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Poco launches 3 new smartphones in the country

Smartphone brand Poco launched three new devices in Bangladesh today- Poco X3 NFC, Poco M2 and Poco C3. This is the second time that the brand has introduced products in Bangladesh, with the launch of POCO F1 earlier in 2018.

Poco X3 NFC

Poco X3 NFC runs on Qualcomm's most powerful 4G+ processor to date, the Snapdragon™ 732G. Its architecture is based on the Kryo™ TM 470 octa-core CPU and Adreno™ 618 GPU. Poco X3 NFC sports an edge-to-edge 6.67" FHD+, top-notch rear quad-camera system consisting of a

64MP main camera, 13MP ultra-wide angle camera, 2MP macro camera and a 2MP depth sensor, 5000 mAh battery.

Poco M2

Poco M2 comes with a MediaTek® Helio™ G80 octa-core processor with two Cortex-A75 cores at 2.0GHz and six Cortex-A55 cores at 1.8GHz. With 6GB of RAM, 6.53" Full HD+ display at a resolution of 2340 × 1080 and an aspect ratio of 19.5:9, 13MP primary sensor, 8MP ultra-wide sensor, 5MP macro sensor and a 2MP depth sensor, 8MP ultra-wide camera with 118-degree field of view

and 5000 mAh battery to go with the aforementioned components, Poco M2 makes for a well-rounded device.

Poco C3

Poco C3 comes with a 6.53" HD+ display with a resolution of 1600 × 720, an AI Triple Camera setup consisting of a 13MP primary sensor, 2MP macro sensor and a 2MP depth sensor. With a 5000 mAh Better Battery 2.0 technology, users can expect extended longevity. Poco C3 is powered by the MediaTek® Helio™ G35 8-core processor with Cortex-A53 cores clocked up to 2.3GHz.

New iPhone's to aid the visually impaired

Apple is bringing an accessibility feature into the latest beta of iOS: a system that detects the presence of and distance to people so blind users can social distance effectively.

The feature emerged from Apple's ARKit as the accessibility team realised that this, combined with the accurate distance measurements provided by the lidar units on the iPhone 12 Pro and Pro Max, could be useful for anyone with visual impairment.

The new feature will tell the users when people nearby, or if anyone is moving or approaching. It will also allow users to set tones and haptic pulse corresponding to certain distances.



Netflix testing a cable like linear content channel

Netflix is testing out a programmed linear content channel, similar to what you get with standard broadcast and cable TV, for the first time. It'll be accessed via Netflix's browser-based website and it will be initially available in France only.

It will show TV shows and movies from Netflix's existing content library. According to Netflix, the reason to start with France is a lot of viewers there tends to like watching programming without having



to select what they're going to watch next. Netflix previously launched "Shuffle" that would play content based on recommendation.

New bikes this week

Yamaha goes electric, Suzuki rice up their GSX-R150

Remember we talked about Yamaha working on an electric motor a few weeks ago? Well, they have transitioned to making a full-on motorcycle. The new Yamaha e-Vino is an adorable small urban moped with a range of 29-58 Km. It's 580W can push the 68 kilograms bike to a top speed of 44 km/h, meaning the drag race between two of these will be a game of "who weigh less". The e-Vino is currently limited to Japan only, with each one setting you back \$2,505. Granted, a small city moped is what we think or expect from Yamaha, but on the bright side, things



can only go up from here.

Suzuki's local flagship motorcycle got its annual update, and along with it came a new paint job. The GSX-R150 MotoGP edition features the same livery as their Ecstar winning GSX-RR racing bike, manging to looks like a mini-version of the 1000cc monster.



Of course, it's the same bog-standard 150cc bike underneath, though it does come with dual-channel ABS as standard. The bike just got its official debut in Indonesia and will like eventually make it over here. we just hope the standard ABS option makes the trip this time.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Does it blend?

Our lives. We step back and think, do we want to blend in? Or stand out? Or take the path less travelled whether anyone notices or not? Study hard, become a doctor/engineer and buy a boring Toyota Allion to show you've arrived. That's the standard mantra. Or live by your own rules. Become a doctor. Or work at Amazon and face personal challenges because you are travelling a path others haven't shown how to. This week, we speak to Bangladeshi workers at Amazon. How are their lives different? We meet people who restore previously unloved scooters. It's a strange and intriguing group of people who prefer the quieter, subtler more relaxed lifestyle that comes with owning a Vespa. And we have Krav Maga: a self defense technique that focuses on survival than winning contests. Much needed, isn't it?

