

ULAB hosts training on leadership skills

CITY DESK

The University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), in association with the World Academy for the Future of Women (WAFW), held a closing ceremony to mark completion of a year-long training programme on leadership skills by the graduates of 2018-19 batch at ULAB auditorium in Dhanmondi yesterday.

While adhering to the 17 SDG goals, students went through a rigorous training programme consisting of eight modules under the tutelage of life coaches from the US, Germany, China and the Netherlands, says a press release.

Education Minister Dipu Moni attended the event as the chief guest and Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh Harry Verweij as the special guest.

Dipu Moni said, "Whenever we talk about our planet, whenever we talk about

development, and even whenever we talk about a meaningful life, women play a vital role in every sphere."

Taheerah Haq, member, ULAB board of trustees; lawmaker Kazi Nabil Ahmed, another member of the board; Maaiké Van Vliet, WAFW facilitator and former diplomat; and Prof Shamsad Mortuza, pro-vice chancellor of ULAB, also spoke at the ceremony.

Prof HM Jahirul Haque, vice chancellor of the university; and Prof Imran Rahman, special adviser to the ULAB board of trustees, handed over crests to Education Minister Dipu Moni and Dutch Ambassador Harry Verweij respectively.

Guests and representatives from RedOrange Media and Communication, Amal Foundation, UNFPA ambassadors and British High Commission executives were also present at the ceremony.



Cadet College Club Literary Society formed



The Cadet College Club Literary Society (CCCLS), a platform dedicated to the contributions of former cadets in the literary arena of Bengali society, was formed on May 2, said a press release.

Architect Shakoor Majid was declared the chairman of CCCLS while Ekram Kabir, Lutful Hossain and Kazi Ahmad Pervez became co-chairs and Masud Bulbul the treasurer of the 10-member committee, said the press release.

The society aims to organise literary activities, publish Lit Mag on a quarterly basis, and encourage children of ex-cadets to write in English and Bangla, the release said.

CCCLS will organise literary events and invite renowned personalities to discuss various issues. It will also hold international lit festivals.

The society will also publish books written by its members and promote them in international lit festivals, the release added.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Support to Joydevpur-Debogam-Bhulta-Madanpur Road (Dhaka Bypass) PPP Project Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Independent Engineering (IE) Services for Upgrading of Joydevpur-Debogam-Bhulta-Madanpur (Dhaka By- Pass) Road (N-105) into 4 Lanes Through Public Private Partnership

1	Ministry/ Division	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges/Road Transport and Highways Division.
2	Project company	Dhaka Bypass Expressway Development Company Limited.
3	Name of contracting authority	Roads and Highways Department (RHD).
4	Procuring entity	Chief Executive Officer, Dhaka Bypass Expressway Development Company Limited and Project Director, RHD, Support to Joydevpur-Debogam-Bhulta-Madanpur Road (Dhaka Bypass) PPP Project.
5	Title of service	Independent Engineering (IE) Services for Upgrading of Joydevpur-Debogam-Bhulta-Madanpur (Dhaka By-Pass) Road (N-105) into 4 Lanes Through Public Private Partnership.
6	Project location	Dhaka, Gazipur and Narayanganj District.
7	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting Engineering Companies (International) (Time Based).
8	EOI Reference No.	35.RHD.0000.DBPD.07.001.2017-996
9	Date	29/04/2019

KEY INFORMATION		
10	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
11	Budget and source of fund	Development Budget (GoB) and Private financing.
12	Development partner (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
13	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Upgrading of Joydevpur-Debogam-Bhulta-Madanpur (Dhaka By-Pass) Road (N-105) into 4 Lanes Through Public Private Partnership.
15	EOI closing date & time	12/06/2019, 14.00 BST.
16	EOI submission place	Support to Joydevpur-Debogam-Bhulta-Madanpur Road (Dhaka Bypass) PPP Project. Flat # 502, House # 132/4, New Bailey Road, Dhaka.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

