



Md Aminul Islam Mintu, head of internal control and compliance division at Bank Asia, and Md Abdul Matin, training and development consultant at the Bank Asia Institute for Training and Development, pose at a training on "Islamic Agent Banking Operations" for the bank's 51 officers at the institute in Dhaka on Saturday.

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Hossain Akhtar, group executive director at the Anwar Group of Industries, and Malik Mehedi Kabir, head of human resources, receive a "Bangladesh Best Employer Brand Award-2019" from World HRD Congress at the Sonargaon hotel in Dhaka.

Taiwan challenges Indian ICT duties at WTO

REUTERS, Geneva

Taiwan has requested consultations with India on duties imposed on imports of certain information and communications technology goods, the first step in a dispute process, the World Trade Organisation (WTO) said on Monday.

In its filing, Taiwan said that India's tariffs on 11 categories of IT products including those used in machines for the manufacture of semiconductor devices, as well as cell phones, exceeded the bound rates. The European Union launched a similar dispute against India in April.

Under WTO rules, Taiwan and India should meet within 30 days, and if these talks fail, Taiwan can request adjudication by a dispute settlement panel.

EU gas industry warns curbs on lending may harm climate goals

REUTERS, Brussels

Europe's gas industry lobby warned on Monday that curbs on lending by the European Investment Bank (EIB) and others could slow the switch from coal-fired to less polluting gas-fired power plants and harm the bloc's climate ambitions.

The EIB's board, made up mostly of European Union finance ministers, is expected to discuss a proposal this month to stop funding new fossil fuel-reliant projects by the end of 2020, though a final decision could take longer.

"That is a major mistake," Eurogas president Philippe Sauquet, director of gas, renewables and power at France's Total, told Reuters.

"If the EIB is taking a position and is not making any difference between all the fossil fuels, we will have difficulty to ... replace the current fleet of coal-fired power plants and we will miss our climate targets."

The EU's incoming chief executive, Ursula von der Leyen, has called for the EIB to spend half of the roughly 70-80 billion euros-a-year (\$77-\$88 billion) it invests on green projects, as part of an effort to ramp up the EU's climate goals.

Eurogas, which has backed a push by most EU nations for the bloc to go carbon neutral by 2050, said the quickest way to cutting global warming emissions was replacing coal-fired power plants.

"This is possible. We can go even further in terms of targets, but we have to go for gas because that is the real key," Sauquet said.

"If you are not making a difference between fossil fuels, you are missing a real opportunity to go greener quicker."

The industry has yet to win over the support of climate activists, who have lobbied for an end to fossil fuel subsidies and a redirecting of investments into renewable energies.

Hong Kong visitors plunge 40pc

REUTERS, Hong Kong

Hong Kong visitor arrivals plunged nearly 40 percent in August from a year earlier, deepening from July's 5 percent fall, the finance secretary said as sometimes violent anti-government protests take a rising toll on the city's tourism, retail and hotel businesses.

Hotels in some locations had seen occupancy rates drop to about half, while room rates plunged 40-70 percent, Paul Chan said, citing industry sources.

"The most worrying thing is that it does not seem that the road ahead is easily going to turn any better," Chan said in his blog on Sunday. July tourist arrivals fell 4.8 percent on the year, according to the Hong Kong Tourism Board, the first annual decline since January 2018 and the biggest percentage drop since August 2016.

Retail sales in July sank by the most since February 2016 amid the anti-government protests that have gripped the Chinese-ruled city for more than three months.

HRDC25



Asif Ahmed, acting general manager of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka, receives a "Best General Manager (Hospitality)" award at Bangladesh Leadership Awards 2019 organised by CMO Asia at the hotel on Sunday.



Mohammed Rabiu Hossain, CEO of Uttara Bank, opens a booth of the bank at Matiranga in Khagrachhari on Sunday.

Oil rises as new Saudi minister commits to output cuts

REUTERS, London

Oil prices rose on Monday after the new Saudi Arabian energy minister, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, confirmed expectations that there would be no radical change in his country's oil policy.

Prince Abdulaziz, son of Saudi King Salman and a long-time member of the Saudi delegation to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, replaced Khalid al-Falih on Sunday.

Global benchmark Brent crude futures were up 46 cents at \$62.00 a barrel by 1011 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate was up 48 cents at \$57.00.

Speaking on Monday, Prince Abdulaziz said the pillars of Saudi policy would not change and that a global deal to cut oil

production by 1.2 million barrels per day would survive "with the will of everybody".

He added that the so-called OPEC+ alliance between OPEC and non-member countries including Russia, a partnership he helped cement, was staying for the long term. He declined to comment on oil prices.

"The options for a change of policy are relatively limited," said Olivier Jakob, analyst at Petromatrix. "The price reaction is muted because we don't expect a strong change." Russia's oil output in August exceeded its quota under the OPEC+ agreements.

