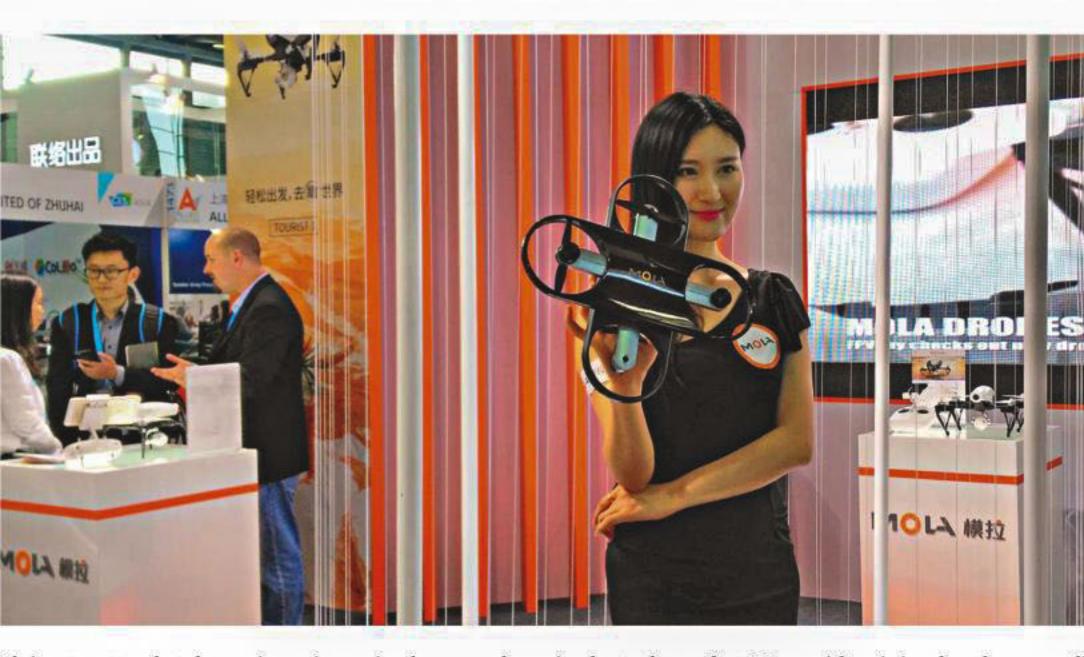


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Drones, robots and driverless cars at the CES ASIA 2016



Flying to attend tech seminars is a mixed bag experience of aching backs and wide eyed amazement at what lies beyond 2015. This year was the second time for CES Asia, an offshoot of Consumer Technology Association (CTA). Weirdly enough, the show included a Donald Trump speaker. Yes, that crazy man's bust with noise exploding out his head.

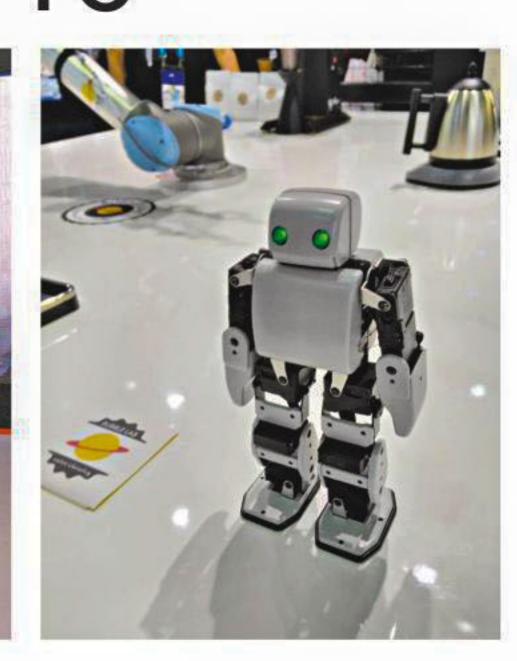
China is one of the fastest growing consumer electronics innovators in the world. CES Asia, which took place this year on May 11-13, brought things you wouldn't otherwise see elsewhere. Three predominant themes caught my attention this year: Virtual Reality, drones, more drones, 3D printing and electric cars. VR is promising to be a big

player in the tech market. Huawei has joined the game to develop VR devices as well as providing the backbone for carrying backbone to manage all the huge data generated by VR content. One of the more impressive was the Typhoon by Yuneec. With more than 25 minutes of airtime, it offers more video recording time than most other drone developers.