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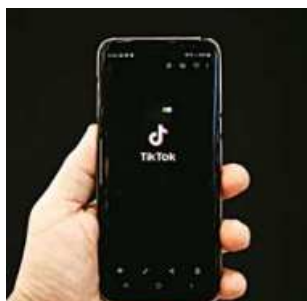
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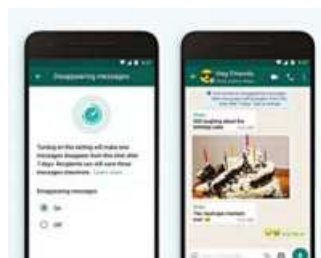
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Want to beat the crowd? Upgrade your emotional intelligence

NOMROTA SARKER

Emotional Intelligence refers to the ability to recognise, understand and regulate our own emotions as well as do the same with others'. In practical terms, this means being aware of the fact that emotions have a significant impact on human behaviour and decisions both positively and negatively. Created by Peter Salavoy and John Mayer, this term gained popularity in 1996.

In modern-day and age, emotional intelligence is more valued than any other form of intelligence. For the development of interpersonal relationships between peers, colleagues and even friends and family, this can be a game-changer in establishing clear and meaningful communication. EQ is also very much celebrated for its significant contribution in self-development and professional growth.

The Four Quadrants

Emotional intelligence is all about channelling one's energy and feelings into exciting and positive pathways through building awareness of emotional logic. Emotional intelligence revolves around four quadrants with which a person's emotional excellence is determined. The quadrants are Self-awareness, Social recognition, Self-management and Social relationship management.

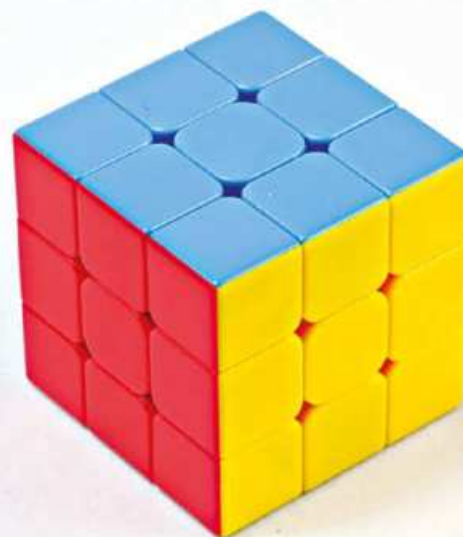
Self-Awareness

Self-awareness typically reflects

interpersonal communication. This quadrant is concerned with how well you understand yourself and your personal psychology. Self-awareness is the first step towards a better perspective of the vision that you might have for yourself. This includes closely inspecting your own personality and learning styles, mental attitudes and states, strengths and weaknesses, stress levels and spirituality. In simpler terms, it is the attempt you need to take to address your feelings for exactly what they are instead of trying to relate it to a similar yet non-applicable scenario for yourself.

Social Recognition

The social recognition scale reflects your consideration of the feelings and responses of others. This is where empathy plays a crucial role. It is important to maintain sensitivity to the moods and emotions of others because it allows for superior intuition and connection. Often with a classmate or



a colleague communication can seem to be hard if their emotions are opaque to you. Social recognition is that step you take to be attentive and listen to them with an intention to build effective communication with them. It is how you show your control over the external factors and scenarios. The key element for social recognition is your 'reaction' to your surroundings and how you tackle its consequences.

Self-Management

Self-management reflects indicates self-evaluation coupled with self-regulation. 'Indulgent' behaviour is what we are trying to avoid here. This quadrant is only concerned with your internal discipline and your ability to achieve personal objectives. In the case of developing inner resolutions, self-management is the key quadrant that can build an achievement-oriented outlook for you. It can give you a direction, as to how to start working on yourself and bring back the discipline in your life.

Social Relationship Management

Social Relationship management includes interpersonal skills and focuses intelligence on generating results. This social intelligence fosters collaboration and connection to tap the power of synergy. This quadrant pulls together the other 3 dimensions and creates the final product; relationship management. Often if we have the other three dimensions figured out, this will flow more naturally. Relationship management can be used to influence those around us to make a good decision. We can sense others' reactions to the situation and fine-tune our response to move the interaction in a positive direction. This comes in handy in the case of collaboration, team management and good leadership as well.

If you are wanting to start 2020 on a positive note by focusing more on self-love, develop emotional intelligence for better mental health that will eventually open doors for self-development and personal growth in the future.

