

Dhaka Day by Day

No Such Stuffs as Dreams are Made of

by Nilratan Halder

A fluttering, fragile, near-rectangular paper thing soars higher and still higher — all the while delicately poised. Then suddenly it makes several swerving circles at a time, gliding lower and lower as if the steam that so long kept it aloft has gone out of it. But soon enough the aimless object makes a determined recovery, first in spurts and then gathering a rocket-like ascendancy into the boundless blue. No matter what a great height it scales and peeps into the void beyond, the tiny thing cannot quite disobey the signal from the ground control where no other equipment other than two small deft hands make all the tricks.

By now it has perhaps become clear that the tiny flying object is a kite made of paper, thread and chipped bamboo rods. The only hobby and form of entertainment for children not to lose its ground to the highly sophisticated modern technology's array of toys and video games is this small, simple and beautiful thing called kite. In a rain-free afternoon sky of Dhaka, the congregation of a large number of these soaring specks in their gaudiest attractive colours is an unforgettable spectacle.

The roofs are the ground stations from where the enthusiastic kite-fliers vie for supremacy. The unwritten law is that without the slightest provocation, any kite-flier is at his liberty to enter into the competition. And what exactly is the competition? It may be in two basic forms: first by sending the kite higher in the fathomless sky and then slashing the opponents' thread as several competitors' kites are pitted against each other's. Not that the one with the strongest of the threads will emerge victorious all the time. It is the skilled touches, pulls and pressure of the controlling hands that matter more than the strength of

the thread. Locked in a tussle for several minutes and even hours, the kites sometimes make aggressive forays, sometimes they listlessly hover around, sometimes they seem to have given up the fight and at other times they even make advances to the ones of their liking. But the courting may prove a short-lived dangerous pretension, as one notices in bewilderment, either the sutor of the kites or its favoured one has been sent spinning, cut off from its mooring, into the void.

Once cut loose, a kite is anybody's and nobody's property. Anyone who lays his hands on it first is its new master. But nobody's property when the separated kite ends up falling in a pond or tangling with overhead high-voltage electricity wires or top branches of tall trees beyond retrieval. But the rash competition for reaching the slow-moving, as yet unclaimed kite is also a part of the whole game. This is despite the fact that such running across the busy streets is fraught with danger and may even lead to tragedy.

Yet kite-flying has survived the test of time simply because with the soaring, delicately-balancing object up in the sky, the childhood dreams also start shaping and stretching into the unknown. The enduring fascination with kites in elderly people hardly gets any avenue to express itself, but it is there and in secret and nurtures the child one once was in the innermost reaches of the heart. Kites are no such stuffs as dreams are made of, but they are the dream symbolised.

Benjamin Franklin was one such man who gave a concrete shape to his dream by inventing electricity through kite-flying. Most others' cherished dreams lose their ways in the ethereal wilderness or the misty clouds. But that is how dreams — one in a thousand — come true.



Follow ideals of great men, Biswas asks children

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday emphasised the need for proper rearing of children so they could bloom according to their aptitude, reports UNB.

He was talking to a 25-member delegation of the Rupali Tarar Mela, a children's organisation, which called on him at Bangabhaban and apprised him of their activities, including mass literacy campaign and library movement.

The President said children should acquire human qualities through appropriate guidance of the elders in an organised manner and groom themselves as worthy citizens of the country.

He advised them to follow the ideals of great men who dedicated their lives to the cause of the nation as well as human society at large.

Referring to the contributions of renowned intellectuals and scientists, including Nobel laureate Prof Abdus Salam, President Biswas said learning from their contributions should be the main guideline of the posterity in developing science, technology, art and culture.

He urged them to organise such children's organisations in different areas and build them up to shoulder the future responsibility of the nation.

'Education key to development'

RAJSHAHI, May 23: Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz today said that effective and permanent social movement was needed for successful implementation of primary and mass education programme, reports BSS.

Education is the key to attain overall development of the country, he added.

He underscored the need for active cooperation of all, irrespective of party affiliation and the coordination of public representatives and officials to make the programme aimed at ensuring 'education for all by the year 2000' a success.

The Minister was speaking as chief guest at the inaugural session of a review meeting and workshop on 'implementation of primary and mass education programme in Rajshahi division here at Zila Parishad auditorium.

A message of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was readout in the meeting by Secretary of Primary and Mass Education Division wishing success of the objective of the workshop.

