

# China to push alternative trade pact at Apec

AFP, Beijing

China will seek to push its own vision of an Asia-Pacific trade pact at a regional summit next week, senior officials said Tuesday, after this month's release of a rival US-led deal that pointedly excludes the Asian giant.

Beijing sought to promote the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) at last year's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit, which it hosted.

At the meeting's close, participants endorsed efforts to explore the idea, which was seen as a potential rival to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a 12-nation, Washington-led trade coalition that includes the region's largest economies, except China.

Little has been heard of the FTAAP since, while the long-secret text of the TPP was released Thursday, receiving cheers from global business interests and jeers from labour, environmental and health groups, which vowed to fight its ratification.

The TPP would be the world's biggest free trade area, an attempt to break down barriers to commerce and investment between a dozen countries comprising about 40 percent of the global economy.

China said it would report the findings of a study on FTAAP at next week's Apec summit in the Philippines, to be attended by President Xi Jinping.

"We need to actively work for the establishment of FTAAP," Chinese vice commerce minister Wang Shouwen told a briefing, adding that the trade pact would be "a facilitator for regional integration in Apec".

If ultimately realised, FTAAP would be the world's largest free trade area, encompassing TPP and other regional frameworks.

Apec's 21 members account for more than 50 percent of global GDP and nearly half of world trade.

Although it gathers some of the world's most important leaders, the group's annual meeting is a better known for its group photos of powerful people in matching shirts than substantive deals.

But Wang said China remains hopeful that the group will complete a roadmap for establishing the FTAAP framework.

"Our objective is to complete the joint strategic study



Government workers re-paint the sidewalks of a main street in Manila on Monday, as part of a clean-up project in preparation for the upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit on November 18-19.

next year and to present operable suggestions and recommendations to the leaders at next year's summit," he said, adding that a progress report would be presented to leaders in Manila.

Vice foreign minister Li Baodong added that it was important to ensure sustainable Asia-Pacific growth so that the region "can continue to play its role as an engine for world economic growth".

China has latched onto the FTAAP, first put forward by Apec in 2006, as a hedge against the US-led TPP, a key element of Washington's "Asia pivot".

Although the United States has said it is open to Chinese participation in the TPP, it has excluded the world's number two economy from negotiations.

US President Barack Obama has insisted he wants China "to do well" despite simmering tensions between the two powerhouses.

"The United States welcomes the rise of a prosperous, peaceful and stable China," he said at last year's Apec summit.

But at home, he has repeatedly used Beijing as a bugbear to scare up cooperation from an intransigent congress to support the deal.

Obama, who strongly pushed the TPP as a foundation for "21st century trade", heralded the pact as a boost to the US economy that would also protect workers and the environment.

But he also said that ratifying the deal "means that America will write the rules of the road in the 21st century" rather than China.

# EU misspent over 6b euros last year: watchdog

AFP, Brussels

The European Union misspent 6.3 billion euros (\$6.8 billion) in 2014, the bloc's financial watchdog said on Tuesday, urging Brussels to take make its unwieldy budget more responsive to shocks like the migration crisis.

The European Court of Auditors called for a "wholly new approach" to the way the EU uses its cash that would allow the 28-nation union to be more flexible and free up unspent funds so they can be used where needed.

Examples of misspending included underused airports of which only around half were worthy of EU funds, and aid paid for farmland in Spain that was actually being used as a motocross track, it said in a report.

"We call for a whole new approach -- we cannot afford to do business as usual," Vitor Caldeira, the president of the independent ombudsman, told journalists as he launched the report.

He said the report came at a "particularly difficult time" when the EU

faced "major challenges" ranging from the struggle to create jobs and growth and dealing with Europe's biggest migration crisis since World War II.

"Decision makers must align the budget better with the EU's long-term strategic priorities and make it more capable of responding in a crisis."

The report said the so-called error rate for spending fell slightly to 4.4 percent of the EU's 142.5 billion euro budget in 2014 from a revised 4.5 percent in 2013, but was still far above the acceptable level of 2.2 percent.

But the EU's budget has long sparked debate at a time when the economy is only weakly recovering after years of austerity and eurosceptic parties are on the rise in many countries.

