

Brac-Kumon initiative for child edu launched

Brac is introducing Kumon, a unique method to cultivate and develop children's learning potential.

The programme titled "Brac-Kumon" was formally launched yesterday at Brac Centre in the capital, says a press release.

Japanese mathematics teacher Toru Kumon developed this comprehensive method of learning mathematics and formally introduced the method in his country in 1958. Originally named after its developer and initiator, Kumon method is being introduced in Bangladesh as a Brac-Kumon initiative.

The first Brac-Kumon centre is going to start its operation today in the capital's Dhanmondi followed by the second centre at Uttara in October. The centres will be run under a 27-month pilot project of Brac-Kumon that started in July this year.

The next phase, spanning from 2019 to 2021, will gradually open 20 more centres in the country's different cities including Dhaka. Apart from mathematics, English will also be introduced gradually as a subject of learning in these centres, adds the release.

Hidenori Ikegami, president, Kumon Institute of Education Co Ltd, Japan, attended the launching ceremony as the chief

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Idols getting

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idol maker of Chittagong, Dulal Paal – said it is an ancestral heritage of their family. His elder brother is also an artisan, he added.

Shushanta, who works in "Sri Sri Shiddheshwari Kaali Mandir", has received 35 idols orders for different venues this year.

The largest of the idols he has already finished working on for the venue at North Khulshi in the port city is 10-foot high.

"We never bother about the size of the idols; it depends on the demand of the devotees and the organisers. The actual value is determined by its aesthetic value," Shushanta said about the craftsmanship of the work while applying spray paint over an idol.

Shankar Pal, another idol maker of "Rajesh-Shyam Pal Protimalay", has been in the business for almost 25 years, said he had received the order for making 27 idols this year.

The largest idol he was working on this year was eight-foot high. It is for the celebration at JM Sen Hall in the city, he said.

Shankar, however, said the idol-making business is not as profitable as it was several years back. The raw materials are too costly and rare these days, he said.

"We are still in this job only out of love and devotion to our religion...," he concluded.

Echoing the same, craftsmen of Lamabazar area in Sylhet city said they are still in this profession holding on to the tradition.

In Sylhet division, around 2,500 mandaps have been set up including 576 in Sylhet district and around 60 in the city.

An artisan said idol-making is a long process. It takes time from processing the clay to giving final touches of paint onto the statues and decorating the idols with clothes and ornaments.

However, sculptors of Pal para in Dariapara area of the city are a bit tensed as they are not getting adequate time to colour the clay idols due to excessive rain this year.

Traditional music is also an important part of the religious festival.

To celebrate the festival, makers of different musical instruments are busy making traditional percussion instruments including Dhak, Bangla Dhol, Khol, Dholok, Dugi, Tabla, Khomok, Nal, and Khonjoni.

Rajat Kanti Gupta, general secretary of Bangladesh Puja Ujapan Parishad in Sylhet city, said security is a serious issue during the festival.

They, however, got assurance from police and other law enforcement agencies in this regard, he said, adding that they would also keep their eyes open.

(Amir Hasan Shahriar from Chittagong and Dwaha Choudhury from Sylhet contributed to this report.)



Prof AMM Shamsur Rahman, vice chancellor (in-charge) and treasurer of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, inaugurates a photo exhibition and film screening event of The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Bank Celebrating Life -- a film, photography and lyrics contest -- at the university in Mymensingh's Trishal yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

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e-Tender Notice

SL. No.	Tender ID No/Ref. No	Name of Tender	Tender Closing Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
01.	118584 Boesl/Admin/App/2017/262(1)	Procurement of PA System for Conference Room	09.10.2017 14:30	09.10.2017 14:30

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Vacancy Announcement

Issued on: 19 Sept, 2017
Deadline for application: 30 Sept, 2017

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Interested and qualified candidates will find the post descriptions from our website <http://www.fao.org/bangladesh/fao-in-bangladesh/employment/procurement/en/>. Interested applicants are requested to send their Personal Profile Form (PPF) or Personal History Form (PHF) to the following address: FAOBD-Vacancies@fao.org by close of business on 30 September 2017.

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Interested bidders are requested to submit their financial and technical proposals in two separate sealed envelopes as per the instructions provided in the RFP documents at the Reception of WHO Country Office for Bangladesh, United House, 10 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.

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No. P&D/LP(S-2)-287/17/Phys-08/FDP/05(2) Date: 17 Sep 2017

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Tender ID, Package No. & date of publishing	Name of goods	Last selling and closing date & time
Tender ID: 116936 Package No. P&D/LPS-2-287/ Physics/FDP Publishing: 17/09/2017	Procurement of nickel crucible for Dept of Physics, BUET.	08/10/2017; 16.00 09/10/2017; 14.00

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Memo No. 46.207.000.09.07.098.2017/647 Date: 18/09/2017

Corrigendum of Invitation for (OTM) for Selection of Non-Consulting Services (Clearing & Forwarding Agent), Package No. URP-DNCC/NCS-2 (IDA Credit No. 5599-BD), IFB No. 3/2017-18

The Invitation of Tender published vides Memo No. 46.207.000.09.07.098.2017/605, Date: 16/08/2017 in The Daily Ittefaq on 21/08/2017 and The Daily Star on 22/08/2017 has been made the following corrigendum:

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

17	Tender last selling date	04/10/2017
18	Tender closing date and time	05/10/2017 at 2:00pm.
19	Tender opening date and time	05/10/2017 at 2:15pm.

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