



Lawmaker Selima Ahmad, president of the Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Nasir A Choudhury, chairman of Professional Advancement Bangladesh Ltd (PABL), attend a session of "Dive In Festival 2019", an event aimed at inclusive workplace cultures in insurance jointly organised by the PABL and the Chartered Insurance Institute in Dhaka recently.



Muhammad Nazrul Islam, chairman of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (Rakub), opens the bank's 382nd branch in Nilphamari on Thursday. Md Idris, managing director, was present.

Japan hikes consumption tax, despite recession fears

AFP, Tokyo
From October 1, Japan finally implements a much-delayed consumption tax hike, raising the rate from eight percent to 10 percent, despite fears the move could cause a recession. The worries have receded somewhat in recent months, and the government insists the increase is necessary to fund key policy priorities. Here are some questions and answers on key aspects of the move: - What does the hike cover? - The increase covers almost all purchases, from electronics and alcohol to books and cars. The government has however made a few exceptions. Magazines and newspapers that publish more than twice a week will stay at eight percent, along with food items purchased for consumption off-site. That means groceries will stay at the

old rate, along with food purchased for takeout. But it puts some food retailers, including bakeries and the country's ubiquitous convenience stores in a bind because customers can choose to eat their purchases in store or outside, requiring two different rates. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government has twice delayed implementing the hike over fears it could hit the country's fragile economic growth. Growth in the second quarter was a revised 0.3 percent, compared to the previous quarter's 0.5 percent, with exports hit by the global economic slowdown. And historically tax hikes have hit Japan's economy hard. Both of the most recent increases -- from three percent to five percent in 1997 and then to eight percent in 2014 -- have been followed by recessions. "Japanese wages haven't been

going up for 20 years," said Martin Schulz, an economist at the Fujitsu Research Institute. "That means that the consumption tax hike directly induces a reduction of purchasing power," he told AFP. Japanese consumers already face sticker shock thanks to various additional indirect taxes, including tariffs on imported goods. Retailers display prices before tax, putting the full price only in smaller print below. "It's as if to say 'It's not us, it's the mean government!'" Schulz said. The hike has caused anxiety, with some consumers deciding to make big-ticket purchases before the increase comes into effect. "The tax increase worries me because I'm going to retire at the end of the month and my pension isn't very large," Mayumi Susami, 65, told AFP at a large electronics store in Tokyo.

Trump considers delisting Chinese firms from US markets

REUTERS, Washington
President Donald Trump's administration is considering delisting Chinese companies from US stock exchanges, three sources briefed on the matter said on Friday, in what would be a radical escalation of US-China trade tensions. The move would be part of a broader effort to limit US investment in Chinese companies, two of the sources said. One said it was motivated by the Trump administration's growing security concerns about the companies' activities. Major US stock indexes slipped on the news, which came days before China celebrates the 70th anniversary of the birth of the People's Republic on Oct. 1, when the world's No. 2 economy will shut down for a week of festivities. Shares of Hangzhou, Zhejiang-based Alibaba ended down 5.15 percent. JD.com fell 5.95 percent and Baidu Inc declined 3.67 percent. The iShares China Large-Cap ETF shed 1.15 percent. Shares of New York Stock Exchange-owner Intercontinental Exchange Inc ended down 1.88 percent and shares of Nasdaq Inc declined 1.70 percent. It was not immediately clear how any delisting would work. In June, US lawmakers from both

parties introduced a bill to force Chinese companies listed on American stock exchanges to submit to regulatory oversight, including providing access to audits, or face delisting. Chinese authorities have long been reluctant to let overseas regulators inspect local accounting firms - including member firms of the Big Four international accounting networks - citing national security concerns. "Beijing should no longer be allowed to shield US-listed Chinese companies from complying with American laws and regulations for financial transparency and accountability," Republican Senator Marco Rubio said at the time. One of the sources briefed on the matter said the idea of delisting was the latest salvo in this longstanding dispute. "This is a very high priority for the administration. Chinese companies not complying with the PCAOB (Public Company Accounting Oversight Board) process poses risks to US investors," the source said. Any plan is subject to approval by Trump, who has given the green light to the discussion, Bloomberg reported here citing a person close to the deliberations. Officials are also examining how the United States could put limits on Chinese companies included in stock