Many companies were present with their VR software and headsets. But every few stall apart there seemed to be a manufacturer of 3D printers. Most displayed figurines and scale models with one guy displaying a massive sword that took more than two days to complete. 3D printing has many uses in the industrial and even medical world but

these smaller printed will serve primarily to build prototype models and crafts, at least till prices drop.

Huawei invited us over for the show and they had a good reason to. It seems they are ready to take over the communications world by throwing out a whole range of devices from handsets to notebooks. Their P9 handset is the current flagship that sports optics by Leica, famed camera of choice for hip photographers. It is possibly the best camera hooked up to a cell phone to date offering optical stabilisation and wide apertures comparable to most DSLRs. Huawei also showcased their new Matebook: tablet, notebook, stylus, drawing tablet all in one. World domination? Possibly. More on this later.



Car manufacturers were present showcasing the quest for cleaner energy in the form of electric cars. People thronged to the BMW stall to ogle at the beautiful blue and grey i8 cars. Continental tires provided and outdoor demo while Pioneer went fullblown DJ to showcase some righteous tunes.

The future seems very electrifying. Everything is about to be connected and managed by AI. Self driving cars, automated robotic arms that make coffee, battery powered skateboards and even smart shoes that also look smart. There's a lot more to come. Look for our best pics in the BYTES gallery online.

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APPS ON THE FLOOP

Name of App: Rx71 Developer: Rx71 Limited Platforms: Android Size: 9.3 MB Genre: Health & Fitness Our Rating: 6.5/10

Rx71 Health App is a very simple and easy to use app that helps to identify your decease or medical condition by asking you a series of question. In this app you can also find detailed descriptions of various diseases, symptoms and treatments. You can also get in-depth nutritional information about local foods along with the options of making your own diet plan. In addition to that if you are in search of a good specialist doctor then this app can help you too. It has an onboard directory containing an elaborate list of renowned doctors. It also does contain contact info of prominent hospitals and diagnostic centres.



JUST IN

Samsung brings all new Galaxy J7 & Galaxy J5 2016 Editions

Samsung Mobile Bangladesh has announced the launch of two new additions to its Galaxy J series handsets-Galaxy J7 and Galaxy J5 2016 Edition in Bangladesh. The new 4G LTE enabled handsets are designed for better performance with extended 3,300 mAh (J7 2016 Edition) and 3,100 mAh (J5 2016 Edition) batteries. The Galaxy J7 and Galaxy J5 2016 Edition have 5.5" & 5.2" HD super AMOLED displays respectively with and 13 megapixel rear camera that enables photography in any lighting condition. The phones have f1.9 and LED flash with both - front and rear camera, manual aperture settings and advanced photo settings. The 64-bit Octa-core (1.6 GHz) and Quad-core (1.2 GHz) processors respectively with 2 GB RAM ensures faster processing and performance.

PRICE: Galaxy J7 2016 TK. 24,900/-Galaxy J5 2016 TK. 21,900/-

H300 -Symphony's new midranger hits the market

Recently Symphony Mobile launched a new smartphone "H300" targeting the budget conscious crowd of Bangladesh. The handset comes loaded with Android 5.1 Lollipop and is run by a 1.4 GHz Octacore processor. The phone also has a 5-inch IPS HD display, 2 GB of RAM and 16 GB of ROM, 2500 Li-ion, dual micro SIM slot, 13 Megapixel rear & 5 Megapixel front cameras with flash light on both sides. Symphony always adds some new feature after they rollout newer generation phones. This time was no exception. The H300 comes with some unmatched features: "click for optimize" one-click optimization, data manager of the Mobile Data Management, Mobile Startup optimization for faster boot time, blacklist mode etc. Price: Tk. 9,490/-

TECH HAPPENING

REVE Systems showcases three Walton incorporates inverter new innovations at ITW '16