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Bangladeshis at Big Tech: What's it like to work at Amazon?

REHENUMA RAYSA

E-commerce and cloud computing colossus Amazon is one of the biggest companies in the world and a dream workplace to tech enthusiasts everywhere. Many Bangladeshis desire to work at Amazon; hence, we talked to Software Development Engineers Aunik Ahmed and Ahmed Faiyaj from Amazon to get some valuable insights about their journey of getting selected for their respective positions, their experience of navigating their way through the Amazon's selection procedure while asking them for advice for those, who want to work at Amazon in the future as we hope to see more Bangladeshis achieving their dreams and joining the company's workforce.

The experience of working at Amazon has been very exciting, humbling and rewarding for Aunik Ahmed as he is enjoying working with a great team that supports him and gives him the space to learn and grow at his own pace, and although he was not prepared for the sheer amount of responsibilities that came along with the job, it became an opportunity for him to grow even more and continuously improve himself to keep up with his colleagues. His surreal experience is what drives him to keep working for Big Tech. "My work is challenging and gives me a real sense of accomplishment, knowing that whatever I'm working on will be used by millions of people around the world; unfortunately, not yet in Bangladesh though", said he.

He also assured future Amazon employees that there are perks of working at Amazon; it is not all work and no play. One will find plenty of people sharing similar interests and to do fun activities together. "I play games a lot, so I have joined several clash teams in League of Legends, we play Among Us every Friday, and we are in the process of convincing our managers to get a PS5 for our floor. Also, there are happy hours on Fridays, various informal hangouts and activities throughout each month while the pay is amazing and employees get a lot of discounts at really cool places," added he.

Meanwhile, this is Ahmed Faiyaj's first time working in a large company like Amazon, and from the software development process perspective, he is finding it quite similar to start-ups. However, working at Amazon becomes challenging when scaling and customer impact gets considered as his work can break the site, which can impact millions of customers worldwide. Also, he has to communicate with multiple teams and go through multiple steps before pushing his work to the live site or server. He said, "so far, working at Amazon feels like more responsibilities, more communication and process-oriented

than working at other companies; especially the early-stage unicorn level start-up, where I had worked before joining Amazon". Faiyaj shared his experience on what had worked for him in achieving this success saying, "I applied online on Amazon's website and later, they sent me some coding questions through an online exam system, I submitted my code. After a week, I got an email from a recruiter that they want me to go through the on-site interview. As the pandemic had started, I did the on-site interview fully remotely. There were four interviews - three coding interviews and one system design interview. All the interviews contained behavioural questions as well. The whole interview process was quite smooth and friendly, and the interview questions were quite standard and without any surprises. After one week, they sent me the job offer."

requires patience, hard work and perseverance. Since new graduates without internship experiences have a hard time understanding other people's code, Aunik Ahmed suggests that interested candidates should put in the hours and effort to drive their growth and deliver results accordingly. Moreover, he cautioned to expect a lot of struggles and have "impostor syndrome" almost all the time as what he finds scarier is the fact that his teammates are incredibly talented people who make him doubt his abilities and place on the team. The work is quite challenging, and unlike anything, one has ever done before. The deadlines just serve to increase the pressure even more. "These are normal things that every recruit goes through, and trust me it eventually gets better if one is not discouraged by the pressure and is passionate enough to keep moving forward. If not, they should reconsider

in online programming contests, read about the latest technologies and use cases, do some pet-projects, work on communication skills, and look for online resources or questions related to Big Tech company job interviews to find out what skills you are lacking and work on it. Last but not the least, you may fail at the interview; do not get frustrated, do not lose faith, learn from the mistakes, and do more practice to make yourself better," he asserted.

Moreover, according to Aunik Ahmed, it is very straightforward to get into Big Tech as surprising as it may sound. There are three steps Bangladeshi students should take.

First of all, people applying at Big Tech have stellar resumes. Almost everyone who gets selected has either had some sort of internship experience, research experience, teaching experience or impressive side projects. As it is difficult for students in Bangladesh to get relevant coding internships, they should deep dive into making as many astounding side projects as possible to help them stand out among the crowd. It does not matter which university they have attended as long as everything else on the resume is what the recruiters are looking for.