17	Brief description of the assignment and scope of services	The Project involves development of approximately 48 km of toll & service road under public private partnership model on a design, build, finance, operate, maintain and transfer basis. The road corridor follows the existing alignment of two lane national highway N-105 located to the north-east of Dhaka city from Joydevpur (Naojun) in the north-west to Madanpur in the south-east through Bhulta and connects national highways N4 (in the north) to the national highway N1 (in the south) traversing the N2 and N3, regional highways R301, R202 and R114, Purbachal Expressway and many zilla roads. The Project scope includes improvement of existing two lane road into a four lane toll road, service road on both sides of the toll road, construction of approximately 12 Nos. bridges, 7 Nos. flyovers, 46 Nos. box culvert, 49 Nos. pipe culvert, 27 Nos. underpass, 5 locations for toll plaza and 1 service area on each direction of the toll road etc. After Construction, the toll Road will be maintained & operated by the Project Company and service road will be handed over to RHD. The scope of Independent Engineer Services (IE Services) will include a full range of supervision activities such as but not limited to quality control; progress monitoring and reporting; issuing of interim/final payment certificates; contract closing activities, including disputes/ claim / arbitration resolution, if any; issuing completion, taking over or defect liability certificates. Review the detailed information of approved design drawing or specification variations for compliance with the performance and quality standards of the PPP Contract and the Construction Contract. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observe, monitor and review the results of the tests to determine compliance of the works and the Project Highway with Commercial Opening Date requirements. Carry out regular inspections of the Project Highway to monitor compliance with the requirements of the PPP Contract etc. Duration of IE services shall be 4 years including construction period and operation and maintenance period.
18	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The shortlisting criteria are: (i) General experience of the firm(s); (ii) Experience in similar projects of compatible size, complexity and technical specialty in the required area; (iii) Financial soundness of the consulting company; and (iv) Evidence of availability of qualified staff resources and logistics with the firm. The Consulting Company having experience in performing Independent Engineering Services in PPP Project shall be preferred. Consultants are requested to submit the following documents in support of the abovementioned criteria: (a) Registration paper of the firm(s); (b) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (c) Firm's brochure; (d) Audited financial reports for last three years; (e) Service experience record (including nature, total cost, total input in terms of man month, employer, location of service, etc. of similar projects) and (f) Available staff resources and logistics.
19	Other details (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of the EOI should be done in close format bearing the name and address of Firm(s), EOI name & date and be addressed to the EOI issuing authority in 04 (four) copies, 01 (one) marked as "ORIGINAL" and others 03 (three) as "COPY" in separate envelopes in the form of book binding. Both the "ORIGINAL" and "COPY" shall have to be covered within the single envelope. The applicant shall have to mention the page number serially in every page of submitted EOI document. EOI should be scanned in PDF version and submitted with two memory disks. The Project Company and the Contracting Authority shall jointly appoint the Independent Engineer. The payment to the Independent Engineer for its services shall be borne equally by the Project Company and the Contracting Authority. The Project Company or the Contracting Authority will not entertain cost or expense incurred by the proposer in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EOI. The interested companies may obtain further information at the address mentioned at the serial 22.
20	Joint venture with other firm	Allowed. Maximum of 3 (three) firm in Joint Venture.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
21	Name and designation of the officials inviting EOI	Mr. Md. Sobuj Uddin Khan, Project Director, Support to Joydevpur-Debogam-Bhulta-Madanpur Road (Dhaka Bypass) PPP Project. and Mr. Xiao Zhiming, Chief Executive Officer, Dhaka Bypass Expressway Development Company Limited.
22	Address of the officials inviting EOI	Dhaka Bypass Expressway Development Company Limited, Road # 6, House # 15, Plot No. 15, Block No. K, Baridhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh and Support to Joydevpur-Debogam-Bhulta-Madanpur Road (Dhaka Bypass) PPP Project. Flat # 502, House # 132/4, New Bailey Road, Dhaka
23	Contact details of the officials inviting EOI	Phone: +88-01-730354228, +88-01-792333457 +88-01-743124572, +88-01-963061859 Email: srb@bangladesh@sina.com dhakabypassppp@gmail.com

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatever.

