



Agriculture Minister Muhammad Abdur Razzaque poses during a visit to "Agriculture Technologies Demonstration Fair" organised by the Bangladesh Wheat and Maize Research Institute in Dinajpur recently. ACI Motors displayed, among others, Japanese Yanmar combine harvesters.

ACI MOTORS

Japan exports fall as China, US demand weakens

REUTERS, Tokyo

Japanese exports fell much faster than expected in February as US and China-bound shipments weakened, a source of concern for the world's third-largest economy as it tries to prop up growth.

The prospects for a US recovery may ease concerns about the outlook for Japan's economy, however, which is seen slowing in the current quarter due to new COVID curbs that have hit service-sector activity.

Ministry of Finance data out on Wednesday showed Japanese exports fell 4.5 per cent year-on-year in February, hurt by decline in US-bound shipments of automobiles.

"Japan's export growth has probably weakened this quarter, but uptrend remains intact," said Masaki Kuwahara, senior economist at Nomura Securities.

"The Chinese economy will resume recovery once a renewed rise in infections fades, and the vaccine rollouts and huge stimulus will give a boost to the US economy, all of which should help accelerate Japan's exports and broader economy in April-June."



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A labourer works in a container area at a port in Tokyo, Japan.

It was the first decline in three months, following a 6.4 per cent gain in January. It was also much bigger than a 0.8 per cent drop expected by economists in a Reuters poll.

By region, exports to China rose 3.4 per cent in the year to February, led by chip-making equipment, nonferrous metals and plastic, slowing sharply from a 37.5 per cent gain in the prior month due partly to the Lunar New Year holidays that fell in February.

US-bound shipments, another key export market for Japanese goods, declined 14.0 per cent year-on-year in February, dragged down by automobiles, airplane parts and motors, after a 4.8 per cent drop in the prior month and posting a fourth straight month of declines.

Some businesses thrive, others ache during pandemic

AFP, Paris

The coronavirus pandemic initially brought the global economy to a halt but business adjusted, with the more nimble taking advantage of the move online while others struggle to find a way forward. Here are some of the economic winners and losers of the Covid era so far:

Lockdowns, curfews and travel restrictions all seemed to play to the strengths of Amazon, which pioneered the transition to online retail. The company headed by Jeff Bezos, who started out selling books and losing massive amounts of money, seemed perfectly suited to the changed times as bored and anxious consumers confined to their homes stocked up. The results were stunning -- a 40 per cent increase in sales to \$387 billion dollars last year.

The home food delivery business also came of age as people dined-in instead of out, with restaurants and bars either restricted or closed completely. Anglo-Dutch group Just Eat Takeaway saw its revenues soar 54 per cent to 2.4 billion euros while British competitor Deliveroo jumped 64 per cent to 4.1 billion pounds.

What else is there to do if one cannot go out except slump on the sofa to watch television and play video games while munching on your latest dine-in delight? With the cinema out of bounds, the home-based version took off big time, with Netflix building an audience of 200 million on an offer of high-class films and series typified by "The Crown," the story of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II. Disney, not to be left behind, launched its Disney+ service late 2019 and had



Small toy figures are seen in front of displayed Amazon logo in this illustration.

REUTERS/FILE

95 million subscribers by early 2021. Among the game makers, Sony and Microsoft launched new consoles and ramped up sales.

Families also played more classic games, with Danish toy brick maker Lego enjoying a new lease of life in

helping keep children -- and adults -- amused and busy for long periods of time. The family-owned business chalked up a 19 per cent rise in net profit to a record 1.3 billion euros last year.

Air transport was probably the

worst hit sector, with thousands of aircraft mothballed worldwide. Predictions for a return to a semblance of normality have progressively been put back, with industry groups now looking to 2023 or even 2024. Legacy flag carriers such as Air France and Lufthansa chalked up huge losses -- of 7.1 billion euros and 6.7 billion euros respectively -- and required huge state bailouts to keep them going.

The low-cost operators such as EasyJet and Ryanair adapted faster than their older peers but could not escape the impact of the near total collapse of air travel. Ryanair's Michael O'Leary lambasted governments for bailing out the older carriers he believes do not deserve to be in business and he insisted the crisis was also an opportunity to finally restructure the industry.

European new car sales drop 20pc

REUTERS, Berlin

European car registrations fell in February, industry data showed on Wednesday, as coronavirus lockdowns and accompanying uncertainty across Europe took a toll on sales.

New car registrations dropped by 20.3 per cent year-on-year to 850,170 vehicles in the European Union, Britain and the countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), figures from the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) showed.

Most European markets posted declines. Registrations in Spain registered a drop of 38 per cent. Sales in France and Germany, fell by 21 per cent and 19 per cent respectively, while Italy reported a smaller drop of 12 per cent in the month. Sales at Volkswagen and Stellantis dropped by 19 per cent and 22 per cent respectively, while Renault reported a fall of 29 per cent.

Luxury automakers also posted losses in February with sales at BMW falling 13 per cent and rival Daimler reporting a 20 per cent decline.