The inaugural session was addressed by State Minister for Law and Justice Barrister Aminul Haq, Khurshid Zahan Haq MP, Azizur Rahman MP, Samsuddin Ahmed MP, Lutfunnesa Hossain MP, Secretary of Primary and Mass Education

Division Kazi Rakibuddin, a MED, Project Coordination of General Education Project Alamgir Farook Chowdhury and divisional commissioner of Rajshahi M Aminul Islam. Director General of Primary Education Department Abdus Sobhan presided.

Organised by Primary and Mass Education Division, the workshop was attended by Deputy Commissioners, thana Nirbahi officers, district primary education officers, thana education officers and best assistant thana education officers and headmasters.

It was informed in the meeting that 79 per cent children of Rajshahi division have been enrolled in primary schools.

Plea to work for people's welfare

KHULNA, May 23: Whip of Treasury Bench in Jatiya Sangsad Ashraf Hossain on Saturday called upon all to shun the politics of hatred and terrorism and work for the welfare of the people, reports BSS.

Speaking at the biennial conference of the Khan Jahan Ali thana branch of the Bangladesh Jatiyatadbadi Juba Dal at Shirononi Shaheed Minar square he also called upon the people to consolidate the hard earned democracy.

'Rohingya issue to be solved thru' mutual cooperation'

The visiting Home Minister of Myanmar Lt General Mya Thin called on Bangladesh Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury at his secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of mutual interest.

Welcoming the 10-member delegation led by the Myanmar Home Minister, the Bangladesh Home Minister expressed the hope that the present 'goodwill visit' would further strengthen the existing mutual cooperation, an official handout said here.

Describing the relationship between Bangladesh and Myanmar as very good Home Minister Matin Chowdhury said, Bangladesh strongly feels and believes on maintaining friendly ties with all its neighbours.

Chowdhury stressed closer economic ties and frequent exchange of visits of business and cultural teams between Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Dwelling on the current Rohingya refugee problem both Chowdhury and Mya Thin expressed their hope that the problem would be resolved through mutual cooperation and understanding.

During the discussion they also laid emphasis on working together in curbing drug abuse and drug trafficking.

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Demand to spare decorators VAT

The decorator's shopowners, at a rally in the city yesterday, urged the government to exclude their business from Value Added Tax (VAT) to save, what they said, the service-oriented business from destruction, reports UNB.

At the rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the morning, the leaders of Bangladesh Decorators' Malik Samity warned that they would close their businesses if the government did not withdraw VAT.

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BTV
Monday

5.00	Opening announcement	Al Quran
5.10	Programme summary	News in Bangla
5.35	Sports programme:	Football
6.30	Desh-O-Bhagan	Open university
7.00	Nazrul Songs	8.00
7.25	News in Bangla	8.30
8.00	Sabar Jannya	9.00
8.30	Shashthyo	10.00
9.00	Bhora Nadir Banke	10.30
10.00	News in English	11.00
10.30	Comedy series:	Murphy Brown
11.00	Musical programme:	Disco Rally
11.30	Khobar/The news	11.40
11.40	Tomorrow's programme summary	Closing
11.45		



A scene of the Special Convocation at the Curzon Hall premises of the Dhaka University yesterday. (Story on page 1) — Star photo

Weather

Day temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Meteorological office forecast hot and dry weather over the country for the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Sunday. Day temperature is likely to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country during the period. Outlook for subsequent two days: No appreciable change. The sun sets today (Monday) in Dhaka at 6:39 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5-12 am. There was no rainfall over the country on Sunday. Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on Sunday were:

Cities/ Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6 pm
Dhaka	34.5	26.5	74	59
Chittagong	32.6	25.8	86	71
Khulna	35.0	25.7	78	63
Rajshahi	35.4	25.2	74	59
Barisal	34.3	26.0	82	69
Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.0	73	76
Sylhet	33.6	24.2	75	58
Dinajpur	34.7	25.0	71	63