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Braving rain and ignoring commuters' sufferings, Bangladesh Hawkers' Union in a procession demands that its evicted members be allowed to run their businesses on footpaths in Dhaka. The photo was taken in New Market area yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

7th commencement of AUW on May 11

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The seventh commencement ceremony of Asian University for Women (AUW) will be held on May 11 at Radisson Blu Chattogram Bay View.

The announcement was made by Vice Chancellor Nirmla Rao, during a press conference held on the campus yesterday.

The ceremony will be presided over by Chancellor Cherie Blair, said Prof Nirmla. This year, one hundred women from 12 countries will graduate from the university, she added.

The keynotes will be presented by Dr Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi, finance minister of Afghanistan and chief adviser to the Afghanistan president for infrastructure, human capital and technology; and Prof Rezwana Choudhury Bannya, founding chairperson of Department of Dance at Dhaka University.

Kamal Ahmad, founder of AUW; Dr Dave Dowland, registrar of the university, and Suman Chatterjee, director of marketing and student recruitment, spoke at the press conference, among others.

Self-censorship

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say or write may constitute an offence, they will naturally be afraid to speak. Such feelings breed resentment, and are not healthy for a country's social development."

"We have noticed that newspaper editors in Bangladesh have become extremely careful about publishing stories and editorials, and even refrain from publishing columns and stories due to fear of reprisals," Hammadi added.

A campaign -- #YoursPeacefully -- was also launched at the event to "remind the government that peaceful exercise of freedom of expression must not be criminalised".

Loyalty to party

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for teachers, hence students' facilities and research opportunities are facing a threat.

"So all universities need democratic, educational, and research-oriented policies. All universities need to formulate a uniform policy," he said.

He said there is a tendency of controlling the universities among all ruling parties. As part of that effort, power has been concentrated in the hands of Vice-chancellors, and the pro-government student organisation was given more power.

Samina Luthfa, an associate professor of Sociology department, presented eight crisis points which were identified following the observation of the teachers presented at the convention.

The points include governmental interference, neo-liberalism theory and the University Grants Commission's (UGC) 20-year (2006-2026) strategic plan for higher education, abuse of autonomy, allocation for education and research sector, lack of autonomy in universities, recruitment and admission, accommodation of students and student politics, and issues in private universities.

The teachers' network recommended an amendment to the Ordinance of 1973, and introducing a democratic and knowledge-oriented conducting policy.

Speaking about private universities, the teachers' network said that these universities are largely profit-oriented and less interested in achieving quality, and the environment of research has not been developed at all. It is becoming increasingly difficult for meritorious but poor students to study in private universities.

The teachers' group alleged that party politics is affecting quality of education in public universities while many private universities have become institutions that sell certificates.

Fahmidul Haque, a teacher of mass communication and journalism department of Dhaka University, presented a six-point solution, which includes increased investment in education and research, stopping fee increases every year, stopping commercialisation, dissemination of decision-making power and increasing the number of full-time teachers at private universities.

Apart from this, the group also suggested that the teacher recruitment process based on political identities be stopped, and a overhaul of the admission test system.

Among others, Professor Geetiara Nasrin of mass communication and journalism department; Assistant Professor Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan of international relations; Assistant Professor Rushad Faridi of economics; Prof Kazi Maruf of development studies and Sayeed Ferdous of JU's anthropology department were present.

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Anisuzzaman to receive

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release.

Prof Anisuzzaman, president of Bangla Academy, is the fourth Bangladeshi to receive the award.

Bangla Academy held a reception in honour of Prof Anisuzzaman. The academy's Director General Habibullah Sirajee presented a wreath to the national professor on the occasion.

Academy Secretary Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Prof Niru Kumar Chakma, Prof Pradip Kumar Rai, Dr Israil Khan, poet Quazi Rosy as well as directors, deputy directors, officials and staff members of Bangla Academy were present at the event.