

China can be more courageous in opening: central banker

AFP, Beijing

China's chief central banker said on Friday the country could be more "courageous" in opening its markets, as European and American firms push for greater access to the world's second largest economy.

"Now that we have entered a new stage, we can be more courageous in opening our market to the outside world," said Zhou Xiaochuan, governor of the People's Bank of China, during a news conference on the sidelines of the annual rubberstamp parliament in Beijing.

China has been considering opening to foreign financial firms since the late 1990s when it was preparing to join the World Trade Organization, Zhou said, blaming the delay on the global financial crisis.

But now leaders have taken the first tentative steps, allowing foreign firms to take majority stakes in financial firms operating in China.

Last year, Beijing said it would liberalise foreign access within three years, permitting companies to own as much as 51 percent of financial firms -- a welcome move for a key US industry as trade tensions stir between the two countries. And on Friday, deputy governor Yi Gang indicated the shareholding restrictions could be loosened or done away with altogether.

"This will reduce the discriminatory treatment of foreign-invested institutions, and bring about equal treatment for domestic and foreign investors," Yi said during the news conference.

But analysts question whether foreign firms will be able to make much headway in the country, with Beijing having delayed the move for so long that the opening may do little to threaten



REUTERS

Zhou Xiaochuan, governor of the People's Bank of China, prepares to answer a question at a news conference in Beijing.

the dominance of homegrown financials.

Zhou also tore into cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin but adding that China was still interested in digital units. "We don't like the idea of creating a speculative product that prompts people to fantasise about striking it rich overnight," he said. "This is not a good thing."

Last year, China launched one of the world's strictest crackdowns on cryptocurrency trading and initial coin offerings.

At the same time, China's digital payments ecosystem has developed faster than most of the

world with mobile payments dominating everyday transactions throughout urban centres.

The PBoC has set up a digital currency research centre, Zhou noted, stressing that such technological developments should be encouraged as long as they serve the real economy.

"In the future, traditional forms of paper money and coins may gradually fade away, and some day may not exist at all," Zhou said.

The 70-year-old Zhou is expected to step down from his post this spring, after leading China's central bank for 15 years.

Before mega scam, PNB lost \$431m to fraud last fiscal year

REUTERS, New Delhi

India's Punjab National Bank lost 28 billion rupees (\$431 million) to various frauds last fiscal year, the government said on Friday, making it the biggest such loser among all state-owned banks even before it uncovered an alleged \$2 billion fraud this year.

The country's second-biggest state-owned bank in February accused two high-profile jewellers and their companies of colluding with rogue bank employees to secure credit from overseas lenders using fraudulent guarantees between 2010 and 2017.

This has been dubbed as the biggest bank fraud in India's history, but the finance ministry told parliament that even before the fraud came to light, state banks lost a total of 195.33 billion rupees to 2,718 cases of fraud in the year that ended on March 31, 2017.

Punjab National, better known as PNB, alone reported 158 cases of fraud in 2016/17, the ministry said. PNB did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In monetary terms PNB was followed by Bank of India, which lost 27.7 billion rupees, and State Bank of India that lost 24.2 billion rupees, the ministry said.

The ministry did not specify the nature of the frauds but added that the central bank recently formed an expert committee to look into "factors leading to increasing incidence of frauds in banks and the measures needed to curb and prevent it".

The committee will also look into the role of auditors in checking frauds.

Reuters reported last month that India's state-run banks reported 8,670 "loan fraud" cases totalling 612.6 billion rupees over the last five financial years up to March 31, 2017.

France eyes Paris airport, lottery sell-off

AFP, Paris

The French government signalled Thursday it intends to sell part of its stakes in the Paris airport operator and national lottery firm as business-friendly President Emmanuel Macron seeks to bring in cash to state coffers.

But while the government has decided to reduce its stakes in Aeroports de Paris (ADP) and the Francaise des Jeux (FDJ)

lottery, it has yet to confirm how much will be sold off.

The French state currently holds 50.6 percent of ADP, which owns and operates the capital's Charles de Gaulle, Orly and Le Bourget airports, and 72 percent of FDJ.

"We are considering opening up FDJ's capital," Budget Minister Gerald Darmanin on SUD Radio, in the first official acknowledgement that the government is planning such a move.



