



SK Sur Chowdhury, banking reform adviser of Bangladesh Bank; Reshadur Rahman, chairman of Dhaka Bank, and Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director, open a branch of Dhaka Bank on Sonargaon Janapath Road in the capital's Uttara yesterday.

## Strategic Business Conference-2019

13 January 2019, Sunday



AKM Shaheed Reza, chairman of Mercantile Bank, and Kazi Masihur Rahman, managing director, attend the bank's Strategic Business Conference-2019 at the FARS Hotel & Resorts in Dhaka yesterday.



Md Nazmul Hassan, chairman of Islami Bank Bangladesh, and Md Mahub ul Alam, managing director, attend the inauguration of the bank's two-day Business Development Conference-2019 at the Sonargaon hotel in Dhaka on Saturday.

### Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Rajshahi

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### Invitation for e-GP Tender of Heavy Duty and High Speed HP Laser Jet M806DN Printer/Equivalent

Memo No. 1130/2nd/Vander-47(3rd Part) Date: 02/01/2019  
e-Tender Notice No. 105/Vander(2018-19) Date: 02/01/2019 is invited in National e-GP Portal System (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following machine. Details are given below:

| Serial Number | Tender ID | Description of goods   | Last selling date and time  | Closing date and time       | Opening date and time       |
|---------------|-----------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1.            | 270092    | Heavy Duty and High Speed HP Laser Jet M806DN Printer/Equivalent | 31-Jan-2019 Time: 15:00 BST | 31-Jan-2019 Time: 15:05 BST | 31-Jan-2019 Time: 15:05 BST |

These are online tenders, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for the e-GP downloading e-Tender documents from National e-GP System Portal have to deposit online through any registered online banks branches up to **31-Jan-2019, Time 15:00 BST** respectively. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from helpdesk ([Help desk secretary@rajshahieducationboard.gov.bd](mailto:secretary@rajshahieducationboard.gov.bd)).

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### China will reduce foreign investment curbs

REUTERS, Shanghai/Beijing

China will reduce restrictions on foreign investment and address difficulties facing foreign companies investing in the country, the commerce minister said, according to a transcript of an interview he gave to state media.

Commerce Minister Zhong Shan said China would allow full foreign ownership of companies in more areas of the economy and would reduce the number of industries in which foreign investment was restricted or barred, according to the transcript posted on the Ministry of Commerce's website on Sunday.

The comments appeared to be largely reiterations of past pledges by Chinese officials for further market opening. Foreign direct investment (FDI) into China rose by 3 percent year-on-year to \$135 billion in 2018, Zhong said.

That would mark a slowdown from growth rates of 7.9 percent in 2017 and 4.1 percent in 2016.

# Saudi Arabia to set up \$10b oil refinery in Pakistan

REUTERS, Gwadar, Pakistan

Saudi Arabia plans to set up a \$10 billion oil refinery in Pakistan's deep-water port of Gwadar, the Saudi energy minister said on Saturday, speaking at the Indian Ocean port that is being developed with the help of China.

Pakistan wants to attract investment and other financial support to tackle a soaring current account deficit caused partly by rising oil prices. Last year, Saudi Arabia offered Pakistan a \$6 billion package that included help to finance crude imports.

"Saudi Arabia wants to make Pakistan's economic development stable through establishing an oil refinery and partnership with Pakistan in the China Pakistan Economic Corridor," Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih told reporters in Gwadar.

He said Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman would visit Pakistan in February to sign the agreement. The minister added that Saudi Arabia would also invest in other sectors.

Beijing has pledged \$60 billion as part of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) that involves building power stations, major highways, new and upgraded railways and higher capacity ports, to help turn Pakistan into a major overland route linking western China to the world.

"With setting up of an oil refinery in Gwadar, Saudi Arabia will become an important partner in CPEC," Pakistan Petroleum Minister Ghulam Sarwar Khan said.

