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## HANDS ON REVIEW

# Symphony Xplorer P10

The P series by Symphony is back – it might not be bigger than the predecessor but surely multiple times better. The phone that we are reviewing today is Xplorer P10- the mighty successor of P5 which was launched only a month back.

The phone is a bit sleeker compared to P5- despite both having the same display size. Speaking of display, it has a 5.5 inch HD IPS screen with a 720 x 1280 pixels. Meaning 267 pixels cramping per inches. For a phone this big, the screen we definitely expected higher pixel density. The touch screen was near perfect. The display transitions were smooth- thanks to the latest framework for UI transitions of kitkat.

The UI of the phone is a custom one, the usual one that Symphony deploys in most of its handset. The UI at the first glance might feel funky, but as time goes by you start to look for ways to get rid of it. And the way is simple- in fact Symphony has kept the back door open just for you. There is this default app called colors. Go there; select the 'Android' theme and you are back to the delightful icons that come by default with android. Oh did I forget to mention, this phablet comes equipped with kitkat 4.4.2.

The CPU of the phone is a Mediatek MT 6591 Hexacore processor of 1.5GHz clockspeed. And it can handle all the operations pretty fine. We ran HD video clips without any

### SPECS

**OS:** Android 4.4.2 KitKat  
**Display:** 5.5 Inch IPS HD Display  
**Processor:** 1.5GHz Hexa Core Processor  
**Camera:** 8MP (AF) + 2MP  
**ROM:** 8GB, **RAM:** 1GB RAM  
**Battery:** 2400mAh  
**Sensors:** G-sensor, Accelerometer, Proximity & Magnetic sensor  
**Price:** Tk. 15,990/-

### VERDICT

The Symphony Xplorer P10 is simply a brilliant phone. The aesthetics and build is great- the matt finished back added a great touch to it. Performance of this phablet is good- especially if you intend to use it for regular use, not hardcore gaming. All the everyday tasks were well handled by the hexacore processor of the device. The rear camera, despite being 8MP, can easily appease you with the mind-blowing snaps that it can take. However the display resolution could have been better. For a 5.5 inch phone, the PPI (pixels per inch) should be slightly higher. All in all- it's a great bargain if you want the "phablet experience" in a budget.



stuttering. Multitasking can also be carried out except for the occasional freezing (less than a second). To compare and understand where this phone stands, we ran AnTuTu Benchmark test. It obtained 25466 as overall score with the remark 'Good Job'. Good job indeed. The 1 GB RAM might seem less but we found it adequate.

The camera is probably the best feature of this phone. The 8MP snapper has an amazing lens- all sample snaps that we took were clear and pristine. Even when zoomed in, we couldn't find any grains. Some sample shots can be found in the online edition of the story. There are some interesting refinements in the camera option. For example, in order to zoom in you need to pinch the screen.

Pressing the volume rocker will only 'take a single snap'- which might seem weird. And it doesn't end there: pressing any of the rockers (up or down) for more than a second will trigger the burst mode which can take up to 20 frames in a single go. Also, if you are great fan of vibrant landscapes you will miss the HDR option. The front facing camera is an ok one- good enough for regular selfies.

2400mAh battery of the device holds strong if you are a non 3G user. If you are using 3G for an hour or two then the battery will drain out pretty rapidly. But still that rate is lower compared to phones with similar sized display. Most likely the low resolution of the screen has something to do with it.

The P10 comes with a USB- charger plug



in point and a headphone. The headphone delivered pretty decent sounds with a mediocre bass. Good enough to spend the lazy hours in traffic. The 8GB ROM will only let you store 2/3 GB worth of stuff so be prepared to buy a memory card with this phone.

This device comes packed with all the SNS integrations i.e. Facebook, Twitter. The Google App Store is obviously there, so is the FUN store- a dedicated app store for Symphony handsets only.

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## TECH HAPPENING

### Microsoft Day Celebrated at Bangladesh



Microsoft Day 2014 was celebrated on Saturday the 27th September at BCS Computer City, IDB Bhaban, Dhaka. Microsoft Bangladesh Country Manager, Sonia Bashir Kabir spoke about Microsoft products and how important it was to "embrace genuine" in enabling local innovation to flourish. She said, "We the people of Bangladesh are proud of who we are and are going to pave the way for the future of technology in our country. We have a big population and we will do what is right for us as individuals and for our country. Join us in embracing genuine - BE GENUINE, BUY GENUINE." Sonia Bashir Kabir requested the visitors to become ambassadors of the "Be Genuine, Buy Genuine" initiative. She also shared with them how Microsoft is transforming as a company.

### Twenty Five apps launched by the government to serve the citizens

Last Wednesday at the Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) office in Agargaon a press conference was held to formally launch 25 apps developed by the Bangladesh government in association with MCC and EATL. The ceremony was titled "Jonogoner Aro Kache" and State Minister of ICT Division Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak was present at the ceremony as the Chief Guest. Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak said at the conference "The government determined to deliver a wide range of information and services to the people of Bangladesh through Mobile applications. "Among the 25 applications that is launched, there is - Right to Information Law, Driving License Information, BHBFC Loan Calculator, Nazrul Academy, Dhaka Zoo, Government Services, Copyright Law, Archaeology of Bangladesh, Public Library, Textile Calculator, Prize Bond, FDC, Bangladesh National Stadium, Constitution of 72, Hospital Finder, Drug abuse and Youth Offences, Immunization Alert, Insect Control of Crop, Roof Gardening and many others.



