

Computer Special

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**CITech News**  
**CITech's Computer for Bangla Academy**  
 CITech is pleased to present 10 computers to the most esteemed organization in the area of Bangla literature and language development, Bangla Academy, on behalf of the famous computer producer 'Apple' for the purpose of research, lexicography and composing of science encyclopedia.  
**Buy a DEC pc and Fly to Singapore**  
 CITech has recently announced raffle draw on every 50 DEC pc it will sell. The two lucky buyers will get return ticket to Singapore free.  
**CITech Sets Novell Base at Proshika**  
 CITech has installed a 20 user Novell on DECpc at Proshika Manobik Unnayan Kendra which is one the largest IBM compatible NetWork users in the country.  
**CITech Co Ltd**  
 22, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka. Tel: 412201

**PraDeshta Limited**  
**Survey on computer industry**  
 PraDeshta Limited has finished work on the first baseline survey on the computer industry in Bangladesh under a project commissioned by MIDAS, the Micro Industries Development Assistance and Services. The results of the report in which over 83 companies were surveyed is entitled "Prospects of Data Entry Services and Computer Software Development in Bangladesh Under Joint Venture", and is available through the MIDAS offices at House 5, Road 16 (new), Dhanmondi, Dhaka 1209 on request by industry executives or interested entrepreneurs.  
 PraDeshta was also selected as one of only three firms to represent the Bangladeshi computer software industry to the Canadian and US computer markets during SOFWORLD '93 in Vancouver and in visits to the US partly sponsored by UNDP/ITC.  
 PraDeshta Limited shall be providing technical consultancy services and data communication equipment for ONLINE premier bulletin board system for Concept Computer Network. The service can be used by anyone with an appropriate modem. The service will include electronic mail, file storage and public domain software libraries and will be capable of providing technical support for users on common software/hardware problems and business profiles for computer companies.  
 We have also been recently awarded a Data Communications Consultancy contract for an Information Services Provider company being organised in Bangladesh. Our responsibilities include organisational infrastructure planning, human resource management and design and installation of LAN with WAN extensions.

**TEXAS**  
**Vesa Local Bus Systems**  
 TEXAS is offering their new VESA series with upgradable and fully upward compatible motherboard and high speed VESA network and controllers for disk and Bus Mastering at promotional prices:  
 486 Systems from Tk 74,900.00  
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**Texas Resources Limited**  
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 Tel: 882079, 884951, 886123

**CIPROCO COMPUTERS LTD.**  
 CIPROCO — participated in the first ever Computer, Telecommunication and Office Equipment "COMTEQ '93" Exposition held at the Sheraton Hotel from 12 Nov to 14 Nov '93.  
**And Now!**  
 CIPROCO — Invites you to their exclusive show at Sonargaon Hotel-Ballroom III, Starting from Friday, 26 November '93  
**Plus!**  
 A seminar on SPSS at 'Surma Room' on Sunday, 28 November '93  
**Please Join !!**

**IBM NEWS**  
**IBM Re-Starts Business in Vietnam**  
*From October 1993, IBM is back in business in Vietnam.*  
 The Ministry of Science and Technology announced that it has signed a memorandum of understanding with IBM to cooperate in a multi million dollar master plan for Information Technology (IT) infrastructure development in Vietnam up to the turn of the century.  
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 Chamber Building, 5th Floor,  
 122-124, Motijheel C.A.,  
 Dhaka-1000.  
 Tel: 241133, 232845, 242598, 231891

**The Accsees Pvt. Ltd**  
 ACCSEES Ltd. is setting up its new premises for its R&D division by the end of this year. This division will be run by 3 electronic system designers. It's goal is to develop electronic systems to serve as alternate solution based on local expertise and support, and targeted for Industrial, Medical and Computer fields.  
 Meanwhile, the team is working on 3 major projects. It has already successfully completed a Digital Voltage Stabilizer and ACCSEES will be marketing this product by the end of this year. Compared to other voltage stabilizers in the market it's design is superior in many respects. The team also targeted Microprocessor based Voltage Stabilizer by March 1994. For technical details, contact ACCSEES PVT. LTD. Phone # 812542, 324993.

**Softworld '93 in Vancouver**  
 Mr AYM Ahmed, the Managing Director accompanied the Bangladesh delegation to Softworld '93 held in Vancouver, Canada during 13-15 September, 1993. The delegations made a very impressive presentation of its world class products, talents and described the competitive advantages of organising computing services in the country.  
 Foreign participants in the course of discussion were very pleased and encouraged to know about the jobs done by Mr AYM Ahmed for ICI of England. Visitors also showed keen interest in the products demonstrated by Mr AYM Ahmed and other member of the delegation.  
 The mission further visited Seattle/WA, San Francisco/CA, Salt Lake City/UT, Sustin/TX, Washington D.C. New York/NY Urbana Champaign/IL in the USA during 16 September and 2 October 1993. Each and every discussion with private enterprises, State Government Agencies, Information Technology Associations and Universities were very fruitful and interesting. The delegation was well received at every stop.  
**IBCS-PRIMAX Software (Bangladesh) Ltd.**