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Yang Jingyuan, president of Yunnan Traffic Technician College, China, and Kazi Zakir Hossain, principal of Dhaka Polytechnic Institute, sign the documents of a memorandum of understanding in the presence of Nurul Islam Nahid, education minister, at International Skills Conference 2018 in Dhaka on Friday. Eighty two MoUs have been signed between Chinese and local polytechnic and technical training institutes on exchange of students and teachers on education and training.

Panasonic plans to sell security camera factory in China

REUTERS, Tokyo

Panasonic Corp is considering selling a Chinese plant that makes security cameras in a deal it hopes will fetch over \$450 million, the Nikkei reported on Saturday.

Panasonic is looking to close first-round bidding in early April, and potential buyers include US equity fund Carlyle Group and British funds Permira and CVC Capital Partners, the Nikkei said, without citing sources.

Panasonic expects to gain over 50 billion yen (\$468 million) from selling the plant in Suzhou, a city in southeast China's Jiangsu province, money that could be used in its other key businesses such as automotive batteries, the Nikkei said. The firm may end talks if it does not receive an agreeable bid, the Nikkei added.

A Panasonic official said the firm was considering various options to strengthen its security systems business, but that nothing has been decided. Carlyle and CVC Capital Partners could not be reached for comment, while Permira declined to comment.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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এতদ্বারা কক্সবাজার সদর উপজেলাধীন উপজেলা পরিষদ উন্নয়ন তহবিল এর আওতায় বছরে ৩০ (তেরিশ)টি প্রকল্পের কাজ বাস্তবায়নের জন্য PPA-2009 (২য় সংশোধনী) এবং "The Public Procurement Rules-2008 অনুযায়ী এলজিইডি'র কক্সবাজার জেলার হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত/ তালিকাভুক্ত সকল শ্রেণির ঠিকাদার/ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে আর্থিক ক্ষমতা অনুযায়ী সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

১। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ

স্থানীয় সরকার বিভাগ।

২। অর্থের উৎস

উপজেলা পরিষদ উন্নয়ন তহবিল।

৩। কাজের ধরণ

নির্মাণ/উন্নয়ন।

৪। সংগ্রহের পদ্ধতি

সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (LTM)।

৫। দরপত্র বিতরণকারী

ক) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, এলজিইডি, কক্সবাজার।

খ) উপজেলা প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর, রামু, কক্সবাজার।

গ) নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয়।

৬। দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী

উপজেলা প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর, এলজিইডি, সদর, কক্সবাজার।

৭। দরপত্র বিক্রির

সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়

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৮। দরপত্র দাখিলের

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২৮/০৩/২০১৮ইং তারিখ, বেলাঃ ০১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

৯। দরপত্র খোলার

তারিখ ও সময়

২৮/০৩/২০১৮ইং তারিখ, বেলাঃ ০৩.০০ ঘটিকা।

১০। টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটির

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তফসিলভুক্ত যে কোন ব্যাংক থেকে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট।

১১। দরপত্রের বৈধতার

মেয়াদ

দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ হতে ৯০ (নব্বই দিন)।

শর্তাবলীঃ

ক) দরপত্রের সাথে হালনাগাদ লাইসেন্স, আয়কর সনদ, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ইত্যাদির সত্যায়িত কপি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

খ) উপজেলা প্রকৌশলী, এলজিইডি, সদর, কক্সবাজার এর অনুকূলে টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি দাখিল করতে হবে।

গ) দাপ্তরিক প্রাক্কলিত মূল্যের ৫% (পাঁচ শতাংশ) এর অধিক উর্দ্ধদর বা নিম্নদর দাখিল করলে দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

ঘ) Only for BID/Call Deposit ইত্যাদি লেখা সম্বলিত কোন পে-অর্ডার দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করিলে তাহার/তাহাদের দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হবে।

ঙ) বিজ্ঞপ্তি সংক্ষিপ্ত বিধায় দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্য ও শর্তাবলী অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর থেকে বিস্তারিত জানা যাবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

মোঃ মোস্তাফিজুর রহমান

উপজেলা প্রকৌশলী

স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর

কক্সবাজার সদর, কক্সবাজার

GD-636

Email: uc.coxsbazar-s@lged.gov.bd

Meghna Petroleum Limited
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong

Tender Notice

1.	Name of procuring entity	Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.								
2.	Invitation of tender for	<table><tr><td>Tender No.</td><td>Description</td><td>Cost of tender documents</td><td>Earnest money</td></tr><tr><td>PUR-082</td><td>Construction of 4" MS pipe line & other related works at Sreemongal Depot, Moulvibazar.</td><td>Tk 2,000/- (non-refundable)</td><td>Tk 80,000/-</td></tr></table>	Tender No.	Description	Cost of tender documents	Earnest money	PUR-082	Construction of 4" MS pipe line & other related works at Sreemongal Depot, Moulvibazar.	Tk 2,000/- (non-refundable)	Tk 80,000/-
Tender No.	Description	Cost of tender documents	Earnest money							
PUR-082	Construction of 4" MS pipe line & other related works at Sreemongal Depot, Moulvibazar.	Tk 2,000/- (non-refundable)	Tk 80,000/-							
3.	Procurement method	Single stage double envelope method. Tender to be submitted in two separate envelope, one for Technical offer and the other for Commercial/Financial offer. EACH ENVELOPE MUST BE SEALED PROPERLY.								
4.	Last selling date of tender document	March 27, 2018	15.30 hrs.							
5.	Tender closing time & date	March 28, 2018	15.00 hrs.							
6.	Tender opening time & date	March 28, 2018	15.15 hrs.							
7.	Name & address of the offices for:									
	Selling of tender documents	1. Purchase Section, Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. 2. Cash Section, Meghna Petroleum Limited, Meghna Bhaban, 131, Molliheel C/A, Dhaka.								
	Receiving of tender documents	DGM (Operations), Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.								
	Opening of tender documents	DGM (Operations), Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.								
8.	Qualification of tenderer	a. The bidder must be 1st class contractor enlisted with any gov't/semi-gov't/autonomous bodies. b. The tenderer must have minimum 05 (five) years general experience in the civil/mechanical fabrication works as a prime contractor. c. The interested contractor must have successfully completion of civil/mechanical fabrications work of Taka minimum 20.00 (twenty) lac in a single order as a prime contractor in any gov't/autonomous bodies over a period of 05 (five) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. d. Average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk 40.00 (forty) lac over the last 03 (three) financial years. e. The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk 20.00 (twenty) lac.								
9.	Special instructions	Offer must comprise the following documents, failing which the tender may be rejected as being incomplete: i. The following documents must be submitted in the technical offer: a. Letter of Technical Bid (Form-1). b. Tenderer Information (Form-2). c. Attested copies of work order/purchase order along with successfully completion of civil/mechanical fabrication work of Taka minimum 20.00 (twenty) lac in a single order as a prime contractor in any gov't/autonomous bodies over a period of 05 (five) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. d. Attested copy of up-to-date bank solvency certificate or credit facilities as specified in the tender schedule. e. Attested copy of income tax/TIN certificate, up-to-date trade licence & VAT registration certificate. f. Original tender schedule duly sealed & signed by the person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the tenderer. g. Original copy of money receipt against purchase of tender documents. h. Earnest money as mentioned above & any other information/documents as specified in the tender schedule. ii. The following documents must be submitted in the Financial Offer: a. Letter of Financial Bid (Form-7). b. Bill of Quantities (BOQ) (Section-6). NB: After opening/scrutiny of the technical offers the successful bidders will be advised the date/time of opening of the commercial/financial offers to enable their attendance as per schedule.								
10.	Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or part of any tender without showing any reason whatsoever.	Note: If the tender cannot be received/opened on the date of schedule due to any uncontrollable reason, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at same time and same place.								