Secondly, they need to prepare like there is no second chance, for if they fail to get into any of the Big Tech companies, they will have to wait for another 6-12 months to re-apply, and by the time they re-apply, they might have already fallen behind everyone else. So, to seize the opportunity, after the resume gets selected for online exams, they should learn and practice all coding fundamentals and behavioural questions. Aunik Ahmed highly recommended solving as many problems as possible on Leetcode and try to grasp the concepts properly so that it becomes easy to innovate when the time comes. The other big thing is to prepare for behavioural interviews by practising the STAR method. Prospective employees must be prepared to answer any sort of behavioural question using the STAR method.

Thirdly, it is mandatory to give online exams for any of the Big Tech companies to get selected. The format is different for each one but still, it is compulsory to take them to be considered for further interviews. So, if their resumes get selected, and they pass the online exams and if they are confident about their preparation for coding and behavioural questions, they should try doing timed mock interviews with their friends. These practices will be really useful in actual interviews. Finally, he advised trying not to panic too much during any of the exams or interviews. Being calm and collected is key to succeeding.



SCOOT OVER FOR OLD-SCHOOL COOL

Vespa owners meet 2020

RAHBAR AL HAQ

The gentlefolk from the Vespa Club Bangladesh once again put on their suits and got together for the love for their two-wheeled wonders. The meet was held 6th October, Friday on Chef's Table Courtside at 100 Feet Road. Sponsored by Petronas Bangladesh along with Prothom Alo, Turbine, Chef's table courtside, Sama, Bismillah Enterprise, the event was the largest the club held to date with over 205 registered members taking part.

Over 150 of the amazing machines adorned Chef's Table's parking lot, with examples ranging from original and unrestored classics to brand new Vespa LX from Runner automobiles.

Of this varied collection, a series of 1960's Vespa VBB and Supers stood out the most. Some of these amazing machines were meticulously restored while others were preserved in their beautifully aged original condition. Not wanting to be left out, a 1974 Super Beetle also sneaked in with the group, complementing the collection with its bug eyes. Approximately another 100 mopeds also took part in the event, representing other brands such as Roadmaster and TVS.

Founded by Rupok Rahaman in 2013 as a Facebook group, this club is one of the largest and most active owners' clubs in the country, with a total of 11,000 members. 3,000 of that are active members who routinely take part in the club's various events. It was founded with a desire to restore and preserve the classic Piaggio models, many of which



were left on the wayside with the rising popularity of Japanese imports. Although starting small, the club soon exploded in popularity, with more and more people falling in love with the Italian two-wheelers.

Md Didarul Islam, better known as Sujan Vw, is one of the admins of the club and runs a shop specialising in restoring classic Vespas and Volkswagen Beetles. He told us the biggest challenge in restoring these vintage machines is the availability of parts. A carburetor for

a classic model can cost up to 42,000 taka. Full restorations can skyrocket five to ten lakhs. However, the cost can be cut down by a lot if the owner chooses to forgo originality and use Indian parts. Sujan runs this shop not for profit, but for his passion for preserving these classics. A passion that is shared by the other members of the club.

Farishta Jayas, another of the club's admins, talked passionately about rebuilding his Ruby 1961 VBB Vespa 150, with plans for traveling the country with his Vespa someday. Another moderator, Sam D'Costa, also spoke similarly about Ivy, his restored silver 1964 VBB prominently displaying a Shift sticker.

Malik Talha, a collector of various classic vehicles and a key organizer of this event, had this to say:

"The Vespa club Bangladesh is by far the largest active club in the country. Clubs like Super Tuner are bigger sure, but they do not represent a single brand of vehicle. The owners here are diverse and passionate about their vehicles. No other club has held a meet of this scale."

If you are a fan of these Italian classics and not a fan of the rowdy lifestyle of an average motorcyclist, be sure to hit up the Vespa Club of Bangladesh. Just remember to get yourself a Vespa, a suit and follow the rules laid out by the club to get the full "gentleman's life" experience.

Photos: Akif Hamid



Top 5 under 15: The best budget smartwatch and bands you can buy now

SHAHRIAR RAHMAN

Finally, we live in a time where smartwatches and bands have made their rightly place amongst us. From tracking your health to checking the notifications you missed, these wearables are becoming household staple. With decline cost of the transistors, some of these gadgets have become really affordable for anyone to buy. Here we have listed the best five budget wearables for your wrist:

Haylou Solar LS05

Despite being one of the underdogs of smartwatch business, Haylou is immensely popular globally as well in Bangladesh. Solar LS05 is an amazing round screen wearable and a must buy if you want to accurately track your fitness activities at an unbelievably affordable price. But make sure you are ok with the low-resolution screen before buying.

