biggest expense on the import bill after oil.

In his monthly radio address, Modi said the programme should be ready before Dhanteras next month, a festival when it is considered an auspicious period to buy gold.

"Please, don't let your gold be dead money," Modi said. "Gold is very important for the country. Gold can become an economic strength for us."



বাংলাদেশ ইম্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন বিএসইসি ভবন

১০২, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এডিনিউ কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা ১২১৫।

সূত্র নং-৩৬.৯৩.০০০০.০১০.০৪.০১০.১৫.৯৬১

তারিখ: ১৯-১০-২০১৫খ্রি.

আইনজীবী ফার্ম নিয়োগের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ ইম্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন ও ইহার নিয়ন্ত্রনাধীন ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রামে অবস্থিত শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানের বিচারায়ী বা ভবিষ্যতে মোকাবেলাযোগ্য মোকদ্দমাসমূহ পরিচালনার নিমিত্তে আইনজীবী ফার্ম নিয়োগের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন বাংলাদেশী আইনজীবী ফার্মের নিকট হতে ফার্মের প্যাড (ইতিপূর্বে যারা নিয়োজিত আছেন বা ছিলেন তারা ব্যতীত) দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

- (ক) আইনজীবী ফার্মের প্রতিষ্ঠাকাল ন্যূনতম ১০ (দশ) বছর পূর্ণ হতে হবে;
- (খ) ফার্মে নিয়োজিত আইনজীবীর সংখ্যা ন্যূনতম ০৫ (পাঁচ) জন থাকতে হবে এবং তন্মধ্যে মহামান্য সূপ্রীম কোর্টের হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ ও আপিল বিভাগে মামলা পরিচালনার উপযুক্ত এক বা একাধিক আইনজীবী থাকতে হবে;
- (গ) ফার্মটি কোম্পানী আইন, অর্থসং আইন, চুক্তি আইন, সম্পত্তি হস্তান্তর আইন, চাকুরী সংক্রান্ত আইন-কানুনসহ সিভিল আইনে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন হতে হবে।

২.০ শর্তাবলীঃ

- ফার্মের স্বত্বাধিকারী আইনজীবী কর্তৃক নিম্নোক্ত কাগজপত্রসহ আগামী ০৮-১১-২০১৫ তারিখের মধ্যে সচিব, বাংলাদেশ ইম্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন, বিএসইসি ভবন, ১০২, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এডিনিউ, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা বরাবরে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে মধ্যে আবেদন জমা দিতে হবে;
- (ক) বাংলাদেশ বার কাউন্সিল কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদপত্র, সংশ্লিষ্ট বার এসোসিয়েশনের সদস্যপদের সনদপত্র, মহামান্য হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ ও আপিল বিভাগে মামলা পরিচালনার সনদপত্র এবং ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও আয়কর প্রদানের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি দরখাস্তের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে;
- (খ) নামের উপর 'আইনজীবী ফার্ম নিয়োগের জন্য আবেদন' উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- (গ) আইনজীবী ফার্মের প্রত্যেক আইনজীবীর পৃথক জীবনবৃত্তান্ত/ছবি/শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদ দিতে হবে;
- (ঘ) ঢাকা অথবা চট্টগ্রাম-এর সুবিধাজনক স্থানে ফার্মের নিজস্ব চেম্বার থাকতে হবে;
- (ঙ) প্রয়োজন হলে বিএসইসি কর্তৃপক্ষকে সংশ্লিষ্ট আইন বা মামলার অগ্রগতি সম্পর্কে যথাসময়ে অবহিত করতে হবে;
- (চ) প্রস্তাবিত নিয়োগ ০২ (দুই) বছরের জন্য কার্যকর থাকবে। তবে ০২ (দুই) বছর পর সন্তোষজনক পারফরম্যান্সের উপর ভিত্তি করে পুনর্নিয়োগ অথবা ০২ (দুই) বছরের পূর্বেই কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে নিয়োগ বাতিলের ক্ষমতা করপোরেশন সংরক্ষণ করে; সেক্ষেত্রে মামলা সংক্রান্ত সমুদয় ডকুমেন্ট নথিসহ করপোরেশনকে বুঝিয়ে দিতে হবে।
- (ছ) নিয়োজিত ফার্মকে সদস্যসর্বদা বিশ্বস্ততার সাথে বিএসইসি'র স্বার্থ সংরক্ষণ নিশ্চিত করতে হবে এবং কোন মামলা অন্যের নিকট হস্তান্তর করা যাবে না বা অন্য কাহাকেও মামলা পরিচালনার দায়িত্ব প্রদান করা যাবে না;
- (জ) আইনজীবী ফার্ম নিয়োগের বিষয়ে করপোরেশন থেকে আবেদন বাতিল/গ্রহণে সর্বক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