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

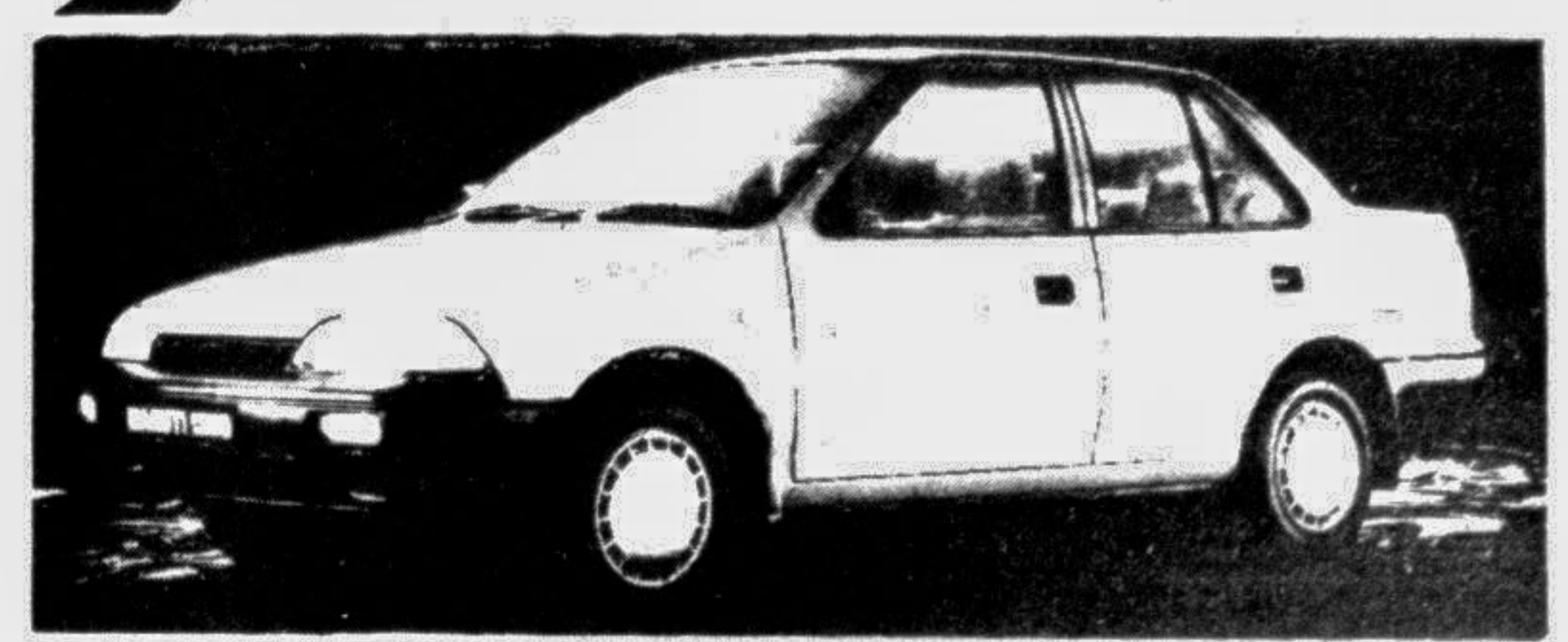
Notice is hereby given that the 11th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Wata Chemicals Limited will be held at the AUDITORIUM of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 65-66, Motijheel C/A, 5th Floor, Dhaka on 20th June, 1993 at 11:30 A. M. The following agenda will be transacted in the meeting:

- To confirm the proceeding of the 10th Annual General Meeting held on 30-07-92;
- To receive and adopt the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1992 and the reports of Auditors and Directors thereon;
- To elect Directors;
- To approve dividend;
- To appoint auditors for the year 1993 and fix their remuneration; and
- To transact any other business which ought to be transacted at an ordinary meeting with the permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board
Sd/-
(Lutfar Rahman)
Director

- Notes:—
- The Share transfer Books of the Company will remain close from 10th June to 20th June (both days inclusive).
 - A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting may nominate another member as his/her proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. Nominee should be a member of the Company.
 - Stamped proxy form must be deposited at the Company's registered office by 16th June, 1993.

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NOTICE OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Eighth Annual General Meeting of United Insurance Company Limited will be held at Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka on Thursday, 24 June 1993 at 3.00 P.M. to transact the following business:

- To confirm the Minutes of the Seventh Annual General Meeting held on 24 May 1992.
- To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1992 and the Auditors' Report thereon.
- To declare Dividend for the year 1992.
- To elect Directors of the Company in the vacancies caused by retirement of the Directors as per Articles of Association of the Company.
- To consider appointment of Auditors for the year 1993 and to fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other business which may be placed before the meeting with the permission of the Chair.

