

India unveils aviation plan to 'take flying to the masses'

AFP, New Delhi

New Delhi on Friday announced a plan to make air travel affordable for millions more Indians, with schemes to revive ailing airports and connect rural areas that it said would "take flying to the masses".

The long-awaited draft policy aims to bring down airfares to 2,500 rupees (\$40) per hour of flying on many regional routes through a slew of tax incentives, subsidies and a two percent levy on international and some domestic routes.

It outlines plans to revive India's dilapidated airports and airstrips, of which only about 75 out of 476 are in regular use, and setting up a fund to improve access to rural areas.

Air travel in India is mostly confined to the third of the population that lives in cities, putting it out of the reach of hundreds of millions.

"The prime minister has said... it should be a policy which takes flying to masses, it should no longer confine flying only to the elite," Secretary for Civil Aviation Rajiv Nayan Choubey told reporters.

"We should promote regional connectivity in a manner which makes it possible for the ordinary middle-class Indian to start flying," Choubey said, adding the scheme would start in April 2016. "We will be giving several incentives in order to bring down the cost of flying as much as we can."

Only 70 million of India's 1.2 billion citizens flew domestically in 2014-15, according to the Sydney-based Centre for Asia-Pacific Aviation (CAPA), making it one of the world's most



An aircraft belonging to the Indian carrier Air India rolls past the main terminal of the Indira Gandhi International airport prior to take-off in New Delhi.

under-penetrated markets.

The government said it aims to increase domestic ticket sales to 300 million by 2022 and 500 million by 2027.

The draft National Civil Aviation Policy, which looks to overhaul rules dating back to the 1930s, has been submitted to stakeholders for review. India's aviation industry has criticised the government in the past for failing to reform the heavily regulated market.

With the exception of budget carrier IndiGo,

most domestic airlines are suffering losses and are mired in debt.

"There are a number of rules and regulations that restrict airlines, or force airlines to operate in ways that might not be very commercially viable," Binit Somaia, South Asia director at CAPA told AFP last week.

The draft policy contains steps to reduce red tape, including a plan to deregulate charter flights -- which do not follow a fixed schedule -- into and within India.

Japanese firms remain more keen to invest in Asean than China

REUTERS, Singapore

Japanese companies have shown a big and varied appetite for Southeast Asia this year, buying control of Myanmar's dominant beer maker, a Singapore logistics company and part of a major commodities firm based in the region.

Indonesia's food and beverage sector, Thai consumer-finance companies as well as shopping malls and Malaysian property are also in Japanese firms' sights, according to Nomura.

Companies from Japan, whose interest in places outside China dimmed during decades of heavy spending there, continue to have ardour for Southeast Asia as they seek to offset anaemic domestic growth. And they are tapping record cash piles to increase investments in it.

For the three years ended 2014, Japan was the second biggest foreign investor in the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), after the European Union, data from the Asean Secretariat shows.

In 2014, Japanese firms put three times as much investment into Asean as they did into China, according to the Japanese External Trade Organisation (Jetro).

In the first half of this year, interest in Southeast Asia again topped China. Japanese investment in Asean was \$10 billion, from \$8.4 billion a year earlier, and the region accounted for 15.7 percent of Japanese FDI. China drew \$4.8 billion, or 7.4 percent of the total.

"Asean just fits the best for Japan," said

Mixo Das, equity strategist at Nomura in Singapore. "The political relationships are better, growth is there, proximity is there."

Japan is the biggest source of foreign capital for Thailand and Indonesia, and the second largest for the Philippines and Malaysia, according to PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Growth is slowing in Southeast Asian countries dependent on commodities, but the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development forecasts average annual growth of 5.6 percent between 2015 and 2019. It sees Japanese growth at just 0.75 percent this year and 1.5 percent next year.

Almost 75 percent of respondents in a Jetro survey of about 3,000 firms this year said they plan to expand in Asean, versus 56.5 percent for China and 31.3 percent for the United States.

Consumer spending in the region in 2020 is expected to be 45 percent higher than in 2013, consultancy IHS Global Insight says.