indexes managed by US firms, the agency cited three sources as saying. No decision or action is imminent, two sources familiar with the discussions told Reuters. As of February, 156 Chinese companies were listed on the Nasdaq and New York Stock Exchanges, according to US government data, including at least 11 state-owned firms. NYSE declined to comment on Friday, while Nasdaq, MSCI, S&P and FTSE Russell did not immediately respond to requests for comment. China's yuan currency, traded in offshore markets, fell against the dollar after the news to trade near its weakest against the greenback in about three weeks. Trade talks between the United States and China are expected to be held Oct. 10-11 after months of tit-for-tat moves by both sides which have weakened global growth and driven rollercoaster moves in markets. While the idea of delisting could be a maneuver ahead of those talks, the main aim was to counteract the civilian-military fusion of Chinese technology firms, the Made in China 2025 industrial development program targeting key industries for domination and a growing surveillance state in Xinjiang, one of the sources said.



Lawmaker Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim and NRBC Bank Chairman SM Parvez Tamal open the bank's branch and banking booth in Gopalganj yesterday.

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LOCAL/INTERNATIONAL e-TENDER

Electronic tenders (e-tenders) are hereby invited from the competent local/international manufacturers/suppliers for supply of the following items for this Corporation as per under noted schedule. e-Tender documents showing terms and conditions with specifications will be available at web: etender.spubl.org.bd/114.130.43.56. It is to mention here that this is online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted and no hard copy will be accepted except price of e-tender schedule and earnest money. To submit e-Tender bidders need to register on etender.spubl.org.bd/114.130.43.56. For more details please contact cell: 880- 1534002183 & 880-1534002184. Necessary information is given below:

Sl. No.	Names of the items	Nature of e-tender	Date of publishing e-tender	Last date and time for submission of e-tender	Date & time for opening of e-tender	Value/set of e-Tender Schedule (non-refundable)
1.	36,500 Reams Non-Judicial Stamp Paper.	International e-tender	30.09.2019	04.11.2019 upto 11.00 A.M	04.11.2019 at 11.15 A.M	Tk. 5,000.00
2.	200 Pcs Nylo Print Plates.	Local / International e-tender	30.09.2019	04.11.2019 upto 11.00 A.M	04.11.2019 at 11.15 A.M	Tk. 1,000.00

Bidder may collect e-tender schedule from the aforementioned website. Earnest money @ 3% (three percent) of the total quoted price shall have to be submitted in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of The Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd., Gazipur alongwith the price of e-Tender schedule in the form of a separate Pay-Order/DD in the tender box kept at Corporation's office in Gazipur on or before the scheduled deadline for submission of e-tender. In the case of international tender, Irrevocable Bank Guarantee may also be given as earnest money from any international commercial bank abroad with a counter guarantee from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh. e-Tender(s) without earnest money and price for procurement of e-tender schedule shall not be acceptable. The e-Tender shall have to be submitted as per e-Tender guidelines mentioned at the above website. Offer(s) will be opened as per schedule mentioned above in presence of the tenderer(s) if any. 01 (one) e-Tender schedule is applicable only for one supplier/manufacturer for submitting one offer against each item alongwith earnest money and price of e-Tender schedule. The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any e-tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever. Submission of e-tender after the specified time shall not be acceptable under any circumstances.

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Memo No. HED/JICA/Tender/Upgradation UzHC/435,436,437,438/2019/128 Date: 29.09.2019

Invitation for Bid

Sealed bids are hereby invited from among the eligible Bidder for 04 (Four) Nos. Bid listed below under 4th Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Program (HPNSP). The details of the Bidder are shown in the table below:

No.	Item	Description
1.	Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW).
2.	Agency	Health Engineering Department (HED).
3.	Procuring entity name	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Head Office, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring entity code	None.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6.	Invitation for	Works.
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	HED/JICA/Tender/Upgradation UzHC/435,436,437,438/2019/128
8.	Date	29.09.2019

KEY INFORMATION
9. Procurement method: Open Tendering Method (OTM), National.

