

China, Japan, South Korea pledge economic cooperation



South Korean President Park Geun-hye (C), Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (R) attend a business summit in Seoul yesterday.

REUTERS, Seoul

The leaders of South Korea, Japan and China pledged to work towards greater economic integration at their first joint meeting in over three years on Sunday, as they work to ease tensions stemming from Japan's wartime past.

South Korean President Park Geun-hye, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang also said they would resume annual meetings which had been suspended since 2012 amid disagreements over history and territory.

Park said she agreed with Abe and Li to work towards the conclusion of a 16-nation free trade area as well as a separate three-way free trade deal that has been on the table since 2013. "We agreed to work together for the conclusion of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)," Park told a joint news conference with Li and Abe after the summit.

"We agreed to expand economic and social cooperation for the mutual prosperity of Northeast Asia, and also to strengthen cooperation among the three countries to create new growth momentum."

China has been a key proponent of RCEP, which would create the world's biggest free trade bloc of 3.4 billion people.

Negotiators for the 16 countries, which also include India and the 10 states of the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) met in Busan, South Korea, last month to discuss market opening and tariff reductions on goods and services.

But progress has been slow for the pact first proposed four years ago even as the U.S.-backed Trans-Pacific

Partnership (TPP) trade pact that includes Japan was struck earlier in October.

South Korean and Chinese ties with Japan have been troubled by what they see as repeated failures by leaders in Tokyo to properly atone for wartime atrocities, in particular for Seoul over "comfort women," as the mostly Korean women forced into prostitution at Japanese military brothels are called.

The meeting is a diplomatic breakthrough for Abe, who had long sought a one-on-one meeting with Park and the resumption of the trilateral summit. The two will hold a bilateral meeting on Monday, the first since both took office.

On Sunday he credited Park for restoring the forum. "It is a breakthrough for the region and the three countries that we hold this trilateral summit for the first time in three and a half years through the initiative of President Park," he told the news conference.

"Japan, China and South Korea are neighbours, and because we are neighbours, there are difficult issues among us."

Li said Japan had yet to do all it can to appease the suspicion held by the two countries that suffered under its wartime aggression about Tokyo's view on promoting genuine regional cooperation.

"Cooperation should be made on the basis of handling sensitive issues such as history in a proper way and by promoting mutual understanding in Northeast Asia," Li said at the opening of the three-way summit.

"It is regrettable that even among our three very close countries, there cannot be a deeper understanding among us."

Sunday's meeting highlighted a balancing act Park faced between her country's rapidly developing ties with Beijing and U.S. pressure to mend relations with Tokyo, Washington's key Asian ally in the face of an increasingly assertive China.

It also afforded Park an opportunity to be seen addressing issues of regional interest that included tackling North Korea's arms programme.

The leaders in a joint statement reaffirmed "firm opposition to the development of nuclear weapons on the Korean peninsula," referring to North Korea's pursuit of atomic weapons in the face of international sanctions and condemnation.



Md Jahangir Alam Khan, director of United Commercial Bank, opens the bank's 149th branch in Chowdhuryhaat of Chittagong yesterday. Muhammed Ali, managing director, was also present.

Hackers target Vodafone customers in UK

AFP, London

Hackers have accessed the personal details of nearly 2,000 customers of mobile phone company Vodafone in Britain, it announced Saturday.

The firm, which has nearly 20 million customers in Britain, said that 1,827 accounts had been breached.

The incident may have led to hackers being able to access Vodafone customers' names, mobile phone numbers and limited bank account details.

The news comes a week after another British telecoms company, Talk Talk, faced a major hacking attack on its website in which nearly 21,000 bank account numbers and sort codes were accessed.

Three people have been arrested in connection with that incident.

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Re-Invitation for Tender for Services (Single Lot)

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF).
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD).
3.	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project.
4.	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6.	Invitation for	Non-Consultant Services.
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	FD/CRPARP/Procurement (NCS)/42/2015/874
8.	Date	October 28, 2015

KEY INFORMATION		
9.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)/National Competitive Bidding (NCB).