Price: Tk 2,400-2,900/-



Xiaomi Mi Band 5

With a with relatively bigger display on a narrow band, Xiaomi Mi Band 5 has created quite the craze in the market. It offers above average sport tracking, superb battery backup, and decent value for money.

Price: Tk. 3,000-3,500/-

Realme watch

Offspring of the youth-centric smartphone brand Realme, the device has is quite comfortable to wear. It offers decent fitness tracking and blood oxygen monitoring but lacks in terms of processing power.

Price: Tk. 4,490-5,000/-



Amazfit GTR

Gaining its popularity in late 2018, Amazfit has spawned one great wearable after another in the last couple of years. And GTR is one of its most popular models available now. Its superb design gets outshined by its even superior performance. Although may dispute it's the accuracy of activity tracking, but no one will challenge its unrivaled battery backup claims.

Price: Tk. 10,500-12,500/-



Huawei Watch GT2e:

This is the priciest wearable in our list, and the for good reason. This stylish smartwatch has a really vibrant display yet still it manages to offer a pretty good battery life. It's excellent tracking feature is only a bit marred by the lag you might experience while interfacing with your smartphone.

Price: Tk. 13,500-14,000/-

**Prices might vary from vendor to vendor*



Real world self-defence tips from Edward F. Gomes of Tactical Krav Maga Bangladesh

JINAT JAHAN KHAN

The truth is most women face some form of harassment on roads every day. And unfortunately, there is no perfect way or specific self-defence trick to fight back. However, there are some effective tips to follow and some habits that you can practice to defend yourself in an emergency. We spoke to Edward Francis Gomes, an instructor in Tactical Krav Maga Bangladesh to compile some basic tips and tricks based on some common scenarios of harassment.

How can I realise if someone is stalking me? And is there any way to prevent such a situation?

Statistically speaking, most of the stalkers know their targets before. In most cases, they are someone close to their targets or know their daily routine, whereabouts and important information too. To get rid of these types of stalkers, prevention is better. For instance, you should not share your daily routine or contact details without knowing the person properly. If possible, do not share your address too much specifically such as flat or floor number with the delivery man too. Go downstairs to take your parcel and do not call them to come up directly. But still, if someone starts to



stalk you and you want to be prepared to realise that and fight back, the first thing that you should do is to practice 'Situational awareness'. It is one of the skills which may help a person to scan the environment to find out the threats in the present or projecting the threats into the near future. There is a four-colour system which provides a framework for moving between the non-aware to ready-for-action state. In Condition White, you are completely unaware

of your surroundings and unprepared to defend yourself in case something dangerous starts to play out. You move into Condition Yellow when you are aware of your environment and realise that something bad might happen. In Condition Orange, you have specifically identified a person or persons as a potential threat. And in Condition Red, you are fully aware of and prepared to fight in case anything goes wrong. You might need to jump into Condition Red from Condition Yellow if things suddenly get worse. If the worst happens, you need to go to Condition Red directly.

Now I am in Condition Red or Condition Yellow, but I need to do something for my safety. What can I do to save myself?

When you get failed to prevent and you are in Condition Red or in such a situation where you need to do something, you can try to avoid your perpetrator(s) at first. If you are suspicious about someone around you, then try to go to any crowded place such as shopping mall, stationery shop, market or even to any building where there is a chance to get support. The next thing you can do is to negotiate with them or to juggle them by talking. Meanwhile, try to call someone who can help you or give a call to any national emergency helpline or activate the emergency SOS system. If possible,

share your location with your family or friends in this kind of emergency. The last stage is to run away or fight back. If there is a chance, run away from the place as fast as you can. But if you fail to do so, just fight back as much as possible. This is 'do or die' situation.

Suppose I need to fight back. So what can be the improvised self-defence weapons in this regard?

Many women do not realise that they have so many accessories with themselves, which can be used as weapons in an emergency state. For example, when you realise there is a danger and you need to fight back, take off your bangle and grip it tightly before punching them. Or everyone has keys with them when they are out of the home. You just need to grip a key between your knuckles keeping the sharp point outside like Wolverine's claws and punch the offender in vulnerable parts of the body such as eyes, nose or ears. You can even turn a newspaper or magazine into a weapon by folding it tightly. Just strike this folded paper below the ear or in eyes as hard as possible. Besides, a woman can use her vanity Bag to slam and scarf to choke or lock the perpetrator or hit him with high heels. You can use a safety pin to prick someone who tries to touch you inappropriately. There are so many things as potential weapons. Even if you have absolutely

none of these things, pick up some brick pieces and pebbles from roads and start to throw those in case someone tries to harm you. Moreover, spraying body spray or splashing some water from your water bottle on the perpetrator's eyes can buy you some time to run away.