OPEC oil output rose in August, gaining for the first month this year as higher supply from Iraq and Nigeria outweighed restraint by Saudi Arabia and losses caused by US sanctions on Iran, a Reuters survey found.

Establishment of Research Facilities on Processing of Safe and Healthy Dry Fish and Indoor Farming at BCSIR Centre in Dhaka and Chattogram

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for selection of Consulting Firm (National) For Consultancy Services (Design & Supervision)

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH	
Ministry/Division:	Ministry of Science and Technology
Agency:	Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR)
Procuring Entity Name:	Project Director, Establishment of Research Facilities on Processing of Safe and Healthy Dry Fish and Indoor Farming at BCSIR Centre in Dhaka and Chattogram
Procuring Entity District:	Dhaka and Chattogram.
Expression of Interest for Selection of:	Consulting Firm for Consultancy Services (Design & Supervision).
Title of Service:	Consultancy services for design & supervision of 01(One) -Steel Shade (one storied) total : 20,225 sq.ft, Steel superstructure building (4 storied) total : 22,500 sq.ft and High Voltage Electrical express line in BCSIR Laboratories at Chattogram
Ref. No. & date :	39.02.0000.030.05.003.19/001 Date: 09.09.2019
KEY INFORMATION	
Procurement Method:	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
Procurement Sub-Method:	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION	
Budget and Source of Funds:	GOB
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
Project/Programme Name:	Consultancy services for design & supervision of 01(One) -Steel Shade (one storied) total : 20,225 sq.ft, Steel superstructure building (4 storied) total : 22,500 sq.ft and High Voltage Electrical express line in BCSIR Laboratories at Chattogram
Last date & time of submission of EOI	02-10-2019, 03:00 PM.
Time of opening of EOI	02-10-2019, 03:00 PM
EOI Receiving place	: Office of Project Director at Dhaka, ITI-BCSIR, Dhanmondi. : Office of the Secretary, BCSIR, Dhaka. : EOI can also be submitted by registered Post/courier service in due time in the above offices
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT	
Brief Description of Assignment:	Consultancy services for design & supervision of 01(One) - one storied Steel Shade: 20,225 sq.ft, 01(one) Steel superstructure (4 storied): 22,500 sq.ft and Electrical express line in BCSIR Laboratories at Chittagong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub-soil investigation. Preparation of Architectural Drawing, design. Preparation of Structural design, drawing (including design calculation sheet) Design and preparation of drawings for High voltage electrical express line, electrical sub-station, diesel generator, internal electrification, fire detection and fire protection system including PABX, network system , water supply & sanitary system etc. Preparation of technical & general specifications, schedule of items, bill of quantities (BOQ), cost estimates. Monitor the supply of materials, equipment, shuttering materials as per approved quality and quantity by the construction within stipulated time Development, maintain and architectural record books, measurement book and other relevant documents for any single constructional work Assist the project director on resolving technical difficulties that may arise during implementation period Deliver Computer generated 3-D perspective views of the proposed steel shade, steel building and building area. Full time supervision and monitoring of construction and all related works of steel shade, steel building, high voltage electrical express line and building area.
Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant must be an architectural consultancy firm having at least 10 (Ten) years general experience in steel structure building and master plan preparation, any type of civil construction consultancy in the Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous body/ Private sector The applicant must be an architectural consultancy firm headed by an architect having at least 10 (Ten) years professional experience in the field of consultancy services in successful planning, designing & implementation of a project (including preparation of Master plan) in the Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous body/Private sector. Within the completed projects at least 2(two) projects, must be steel structure building that includes internal electrification, passage lift, generator, sub-station, air-cooling & ventilation system fire detection and fire protection system including Water supply & Sanitary system etc. and 1(one) High voltage express line, in the last 5 (Five) years. Certificate of a satisfactory planning, designing & implementation of project as stated above should be furnished from at least an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer/Equivalent Officer/ Managing director. Should have minimum two nos. B.Arch. (minimum 10 years experienced), minimum one no of B.Sc. (Civil) engineer (minimum 15 years experienced), One no of B.Sc. (Civil) engineer (minimum 7 years experienced) & minimum two nos of B.Sc. (Electrical) engineer (minimum 7 years experienced) and one Mechanical Engineer (Minimum 7 years experienced) Should have up-to-date trade license, VAT Registration Certificate, Income Tax Certificate, Bank solvency certificate from schedule Bank of Bangladesh Intended consultant firms are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services submitting their brochures, description of similar assignments, experiences in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professionals among staffs etc Interested firms may obtain further information at address below during normal office hours.
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The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOI's without assigning any reason. EOI's received after last date and time of submission shall not be considered for their short listing. The consultant will be selected in accordance with the guide lines of PPR-2019.	
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