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Business Forum begins today

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Two-day Asia Pacific Business Forum (APBF) begins today in Dhaka, which will discuss importance of regional integration for achieving sustainable development goals by 2030.

International Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) in Dhaka are jointly organis-

ing the programme with the support from the Commerce Ministry.

President Abdul Hamid is expected to inaugurate the programme at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the city.

The APBF aimed to provide best platform for regional public-private sector dialogue on the role and needs of business in achieving inclusive, resilient and sustainable development.

APBF consists of 53 member

states, nine associate members, ESCAP secretariat, ESCAP Business Advisory Council (EBAC) and Sustainable Business Network (ESBN).

Top government officials from Asia-Pacific countries, UN agencies, global private sector leaders and experts will join at the venue to discuss different issues.

Launched in 2004 in Shanghai, APBF worked as a pan-Asian multi-stakeholder network that has been hosted in various locations. ●

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Asia Pacific business confce in city today

A two-day international business conference titled 'Asia Pacific Business Forum (APBF) 2017' to begin in Dhaka on Wednesday with special focus on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The theme of the forum is "Regional Integration to Achieve Sustainable Development" as envisaged by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030.

The International Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh (ICC,B) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) will jointly host the event.

APBF is the flagship regional business forum organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

APBF forum held annually with the mission to provide the best platform for regional public-private dialogue on the role and needs of business in achieving inclusive, resilient and sustainable development.

The multi-stakeholder forum, being held in the city for the first time, has been hosted in various

locations, such as Almaty, Bangkok, Colombo, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, and Kunming.

President Md Abdul Hamid is scheduled to inaugurate the APBF 2017, organisers said.

Besides international speakers and experts, there are more than 400 delegates from home and abroad registered for this conference.

It is being attended by members from the Asia and Pacific countries from the governments, civil society and the business.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, Commerce Minister of Nepal Romi Gauchan Thakali, Sri Lankan Industry and Commerce Minister Rishad Bathiudeen, Secretary

General of UNCTAD Dr Mukhisa Kituyi, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Vice-President (Operations), Asian Development Bank (ADB) Wencai Zhang, Group Chairman, Fung Group Dr Victor K Fung, ICC,B President Mahbubur Rahman and its Vice President and Chairman Transcom Group Latifur Rahman will speak.

On Thursday, there will be one plenary and six business sessions. The plenary session will be on Linking Business with the Sustainable Development Goals: What Can We Do?

The closing session will be moderated by distinguished fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Debapriya Bhattacharya. —UNB

THE News Today

Wednesday
February 8, 2017

Asia-Pacific business forum begins in city today

A two-day Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF) begins in the city today (Wednesday) to provide the best platform for regional public-private dialogue on the role and needs of business in achieving inclusive, resilient and sustainable development, reports BSS.

President MAbdul Hamid is expected to inaugurate the two-day flagship regional business event at the Sonargaon Hotel in the city, said a press release.

ICCB, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in Dhaka are jointly organising the forum. The forum will be held under the patronage of the Commerce Ministry.

The theme of the 2017 forum is "Regional Integration to Achieve Sustainable Development".

Delegations from different countries including Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bhutan, and organisations including the International Chamber of Commerce, UNESCAP, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and Asian Development Bank will take part in the event.

The APBF will hold its substantive sessions linked to the theme of "Promoting Trade and Investment for the Successful Implementation of SDGs" on the following topics: Resilience: Role of Business in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption; New Energy Realities: Building a Resilient and Low-carbon Future and Supporting Trade and Transport Facilities for Regional Integration.