৩.০ এ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি বিএইসি'র ওয়েবসাইটে (www.bsec.gov.bd) পাওয়া যাবে।

নং- বিএসইসি/পিআরডি/৩৬.৯৩.০০০০.০২২.০০৫.১৫.২১৫
তারিখ: ২০/১০/১৫

সচিব
ফোন: ৯১১৫১৪৪, ৮২১২৪৫১

ELECTRICITY GENERATION COMPANY OF BANGLADESH LIMITED

(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)

Haripur 412 MW Combine Cycle Power Plant (CCPP), EGCB Ltd., Haripur, Bandar, Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
Fax: 880-2-9118345, E-mail: info@egcb.com.bd, Web: www.egcb.com.bd

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

1	Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2	Agency	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
3	Procuring Entity name	Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant.
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Narayanganj
6	Invitation for	Procurement of works (Package-2) & Goods (Package-1.3 & 4) (Single Lot)
7	Invitation Ref. No.	EGCB/CE/Haripur/412.08/2015/986
8	Date	18/10/2015
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	NCT (Open Tendering Method.)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (Own fund of Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.)
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	Tender Package No	N/A
15	Tender Package Name	Package-1: Procurement of maintenance spares for HVAC, Battery Charger and Air Compressors of Haripur 412 MW CCPP, Package-2 (Re-Tender): Repairing, Maintenance & Servicing of Air Conditioning system for 01 (one) year of Haripur 412 MW CCPP, EGCB Ltd., Package-3: Procurement and fixing of Gas Burner for Residential Area for Haripur 412 MW CCPP & Package-4: Procurement of Plumbing and Sanitary materials for Haripur 412 MW CCPP.
16	Tender Publication Date	26/10/2015
17	Tender Last Selling Date	15/11/2015 up to 15:00 Hr (BST)
18	Tender Submission Date & Time	16/11/2015 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)
19	Tender Opening Date & Time	16/11/2015 on 12:30 Hrs (BST) (Tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any, are allowed to attend).
20	Name and Address of the office(s) - Selling Tender Document	Corporate Office, EGCB Ltd., Unique Heights, (Level-15), 117, kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.
	- Receiving Tender Document	Corporate Office, EGCB Ltd., Unique Heights, (Level-15), 117, kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.
	- Opening Tender Document	Corporate Office, EGCB Ltd., Unique Heights, (Level-15), 117, kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre Tender Meeting	N/A.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	The Tenderer/Manufacturer should have valid Trade License, should be financially solvent, Income Tax payee, should have the legal capacity to enter in to the contract, and shouldn't have a conflict of interest pursuant to Rule 55 of the Public Procurement Rules-2008. Package-1: a) Tenderer/Manufacturer shall have a minimum of five (5) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. b) The Tenderer/Manufacturer shall have successfully completed supply of similar goods of minimum Tk. Seven Lac (7, 00,000/-) under a single contract in the last three (3) years. i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the news paper. Package-2 (Re-Tender): a) The tenderer shall have a satisfactory completion of similar works (air conditioning repair & maintenance work under yearly basis) of at least Tk. Five lac (5,00,000/-) under a single contract during last Five (05) years. b) The minimum years of general experience of the tender in the similar kind of works air conditioning repair & maintenance work under yearly basis as Contractor shall be Five (05) years. Package-3: a) Tenderer/Manufacturer shall have a minimum of three (3) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. Package-4: a) Tenderer/Manufacturer shall have a minimum of three (3) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services.
23	Brief Description of Goods & works	Package-1: PXC Module, TXM Universal Module, TX-IO Module (TXM1.6D and TXM1.6R). Address keys 1-24, 24V DC supply, Power Supply Module, Motorized Fire Damper Actuator, Motorized Damper Actuator, Differential Pressure Indicator, Duct Mounted combined Temp & RH Sensor. Package-2 (Re-Tender): Repairing, Maintenance & Servicing of Air Conditioning system by supplying compressor magnetic contractor etc. Package-3: Supplying, fitting and fixing high quality auto ignition type heavy double gas burner made of stainless steel plain sheet including nozzle and necessary accessories for Residential Area for Haripur 412 MW CCPP. Package-4: Screw & Royal plug, Super quality steel frame, Super Quality CP towel rail, Special Colored Porcelain Toilet Paper Holder, Porcelain soap tray, Special quality CP bip cock, CP special heavy duty Pillar cock, CP concealed moving sink cock (special), CP basin mixture (special), Surface mounted angle stop cock, Long connection pipe, Push shower (Special), Thread seal tape, Slide Wrench, Pipe Wrench, Thread cutter.
24	Brief Description of Related services	NA
25	Price of Tender Document	BDT 500/= (Taka Five Hundred Only) to be paid for each package in the form of Bank Draft/Pay order in favor of Chief Engineer, Haripur 412 MW CCPP, EGCB Ltd. Haripur, Narayanganj.
26	Identification of Lot	Location Tender Security Amount Completion Time
	Package-1	Haripur 412 MW CCPP, EGCB Ltd. Tk. 25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand Taka) Eight (8) weeks from the date of signing of Contract.
	Package-2 (Re-Tender)	Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd. Haripur, Bandar, Narayanganj, Bangladesh. Tk. 25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand Taka) One (01) Year from the start date.
	Package-3	Narayanganj, Bangladesh. Tk. 8,000/- (Eighty Thousand Taka) Four (4) weeks from the date of signing of Contract.
	Package-4	Narayanganj, Bangladesh. Tk. 3,000/- (Three Thousand Taka) Four (4) weeks from the date of signing of Contract.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
27	Name of Official Inviting the Tender	Md. Kamruzzaman
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Superintending Engineer (Maintenance)
29	Address of Official Inviting the Tender	Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd. Haripur, Bandar, Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
30	Contact details of Official Inviting the Tender:	Tel: 01770794820, Fax: N/A, Email: semr412@egcb.com.bd
31	a) The Full Tender Document will be available in PDF format in the EGCB website b) The tenderers are requested to read the tender document carefully before submission of their offer.	
32	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders.	

