

Signing Ceremony

Handover ceremony of 723 decimal land and a two-storied building by Mr. A. Rouf Chowdhury, Chairman, Bank Asia and Bank Asia Foundation and his family members to Bank Asia Foundation for construction of Bank Asia-Ma Amiran Hospital and Medical College at Malkhanagar, Sirajdikhan upazila in Munshiganj.



BANK ASIA

A Rouf Chowdhury, chairman of Bank Asia and Bank Asia Foundation, and his family members hand over deeds of a 723 decimal land with a two-storey building at Malkhanagar of Sirajdikhan upazila in Munshiganj as donation to Aminul Islam, CEO of Bank Asia Foundation, and Md Arfan Ali, president and managing director of the bank, for the proposed Bank Asia-Ma Amiran Hospital and Medical College. The programme took place at Rangs Bhaban on Tejgaon Old Airport Road in Dhaka yesterday. Rumea A Hossain and Mashiur Rahman, members of governing body of Bank Asia Foundation, were also present.

UK high street retailers race to keep up with online demand

British fashion retailers will switch their spending firepower to technology from the high street in 2017 after online shopping became the key driver of sales growth over the all-important festive period. Marks & Spencer is investing in apps, its website and logistics, while spending 350 million pounds over five years to close 10 percent of clothing and home space. Department store John Lewis said it was cutting staff bonuses in part to enable it to invest in its online operations after 40 percent of its Christmas sales came from the web. And Next, which failed to keep up with rivals for a second Christmas in a row, will spend 10 million pounds to improve its online operations and marketing. "They will have to invest in infrastructure and it will weigh on margins, but if you get it right you have a profitable online business," said one large institutional investor in UK retail who asked not to be named due to company policy. "And you can engage on multiple platforms." The renewed drive in technology comes as British web-only players ASOS and Boohoo continue to race ahead, helping Britons to embrace online shopping more quickly than their European cousins. And the pressure is relentless. ASOS, with nearly 5 million active users in the UK, said it would increase its own capital expenditure to keep ahead of the pack after it posted 18 percent UK sales growth in the four months to the end of the year. Boohoo grew British sales by 31 percent in the same period. Online sales have been booming in Britain for years, with e-commerce accounting for nearly a quarter of all purchases in December, according to the British Retail Consortium. In the 52 weeks to Dec. 18, overall fashion sales fell 2 percent, according to market research firm Kantar Worldpanel, while pure online players grew 7 percent as fashion lovers snapped up goods through simple apps on their mobile. While trading updates show that traditional retailers grew their sales by selling additional goods to customers picking up online orders in store, the move online also brings new challenges such as the high number of goods that are returned. The signs of the change can be seen across the country, on small high streets where independent shops have shut - hurt by high business rates - and on the stock market where the share price of Boohoo has jumped by 500 percent in two years. Pick-up lockers at railway stations and petrol pumps mean parcels can be picked up at any time, while changing rooms in standalone sites in the centre of towns allow purchases to be tried on and instantly sent back if not wanted, making it as easy to shop online as it is to wander down a high street. The industry estimates that around 30 percent of womenswear items bought online are returned. Traditional retailers have harnessed the web by persuading customers to pick up online-ordered goods in store, forcing firms to speed up delivery logistics and increase storage space in their shops. "The role of the shop does change," said Charlie Mayfield, chairman of the employee-owned John Lewis Partnership. "We are still opening shops but we will be opening fewer going forward and we will be investing more in changing existing shops so they can fulfil that different role more."



AR Hassan Mirza, managing director of Silva Pharmaceuticals, and ATM Kamrul Ahsan, general manager for sales and marketing, attend the annual sales conference 2017 of the company in Dhaka on January 19.

SILVA PHARMACEUTICALS

China sets up \$14.6b internet investment fund

China has set up a 100 billion yuan (\$14.55 billion) fund to support investment in the internet sector, said official news agency Xinhua on Sunday. The fund, backed by China's cabinet, is designed to help turn China into a major player in internet technology, said the report. An initial 30 billion yuan has already been raised from major banks and telecoms firms including ICBC, China Mobile and China Unicom. Up to 150 billion yuan in credit will be available to companies that have been invested by the fund, Xinhua said. China said earlier this month it would invest 1.2 trillion yuan between 2016 and 2018 to develop information infrastructure.

Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC)

Tejgaon Industrial Area
Dhaka-1208

Invitation for Tenders

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Industries.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC).		
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC), Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka.		
4	Procuring entity code	N/A.		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Workshop Machineries & Equipment.		
7	Invitation Ref. No. & date	BITAC/LP/1(28)/2016-2017/03 Dt. 23-01-2017		
KEY INFORMATION				
8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
9	Budget and source of funds	GOB.		
10	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
11	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.		
12	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A.		
14	Tender package name	Procurement of Workshop Machineries & Equipment.		
15	Tender publication date	23-01-2017		
16	Tender last selling date	07-02-2017		
17	Tender closing date and time	08-02-2017 at 11:00am.		
18	Tender opening date and time	08-02-2017 at 11:15am.		
19	Name & address of the office(s)	Address		
	Selling tender document	Cashier, Cash Section, Ground Floor, Administrative Building, Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC), Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.		
	Receiving tender document	Purchase Division, 1st Floor, Admin Building, BITAC, Dhaka-1208.		
20	Opening tender document place/date/time	Conference Room, Admin Building, Ground Floor, BITAC, Dhaka. Dt. 08.02.2017 at 11:15am.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
21	Eligibility of tenderer	(i) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years experience in supplying goods and related services. (ii) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years specific experience in supplying of similar goods and related services. (iii) Tenderer must have up-to-date trade licence, up-to-date income tax payment certificate, VAT registration certificate and bank solvency certificate issued within the date of tender schedule purchasing and dropping.		
22	Brief description of goods or works	Lot No. 1: Lathe Machine. Lot No. 2: Universal Milling Machine. Lot No. 3: Pentographs Machine.		
23	Brief description of related services	Not applicable.		
24	Price of tender document	Tk 1000/- (one thousand) only for each Lot only (non-refundable).		
	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount
	01	Lot No. 1: Lathe Machine	BITAC, Dhaka & Chandpur	1,35,000.00
		Lot No. 2: Universal Milling Machine	BITAC, Khulna	1,10,000.00
		Lot No. 3: Pentographs Machine	BITAC, Dhaka	25,000.00
				Completion time in weeks/months
				13 (thirteen) weeks from the date of notification of award
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
25	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Tofael Hossain Khan.		
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Purchase Officer		
27	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC), Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.		
28	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 880-02-8870680, Fax No. 880-02-8870728 8870266-123		
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to addition/subtraction of the Lot/Lots and accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.			
30	The advertisement can be seen at BITAC website No. www.bitac.gov.bd			
Md. Tofael Hossain Khan Purchase Officer BITAC, Dhaka for Director General				
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Directorate of Technical Education, F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207