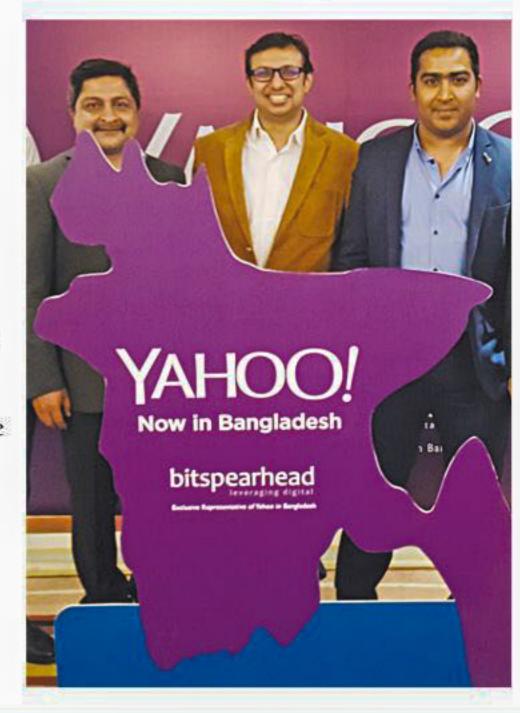
REVE Systems has recently showcased their 3 new innovative products at the International Telecoms Week (ITW). The iTel IM App, iTel Smart Call App and WebRTC-SIP Gateway – three new products were introduced at the 4-day meet of global wholesale telecommunications community which took place in Chicago, IL from May 8th. iTel IM App enables Group Chat,

Location and File Sharing and Video Call apart from low bandwidth voice over internet protocol. On the other hand, iTel Smart Call App facilitates cost effective mobile and landline calling, short message service (SMS) and mobile top up while WebRTC is the most advanced Web Real-Time Communication way where users can direct call from the browsers.



Bitspearhead announces tie up with Yahoo to launch Yahoo Advertising Services in Bangladesh

Recently, the launching ceremony of Yahoo's services in Bangladesh was held in The Westin Dhaka. Representatives from some of the biggest corporate houses were present in this ceremony to know how the services of Yahoo can help them achieve their business goals. Radi Ahmed Chowdhury (Managing Director, Bitspearhead Limited), Swapnil Ravindran (National Sales Manager, Yahoo India), Shaik Irfan Ahmed (Head Channel Sales & Business Development, Yahoo India) talked about the services of Yahoo during the program. Radi Chowdhury, Managing Director, Bitspearhead Limited said, "We are proud to initiate our journey of Bitspearhead in the fast growing digital advertising and communication landscape of Bangladesh. As Yahoo's resellers in Bangladesh, we are excited that we will be able to provide innovative online advertising solutions to brands in the market and enable them to reach their desired target audience."



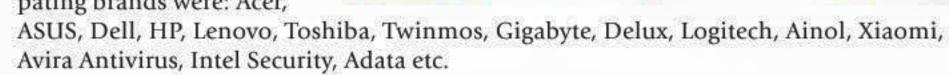
technology in fridges Walton is now manufacturing no-frost refrigno-frost refrigerators at its own factory at

erators with energy efficient inverter technology According to Walton, inverter technologies of compressor in Walton refrigerators not only reduce electricity bill but also conserve environment. Walton started the production of inverter technology incorporated

Chandra in Gazipur. After conducting months of experiment at their in-house Research and Development Centre, Walton successfully manufactured some models of inverter technology based no-frost refrigerators for the local market.

Summer Laptop Fair 2016 held

The 17th instalment of Summer Laptop Fair by Expo maker came to an end yesterday. The event, focusing on laptops, tablets and accessories, registered a record amount of visitor this year. The three day event took place at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. According to Expo maker this year's event housed four pavilions, 7 mini pavilions and fifty four stalls. Some of the participating brands were: Acer,



Bangladeshi girl elected as 'Top Speaker' for upcoming Google I/O Developer Summit

Bangladeshi Rakhshanda Rukkhan was elected as 'top speaker' for developer summit of upcoming Google I/O, Google's largest technology conference in the world. Rakhshanda, the Bangladesh Google Women Tech Maker's Lead, was elected through an intense online voting. After the voting, Google Developer Group Project Manager Nadian Rose confirmed Rakhshanda as 'top speaker' though an email. Rakhshanda will conduct a session on Women Tech Makers activism titled 'Inspiring 3500+ women in 3 years'.











Astronomers announce largest batch of new planets ever discovered



Walmart begins testing 2-day shipping service to take on Amazon Prime