FUNDING INFORMATION		
10.	Budget and source of funds	BCCRF Grant.
11.	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA).

PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
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12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	TF 014026
13.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project (CRPARP).
14.	Invitation for tender No.	06/2015-2016
15.	Tender package No.	BFD/NCS-1(Re-Invitation).
16.	Tender package name	Hiring staffs against various positions in PIU, CRPARP through an Outsourcing Firm (Non-Consultant Service).
17.	Tender publication date	On or before November 03, 2015
18.	Tender last selling date	17 November, 2015
19.	Tender closing date and time	18 November, 2015; 11:00am.
20.	Tender opening date and time	18 November, 2015; 11:30am.
21.	Name and address of the office(s)	

-Selling tender document (principal)	Project Implementation Unit, Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project, 1st Floor, Ban Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.
-Selling tender document (other)	Project Implementation Unit, Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project, Room No. 504, 4th Floor, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
-Receiving tender document	Project Implementation Unit, Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project, Room No 504, 4th Floor, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
-Opening tender document	Project Implementation Unit, Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project, Room No. 504, 4th Floor, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.

22.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Project Implementation Unit, Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project, 1st Floor, Ban Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh at 11:00am on November 08, 2015.
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

23.	Eligibility of tenderer (major)	i. The tenderer shall have minimum 3 (three) years of overall experience in the supply of manpower in any reputed organization in the form of outsourcing. ii. As a prime contractor the tenderer shall have successfully completed at least two service contracts of similar nature and complexity (supply of manpower in any reputed organization in the form of outsourcing) over the last five years. iii. The tenderer shall have successfully completed one similar nature of contract (supply of manpower in any reputed organization in the form of outsourcing) having minimum contract value of BDT 40.00 lac over the last five years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. iv. The tenderer shall have successfully completed similar service contracts (supply of manpower in any reputed organization in the form of outsourcing) amounting to a minimum average annual volume of BDT 40.00 lac over the best three years within the last five years, i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. v. The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is BDT 20.00 (twenty) lac.
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The tenderer has to provide competent individual against each of the following positions at Project Implementation Unit, CRPARP.

Sl.	Name of the position	No. of staff required	Man-month required
1	IT Assistant cum Data Entry Operator	1	13
2	Training Assistant	1	13
3	Secretarial Staff	2	26
4	Vehicle Driver	2	26
5	Utility Service Staff	4	52
6	Security/Night Guard	2	26
7	Cleaner	1	13
	Total	13	169

25.	Brief description of related services	As mentioned in the tender document.
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26.	Price of tender document (BDT)	BDT 1,000.00 (one thousand) only for each document.
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Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in days	
27.	BFD/NCS-1	Hiring staffs against various positions in PIU, CRPARP through an outsourcing firm (non-consultant service)	PIU, CRPARP, Ban Bhaban, Mohakhali and at RIMS Unit, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka	BDT 1,00,000.00 (one lac) only in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee	Within half (1/2) month of contract signing

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

28.	Name of official inviting tender	Uttam Kumar Saha.
29.	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director, Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project (CRPARP).
30.	Address of official inviting tender	1st Floor, Ban Bhaban (Old), Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
31.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: +880-1715549120, e-mail: pdcrparpfd@gmail.com
32.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

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Custom House, Benapole, Jessore
Ref. No: Nothi No. ১(১৫)১/জি.এল/পাড়ি ক্রম/বোনা/২০১২(অংশ-১)

Invitation for Tenders Tender No. 1/2015

1	Ministry/division	Internal Resource Division, Ministry of Finance.
2	Agency	Custom House, Benapole, Jessore.
3	Procuring entity name	Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Benapole, Jessore.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Jessore.
6	Invitation for tender	Supply of Latest Model Brand New Jeep in Single Unit as per specification/tender schedule.
7	Invitation Ref No.	Nothi No. ১(১৫)১/জি.এল/পাড়ি ক্রম/বোনা/২০১২(অংশ-১)
8	Date	21/10/2015

KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).