The Saudi news agency SPA earlier reported that Falih met Pakistan's petroleum minister and Maritime Affairs Minister Ali Zaidi in Gwadar to

discuss cooperation in refining, petrochemicals, mining and renewable energy.

It said Falih would finalise arrangements ahead of signing memorandums of understanding.

Since the government of Prime Minister Imran Khan came to power in August, Pakistan has secured economic assistance packages from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and China.

In November, Pakistan extended talks with the International Monetary Fund as it seeks its 13th bailout since the late 1980s to deal with a looming balance of payments crisis.

The Pakistani prime minister's office had said on Thursday that Islamabad expected to sign investment agreements with Saudi Arabia and the UAE in coming weeks.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Director

Project Formulation for the Proposed Bangladesh Municipal Water Supply and Sanitation project  
Department of Public Health Engineering  
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### Request for Expressions of Interest (Consulting Services – Firm Selection)

Memo No.: PD/PFPBMWSSP, DPHE/348

Date: 10/01/2019

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| Country             | : Bangladesh   |
| Name of the Project | : Bangladesh Municipal Water Supply and Sanitation Project (BMWSSP)    |
| Assignment Title    | : Consultancy Services for Technical Support Unit and Related Services |
| Reference No.       | : BMWSSP/S - 14  |

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) has applied for financing from the World Bank (with co-financing from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, AIIB) towards the Bangladesh Municipal Water Supply and Sanitation Project (BMWSSP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives, Government of Bangladesh intends to apply a portion of said credit to hire a competent, qualified and experienced consultancy agency to assist DPHE and the municipalities in the implementation of the project in a sustainable manner. Also to increase their access to improved water supply and sanitation services and strengthen their institutional capacities for delivering improved Water Supply, Sanitation and Drainage Services.

The scope of work of the firm includes the following:

- Enable municipalities to meeting the eligibility conditions to join the project;
- Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Municipalities to Manage Water Supply and Sanitation;
- Support for Institutional and Operational Sustainability;
- Strengthening of DPHE for Water and Sanitation Sector Roles;
- Providing technical and project management support to municipalities to plan and implement infrastructure, especially water supply distribution systems and drainage;
- Support DPHE and municipalities in rapid mobilization and deployment of staff and resources for a quick response system to repair the WSS system in case of an emergency;
- Help municipalities to review their Drainage Master Plan and identify critical investments to manage wastewater and prevent flooding, validate drainage pathways and potential flood mitigation mechanisms etc.;
- Support the PMU in coordinating and implementing project activities at the national, regional (division/ district) and municipality level.

Duration of the consultancy services is 30 months. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: ([www.dphe.gov.bd](http://www.dphe.gov.bd)) or can be obtained at the address given below.

DPHE now invites eligible Consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short-listing criteria are:

- The firm should have at least 10 years of experience in the relevant type of services. They should have sufficient personnel having expertise and experience of providing technical services for similar type of projects;
- Adequate experience in technical, project management and institutional capacity building support at decentralized level. The firm must have experience in managing/providing implementation support of similar type of project especially water supply distribution systems and drainage or similar infrastructure;
- Experience in planning and designing of similar type of infrastructures for water supply distribution systems and drainage and experience in institutional development activities;
- Having proven experience in construction supervision of similar type of activities;
- Corporate Capacity of the Consultants (Annual Turnover, Financial Information for last 5 years, but no audited financial statements in this regard).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 (Revised November 2017), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

The Expressions of Interest should include as minimum the following:

- Legal names and address of consulting firms including country of registration (i.e. legal documents, Up to date Trade License, VAT and Tax Certificate);
- Brochure of the consulting firms or description of company profile;
- Description of relevant experience with all necessary information.;
- List of professional strength with name, qualification and experience;
- Annual turnover supported by audited financial statements;
- Forwarding letter with detail address (i.e. mail address, telephone, fax, email) and contact person for communication.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 10 February 2019 up to 3:00 pm.

For any clarification and background information, intending entities may contact DPHE at the address given below during office hours (i.e. 0900 to 1700 hours).



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