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Current account surplus erodes 40pc in October

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The current account surplus eroded almost 40 percent in October from the previous month due to an increase in investment.

At the end of October, the current account surplus stood at \$936 million, which was \$1.56 billion in September, according to Bangladesh Bank data.

However, the current account surplus in the first four months of the fiscal year was much higher year-on-year. During the period last fiscal year, the surplus was \$135 million.

Capital machinery accounts for a major chunk of the imports. The surplus in the

balance of payments shrank as import of capital machinery surged, a central bank official said.

Its impact has been felt on the exchange rate: after a long time the taka has started depreciating against the dollar. Since October the local currency became weaker as the demand for dollar increased, he said.

The average inter-bank exchange rate reached Tk 78.95 on November 30 from Tk 77.8 on June 30.

Capital machinery imports rose 24.92 percent in the first four months, according to letters of credit settlement statistics. Other imports increased about 14 percent.

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Discussants attend a session at the Digital Marketing Summit at GP House in Bashundhara, Dhaka yesterday.

Developers of hi-tech parks get duty waiver

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The National Board of Revenue has provided a zero-duty privilege to the developers of hi-tech parks for importing materials needed to build the zones.

But the benefit will be applicable only for the items that are approved by Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority.

Also, construction materials that are easily available in the country -- such as mild steel rod/bar, iron/steel sheets and materials for setting up prefabricated buildings -- will remain beyond the purview.

The products that are not directly connected with the development of the parks, like office equipment, air-conditioners, refrigerators, passenger vehicles and home appliances, will also be kept out of the list of the privileged items.

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WB's chief economist praises civil society

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Bangladesh's civil society has helped the country perform better in many social indicators, Kaushik Basu, the chief economist of the World Bank, said yesterday.

The country has done better than India in some indicators, he told a group of economists at Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies in Dhaka.

Basu, who is the second WB chief economist from a developing country and the first from India, also praised Bangladesh's stable economic growth, which he said would reach China's pace of growth next year.

He also spoke on globalisation and the role of trust in trade and exchange at the event, which was moderated by KAS Murshid, director general of BIDS.

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Go digital for growth

Analysts focus on prospects of online marketing

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Businesses should embrace digital platforms as they offer immense opportunities to create and grow and also allow them to connect effectively with their users, analysts said yesterday.

Bangladesh has bright prospects in digital marketing as most of its population is very young, adaptable and tech-savvy, said Shariful Islam, founder of Bangladesh Brand Forum.

Islam's comment came at the second Digital Marketing Summit at GP House in Dhaka.

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