Bangladesh Hi-Tech Authority

Support to Development of Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park Project

Information & Communication Technology Division

BCC Bhaban (3rd Floor), Agargaon
Sher E Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
www.htpbd.org.bd

Memo No. : 56.02.0000.009.34.152.15-৩১১ Date: 25/10/2015

Addendum

The following modifications are made in the tender document of Procurement of 2 nos. AC Bus for KHTP (Package No. G-8) called vide this office memo no-56.02.0000.009.34.152.15-872 dated- 05.10.2015. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

Sl. No.	Tender Document clause no & Page no	Existing Text	Modified Text																								
1.	Invitation for tenders, page no.1	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>Sl. No.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> <tr> <td>13</td> <td>Tender last selling date</td> <td>25.10.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14</td> <td>Tender closing date and time</td> <td>26.10.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15</td> <td>Tender opening date and time</td> <td>26.10.15</td> </tr> </table>	Sl. No.	Description	Date	13	Tender last selling date	25.10.15	14	Tender closing date and time	26.10.15	15	Tender opening date and time	26.10.15	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>Sl. No.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> <tr> <td>13</td> <td>Tender last selling date</td> <td>08.11.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14</td> <td>Tender closing date and time</td> <td>09.11.15 at 2-00 PM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15</td> <td>Tender opening date and time</td> <td>09.11.15 at 2-15 PM</td> </tr> </table>	Sl. No.	Description	Date	13	Tender last selling date	08.11.15	14	Tender closing date and time	09.11.15 at 2-00 PM	15	Tender opening date and time	09.11.15 at 2-15 PM
Sl. No.	Description	Date																									
13	Tender last selling date	25.10.15																									
14	Tender closing date and time	26.10.15																									
15	Tender opening date and time	26.10.15																									
Sl. No.	Description	Date																									
13	Tender last selling date	08.11.15																									
14	Tender closing date and time	09.11.15 at 2-00 PM																									
15	Tender opening date and time	09.11.15 at 2-15 PM																									
2.	TDS, ITT clause no. 36.1, page no. 30	The deadline for the submission of Tender is: 26 October, 2015 Time: 14:00 hours local time	The deadline for the submission of Tender is: 9 November, 2015 Time: 14:00 hours local time																								
3.	TDS, ITT clause no. 42.1, page no. 31	Time & Date: 14:15 hours local time on: 26 October, 2015	Time & Date: 14:15 hours local time on: 9 November, 2015																								
4.	Section 7, Technical Specification, page 70-72	All texts	All texts will be replaced by new texts attached with this addendum available in the office of the undersigned and in the web site of Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (www.htpbd.org.bd).																								

GD-3384

Project Director