Chinese consumer spending will too, of course, but other factors, including rising factory wages and political tension between Beijing and Tokyo, have cooled Japanese inflows.

Tensions with China have "also resulted in a shift in Japanese FDI away from China towards Asean," said Rajiv Biswas, Asia-Pacific chief economist at IHS.

In Japan, companies are sitting on a record 243 trillion yen (\$2 trillion) of cash and deposits, so they have ample scope for acquisitions to lift their financial performance.

IMF urges US Fed to be cautious in hiking rates

AFP, Washington

The International Monetary Fund on Friday urged the Federal Reserve to be cautious on raising rates, warning that tightening too fast could force it to reverse and possibly lose credibility.

In a review of the world's top industrial economies ahead of the November 15-16 G-20 summit in Antalya, Turkey, the IMF said the United States and the global economy face risks tied to the impending rate hike, which would be the first in more than nine years. The Federal Reserve on Wednesday put off the decision, but pointed to the distinct possibility that it could happen in December.

While a rate rise would represent the Fed's confidence in US economic growth, the IMF warned that it could happen "amid large uncertainty about slack in labor markets, the neutral policy rate and the path for inflation and wages."

It said global financial stability is often in the balance, given that an increase in the Fed's benchmark rates could spark

"abrupt" shifts in global investment portfolios and high market volatility.

Domestically, the IMF added, "should financial conditions tighten more than warranted by cyclical conditions, it may become a drag to the recovery, and may force the Fed to reverse direction, with a potential cost in terms of credibility."

And it could also drive the dollar higher, with more negative consequences for US exports.

The IMF had advice for other G-20 economies as it pushed more efforts to right global economic "imbalances," such as excess debt and huge trade surpluses.

It said the United States, Japan, and France, most notably, need strong medium-term plans to cut their debts.

Surplus countries like Germany and the Netherlands can afford to spend more and spur growth at home and across the sagging eurozone.

As for China, the world's second largest economy, the IMF said the country needs to work to prevent "too sharp a slowdown in growth" while advancing structural reforms.

Telenor chairman pushed out after corruption scandal

AFP, Oslo

The chairman of the board of Norwegian telecoms operator Telenor Svein Aaser resigned on Friday after the Norwegian government withdrew its support for him amid an alleged corruption scandal.

"I no longer have confidence in the chairman of Telenor's board of directors," Trade and Industry Minister Monica Maeland said.

"I have now received new information about the matter" which should have been revealed earlier, she said without disclosing any details. The Norwegian state is Telenor's main shareholder, with a 54-percent stake.

The largest telephone operator in the Nordic region, Telenor has been rocked by allegations of corruption in Uzbekistan involving the Russian group VimpelCom, in which it owns 33 percent alongside Russian billionaire Mikhail Fridman who owns 56.2 percent through the fund LetterOne.

VimpelCom is being investigated in the United States and the Netherlands for alleged kickbacks paid to a company linked to the daughter of the Uzbek president, in exchange for licenses in the country in the 2000s.

Telenor has denied any wrongdoing. In early October, the group announced it was putting its stake in VimpelCom up for sale. In a separate statement, Aaser said he and Maeland had "different views on the handling of the VimpelCom issue."

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Police
Police Headquarters, Dhaka

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Request for Expression of Interest (International)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Police.
3	Procurement entity name	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.
4	Procuring entity division	Dhaka.
5	Expression of interest for selection of	Consulting Firm.
6	EOI reference No. and date	44.01.0000.042.14.00.2015/1066, Date-28/10/2015
7	EOI publication date	01/11/2015.
8	EOI closing date & time	30/11/2015.
9	Name & address of the office for receiving & opening EOI	Development Section, 3rd Floor, NCCOM Centre, Police Headquarter, 6, Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka.

KEY INFORMATION	
Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM).
Procurement sub-method	Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
Project/program name	Development of Dhaka City Digital Monitoring System.
EOI submission procedure	A complete set of EOI (All necessary details) must be submitted with.