Europe's carmakers are counting on sales in China, which hasn't reintroduced a coronavirus lockdown, to boost 2021 sales, after a rebound in the world's largest market helped the industry recovered faster last year.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
College Education Development Project (CEDP)
College Name: Patiya Govt. College
College Address: Patiya, Chattogram

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.		
2	Agency	University Grants Commission/ National University.		
3	Procuring entity name	Patiya Govt. College, Chattogram.		
4	Procuring entity code	N/A.		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
6	Invitation for	Furniture and fixture for classrooms, laboratories, multi-purpose ICT lab, library and auditorium.		
7	Invitation Ref No.	PGC/CEDP/2021/050		
8	Date	18/03/2021		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Government & IDA Credit).		
11	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA), World Bank.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project code	224017200		
13	Project name	College Education Development Project (CEDP).		
14	Tender Package No.	G-4		
15	Tender package name	PGC/CEDP/2020-21/G-4		
16	Tender publication date	18/03/2021		
17	Tender last selling date	05/04/2021 at 5:00pm		
18	Tender closing date and time	06/04/2021 at 2:00pm		
19	Tender opening date and time	06/04/2021 at 2:30pm		
20	Name & address of the office	Office of the Principal Patiya Govt. College, Chattogram		
	Selling tender document			
	Receiving tender document			
	Opening tender document			
21	Place/ date/ time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Will not be held.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22	Eligibility of tenderer	The tenderer shall have a minimum 03 years overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. The tenderer shall have minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of similar goods of minimum BDT 35.00 lac only at least 01 (one) single contract in the last 03 years. The minimum supply and production capacity of goods are twice of the proposed supply requirement. The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be BDT 35.00 lac.		
23	Brief description of goods	Mentioned of the tender document.		
24	Brief description of related services	Mentioned of the tender document.		
25	Tender document price	BDT 1,000.00 (one thousand).		
26	Tender package name	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in days
	Furniture and fixture for classrooms, laboratories, multi-purpose ICT lab, library and auditorium.	Patiya Govt. Collage, Chattogram	1,00,000.00	30 days
27	Name of official inviting tender	Professor Mohammad Mozzamel Hoque.		
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Principal.		
29	Address of official inviting tender	Patiya Govt. College, Patiya, Chattogram.		
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 0303556391/01876029046, E-mail: patiyagovtcollege@gmail.com		
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.			

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Invitation for International Tender

Memo No- 44.01.0000.057.11.053.20/1728/Betar
Date: 16/03/2021.

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/suppliers in their official pad for supply of following items as required by Bangladesh Police in FY 2020-2021.

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs		
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Police		
3.	Procuring Entity Name	SP (Logistics), Police Telecom Organization		
4.	Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of DMR Trunking (Tier-3) Radio on Turnkey Basis for Bangladesh Police.		
5.	Invitation Ref. No.	44.01.0000.057.11.053.20/1727/Betar		
6.	Date	16/03/2021		
Key Information				
7.	Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope (International)		
Funding Information				
8.	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)		
Particular Information				
9.	Tender Publication date	18 March 2021.		
10.	Tender last selling date	27 April 2021.		
11.	Tender closing date and time	28 April 2021 at 11:00 hrs.		
12.	Tender opening date and time (Technical offer only)	28 April 2021 at 11:30 hrs.		
Name & address of the office				
13.	Name & address of the office	Bangladesh Police, Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka.		
	Selling tender document	SP (Logistics), Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka.		
	Receiving tender document	Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka.		
	Opening tender document	Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka.		
14.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	1 st April 2021, at 12:30 hrs. at Police Telecom Conference Room (1 st Floor), Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
15.	Eligibility of Tenderer	1) Up to date Export license 2) Written confirmation authorizing the signatory of the tender in accordance with the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the Principal 3) Affidavit confirming the legal capacity and financial capability 4) Original full Brochure of products of the Principal 5) Other requirements described in the standard tender document (PG 5A).		
16.	Brief description of goods.			
Sl. No.	Description of Good	Price of tender document (Non-refundable)	Tender security	Completion time
1.	Lot-2: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of DMR Trunking (Tier-3) Radio on Turnkey Basis.	5,000/-	TK-17,85,000/- or USS-21,000.00	120 days from the Date of Opening L.C.
Procuring Entity Details				
17.	Name of official inviting tender	M. Anwar Jahid		
18.	Designation of the official inviting tender	SP (Logistics), Bangladesh Police, Rajarbag, Dhaka-1217.		
19.	Address of official inviting tender	Police Telecom Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka-1217.		
20.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: +880 2-8301253 FAX: +880 2-8301404, Mobile: + 88 01320-020041 e-mail: splog.telecom@police.gov.bd		
21.	The tenderers shall submit their Technical and Financial offer in separate sealed envelope. Furthermore both envelopes shall be covered by an outer envelope which is sealed.			
Special instructions				
22.	a) No tender will be received after the deadline of submission time & date. b) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason. c) The Procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item(s) of the tender. d) If not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time & same venue. e) Evaluation will be on item by item basis. f) Date of financial offer opening will be duly informed to the Technically Responsive Tenderers and their local agents. g) The Tenderer must comply with all requirements as per the tender data sheet provided with the tender schedule. h) The Tender Security shall be in the form of an irrevocable bank guarantee issued by an internationally reputable bank and shall require to be endorsed by its any correspondent bank located in Bangladesh. i) The Procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Regulation 2008.			

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