



Competitors anxiously filling in forms to enter different competitions.

World Cyber Games Bangladesh 2005 from Friday

Gamers ready to battle for NFS and FIFA supremacy

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Event organizers of World Cyber Games Bangladesh 2005 Championship, to be held for the first time in Bangladesh, have not received the kind of enthusiastic response from local gamers like they had earlier anticipated.

Out of the 1000 winners from an sms contest organised last week, only 400 had registered for the tournament until August 21 at the official registration booth located at Bashundhara City.

"So far, only 210 participants have registered for the Need for Speed (NFS) Underground 2 tournament while 183 have registered for FIFA 2005. We were expecting all the winners of the sms contest to show up based on the overall enthusiasm and excitement during the

contest," said Fuad Awal Chowdhury, Managing Director, F1 Management Limited, who are organising the event in Bangladesh.

Over 4000 participants took part in the sms contest and had repeatedly sent the answers to four simple questions in order to be selected as one of the 1000 winners for the tournament.

"We received answers from around 2000 Djuiice numbers who wanted to take part in the NFS tournament while 1200 users of Djuiice numbers sent their answers for the FIFA 2005 category," said Chowdhury.

But most of the selected winners did not turn up for registration. Chowdhury thought the low turnout could have been due to some communication problems.

"Most of these winners did

not receive our message, even though we had sent over 2 to 3 sms' notifying their selection for the tournaments," said Chowdhury.

But some participants had a different explanation. "Most people felt that the registration fee of Tk 200 and submission of two passport-size photographs with the registration form was too much of a hassle and backed out at the last minute," said Zaki, a resident of Kamla-pur, who has registered for FIFA-2005. Other participants cited the August 17 bomb attacks as a reason.

"Most students are feeling that it is unsafe to come out of their houses and register after the recent incidents," said another participant.

But in spite of these problems, the organisers are determined to hold the show.

"We have already extended the registration deadline by a day due to the bomb attack. After the deadline expires on August 21, we will contact the participants of the sms contest in our waiting list and ask them to register," said Chowdhury.

The WCG 2005 Bangladesh Championship will kick off on August 26 at the Bashundhara City. The games to be played at this three-day event are Need For Speed Underground 2 and FIFA 2005.

"Over 50 computers have been allocated for the games along with 10 more as backup," said Chowdhury.

Sparkle GeForce FX series

advanced 3D graphics engines will power the computers.

The games shall be played on a Local Area Network (LAN) and referees appointed by F1 Management shall monitor every single fixture.

A total of nine knockout rounds including a final round will be played for each game before a winner gets selected. Two winners, one each from NFS U2 and FIFA 2005, will represent Bangladesh at the grand finals to be held in November at Singapore.

Djuiice is the official sponsors for WCG 2005 Bangladesh Championship while Bashundhara Group are the venue sponsors.

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