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Technology and Sustainable Economic Development

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We are aware of the importance of technology to the economic development of a nation. Technology life cycle (TLC) passes through a number of phases like development, application, launch, growth, maturity, and degradation. High risk and negative return on investment (ROI) are the attributes of early three phases. Most of the ROI is made in growth and maturity phases of a targeted technology. In the technology degradation phase, the labor component of products has comparable value to that of the knowledge or technology component.

Here, the ROI is much lower than the growth or maturity phase.

At this stage, companies (or countries) of the developed world either license that to the 3rd world manufacturers or setup their own plants in those low income countries to get benefit of low wages. If 3rd world countries including Bangladesh follow this approach as only means of economic development, a little (or no) benefit will be gained in the long run. It does not mean that I am objecting to foreign investment, rather I am trying to explain the prospect of sustainable economic development following this policy. Initially, investing huge unutilized human resources in labor intensive work these countries will show good GDP growth for couple of years then the growth will decline. Payment for debt incurred to provide adequate infrastructure facilities for rapid

(or artificial) industrialization and loss due to environmental pollution may be higher than the benefit gained from little ROI of degraded technology.

In parallel to foreign investment, government in cooperation with private sector should select few target technologies. This selection should be based on sound economic analysis. Then through proper policy, planning, management, and investment those technologies should be developed. Government will provide base funding in three high risk and negative ROI phases. Government will patronize these technologies by adopting appropriate policy in the launch phase of these technologies.

It should be noted that the government's responsibility is to patronize private sector to develop and market targeted technologies. Government will get return of her investment in terms of VAT of new products and income tax of wages of new employments. Government will reinvest a portion of this ROI on new technologies. As a matter of fact this is a close cycle system. This is the way sustainable economic development will be achieved and ROI will be much higher than the adoption of degraded technology from developed world in terms of foreign investment and licensing.

We have to keep in mind that there is no short cut of sustainable economic development. No foreign investor using their pension fund is waiting to provide charity service for us. It will be my pleasure to participate with readers in discussion on this topic.

Political Strife

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It is with great dismay that everyday that I read about a different political leader being attacked/killed, another riot taking place, or yet another strike. At this rate it will take centuries for Bangladesh to rise as a nation from the 3rd world.

Just today I read about the opposition leader attempting to incite the people of Bangladesh to revolt. What is this? If there are disagreements as to the policies of the current regime, there are peaceful ways to resolve them.

But it seems that Bangladesh's would soon rather incite political upheaval rather than wait until the next election. This type of internal strife is nothing but harmful to

our international image. Businesses don't want to invest heavily to a country that may erupt into chaos at any moment. Political leaders in Dhaka must learn that the pen is indeed mightier than the sword. Although it is not necessary to agree with the status quo, violent upheaval is not the answer.

From an international perspective, I feel especially strong that students have no place in politics. How can youngsters with so little experience with life in general make decisions on how a country should be run? Why must students deal with the issues of some political leader? They should be left to developing their minds through education, but then that might lead to Bangladesh becoming an industrialized nation!!!

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My Dream Land Bangladesh

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If anyone asks us where is your country we say Bangladesh. The next questions that follows are 'Too much Flood?', 'Too many strikes?', 'How do you afford to come to this (foreign) country?' This is the typical sort of questions that a person from Bangladesh has to face. Sad, what an image Foreign media and our previous governments has portrayed.

We all know deep in our soul that one day we will come out of this stereotyped remarks. We will control the world Economy. Probably a lot of people are thinking that I am dreaming, absolutely not, since we are proudly in possession of the hardest working people in the world. Can anyone show me where a man can pull a vehicle around the whole day with just a bread as his only food, nowhere. This is the powerful

resource we have. We (the Bangladeshis) are still very young, we are only Twenty Five years old, and still we have a long way to go.

Our country is gifted with Jute and the Garments Sector. We had our success with the jute but sadly it fell. But after that like wildfire Garments came into the rescue ending up in giving about 60% of the country's export. And now we have the booming stock-market, and if the present trend in the market continues than we might pull ourselves out of the present situation and into a new era of Business.

The Prime Minister, we have now, can definitely take us to a new Horizon, for I believe that she has in her what it takes to be a successful ruler with a successful country. She has already represented herself very nicely in the U.S. Especially the advertisement that she gave in one of the News paper. Really amazing. Her technique I think is 'give a little, take a lot'. This technique of her will definitely attract multinational companies into the country because these companies' need assurance that their investment would work or not.