By Order of the Board of Directors

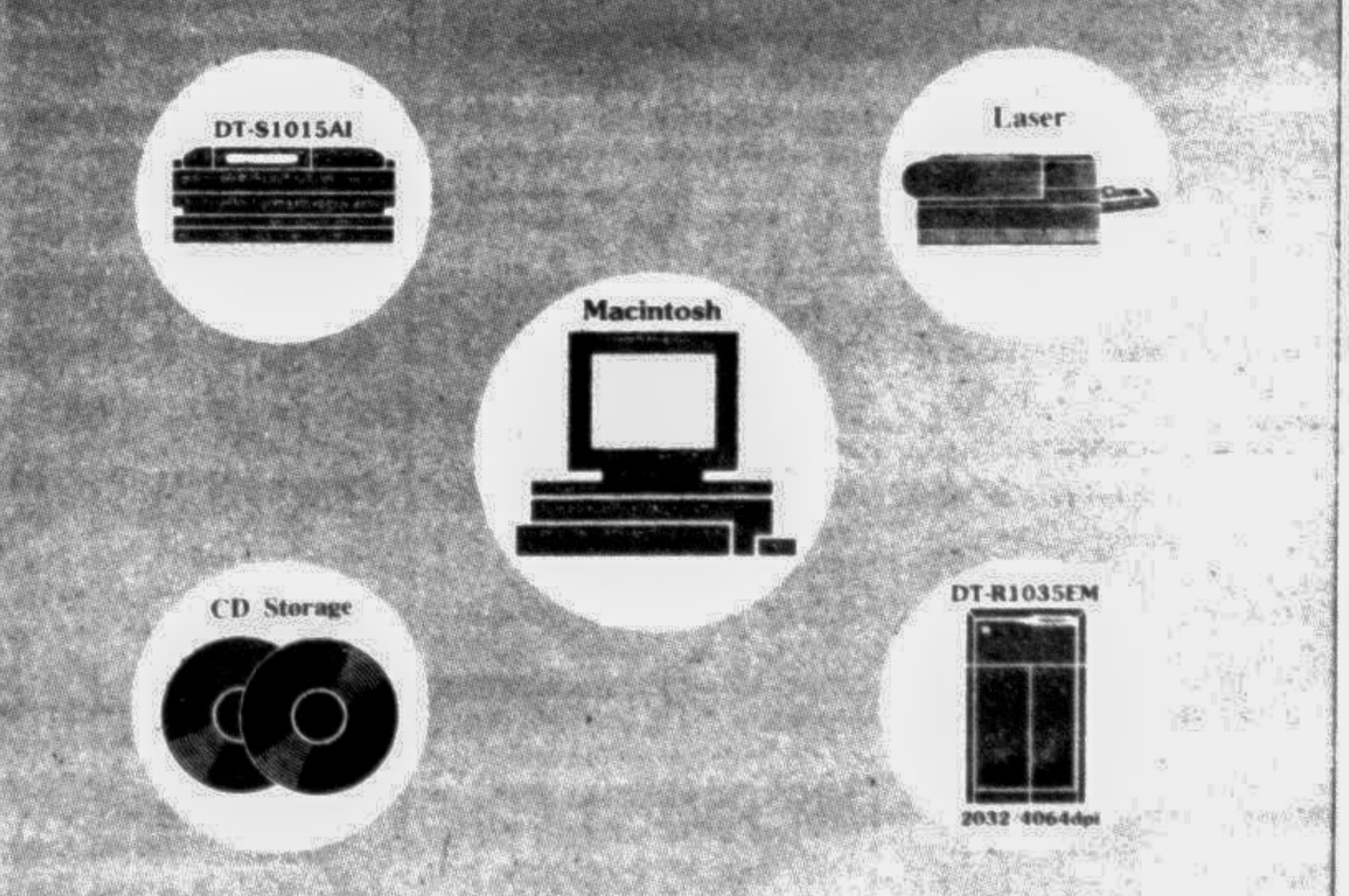
M. Harunur Rashid
Secretary to the Board of Directors & Executive Director

Dated, Dhaka. 23 May 1993

- Notes:
- A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the general meeting may appoint another member as his/her proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead.
 - The Share transfer register of the Company will remain closed from 10 June 1993 to 24 June 1993 (both days inclusive).

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