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Project Director
Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project
Department of Environment (DoE)
Paribesh Bhaban, E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

Addendum Notice of Request for Expression of Interests (REOI)
(Consulting Services-Firms Selection)

No.: Paribesh/CASE/Act/DoE-AF-S2/264/2018/196

Date: 08 March 2018

Contract Package No.: DoE-AF-S2

Package Name: Consulting Services for Developing Clean Air Act, Policy, Rules (Draft)

Reference: Paribesh/CASE/Act/DoE-AF-S2/264/2018/148

Date: 20.02.2018

1. With reference to the REOI notice issued for the abovementioned procurement package through the above referenced memo, following modifications are hereby made:

Reference	Previous text	Amended text
Clause No. 9 of REOI Notice	9. Interested consulting firms may obtain further information (i.e., detailed TOR) at the address below from 9:00am to 5:00pm (except holidays). ToR will also be available in the DoE's website (www.doe.gov.bd). The Expression of Interests must be submitted to the address below (in person or by postal mail) by 11.03.2018, 3:00pm in a sealed envelope clearly marked "EOI for Consulting Services for Developing Clean Air Act, Policy, Rules (Draft) of CASE Project". The received EOIs will be opened on 11.03.2018, 3:15pm.	9. Interested consulting firms may obtain further information (i.e., detailed revised TOR) at the address below from 9:00am to 5:00pm (except holidays). Revised ToR will also be available in the DoE's website (www.doe.gov.bd). The Expression of Interests must be submitted to the address below (in person or by postal mail) by 22.03.2018, 3:00pm in a sealed envelope clearly marked "EOI for Consulting Services for Developing Clean Air Act, Policy, Rules (Draft) of CASE Project". The received EOIs will be opened on 22.03.2018, 3:15pm.

Dr. S. M. Munjurul Hannan Khan
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GD-688

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Planning Division, Ministry of Planning
Implementation of Digital ECNEC (3rd Revised) Project

Invitation for Tender

1.	Ministry/Division	Planning Division.
2.	Name of procuring entity	Implementation of Digital ECNEC (3rd Revised) Project.
3.	District of procuring entity	Dhaka.
4.	Ref number and date	20.00.0000.11.02.040.14-103; Date: 07 March 2018.
5.	Tendering method	Open Tender.
6.	Budget and source of fund	Development Sector (GoB).
7.	Invitation for (Package # GD-01 & 02/2017-2018)	Supply of Precision Air Conditioning System, Fire Extinguisher & CCTV Camera for Data Center and Desktop Computer for IDE Project of Planning Division. Lot 1: Precision Air Conditioning System-02 Units, Fire Extinguisher-01 set & CCTV Camera-01 set. Lot-2: Desktop Computer-10 Nos.
8.	Tender last selling date	27/03/2018 before 04.00pm.
9.	Tender closing date and time	28/03/2018 at 01:00pm.
10.	Tender opening date and time	28/03/2018 at 02:00pm.
11.	Name & address of the office for selling of tender document and place for receiving & opening of tender	Joint Secretary (Admin), Planning Division and Project Director, IDE Project, Room-32, Block-09, Planning Division, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.
12.	Price of tender document (Tk)	Lot 1: 2500.00 Taka (non-refundable). Lot 2: 500.00 Taka (non-refundable).
13.	Tender security amount (Tk)	Lot 1: 1,70,000.00 Taka (refundable). Lot 2: 17,000.00 Taka (refundable).
14.	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	1. The bidder shall have a minimum of two (02) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. 2. The bidder shall be a certified partner/distributor of the peripherals being supplied under the contract. Distributorship/partnership certificates should be accompanied with tender documents. 3. Products supplied under this tender, manufacturer's country of origin must be certified by the manufacturer otherwise the bidder will be technically disqualified.
15.	Special condition	1. Bound to follow the rules of PPR 2018. 2. Tenderer should submit a tender along with the written application in letterhead pad in accordance with the terms of the schedule to Project Director, Implementation of Digital ECNEC Project (3rd Revised). 3. Tenderer must submit updated trade licence, updated income tax and VAT certificate, recently issued bank solvency certificate, manufacturer authorization, incorporation certificate (if any), experience certificate etc. with tender. 4. Tender security, in form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee should be provided in favour of Project Director, Implementation of Digital ECNEC Project (3rd Revised), Planning Division. 5. Without any reason, authority reserves the right to cancel the tender process in any stage.
16.	Address of tenderer	Project Director, Implementation of Digital ECNEC Project (3rd Revised), Planning Division, Room-32, Block-09, Planning Commission Campus, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Phone: 9117315; e-mail: pd@ide.plandiv.gov.bd Website: www.plandiv.gov.bd

Md. Shajedul Quayum Dulal
Project Director
Implementation of Digital ECNEC Project

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