Now we have all the feed-backs we need to have a nice

The JS Circus

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Reading the recent show downs at the JS has left me in total awe and utter disgust. The MP's (AL and BNP) do not deserve the all too important task of governance. They have reverted to issues of little or no significance to the people of Bangladesh.

The JS must become a place for ideas and policies to lead Bangladesh out of the annals of poverty, misery and mismanagement. O' MPs of the JS, leave your fermented petty notions and help devise policies to get Bangladesh out of this mess that YOU helped put us in.

Cyberspace

Red faces and security alerts over e-mail leaks

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Everybody on the Internet has a favourite story about the electronic message that got away.

There is one about a New York executive who tried to use the latest technology to transmit a video of herself stripping off clothes for a friend — and ended up pressing a button that mistakenly sent the revealing footage to all 400 employees in her company.

Another case concerns a man called Andrew, whose electronic message to Tracee about how he would 'love to kiss your hose-covered toes' inadvertently got posted to a mailing list of thousands of legal experts on the global computer network.

Yet another is about Kraig, whose passionate message to a new girlfriend was accidentally sent to a woman he was trying to ditch.

Much of the misdirected mail is harmless, but sometimes there can be serious repercussions.

Consider, for example, the messages sent by United States F-16 fighter pilot Scott Zobrist when his colleague, Captain Scott O'Grady, was rescued after being shot down in Bosnia last year.

Zobrist's message from his Italian base was intended for his air force friends, and included digs about Serbs as well as sensitive material about radio frequencies, pilot code names and weapon loads for American missions. The message went to US bases in South

Computer messages are not as private as they may seem, and prying eyes may be scanning that electronic 'postcard' you just popped into the Internet letterbox. In her latest column for Gemini News Service on the information superhighway, Arlene Getz reports on the funny and worrying consequences of mail falling through the wrong holes in cyberspace.

Korea and Japan and was somehow relayed to a retired Australian pilot who posted it on a world-wide electronic discussion group about aviation.

The information subsequently became available to millions of Internet users around the world. Horrified intelligence officers have no doubt the information was quickly picked up and stored by military forces in countries hostile to the US.

Clearly, electronic mail (e-mail) is less private than its millions of users — numbers are growing by an estimated 20 per cent per year — would like to believe.

E-mail is a new form of communication — a cheap and quick way of contacting colleagues and friends around the world. Users tend to be hasty, more informal and less discreet than they would be if communicating by telephone or letter. They seem to think their messages will be confidential in cyberspace.

Recent incidents suggest this is far from the truth.

There are several reasons for e-mail going astray. Most common is when a sender incorrectly addresses a message

sleuths to delve into company data bases to retrieve several years' worth of old messages to use as evidence in litigation.

In one case, lawyers for a Massachusetts bank which bought land contaminated by hazardous waste established from an old e-mail message that the vendor had tried to conceal the presence of toxic matter on the site.

Computer activists believe the only solution to breaches of privacy is the development of an effective encryption system to 'scramble' e-mail.

Such efforts, however, have been opposed by Washington because of US export laws, dating from the Cold War, which classify encryption software as a weapon which cannot be sent out of the country.

Philip Zimmerman, 41, a Colorado computer wizard and the inventor of such a system of codes, was investigated by the US Customs Service last year and harassed when he travelled abroad because of his decision to make his programme available to Internet users overseas.

Tensions have eased slightly since then, with the US Postal Service now testing a 'digital postmark' — a form of encryption that it hopes will curb the tampering of e-mail in cyberspace. The device may be offered nationwide wide some time next year, but even this is unlikely to guarantee complete confidentiality.

Zimmerman warns correspondents to beware of prying eyes, particularly if messages are uncoded. 'E-mail is like a postcard,' he says. 'Encryption takes the place of the envelope.'

Education

Education system in Bangladesh and abroad

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Though I am young in age I found the comparison between Bangladesh and abroad countries educational system. I am just 19 years old. I have been in several countries like Canada, UK. Now I am staying in Malaysia with my family. Now Malaysia is developing in a high speed. But twenty years ago it was undeveloped than Bangladesh. The education system in Malaysia is getting better. Every one is getting education. The job is available for Malaysian people. Those who passes the school final examination they can get a good job. But in our Phd holders can't get a job. How shame for us isn't it. This is our bad luck. The percentage of educated people in our country is too little. But the government is always shouting that every one must get education. Our country is following foreign country but there not following in the right way. This the problem of our country. The primary, secondary and the higher secondary educational system is worst. The student's don't enjoy it. The percentage of H.S.C examination this year is below 30. Because the system changed after our test. I am proud of our former education minister. What a wonder minister we had isn't it. There is no political stability in our country. There are violence everywhere. But in other countries there is no student politics and violence. The government is responsible for it. One day we will win. We have to take manifold schemes in this respect.