### Samsung and Grameenphone brings Galaxy Note 4 in Bangladesh



Samsung Electronics Ltd. Bangladesh and Grameenphone have introduced Galaxy Note 4 in the Bangladesh market last week, through an exclusive pre booking offer. Now, Grameenphone Platinum and Platinum Plus customers can pre-book this latest legacy of the global leader Samsung, for only BDT 67,500, while other customers can prebook the Galaxy Note 4 for only BDT 80,000. Any customer can prebook the device from respective Grameenphone Centers as well as Samsung stores. In addition to special price, Customers will receive Free Internet offer and 12 months installment (EMI) facility. Pre-booking will start from September 25, 2014. Choon Soo Moon, Managing Director, Samsung Bangladesh, Erlend Prestgard, Head of Strategy and Project Office of Grameenphone, Young Woo Lee, General Manager, Hasan Mehdi, Head of Mobile, Samsung Electronics Limited, Nehal Ahmed, Director Marketing of Grameenphone and other high officials of Samsung and Grameenphone were present on the occasion.

### JUST IN

#### Lenovo unveils A7-50 7-inch Android tablet

Leading IT product manufacturer Lenovo launched its new A7-50 performance tablet with an in-plane switching (IPS) screen that delivers a wide viewing angle, perfect for sharing content with friends in groups. Lenovo A7-50 is powered by 1.3 GHz Quad Core Processor and runs on Android 4.2 (can be upgraded to KitKat). The 9.6 mm thin device is equipped with 1GB RAM and 16 GB internal storage. The tablet also features

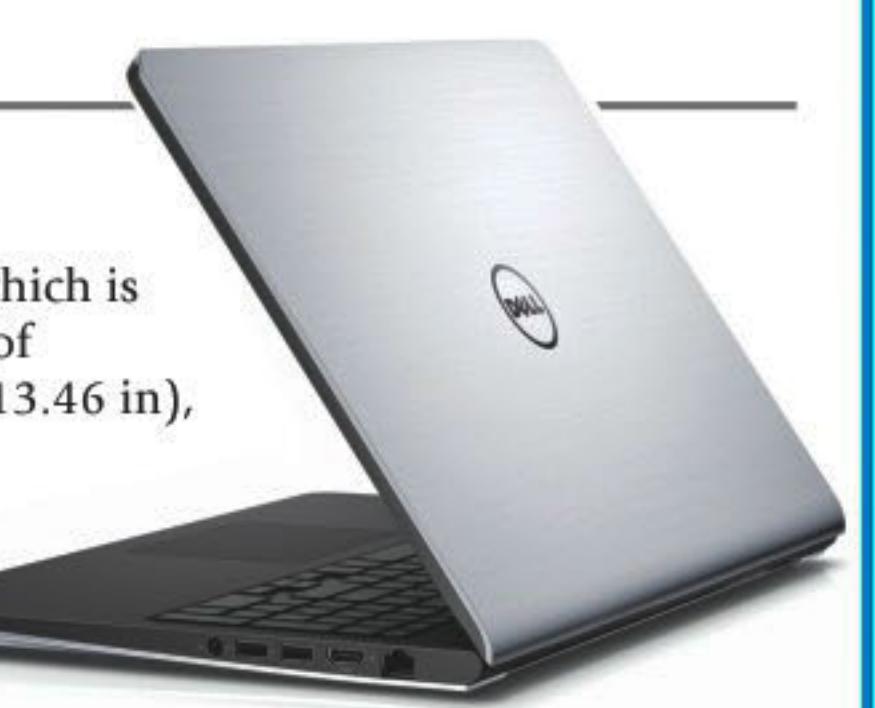
5MP rear camera, 2MP front camera and a 3450mAh battery. It has full 3G and built in Voice calling capabilities. One can navigate through its built in satellite GPS that also interacts with the user offline. There's also the option of 3G wireless support through a SIM card slot.

Price: Tk. 20,000/-

#### ASUS X450LAV New 4th Generation Core-i3 Notebook

Designed for everyday multitasking and entertainment for smart and practical users, the ASUS X450LAV notebook redefines your expectations of all-rounder notebook. Whether you are using it for work or for fun, this is an ideal machine for both productive computing and entertainment. It features 1.90 GHz 4th Generation Intel® Core i3 processor, 14-inch display, built-in Intel HD Graphics, 4 GB RAM, 1 TB hard drive, webcam, DVD writer, wireless LAN, Bluetooth, SonicMaster Audio, USB 3.0 ports, HDMI port. ASUS X450LAV gives you everything you need for a truly satisfying multitask computing and multimedia experience.

Price: Tk. 39,500/-



#### Silver Dell N5447

Dell brings a new Notebook: Inspiron N5447 which is slim and solid in silver color with a dimension of Height: 21.60 mm (0.85 in), Width: 342 mm (13.46 in), Depth: 246 mm (9.69 in). This 4th Generation notebook comes from Core i3-4030U processor of up to 1.9 GHz. This budget friendly notebook also contains 4 GB RAM (1x4GB) DDR3L 1600MHz, 500GB 5400RPM SATA Hybrid Hard Drive with 8GB Cache and Intel HD Graphics 4400. The 14 inch LED Backlit Display comes with True colors and HD resolution (1366 x 768).

Price: Tk. 41,000/- plus Dell Original Carry Case and one year parts and service warranty

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