

BASIS 20th AGM held in city Calls to create an inclusive growth ecosystem & foster ICT growth



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Aiming to create an inclusive growth eco-system and foster the development of ICT Sector, Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) held its 20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) today at Institutions of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB).

BASIS's president Syed Almas Kabir presided over the AGM, where more than two hundred members of BASIS were present. Alongside the president, Senior Vice President Farhana A Rahman, Vice President (Admin) Shoeb Ahmed Masud, Vice President (Finance) MushfiqurRahman, Director Tamzid Siddiq Spondon and Director DidarulAlam were also present.

Vice President (Admin) Shoeb Ahmed Masud briefed the members about BASIS 2018's activities through his presentation. Where, Vice President (Finance) Mushfiqur Rahman presented audit report for the year 2017-18. After the presentation members took part in the conversation regarding both of the issues.

In his speech, BASIS president Syed Almas Kabir said,

we are now the part of our development. Government and Non-government stakeholders look up to us, seeks our suggestion to regulate the ICT Industry of Bangladesh. Together we will create better growth eco-system. It will foster the development of ICT Sector.

He added, with the help of everyone BASIS has successfully organized The Largest Regional Technology Congress- 15th BASIS SoftExpo. In this regard BASIS EC & members present there thanked BASIS SoftExpo 2019's Convener & Senior Vice President of BASIS Farhana A Rahman for her relentless efforts to make this event a great success.

Other issues those have come into the lime light of 20th AGM are: strengthening BASIS secretariat, prioritizing local ICT companies in government projects, industry research etc. BASIS's members put forth their point of views regarding these issues.

Former BASIS presidents, former directors of BASIS, Standing committee members, Chairman and Co-chairman were also present.

Seeds for the Future 2019

10 talent students awarded for outstanding performance in ICT

Huawei, world's leading ICT solutions provider has announced 10 outstanding ICT talents from five renowned universities of Bangladesh. Selected students' names have been declared at a gala event of 'Seeds for the future' 2019 held at the Amari Dhaka Hotel at Dhaka on April 3, 2019.

The selected students are- TasfiaZahin and Sarkar SnigdhoSarathi Das of Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET), Mayeesha Farzana and Koushik Kumar of Dhaka University (DU), TasfiaSeuti and Minhaz Bin Farukeef of Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET), Atia Islam Ankhi and Jahedul Islam of Khulna University of Engineering & Technology (KUET), Monisha Dey and Kamrul Hasan of Chittagong University of Engineering & Technology (CUET).

The award winner students received a two-week hands-on learning experience in Beijing and Shenzhen, says a press release.

A total of 6000 students from 5 universities took part in the primary screening session. In collaboration with the respective faculties and Huawei expert team, Huawei selected these top students to travel to China and learn about technologies.

The program was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Mustafa Jabbar.

"Bangladesh is now going to become completely digital in a very short period. So we need more young ICT talents to cope with the changing environment. We need to build young people talents for the Future 2019", he said.

Mr. Li Guangjun, Economic and Commercial Counselor from the Embassy of China in Bangladesh was the special guest of the event. Mr. Zhang Zhengjun, CEO of Huawei Technologies (Bangladesh) Ltd. was also present at the event.

CEO of Huawei Technologies (Bangladesh) Limited Zhang Zhengjun said, "Seeds for the Future" is the company's most heavily invested CSR program worldwide. This program focuses solely on the development of young ICT talents through world-class ICT technologies.

"I believe that, at the end of this program, students will enhance their ability to adapt to the ICT industry, and gain more exposure and understanding of the latest technologies."



ICT Minister Mustafa Jabbar and CEO of Huawei Bangladesh Zhang Zhengjun with top 10 students in gala event of "Seeds for the Future 2019"

IPDC conducts “INVESTORS MEET”

IPDC Finance, the first private sector non-banking financial institution of the country, has conducted an enlightening session of their performance, benchmarks, key strategic initiatives and the challenges that lay ahead.

The session titled “Investors Meet” was conducted recently at Westin of the Capital.

Existing and potential investors were pleased to learn the exemplary performance of the company within a span of three years of laying its strategic initiatives.

After the onset of BRAC, the largest and No.1 non-governmental organization of the world as one of the major shareholder, IPDC had realigned their focus on nationwide spread with diversified services to steer up its next phase of growth and has been successfully implementing the newly defined strategies for the upcoming years. These strategies include ‘A Home for Every Family’, ‘Empowering Women’, ‘Creating Entrepreneurs’, ‘Beyond Mega Cities’ and ‘Bring Convenience at Home’.

From IPDC, Mominul Islam, Managing Director and CEO; Rizwan Dawood Shams, DMD & Head of Business Finance; Md. Kyser Hamid, DMD & Head of Retail Business & other high officials were present at

the event.

Also, representatives from LankaBangla Investments, BRAC EPL Investments LTD, IIDFC Capital Limited, CAPM Advisory, Brummer & Partners (Bangladesh) & other notable financial institutions were also present in the event.

Addressing the session, Mominul Islam, Managing Director & CEO IPDC Finance Limited speaking at the occasion said his company and his team have created a holistic approach and introduced a digital platform and product namely Orjon for Supply Chain Finance and Bhalo Basha i.e. Affordable Home loan beyond megacities and many other in process.”

Deedarul Huq Khan, Chief Executive Officer, BRAC EPL Investments LTD in his speech focused the IPDC’s overall performance and said that IPDC over the years has attained an astounding transformation by growing its business tenfold and reducing the NPL from one of the highest in the country to one of the lowest around at 1.2%.

A profit growth of 120% year over year in the first quarter of 2019 itself is an indicator of its diligence, he added.

E-commerce fair in divisional spots to boost digital shopping culture

Bangladesh Post Office and the e-Commerce Association of Bangladesh (e-CAB) have taken an awareness program across the country to promote digital shopping culture among consumers. The program includes a series of e-Commerce Fair in the regional headquarters of post offices in 8 divisional headquarters. The Post and Telecom Minister Mustafa Jabbar inaugurated the program in Chottogram on March 31 last.

Foremost e-commerce companies are programmed to display their products and services while there

will be seminars on e-commerce matters besides concerts, said e-CAB General Secretary Abdul WahedTomal.

The program would be concluded with the final event in Dhaka on May 18, he said.

Tomal said 70 percent of business all over the world would be carried out by online from 2025 and Bangladesh needs to get ready for that. Every year the e-CAB celebrates 7th April as a national e-commerce day and during April 7-13 they would also celebrate an e-commerce week.