The migration crisis has placed a particular burden on the EU's budget as states deal with an unprecedented flow of refugees and migrants from Syria and other conflict zones.

Caldeira said EU's budgetary system was slow to react to crises like migra-

tion, partly as it is planned out in seven year stretches, with the current budget lasting from 2014 until 2020.

"The current migration problem would benefit from available funds that have been committed to different areas if they could be used in some more flexible way," the watchdog chief said.

The watchdog said it looks at whether or not money is spent according to EU rules, but does not specifically measure "fraud, inefficiency or waste", with any suspected fraud reported to the bloc's anti-corruption agency.

Spending managed jointly by Brussels and member states had the same level of error as that managed directly by the European Commission, the EU's powerful executive branch, the report said.

It did not give figures for individual countries.

The budget amounts to around one percent of EU gross national income and around two percent of total public spending in EU member states, it said.



## Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation

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### Request for Expressions of Interest for Services (Firm)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Industry.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation (BSEC).
3	Name of procuring entity	Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation (BSEC).
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Expression of interest for selection of	Consulting Firm (Time-based).
7	EOI Ref. No.	PDI/1(1)2015
8	Date(dd/mn/yyyy)	11-11-2015
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
9	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
10	Budget and source of funds	Own Fund.
11	Development partner (if applicable)	NA
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
12	Project/program code (if applicable)	Not used at present.
13	Project/program name (if applicable)	Establishing a power tiller and agro-machinery factory at Bogra.
14	EOI closing date and time	11-12-2015 (12.30pm).
<b>INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT</b>		
15	Brief description of the assignment	The consultant will carryout a feasibility study identifying a sampling methodology, appropriate data and information collection tools, market verification of agricultural machinery, visiting sites, agriculture offices and other related organizational offices to collect base line information, also communication with foreign countries and local manufacturer for necessary information such as plant operational machinery, raw materials, CKD parts etc. Perform financial analysis/IRR, ERR calculation & NPV analysis. Prepare detail drawing and lay-out of this plant including identification of the local and international source of manufacturing machinery and equipments. Estimate the total investment cost to establish a power tiller manufacturing/assembly plant with service centre, testing facility, temper test plant, heat treatment plant and training institute within the factory complex. Perform demand analysis, which includes as follows: Market Access, SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis, Local Market Analysis, Regional Market (Nepal, Bhutan, West Bengal of India & Myanmar) Analysis, other Markets Analysis, Market Growth, Competition, Pricing Analysis, Criteria of Unit Cost & Case Scenarios, Strategy of Sales & Marketing, after Sales Service and Spare Parts Model, Awareness Campaign and identify the suitability of manufacturing or assembling of power tiller in Bangladesh at present situation & future probability of establishing a power tiller and other agricultural machinery manufacturing/assembly industry at Bogra with analyzing the data and preparing a final analytical report.
16	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	1. General experience of the consultant firm should have at least five years and specific experience is three years in conducting feasibility study in similar nature project such as power tiller/Agriculture Machinery Production/Assembling project and having excellent analytical skills and adequate experience in conducting field study and surveys etc. The consulting firm should have an adequate financial resource/capability to perform the assignment in due time & manner. 2. The firm should have a well conversant team of specialist with the sampling technique and have a strong and proven orientation towards applied research in agricultural equipment & machinery establishing plant such as power tiller and other agricultural machinery production/assembly plant. 3. Eligible consulting firms are to indicate the interest in providing the abovementioned services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (such as: brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, proposed methodology, work plan etc). Submitted EOIs would be evaluated on the basis of among others the following: Registration of the firm(s); Annual turnover of the firm(s); Availability of resources including support services; Availability of professionals; Experiences of firm(s) in similar works; Experiences of firm(s) in other works; Proposed Methodology; Work Plan; 4. Individual applicant or lead partner of JVCA must be a renowned national/international consultancy firm having minimum 5 years of overall experience in detailed feasibility study such as power tiller/Agriculture Machinery Production/Assembling project. 5. The financial capability should be shown as Financial Turnover supported by audited financial reports for the last five years. 6. The lead firm (must be nationally/internationally experienced consultancy firm) shall be liable for the entire study obligations under the contract. 7. The abovementioned criteria are an outline of overall for the prospective Consultancy Firm. However, the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR), qualification criteria, resource requirements, financial strength and all other related terms as required for rendering the consultancy services will be clearly elaborated in the Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP will be issued only to the short-listed consultancy firms.
17	Other details	a. The consulting firm shall be selected in accordance with PPA/2006 and PPR/2008. b. Expression of Interests (EOI) in three sets [One original +Two duplicate] shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned.
18	Association with foreign firms is	Encouraged.
19	Ref. No.	Location
20		Indicative start date (month/year)
		Indicative completion date (month/year)
		December, 2015
		May, 2016
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
21	Name of the official inviting EOI	Sheikh Md. Mobarok Hossain
22	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Director (Planning & Development)
23	Address of the official inviting EOI	BSEC Bhaban, Level-3, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka
24	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	Tel: +88-02-8144746 Email-bsecheadoffice@gmail.com