Government decision for English language

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I am very much pleased to read the news about our Government's decision regarding the development of training facilities in English language in all educational institution of the country. We are Bangladeshi. Bangla is our national language and we are proud of to be able to speak in our mother tongue. But we should not forget that we need to learn other language also. Even non-English speaking nations in different parts of the world accept English as their second language in educational institutions. Here in Sweden also students start learning English language from class 3. We mostly depend on foreign countries for all development activities. English as a second language will make our nation more advance and our young generations will find their way more convenient in abroad if they are well conversant with the English language.

Last month while I was visiting one of my brothers in Chicago he told me that when he wrote a paper in the class on his subject his teacher was very pleased and looking at him again and again. Because the teacher can not believe that it is he who wrote the paper. The teacher even asked him 'have you written this paper?'. In reply he told yes. The teacher was surprised. I asked my brother why he was surprised. My brother told me that the paper was correct in all respect but as he can not speak English properly and his pronunciation is poor the teacher thought that he can not write a paper so nicely.

Since 1979 I started my work in abroad and visited various countries of the world and I practically found how important this language for us. It is noted that since independence we became very much poor in English language. The step of the present government is really a wonderful step both for students and the nation. I very much appreciate this idea and hope everybody will welcome this decision and will take this issue seriously.

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The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Wednesday, 27th November
(All programmes are in local time.
There may be changes in the programmes.)

BTV

3:00 Opening announcement
3:10 News in Bangla 3:15
Patnotic song 3:20 Rerelease
of Drama serial 4:15 Top Cat
4:45 Tagore song 5:00 News in
Bangla 6:00 Naba Ananda Jao
6:50 Open University 7:00 The
News 7:25 Chandra Ananda
8:00 News in Bangla 8:45
Package Drama Serial
Sheeshyabindu 10:00 The
News 11:25 Rangdhanu 11:30
News in Bangla 11:35
Thursday's programme summary
11:40 Close down

