

Book fair begins in M'singh

BSS, Mymensingh

A seven-day book fair was inaugurated at Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin park in Mymensingh town yesterday, on occasion of the golden jubilee of independence.

Educationist Jatin Sarker inaugurated the fair by cutting a ribbon in the morning.

Mymensingh City Corporation Chief Executive Engineer Md Yusuf Ali presided over the ceremony.

The event was addressed, among others, by Divisional Commissioner Md Shaliquar Reza Biswas, Superintendent of Police Ahmar Uzzaman, journalist Babul Hossain, publisher Abdur Rab Mosharraf and Rajib Kumar Sarker.

A total of 37 publication institutions took part in the fair.

The fair will open at 3:00pm every day and will continue till 8:00pm.



Members of Bangladesh Plant Lovers' Society and Bangladesh Cactus Lovers' Society came together in front of Gulshan's Police Plaza to exchange plants, recognise top gardeners and share pleasantries among themselves.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

What's with all these plants at Hatirjheel?

Nature lovers host plant exchange event

HASSAN MUNHAMANNA

A curious huddle formed in front of Gulshan's Police Plaza in the capital from 9:00am yesterday. Beyond Hatirjheel's usual offering of greenery, the spot was graced with numerous plants and saplings.

This was part of an event, titled "BPLS Plant Exchange Event", organised by Facebook groups Bangladesh Plant Lovers' Society (BPLS) and Bangladesh Cactus Lovers' Society (BCLS).

It was exactly what the event's name suggests. Members of both groups came to the designated spot with various plants and seeds and exchanged them with those that others brought. Meanwhile, the organisers had some gifts to give away to new gardeners.

The idea may seem like a novelty, but the groups have been organising this for the last few years, first as a once or twice a year event, and now as a monthly gathering.

"Both the groups are dedicated to encourage and facilitate gardening," said Riche Akter, one of the organisers. "While BCLS is exclusively for cacti and succulents, BPLS is concerned with plants of all kind."

Through the groups, they provide everything

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh						
Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges						
Bridges Division						
Bangladesh Bridge Authority						
Support to Dhaka Elevated Expressway PPP Project						
Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka-1212						
www.bba.gov.bd						
Invitation for Tender						
1	Ministry/Division	Bridges Division, Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges.				
2	Agency	Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA).				
3	Purchaser name	Project Director, Support to Dhaka Elevated Expressway PPP Project, BBA, Dhaka.				
4	Purchaser code	Not available.				
5	Purchaser district	Dhaka.				
6	Invitation for	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of LP Gas (LPG) Storage tank including loading/unloading system, LPG reticulated system, underground pipe line network and smart pre-paid payment system for Resettlement Village of Dhaka Elevated Expressway PPP Project on Turnkey Basis.				
7	Invitation Ref No.	50.00.0000.551.00.317.2022-439				
8	Date	March 24, 2022.				
KEY INFORMATION						
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM), Single Stage Two Envelop (Turnkey Basis).				
FUNDING INFORMATION						
10	Budget and source of funds	GoB Fund.				
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION						
12	Project/program code (if applicable)	224104600.				
13	Project/program name (if applicable)	Support to Dhaka Elevated Expressway PPP Project, BBA.				
14	Tender package No.	1 (one)				
15	Tender package name	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of LP Gas Storage tank including loading/unloading system, LPG reticulated system, underground pipe line network and smart pre-paid metering system for Resettlement Village of Dhaka Elevated Expressway PPP Project on Turnkey Basis.				
16	Tender publication date	Date: March 24, 2022.				
17	Tender last selling date	Date:	April 24, 2022	Time:	During office hours	
18	Tender closing date and time	Date:	April 25, 2022	Time:	12:30pm (noon)	
19	Tender opening date and time	Date:	April 25, 2022	Time:	02:30pm	
20	Name & address of the office(s)					
	Selling tender document (Principal)	Accounts Section, Dhaka Elevated Expressway PPP Project, Level-9, Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka.				
	Selling tender document (Others)	Not applicable.				
	Receiving tender document	Conference Room (2nd floor), Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka.				
	Opening tender document	Conference Room (2nd floor), Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka.				
21	Pre-tender meeting	A Pre-Tender meeting shall be held on April 07, 2022; 11:00am.				
	Place of pre-tender meeting	Office of the Project Director, Dhaka Elevated Expressway PPP Project, Room# 901, BBA, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212.				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER						
22	Eligibility of tenderer	i) General experience: The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 05 (Five) years of overall experience in the field of Supply of Bulk LPG as a Contractor in government/Semi-government/private organization. (Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper). ii) Specific experience: The minimum specific experience as a Contractor in Supply, Installation, testing & Commissioning of Bulk LPG storage tank facilities (minimum single tank capacity of 15,000 liter), LPG reticulated system, Underground LPG distribution pipeline networks and LP Gas metering systems of at least 01 (one) contract successfully completed within the last 05 (five) years with a value of at least BDT 5.00 (Five) crore in government/Semi-government/ private organization. (Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper). The experience should meet in a single contract. iii) The required average annual turnover shall be greater than 25 (Twenty Five) Crore within the last 5 (Five) years. iv) The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the Tenderer shall be 5.00 (Five) Crore.				
23	Brief description of goods	1. LP Gas Storage tank including loading/unloading system 2. LPG reticulated system 3. Underground pipe line network 4. Smart pre-paid metering system 5. Other related works as per requirement.				
24	Brief description of related services	Not applicable.				
25	Lot	Identification of Lot	Location	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in months
	1	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of LP Gas Storage tank including loading/unloading system, LPG reticulated system, underground pipe line network and smart pre-paid metering system for Resettlement Village of Dhaka Elevated Expressway PPP Project on Turnkey Basis.	Diabari, Uttara, Dhaka	3000.00 (Three thousand only)	BDT 20.00 lac (Tk. Twenty Lac Only)	06 (Six) months
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS						
26	Name of official inviting tender	A H M S Aktar.				
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.				
28	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212.				
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No. : 88-02-55040401		Fax No. :-		
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.					
				A H M S Aktar Project Director Ph: 02-55040401 E-mail: pddes2019@gmail.com		