FUNDING INFORMATION
10. Budget and source of funds: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
11. Development partner: JICA.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12.	Project/programme code	224021700
13.	Project/programme name	4th Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Programme (4th HPNSP).
14.	Bid package No.	WP-13745/SDP-4(JICA)-HED, WP-13751/SDP-4(JICA)-HED, WP-13869/SDP-4(JICA)-HED, WP-13870/SDP-4(JICA)-HED.
15.	Bid package name	Upgradation, Repair & Renovation of Upazila Health Complex from 31 Bed to 50 Bed, Reconstruction of Upazila Health Complex & Construction of 5-storied Consultant & MO Dormitory and 5-storied Staff Dormitory under HE, Head Office, Dhaka.
16.	Bid last selling date and time	Date: 28.10.2019 Time: Up to 17.00 hours.
17.	Bid submission date and time	Date: 29.10.2019 Time: Up to 14.00 hours.
18.	Bid opening date and time	Date: 29.10.2019 Time: 15.00 hours.
19.	Name & address of the office(s) for selling of Bid documents	i. Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. ii. Office of the Director General, Directorate General of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka. iii. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna, Mymensingh Division. iv. Office of the Superintending Engineer, HED Circle-2 Chattogram, Circle-4, Khulna & Circle-8 Mymensingh. v. Office of the Executive Engineer, HED, Cox's Bazar, Kushtia & Netrakona Division.
20.	Name & address of the office(s) for receiving Bid document (For postal service only Sl. No. (ii) shall be applicable)	i. Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. ii. Office of the Director General, Directorate General of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka. iii. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. iv. Office of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Ramna, Dhaka.
21.	Name & address of the office(s) for opening bids	Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
22.	Place/date/time of pre-bid meeting (optional)	Pre-bid meeting will not be held.

INFORMATION FOR BIDDER

Sl. No.	Eligibility of Bidder	As described below:
23.	Brief description of works	As per BDS.
24.	Identification of Package No.	Name of work with location
25.	Bid security (Taka in lac)	Liquid asset (Taka in lac)
26.	Similar works in single contract (Taka in lac)	Average annual construction turnover in the last 5 years (Taka in lac)
27.	Tender capacity (Taka in lac)	Completion time (days)

1.	WP- 13745/SDP-4(JICA)HED	Upgradation, Repair & Renovation of Barhatta Upazila Health Complex (UzHC) from 31 Bed to 50 Bed in Netrakona District.	40.75	275.00	900.00	1300.00	1226.25	540 days
2.	WP-13751/SDP-4(JICA)HED	Reconstruction of Alamdanga Upazila Health Complex (UzHC) in Chuadanga District	25.00	200.00	550.00	1000.00	750.00	450 days
3.	WP-13869/SDP-4(JICA)-HED	Construction of 4-storied Consultant & MO Dormitory and 4-storied Staff Dormitory for Ukhia Upazila in Cox's Bazar District.	18.85	150.00	425.00	720.00	565.22	450 days
4.	WP- 13870/SDP-4(JICA)-HED	Construction of 4-storied Consultant & MO Dormitory and 4-storied Staff Dormitory for Teknaf Upazila in Cox's Bazar District.	18.85	150.00	425.00	720.00	565.22	450 days

25. Price of Bid documents: Tk 4000.00 (Taka four thousand) only in the form of Treasury Chalan to Accounts Code No. 1-2717-0000-2366

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

26.	Name of official inviting Bid	Brigadier General Mohammad Osman Sarwar, SPP, afwc, psc.
27.	Designation of official inviting Bid	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED), 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
28.	Address of official inviting Bid	105-106, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.
29.	Contact details of official inviting Bid	i. 880-2-9587604 ii. e-mail: hedhq@yahoo.com

30. Special instructions

- Bid submission letter should be filled in & signed by the Bidder as per form attached with the Bid document, if not Bid shall not be accepted.
- All submittals must be signed by the Bidder, if not the Bid will be treated as non-responsive.
- In case of submitting Bid by post/courier service must reach in the Office of the Chief Engineer, HED Head Office, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
- Notification of Award (NOA) will be issued to the successful bidder after getting approval from the competent Authority.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the Bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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