BBC

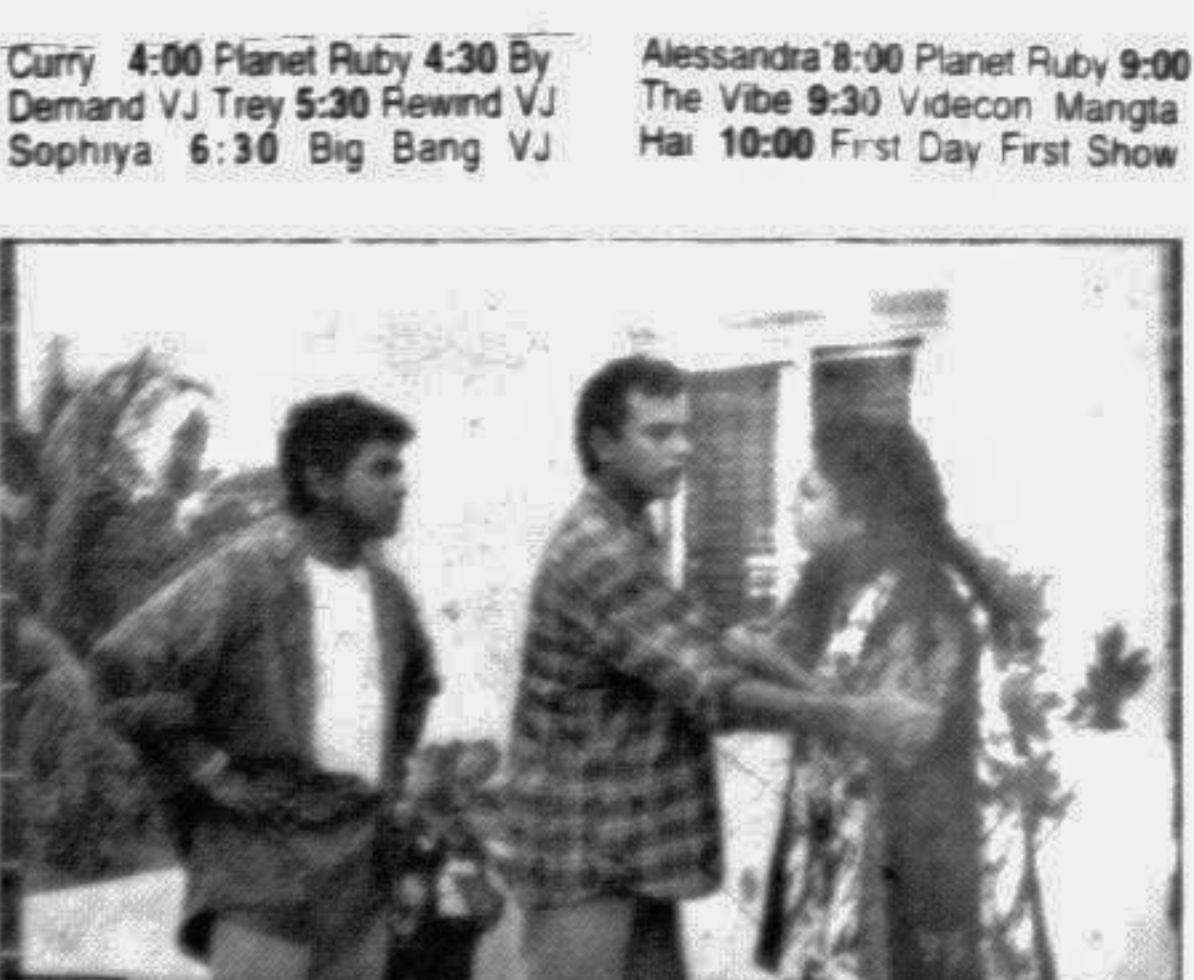
6:00am BBC World News 6:10
Newsnight 7:00 BBC Newsround
inc. World Business Report/Asia
Today/24 Hours 10:00 BBC
World Headlines 10:05 World
Focus: Wheeler On America 11:00
BBC Newsday 2:00 BBC World
Headlines 2:05 World Focus:
Horizon 3:00 BBC World News
2:30 Time Out Film 3:40 BBC
Newsdesk 6:00pm BBC World
News 6:15 World Focus:
Panorama 7:00 BBC World News
7:15 World Business Report 7:30
BBC Newsround Asia & Pacific
8:30 Time Out: The Clothes
Show 9:00 BBC World Headlines
9:05 World Focus: Wheeler on
America 10:00 BBC World News
10:30 Time Out: Tomorrow's
World 11:00 BBC World News
11:30 Time Out: The Travel
Show 12:00 The World Today
2:00 BBC World Headlines 2:05
World Focus: Around the World
in 80 Days 3:00 BBC World News
2:30 Time Out: Top Gear 4:00
BBC World Report inc. World
Business Report/24 Hours

CHANNEL V

6:30am Frame by Frame 7:00
Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00 Frame
by Frame 9:00 Big Bang
Alessandra 10:30 Frame
by Frame 11:00 The Vibe VJ Luka
12:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 1:00 By
Demand VJ Trey 2:00 Frame by
Frame 2:30 First Day First Show
3:00 Fashion Police 3:30 Soul



Chicago Hope on Star Plus, Today at 12:30



Banegi Apni Baat on Zee TV, Tonight at 9:30

10:30 Soul Curry 11:00 House of
Noise VJ Luka 12:00m Big Bang
VJ Alessandra 1:00 Haysah 2:00
By Demand VJ Trey 3:00 Big
Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 V Spot
5:30 Speak Easy

STAR PLUS

6:00am Home and Away 6:30
The Sullivan 7:00 Aerobics Oz
Style 7:30 Star News 8:00 Sky
News 8:30 Star News 9:00 Sky
News 9:30 Aerobics Oz Style
10:00 Graham Kerr's Kitchen
10:30 E! Extreme Close Up Dolly
Parton 11:00 Kate & Allie 11:30
The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:30
Chicago Hope 1:30 Santa
Barbara 2:30 The Bold & The
Beautiful 3:00 Bunyaad 3:30
Reporter 4:00 Home and Away
4:30 Lost in Space 5:30 The
Adventures of Dr. Black Stallion
6:00pm Kate & Allie 6:30 Graham
Kerr's Kitchen 7:00 The Road
Show 7:30 Star News 8:00
Small Wonder 8:30 The Bold &
The Beautiful 9:00 Tehkhat 9:30
Star News 10:30 Baywatch
11:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
12:00m Santa Barbara 1:00
Beverly Hills 2:00 Picket Fences
3:00 Quincy 4:00 The Oprah
Winfrey Show 5:00 Barnaby
Jones