**FLORA LIMITED**  
**COMPAQ THIRD QUARTER NET INCOME UP 116 PERCENT ON RECORD SALES OF \$1.75 BILLION, UP 64 PERCENT**  
 Singapore, October 21, 1993 - Compaq Computer Corporation (NYSE: CPQ) today reported that third quarter net income more than doubled to \$107 million compared to \$49 million in the same period in 1992. Earnings per share increased 105 percent to \$1.25 versus \$.61 per share in the third quarter of 1992.  
 Compaq reported record sales for the fifth consecutive quarter. Third quarter sales were \$1.75 billion, a 64 percent increase over the \$1.07 billion in the third quarter of 1992.  
 The Company said that all geographic regions contributed to the year-to-year sales growth. Europe and North America grew at 37 and 75 percent respectively, and Japan, Latin America and the Pacific Rim regions all grew at rates in excess of 100 percent. Compaq noted that worldwide sales growth of 64 percent was accompanied by a 70 percent growth in worldwide unit volumes.  
 Source: COMPAQ News Release

**Acer** **3 YEARS WARRANTY FOR ACER COMPUTER.**  
 Unidev Ltd. the exclusive distributor of Acer Computer Inc. takes a great pride to announce 3 (Three) years warranty for their world class Acer Computer from now on with immediate effect. Unidev Ltd. has been successfully distributing and servicing Acer/Micro Computer for the last 7 (Seven) years in Bangladesh.  
**ACER NAMED TAIWAN'S TOP OZONE PROTECTOR**  
 Acer Inc. has been awarded first place standing among Taiwan manufacturers for its work in protecting the earth's ozone layer by the Association of Ozone Layer Protection in Taiwan (AOLPT). Acer received the award for being the first IT firm on the island to develop a CFC free rinse method of manufacturing printed circuit boards (PCBs). Other efforts to eliminate pollution at Acer include the company's use of single-color, water-soluble, ink on all card board cartons. The adoption of molded papers as packing material instead of polyfoam, and the voluntary development of energy-efficient PCs and monitors that automatically enter a low-power state after a period of inactivity.  
**unidev ltd**  
 DCCI Building (5th Floor), 65-66 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. TEL: 02-234861, 02-230419. FAX: 02-863435, 02-883132. TLX: 632453 UNIV BJ, 632467 TMN BJ

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**Onirbaan Group**  
**Mr. Jamil Azher, CEO of Onirbaan Group returned after a fruitful visit to Softworld '93, Vancouver, Canada and other North American Cities.**  
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 Director Marketing

**DELL SYSCOM News**  
 Dell Computer Corporation has won the 1993 JD Power Customer Satisfaction Title!!!  
**The Results:**  
 Dell ..... 121  
 Compaq ..... 118  
 Gateway..... 103  
 Industry Average ..... 100  
 This is the 3rd consecutive time that Dell has led all IBM compatible computer companies. Other companies finishing below the Industry Average of 100: Apple, AST, CompuAdd, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Packard Bell.  
 Personal computer companies not ranked because of small sample size: DEC and NCR.

**Technohaven News**  
**Pacific Rim Tour**  
 Mr. H N Karim, President of Technohaven Co, left on October 24, 1993 for the Pacific Rim countries on an extensive business trip. His itinerary includes Singapore, Hong Kong, Seoul, Taejon Expo, San Francisco, Los Angeles and the Comdex Exhibition in Las Vegas. He is expected to sign a number of MOU's with foreign buyers for export of information technology services including software development. He is due back on the 22nd of November. During his absence Mr Mahmud Hossain will be the primary contact point at Technohaven Co.

**BEST DESKTOP COMPUTER CONNECTION LTD**  
**Computer Exhibition & Seminar at Chittagong**  
 Desktop Computer Connection Ltd. sponsored a two days Computer Exhibition and Seminar at Agrabad Hotel in Chittagong on 11th & 12th November organized by the Bangladesh Computer Association-Chittagong. This was the first Computer Exhibition at Chittagong and attracted lot of visitors. Desktop was allocated 6 Stalls and displayed entire range of COMPAQ Products, Best Power UPS and AMT Printers. It may be mentioned that Desktop Computer Connection has started its operation in Chittagong from the month of August, 1993.

**EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR OF LEADS NCR**  
**LEADS Corporation Limited**  
**From Closed System to Open System**  
 For the first time in the history of Computer Technology in Bangladesh LEADS Corporation Limited has successfully migrated IBM System 34 RPG-II Applications to UNIX System-V Open environment. Padma Oil Company Limited had been using an IBM System 34 for a decade and developed all their Applications in IBM RPG-II. LEADS' System Engineers converted the Applications and Data using UNIBOL Software Migration Tools into NCR UNIX based system. The migration was transparent to the users and they did not have to stop their works for even a day. The new System replicates all the Screen formats of the old RPG-II environment: hence users did not need re-training. As a result of this break-through, all IBM System 34 and 36 users (COBOL & RPG-II) now have a better way of doing computing, the new 'Open System', where they do not have to restrict themselves to a proprietary environment. LEADS thanks BUJET & Padma Management for their kind help and co-operations in completing this pioneering task in Bangladesh.

The Daily Star is proud to serve its Forum members in bringing about an Information Technology (IT) Revolution in Bangladesh. The objective of the Star Computer Special is to highlight the challenges and problems being faced by these pioneering entrepreneurs. The outdated mind-set, archaic laws, the lack of policy thrust, absence of government support, etc., will all form part of the Computer Special's scrutiny. We invite all computer users and enthusiasts to write and send us computer related news and views. Help us to serve you better.  
 Join the Star Computer Forum and help to strengthen the IT Revolution in Bangladesh.

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