What if I am in an enclosed public transport?

It seems too hard to fight back when you are in an enclosed area like public transport. However, you still can do so if you work smartly without being frozen. Suppose, you are in a CNG and you somehow get to know that the driver has an ill motive. To escape away from this, you need to hold the grilles strongly and stretch your feet before kicking directly to the point where the knob is. If you are in a taxi or Uber, always keep the car window open. In case, the driver suddenly tries to close the window even after your denial, somehow put the bag handles in between. Kick the centre of the window with strong kicks or strike it with your keys provided that he manages to close the window. It is possible to break the window in this way. In a bus, there is an opportunity to bang the head of the perpetrator on the seat handles or just stand up on your seat to kick in the face.

In the end, a gentle reminder is that all of the mentioned tactics must be used to defend, not to harm anyone innocent.

Lose yourself in these five surreal cult titles from Studio Ghibli

REHENUMA RAYSA

Japanese animation or anime is well-known and popular all over the world, and for all the right reasons. Studio Ghibli, however, takes away the cake singlehandedly due to their extraordinary works. This revered Japanese animation film studio was founded by famous Hayao Miyazaki and genius Isao Takahata in 1985. They have gifted anime-lovers 22 startling feature films till date, and we talk about some of them in this article. If you have not watched any Studio Ghibli film yet, you are in luck.

Spirited Away

This Oscar-winning movie masterfully encapsulates the very essence of Studio Ghibli. It follows the journey of the ten-year-old Chihiro in a whimsical and enchanting spirit world where she transforms greatly with the help of some kind souls. The themes of the movie range from the concepts of capitalism to environmentalism to a lot more which will leave its lasting impact on



you forever. This masterpiece by Hayao Miyazaki is a treat to the eyes and soul for people of all ages.

The Grave of the Fireflies

A movie that is on the darker side to show us the true cost and the heart-wrenching reality of war, courtesy of longtime director Isao Takahata. This film is based on a semi-autobiographical short story written by Akiyuki Nosaka in 1967 and centres around the two siblings, Seita and Setsuko as they struggle and try to survive in war-torn Japan. The realistic representation and direct parallel of the short lifespan of fireflies and innocence of the main characters are soul-crushing.

The Whisper of the Heart

A heart-touching coming-of-age story in a mundane setting gets the magical

touch of Studio Ghibli to make you crave for more. The film follows the story of Shizuku Tsukishima who immerses herself in writing, creating a fantasy world after encountering a cat statuette called The Baron at an antique store while developing a blossoming romance with violin-maker Seiji Amasawa. The film makes us realise how many gems we are deprived of by showing us how promising the director Yoshifumi Kondō was who sadly passed away leaving his legacy behind.

My Neighbour Totoro

This movie, directed by Hayao Miyazaki is an outright classic that depicts the adventure of the two sisters Satsuki and Mei, whose innocence will make you both laugh and cry at the same time. The movie

teleports you to their world where you ride the cat-bus with them, get happy, sad and worried with them, and you will find yourself wishing that their mother gets to return home safe and sound. And yes, the lovable giant furry Totoro has been Studio Ghibli's mascot ever since the film debuted.

Only Yesterday

This movie is about 27-year-old Taeko Okajima, who travels to the countryside to get away from the hustle-bustle of Tokyo's city life. She looks back at the past to reminisce about her experiences which gives her a better understanding of life. The movie certainly ticks a lot of boxes. Moreover, the movie successfully resonates as a joyous celebration of the preciousness of life and with its satisfying ending, you will find yourself at peace as the final credits rolls.

These movies, however, are recommended only to get you introduced to their artistic vision. All the other Studio Ghibli films are worth checking out because you do not want to miss out on any of them. A Ghibli marathon is what you need to properly appreciate their range of works and creativity with recurring motifs and themes, unique style, empowered female protagonists, memorable characters, dreamlike pastoral backdrop and spectacular landscapes, mouthwatering food scenes and much-needed moral messages. The Ghibli fans are wholeheartedly waiting for its upcoming projects including **Earwig and the Witch** by Gorō Miyazaki and **How Do You Live?**, which will mark Hayao Miyazaki's coming out of retirement.

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