Memo No. 37.03.0000.007.07.011.17-21

Date: 19.01.2017

Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Technical & Madrasah Education Division, Ministry of Education.			
2	Agency	Directorate of Technical Education.			
3	Procuring entity name	Director (Admin).			
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
5	Invitation for	Supply of Stationeries, Computer Accessories, Office Equipments and Furniture.			
6	Invitation Ref. No. & date	37.03.0000.007.07.011.17-21 Date 19-01-2017.			
KEY INFORMATION					
7	Procurement method	Open tender method (OTM-NCT).			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
8	Budget and source of funds	GOB.			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
9	Tender package No.	DTE/GD-01 (Lot # 01, 02, 03 & 04).			
10	Tender package name	Supply of Stationeries, Computer Accessories, Office Equipments and Furniture.			
11	Tender publication date	25 January 2017.			
12	Tender last selling date	14 February 2017 (During office hour).			
13	Tender dropping date and time	15 February 2017 at 12:00 noon.			
14	Tender opening date and time	15 February 2017 at 2:00pm.			
NAME & ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE(S)					
15	- Selling tender document	(i) Director (Admin), Directorate of Technical Education, Accounts Section, 2nd Floor, Room No. 308, F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207. (ii) Senior Assistant Secretary (Technical-1), Technical and Madrasah Education Division, Ministry of Education, Bangladesh Secretariat, Paribahan Pool Bhaban (8th Floor), Dhaka-1000.			
16	- Receiving tender document	(i) Directorate of Technical Education, 1st Floor, Room No. 205, F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207. (ii) Senior Assistant Secretary (Technical-1), Technical and Madrasah Education Division, Ministry of Education, Bangladesh Secretariat, Paribahan Pool Bhaban (8th Floor), Dhaka-1000.			
17	- Opening tender document	Director (Admin), Directorate of Technical Education, 1st Floor, Room No. 205, F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207. Tenderers' representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tenders.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
18	Eligibility of tenderer	(i) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 05 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (ii) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 03 (three) years of specific experience in the supply of similar goods and related services. (iii) Tenderers have up-to-date trade licence, up-to-date income tax clearance certificate, VAT registration and bank solvency certificates issued within the date of schedule purchase and dropping.			
19	Price of tender document	Tk 1,000.00 (one thousand) only non-refundable.			
20	Brief description of goods	Supply of Stationeries, Computer Accessories, Office Equipments and Furniture.			
21	Package No.	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Tender security amount (Tk)	
				Location	
				Completion time in weeks/months	
	DTE/GD-1	Lot-1	Purchase of Stationeries	Tk 20,000/-	Directorate of Technical Education F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207
		Lot-2	Purchase of Computer Accessories	Tk 35,000/-	
		Lot-3	Purchase of Office Equipment	Tk 17,000/-	
		Lot-4	Purchase of Furniture	Tk 12,000/-	
22	Address of official inviting tender	Director (Admin), Directorate of Technical Education, F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.			
23	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 02-9110689 e-mail techedu09@gmail.com			
24	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.				
25	Special instructions	(i) Tender security money must be submitted along with the tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee issued from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh located in Dhaka city in favour of the Director General, Directorate of Technical Education, F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207. (ii) If there happens any transport disruption or govt. holidays on the abovementioned dates, the next normal working day will be treated as the valid dates of selling, dropping and opening of the tender. Time shall remain unchanged. (iii) Details are available in the schedules.			
Director (Administration) Directorate of Technical Education F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207					
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Shahjalal University of Science & Technology

Sylhet-3114, Bangladesh

Invitation for Tender

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.		
02	Agency	University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC)/Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet (SUST).		
03	Procuring entity name	Director of Planning & Development, SUST, Sylhet.		
04	Procuring entity district	Sylhet.		
05	Invitation for	Mentioned in Identification of Packages (Sl. No.15).		
06	Invitation Ref. No. & date	Tender No. PD/CPC/58/Rev/2016-17/10, Date: 18.01.2017		
KEY INFORMATION				
07	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
08	Budget and source of funds	GOB, Revenue-2016-17.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
09	Tender last selling date from bank	08/02/2017	3:00pm	
10	Tender closing date and time	09/02/2017	11:00am	
11	Tender opening date and time	09/02/2017	11:15am	
12	Selling tender document	Sonali Bank Ltd, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology Branch, Sylhet.		
13	Receiving and opening tender document	Office of the Director of Planning & Development, SUST, Sylhet.		
	Delivery location	Office of the Registrar, SUST, Sylhet.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
14	Eligibility of tenderer	Technically sound and financially solvent and minimum three years of experienced firms in the related field are eligible to participate.		
15	Tender package No.	Identification of package(s)	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tender security amount (Tk)
	GR-10	Supply of stationery and other materials for Central Store	1,000/-	27,000/-
				Completion time
				30 days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
16	Name of official inviting tender	M. Akbar Hossain.		
17	Designation of official inviting tender	Director of Planning & Development.		
18	Address of official inviting tender	Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet-3114.		
19	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 0821-727960	Fax: 0821-715257	E-mail: pnd@sust.edu Website: www.sust.edu
20	1. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatever. 2. Tender security to be given in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring "Director of Planning & Development, SUST, Sylhet". 3. Due to unavoidable circumstances, if the tender can't be received and opened on the schedule date and time, the same will be received and opened on the next working day respectively at the same time at abovementioned office(s).			
Director of Planning & Development				
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Paramount gets Chinese investment worth \$1b

AFP, Shanghai

US movie studio Paramount said Friday it was partnering with two Chinese film-industry companies in a deal that would reportedly see \$1 billion in cash injected into the Hollywood giant. The deal is the latest move into Hollywood by deep-pocketed Chinese enterprises, following forays by China property-to-entertainment conglomerate Wanda and e-commerce leader Alibaba. Paramount signed a three-year agreement with Shanghai Film Group (SFG) and Beijing-based Huahua Media to co-finance and co-produce all of the US studio's films, Paramount said in a statement on China's twitter-like Weibo platform.