STAR SPORTS

7:00am 1996 Asian Cup Winners
Cup 3rd/4th Playoff Location
TBC 9:00 1996 Asian Cup
Winners Cup Final Location TBC
10:30 ATP Tennis Kremlin Cup
2nd Semi Final 12:00 1996 Asian
Cup Preview 2:12:30 1996 Pro
Beach Soccer Tour Rotterdam
Holland 4:20 Australian PGA
Champs 1996 Day 4 5:30 Asia
Sport Show 6:00 World Team
Skating 6:30 World Windsurfing
HL 5:30 Asian U-22 Champ For
Men 3rd/4th Place 6:30
International Motorsports News
7:30 ATP Tennis Kremlin Cup
Final 9:00 1996 Asian Cup
Preview 9:30 Supercross Paris,
France 1:00:00 Asia Sport Show
10:30 Spanish Football League HL
11:00 Singer Champions Trophy
1996 Final 5:30 World Windsurfing
HL

STAR MOVIES

7:30am Film Club: Carolina
Skeletons 15 (Arabic Subtitles)
9:30 Family: Andy Colby's

Incredibly Awesome Adventure!
PG (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Classic
The Cruel Sea 12 (Hindi
Subtitles) 1:30 Romance: Lonely
Knights 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30
Family: The Christmas Martians
PG (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Classic
Hell and High Water 12 (Arabic
Subtitles) 7:00 The Preview 7:30
Adventure: Beyond The Call Of
Duty 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 9:00
The Movie Show 9:30 Double Bill
Michael Douglas: Shining Through
15 (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Double
Bill Michael Douglas: Wall Street
15 (Arabic Subtitles) 1:30 Horror
The Omen 16 (Arabic Subtitles)
3:30 Comedy: Heart Condition 18
(Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Film Club
Wild West 15 (Arabic Subtitles)

ZEE TV

6:00 The News 6:30 Jagran 7:00
A to Z Computer 8:30 Through
the Gear 9:00 Hepline 9:30 Gaane
Anjana 10:00 Lakme Khubsurat
10:30 No Problem 11:00 Shayed
11:30 Hum Paanch 12:00 Sur
Taal 12:30 Natrat 1:00 A to Z
Computer 2:30 Raahat 3:00
Serial: TBA 3:30 Celeste 4:00
Suno Bhai Sadho 4:30 Namaste
India 5:00 A to Z Computer 5:30
Hum Zamane 6:00 Cartoon 6:30
All Out 7:00 Khana Khazana 7:30
The Hindi News at Seven 7:45
Raahat 8:15 Ek Nazar 8:30
Beej Ke PG 9:00 Aap Ki Pasand
9:30 Banegi Apni Baat 10:00
Parapara 10:30 News 11:00
The Dream Merchant 11:30 Aap
Ki Adalat 12:00 Saalab 12:30
Campus 1:00 Hasrat 1:30
Tumhare Lye 2:00 Zee Arabia
Pro 2:30 Zee Arabia
Infotainment-TMM

EL TV

6:30 Devotional 7:30 Tarane 8:30
Hansle Hanste 9:30 Apshe Das-
taan 10:30 Dance Mania 11:00
V3 11:30 Karm 12:00 People's
Club 12:30 Upanyas 1:00 Chalo
Cinema 1:30 Tanhaiyan 2:00
Special 3:00 Film Chai 3:30
Kal Bhi Aai Bhi 4:30 Liberty
Public Demand 5:30 Special 6:30
Kal Bhi Aai Bhi 7:00 Hafta Hafta
7:30 Intezaar 8:00 Song Yatra
8:30 Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup
9:00 The Moov Usha Uthup Show
9:30 Amar Prem 10:00 Top Of
The Tops 10:30 Naam Gum
Jagaya 11:00 Casper Number-1
11:30 Kamal Combination 12:00
Suhana Sagar 12:30 Dil Deka
Dekho 1:30 Sur Sargam 2:30

Pyar Hi Pyar 3:30 Jevan Ki
Rang

PTV

8:00am Tilawat Aur Tarjuma
Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30
Khabran 8:45 Mansoobajal
Barai Khud Katalat 9:00 Sur
Savarna & Sehra Ka Safar &
Sada E Kasmir 9:40 Shana Ba
Shana 9:50 Aaj Ki Kitaab-Aik
Nazm 10:05 Boor Kay Ladko
10:30 English Film: Chop And Dale
10:55 Mill Naghma 11:00 Khabran
11:10 Ali Baba (Drama Serial)
11:35 Naghmaazari (Drama Se-
rial) 12:00noon Urdu Khali 12:55

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