FUNDING INFORMATION	
Budget and source of fund	GOB.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Brief description of the assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of detail plan for establishment of Dhaka City Digital Monitoring System. Submission of detail project proposal with solution description. Submission of technical approach and methodology. Management of services. Submission of work plan with process flow chart. Submission of case studies as reference of the previous experience.
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Qualification & experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested consulting firms are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform services. The consulting firm should be experienced and reputed in similar field. Interested firms should submit the following information in sufficient detail including brochures, description of experience in similar assignments, summaries of firm's technical and management capabilities, availability of resources, etc. The financial capability should be shown as financial turnover supported by a registered audit firm for the last three years. The EOI would be reviewed on the basis of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of resources Turnover of the consulting firm Experience of the firm in similar task Experience of the firm in work Support services of the firm.
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Association with foreign firms	Encouraged.
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Brochure of the firm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background Corporate Information Organizational Structure Range of Services Relevant Fields of Activities International Associates (if any) Clients with contact details Professionals & Supports.
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Specific experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven experience with submission of one documentary.
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Legal documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of Incorporation Memorandum Up-to-date trade license Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate VAT registration certificate Bank solvency certificate Audit report of last three years.
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Other details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The firms may form Joint-venture, consortium or association (JVCA) with foreign firms to enhance their qualifications, but should mention whether the association is in the form of "Joint Venture" or "Sub-Consultancy". In the case of Joint-venture, all firms/entities shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire consultant's obligations under the contract. But in case of sub-consultancy the lead firm shall sign the contract and shall be liable for the entire consultant's obligations under the contract. It is preferable to limit the total number of firms including their associates to maximum of four. Interested consulting firms may obtain additional information from the office mentioned below during office hours on Sunday to Thursday. The proposals in 02 sets (01 original+01 duplicate) shall be submitted in sealed envelope & delivered to the address if the undersigned up to 12:00 noon by 30/11/2015 & clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest" for the said project.
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

Name of the officials inviting EOI	Gazi Mozammel Haque.
Designation of the officials inviting EOI	AIG (Development).
Address of the officials inviting EOI	Police Headquarters, 6, Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka.
Contact details of the official inviting EOI	E-mail: gazihoque@yahoo.com, Ph-9513352.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOI or annul the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicants.

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বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ঢাকা
গোষ্ঠীবীমা দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আগামী ১লা এপ্রিল ২০১৬ হইতে পরবর্তী ৩ (তিন) বৎসরের জন্য অর্থাৎ ১-৪-২০১৬ইং হইতে ৩১-৩-২০১৯ইং পর্যন্ত বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষক, কর্মকর্তা, তৃতীয় ও চতুর্থ শ্রেণী কর্মচারীদের গোষ্ঠীবীমা চুক্তি সম্পাদনের বিষয়ে আত্রহী বিভিন্ন বীমা প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট হইতে প্রয়োজনীয় শর্তাবলী পূরণকরতঃ দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। নিম্নে উল্লিখিত তথ্য যথাযথ প্রমাণপত্রসহ সংযোজন করিতে হইবে।

আগামী ০৭ইং ডিসেম্বর/২০১৫ইং রোজ সোমবার বিকাল ৪.০০ (চার) ঘটিকার মধ্যে দরপত্র অত্র অফিসের রক্ষিত বাঞ্ছা জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে। দরপত্রের অন্যান্য তথ্য/শর্তসূত্র সিডিউল নগদ টাকা ১৫০০/- (এক হাজার পাঁচশত টাকার) বিনিময়ে (অফেরতযোগ্য) আগামী ০৬ইং ডিসেম্বর/২০১৫ইং রোজ রবিবার পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে কম্পিউটার অফিস, ক্যাশ শাখা হইতে সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।