PHA announces fellowships for country's doctors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Planetary Health Academia (PHA) announced travelling fellowships for Bangladesh's specialist doctors during a conference in the capital yesterday.

Dr Tasbirul Islam, chairperson of PHA and clinical associate professor at Indiana University Arnett Hospital, announced the fellowships.

Under the programme, six to eight physicians will receive first-hand experience in the US and UK hospitals for six to eight weeks.

The fellows will be selected through a standard competitive process, in collaboration with Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons and other relevant institutions.

Formed in July 2020 by Bangladeshi physicians working abroad, PHA has so far run 200 sessions and recruited over 150 faculty members from all over the world.

"I cannot express in words how we, Diabetic Association of Bangladesh, have been benefitted through the sessions. I express my sincerest gratitude to you," Prof AK Azad Khan, founder president of the association, said while speaking at the event as chief guest.

PHA has also pledged to continue its distance learning programme with its other programmes, including the PHA campus ambassador in medical colleges in Bangladesh and basic life support for all.

Abdul Muktaadir, chairperson and managing director, Incepta Pharmaceuticals Ltd, was present at the conference as special guest.

'Be better prepared as a community'

Dhaka schools get capacity building training on disaster risk reduction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Community members, including school students and teachers, have been encouraged to become more aware and responsible to practice Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and strengthen the government's effort in tackling disasters like earthquakes, waterlogging and fire incidents, under a joint project.

SEEDS Asia, a Japanese DRR organisation, in partnership with Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), initiated the project titled "School-based Capacity Building for Enhanced DRR in Dhaka North City Corporation" to create awareness about tackling disasters.

SEEDS piloted the project at two Dhaka schools – Mirpur Model Academy, and Lalmatia Housing Society School and College – to implement the DRR approach, so that both students and teachers can make their respective areas resilient to such disasters.


Latif Bari, assistant headmaster of Mirpur Model Academy, said they made a team of 12 teachers and received training from the Japanese experts on how to act during any kind of disaster. They will relay the training to students of every class once a week.

Miharu Sato, project coordinator of SEEDS Asia, said another DRR campaign has also been launched to encourage people to take action in making the city safer and stronger from natural and human-induced disasters.

DNCC's additional chief engineer Dr Tariq Bin Yusuf said DNCC is committed to making the city safer and stronger from various disasters and has been actively carrying out various DRR projects.

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