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

PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A.
14	Tender package No.	GR-1
15	Tender package name	Supply of Latest Model Brand New Jeep in Single Unit.
16	Tender publication date	21/11/2015
17	Tender last selling date [up to the day prior to the day of deadline for submission]	22/11/2015 during office hour.
18	Tender closing date and time	23/11/2015 at 12.30pm.
19	Tender opening date and time	23/11/2015 at 12.35pm.
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Custom House, Benapole, Jessore.
21	- Selling tender document (principal)	Custom House, Benapole, Jessore.
22	- Receiving tender document	Custom House, Benapole, Jessore.
23	- Opening tender document	Custom House, Benapole, Jessore.
24	Place/date/time of	N/A.
25	Pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

26	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer will have legal, financial, professional and technical capacity to deliver the requirements of this tender and have fulfilled the obligations of all tax requirements. Other requirements are stated in the tender document.
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27	Brief description of goods	Tenderer will supply one Jeep to Custom House, Benapole as per specification and terms & conditions of tender document/schedule.
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28	Brief description of related services	N/A.
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29	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 2,000/- (two thousand only) in cash with an official letter addressing Commissioner, Custom House, Benapole.
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Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in weeks/months
31	1. Supply of Procurement of Jeep in Single Unit for Custom House, Benapole.	Custom House, Benapole, Jessore	Tk. 200,000/- (two lac) only	60 days from the date of issuing purchase order

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

32	Name of official inviting tender	A F M Abdullah Khan.
33	Designation of official inviting tender	Commissioner of Customs.
34	Address of official inviting tender	Custom House, Benapole, Jessore.
35	Contact details of official inviting tender	Ph: 0422875333 Fax: 0422875118 E-mail: benapolecustoms@gmail.com
36	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

Mohammad Marufur Rahman
Assistant Commissioner
For Commissioner of Customs

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Silicon Valley granddaddy HP readies breakup

AFP, San Francisco

Seventy-seven years after Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard began tinkering in a Palo Alto garage, the company that became the foundation for Silicon Valley is breaking up.

Hewlett-Packard on Sunday officially splits into two entities, opening a new chapter for the US technology legend.

The computer colossus is being divided into HP Enterprise, focusing on software and business services, and HP Inc, which will keep the personal computer and printer operations.

The aim is to develop a sharper focus both for the enterprise unit and the PC-printer division that made it a household name but has become fiercely competitive and less lucrative in recent years.

The new structure splits off the computer arm that became for a time the world's biggest PC maker following the HP 2002 acquisition of Compaq.

The controversial deal was engineered by then-chief executive Carly Fiorina -- now running for the Republican nomination for president.

Tom Bittman, analyst at the research firm Gartner, said the current tech landscape calls for this approach, with flexibility more important than size.

"The market right now needs to move in this kind of direction, more focused, and more nimble, than in Carly Fiorina era, when competing with IBM, not Amazon, was critical," Bittman told AFP.

US jobs data to hold key to Fed's rate plans

REUTERS, Frankfurt

US jobs data due in the coming week may hold the key to whether the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates for the first time since 2006 in December, signalling its intention to end an era of almost-free dollars.

An increase in Fed rates would have consequences well beyond US borders, increasing borrowing costs for dollar debtors in emerging markets, pushing up the greenback against some major currencies and driving a global reallocation of investment money.

The Fed, which has a dual mandate including inflation and employment, put a December rate hike firmly in play in the past week and investors will be scrutinizing Friday's US employment data to work out the odds of such a move. Analysts polled by Reuters expect US employers outside the agricultural sector to have added 180,000 jobs in October and overall earnings to have increased by 0.20 percent during the month.

"If we get 175,000 or 180,000 (new jobs) and wages up three tenths of a percent, that significantly increases the probability that the Fed will raise rates in December," said Mickey Levy, an analyst at Berenberg in New York.

HSBC economists also said that average job gains above 150,000 a month in October and November may be enough to keep a December rate hike on the table for most members of the Fed's Federal Open Market Committee.