বিশেষ নির্দেশিকাঃ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে।

তথ্যাদিঃ

- বিগত ৩১শে ডিসেম্বর/২০১৪ইং পর্যন্ত অনূর্ধ্ব ১০ বৎসরের গ্রুপ জীবন বীমা ব্যবসার বৎসর ওয়ারী প্রিমিয়াম আয়ের তালিকা।
- বিগত ৩১শে ডিসেম্বর/২০১৪ইং পর্যন্ত কয়টি রাষ্ট্রায়ত্ত্ব প্রতিষ্ঠানের নামে গ্রুপ জীবন বীমা চুক্তি বলবৎ আছে তাহার তালিকা।
- বর্তমানে কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের সাথে গ্রুপ জীবন বীমা চুক্তি বলবৎ থাকিলে তাহার তালিকা।
- বিগত তিন বৎসরের গ্রুপ বীমা দাবী পরিশোধের বিবরণ।

মোঃ জসিম উদ্দিন আকন্দ এফসিএমএ
কম্পিউটার
জিডি-৩৪৫০
বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ঢাকা



Kyle Peters, senior vice president of World Bank, and Md Sakhawat Hossain, managing director of Western Marine Shipyard, pose for a picture during the former's visit to the shipmaker's facility in Chittagong on Thursday.

২০১৫-২০১৬ শিক্ষাবর্ষে ১ম বর্ষ বিএসসি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ও বিএসসি-ইন টেক্সটাইল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং-এ ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি
প্রযুক্তি ইউনিট, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং এন্ড টেকনোলজি অনুষদের অধিভুক্ত টেক্সটাইল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং (জাতীয় বস্ত্র প্রকৌশল ও গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট (নিটার), নয়রহাট, সাভার, ঢাকা এবং শ্যামলী টেক্সটাইল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং কলেজ, টাউনহল, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা) এবং ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং কলেজসমূহে (ময়মনসিংহ ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং কলেজ, ময়মনসিংহ এবং ফরিদপুর ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং কলেজ, ফরিদপুর) ২০১৫-২০১৬ শিক্ষাবর্ষে ১ম বর্ষ বিএসসি-ইন টেক্সটাইল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ও বিএসসি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং-এ ভর্তির জন্য প্রার্থীদের নিকট থেকে ৯ নভেম্বর ২০১৫ হতে ২৫ নভেম্বর ২০১৫ তারিখের মধ্যে অনলাইনে (<http://admission.eis.du.ac.bd>) প্রযুক্তি ইউনিটের মাধ্যমে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা হচ্ছে। আবেদন ফিস ৫০০/- টাকা।

২০১৫ সালের বাংলাদেশের যে কোন শিক্ষাবোর্ড/কারিগরি শিক্ষাবোর্ড হতে বিজ্ঞান বিভাগে উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক/এইচএসসি (ভোকেশনাল) বা সমমান/এ-লেভেল পাস প্রার্থী দরখাস্ত করতে পারবে। প্রার্থীর মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ-মাধ্যমিক/সমমান পরীক্ষায় চতুর্থ বিষয়সহ প্রাপ্ত জিপিএ ঘন ঘন যোগফল ন্যূনতম ৬.০ হতে হবে। ভর্তি পরীক্ষা আগামী ১২/১২/২০১৫ তারিখ সকাল ১০.০০ টায় ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। পরীক্ষার সময় ১ ঘণ্টা ২০ মিনিট, নম্বর ১২০ (পদার্থ-৩৫, রসায়ন-৩৫, গণিত-৩৫ এবং ইংরেজী-১৫), পাস নম্বর ৪৮ এবং পরীক্ষা MCQ পদ্ধতিতে হবে। ভর্তির সাধারণ নিয়মাবলী ও ভর্তির নির্দেশিকা ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েব সাইটে (<http://admission.eis.du.ac.bd>) পাওয়া যাবে।

অধ্যাপক ড. রফিকুল ইসলাম
ডিন, ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং এন্ড টেকনোলজি অনুষদ এবং সমন্বয়কারী প্রযুক্তি ইউনিট ভর্তি পরীক্ষা ২০১৫-২০১৬ শিক্ষাবর্ষ
ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।
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