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## Technology Transfer

### Global Cruiser: An Environment-friendly Electric Motorbike

Unlike other electric vehicles in the market the Swiss-based non-profit Global Cruiser Association's Global Cruiser is an electric motorbike has been specially designed to serve the day-to-day needs of families and tradesmen in developing countries as an affordable 'pro-environment' type of city transport. MIDAS has taken the initiative to field test the Global Cruiser.

A press conference was organized to introduce an environmental-friendly electric motorbike in Bangladesh at MIDAS Centre on March 8, 2014. The event received coverage in electronic media BTV, the national news channel and leading dailies like The Daily Star and New Age. Mr. S.M. Al-Husainy, Chairman, MIDAS Board; Mr. Bazlur Rahman Khan, Director, MIDAS Board; Dr. Ishtiaque Zaman, Managing Director, MIDAS; Engr. Md. Tariquzzaman Talukder, Sales Manager, Rahimafrooz and others were present at the event and received.

## Training

### Collaboration with Department of Youth Development (DYD) under the Ministry of Youth and Sports

Both Department of Youth Development (DYD) and MIDAS plan on jointly initiating a comprehensive Human Resource Development Project. The objective of the project is to create overseas as well as local employment and entrepreneur development by providing need based training to the youth. The Technical Assistance Project Proforma (TAPP) will be jointly submitted by DYD and MIDAS for



MD of MIDAS Ishtiaque A. Zaman, PhD is presenting the proposed DYD-MIDAS Human Resource Development Project

### পরিবেশবান্ধব মোটরসাইকেল 'গ্লোবাল ক্রুজার' এখন বাংলাদেশে

অধুনিক বিশেষত্ব : যন্ত্রাঙ্গের কমে খোঁয়া, অতিমাত্রার কার্বন নিঃসরণ, বায়ু দূষণ, যানজট ইত্যাদি বিষয়গুলো জনবহুল শহরগুলোয় অন্য নিত্যনৈমিত্তিক ব্যাপার। আর এ থেকে উত্তরণে সুইজারল্যান্ডভিত্তিক প্রতিষ্ঠান 'গ্লোবাল ক্রুজার এসোসিয়েশন'-এর উদ্ভাবিত নতুন ক্রিয়াকর্মীত মোটরসাইকেল 'গ্লোবাল ক্রুজার' এখন বাংলাদেশে। ইতোমধ্যে বাংলাদেশে এর বিক্রি সেন্টারের উদ্বোধন সম্পন্ন করা হয়েছে। ৩য় বাংলাদেশে নয়, পাদশাসি ভিত্তিক নিউজেল্যান্ড এবং বিশ্ব টেকনিকের কাজ করে। এতে মোটরসাইকেলটি একতরফে কঠোর দুর্ভোগ অতিক্রম করে, ভ্রমণে সহজ, স্পীডের বিভিন্ন পরীক্ষা করা হবে। গতকাল বাংলাদেশে পরিবেশবান্ধব মোটরসাইকেল 'গ্লোবাল ক্রুজার'-এর পরিচিতিমূলক প্রেসকনফারেন্স আয়োজন করা হয়েছে।



MIDAS Board Chairman SM Al Husainy, Managing Director Dr Ishtiaque Zaman and Director Bazlur Rahman Khan and Rahimafrooz Sales Manager Engr Md Tariquzzaman Talukder seen, among others, at a press conference in the city on Saturday arranged to introduce an environment friendly electric motorbike 'Global Cruiser'.

government approval and donor funding. The duration of the project would be 5 years. The budget for the first 3 years would be BDT 49 crore (USD 6 million) reaching BDT 100 crore (USD 12.5 million) by the end of the project period.

Mr. Asit Kumar Mukutmoni, Director General of DYD will be chairing the project while, Ishtiaque A Zaman, Managing Director of MIDAS will be the Project Director (PD).

## Training for SEQAEP

Recently Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, Honourable Education Minister credited trained English and Mathematics teachers and Additional Classes (ACs) for remarkable nationwide result at Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination. These activities are being implementing the World Bank financed Secondary Education Quality Access and Enhancement Project (SEQAEP). MIDAS is a partner of SEQAEP.

During the first quarter of 2014, MIDAS arranged eight batches of one-day Refresher's Training for 1,205 members of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Moreover, 159 Resource Teaches attended the six-day Basic Training for English and Mathematics Resource Teachers (RTs) in two batches.

## Six-day Long Trainings for English and Math Resource Teachers (RTs) and Concluding Ceremony on February 2014



Δ Mr. Ujjwal Bikash Dutta, Member, Planning Commission



Δ Mr. Istiaque Ahmad, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Division



Δ Certificate giving ceremony of first training session



Δ Mr. Masud Ahmed, Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh



Δ Mr. Ziauddin Ahmed DG, Anti-Corruption Commission



Δ Hands-on training of Resource Teachers (RTs)



Δ Dr. Muhammed Sadique Education Secretary



Δ Mr. Md. Shahid Bakhtiar Alam PD, SEQAEP



Δ Certificate giving ceremony of second training session

## Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Head Teacher Trainings during January to March 2014



Δ Prof. Fahima Khatun Director General, DSHE



Δ Prof. Dr. Md. Sirazul Hoque Director, Planning & Development, DSHE



Δ Mr. S M Al Husainy Chairman, MIDAS

## Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Head Teacher Trainings during January to March 2014



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Additional Secretary, Cabinet Division



Δ Mr. Martuza Ahmed,  
Secretary, Ministry of Information



Δ Mr. Tapan Kumar Karmaker,  
Additional Secretary, Finance Division

## Study and Research

### Feasibility Study of BDG-Oji Paper Mills Ltd

A possible joint venture between, Oji Paper Company Ltd, a Japanese manufacturer of paper products which is the 6th-largest paper manufacturing company in the world and Bangladesh Development Group (BDG), a noted business conglomerate with diversified businesses including paper, spinning, real estate, knitting, information technology, water purification and solar power, is BDG-Oji Paper Mills Ltd. MIDAS carried out a feasibility study to determine the total investment requirement, profitability, market potential and technical inputs to manufacture Paper Liner and Kraft Liner mainly for the packaging industries.

## Publications

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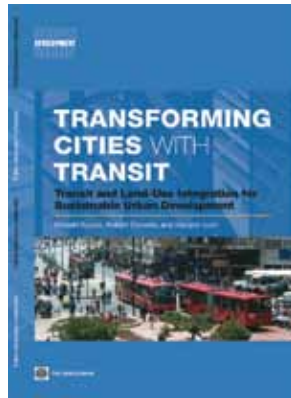
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