The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

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Sheikh Md. Mobarok Hossain  
Director (Planning & Development)  
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## Comilla University

Kotbari, Comilla

No. Cou/P&D/08/Bangobandhu hall/2014-2015/928 Date: 08/11/2015

### Invitation for Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible contractor for the following works as per terms & conditions stated below:

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.			
2	Agency	University Grants Commission of Bangladesh.			
3	Procuring entity name	Comilla University.			
4	Procuring entity district	Comilla			
5	Project name	Development Project of Comilla University (1 <sup>st</sup> Phase).			
6	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).			
7	Budget and source of funds	GOB			
8	Tender last selling date	13/12/2015 during office hour.			
9	Tender closing date and time	15/12/2015 at 12:00 noon.			
10	Tender opening date and time	15/12/2015 at 2.00pm.			
11	Name & address of the office(s)				
	Selling tender document	Accounts Section, Comilla University, Kotbari, Comilla.			
	Receiving tender document	Office of the Registrar, Comilla University, Comilla.			
	Opening tender document	Office of the Registrar, Comilla University, Comilla.			
12	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer/firm	This invitation for tenders is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below: i) (a) General experience: Reputed contractors/construction firms having general experience in construction works for 05 (five) year's minimum. (b) Specific experience: The contractors must have successful completion experience on building construction works of govt./semi-govt. and autonomous organization during last 05 (five) years minimum amounting Tk. 1000.00 lac in a single contract. ii) The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities next of other confidential commitment of the successful tenderer shall be amounting Tk. 300.00 lac. Document submitted along with the tender must be issued in between publication date and submission date of the tender. iii) The tenderer shall have a minimum average annual turnover in the last 5 (five) years of Tk. 1300.00 lac. This must be supported by total certified payment received for contracts in progress work completed under public sector during last 05 (five) years. iv) The tenderer must possess: i) Up-to-date valid trade license ii) Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate iii) Valid VAT registration certificate. v) All other reputed qualification, terms and conditions of the tenderer are shown in the tender data sheet (TDS) of tender documents and all experience certificate and necessary supporting documents will be submitted as per requirement of ITT Clauses of the tender.			
13	Tender document price	Tk. 5000.00 (five thousand) only (non-refundable).			
14	Works details				
SI No.	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security (in the form of a Pay Order or Bank Draft)	Work completion time
	Single lot	Construction of vertical & horizontal extension of 5-storied male hall-3 with 5-storied foundation including sanitary water supply, internal electrification works at Comilla University, Comilla	Comilla University, Kotbari, Comilla	TK. 34,00,000/-	15 months
15	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Delowar Hossain.			
16	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy Director (P&D).			
17	Address of official inviting tender	Comilla University, Kotbari, Comilla.			
18	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 01715024265			
19	a) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. b) In addition to the original tender 1 (one) duplicate copy shall be submitted. c) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date & time for any unavoidable circumstances the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time & same venue. d) All submitted documents must be signed by the tenderer in every page of tender. Photocopy must be attested as per prevailing laws & rules. e) If the tenderer submits any false/incorrect or forged certificate, action may be taken as per PPA-2006 and PPR-2008.				

Md. Delowar Hossain  
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