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HANDS ON REVIEW

HTC 10: A HINT OF BRILLIANCE?

After a long time, we are reviewing one of Walton's top-tier products: the ZX2 Lite. It's the newer, stripped-down version of the famed ZX2, which has been creating quite a buzz in the market. This 6-inch all-metal-body phone is certainly a stunner. But is that it? Or does it perform as well as it looks? Let's find out in our detailed hands-on review:

DESIGN

Design is purely HTC territory as they have been churning out metal phones long before Samsung decided to adopt fancy materials. However, after the silly reheated dinner approach for the design of the M9 didn't float with customers, HTC decided to go back to the board and see if they could improve upon perfection. The front received similar thoughtful changes such as removing the useless HTC bar, adding capacitive buttons, fingerprint scanner and a bigger, higher resolution panel. The phone feels fantastic in the hand, although it is massively

SPECS

- Display: 5.2 inches, 2560 x 1440 pixels (565PPI),
CPU: Qualcomm Snapdragon 820 (64-bit)
GPU: Adreno 530
OS: Android OS v6.0.1
ROM: 32GB
RAM: 4GB
Camera: Rear -12 MP, f/1.8 Front - 5 MP, f/1.8
Battery: 3000 mAh
Sensors: Proximity sensor, Gyroscope sensor, Ambient Light Sensor etc.
PRICE: APPX.TK.50-53,000/-

VERDICT

This is by no means a phone aimed at camera enthusiasts. The S7, P9, and the G5 do a better job if your priority lies with the camera above all else. However, if you are looking for an all-rounder with great eye catching looks, or a music companion, then look no further than the HTC 10. The improvements that separate it from last year's M9 are vast, and heading towards the right direction. It is by no means a perfect device, but the innate charm this phone has can, and will, get under your skin.



slippery thanks to the new metallic finish, and it is quite a chunky phone, thanks to the 3,000mAh battery, so one handed usage will be tricky.

DISPLAY

For those hoping for a change of screen tech, sorry, but that hasn't happened. The screen is a 5.2" Super LCD 5 and Quad HD. The colours are surprisingly punchy and have good contrast and blacks, depending on how you tune it in the settings. The screen does suffer from colour shift if you were to look at it from an angle, but then again, you can look at it as a security feature in that no one will be able to see what you are doing.

SOFTWARE & PERFORMANCE

With this new flagship, HTC has decided to walk the road of less is more for their software; and it shows. This is the leanest version of Sense ever. All duplicate apps from HTC have been dropped and are now using Google's apps instead. There is no HTC music player or gallery; there is only Google

music and photos. This version of Sense is sticking as close as possible to stock android as possible, and that shows in the day to day usage. The user experience of multitasking, gaming, browsing, etc. are a breeze. It also includes theme support, so that you don't have to suffer the monotony of the same looking interface, so good job there.

CAMERA

This has always been the Achilles heel for any HTC device. Despite bringing along the concept of dual lens, and bigger pixel sizes, they just haven't been able to capitalize on it. The 10, however, represents a leap forwards for HTC. Colours are a bit lacking, as is the contrast. While it does have a manual mode, it doesn't feature HDR there, that it seems is exclusive to Auto mode. And there are no manual video controls to speak of; the only choice at hand is changing resolutions and Time-lapse. But the biggest problem, by a mile, is the autofocus speed. We found it woefully slow.

The 10, however, has one of the best front cameras out there, with a clear intention of improving your selfie game. Sure 5



MP doesn't sound much compared to the 8's and 13's from the oppositions, but the sensor here is better with bigger pixels, and OIS equipped, a smartphone first.

AUDIO

This is pure HTC territory ever since the introduction of the M7 blew away anything that was in the market, including the much coveted Apple, and happily, that tradition has continued in all their flagship lines, right down to the new 10.

This year, thanks to the fingerprint sensor, HTC had to rethink the Boomsound speakers. Their solution; split the frequency and make it a two-way speaker, the front facing one dealing with higher frequency while a bottom firing one deals with the lower frequencies. It is, by no means, louder than the M8 or 9, but it's still better than single speaker setups of other devices. It carries a lot more depth than other speakers too, including its predecessors.

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Bangladesh's 'Virtual Talent' is its opportunity

Notwithstanding the recent terrible tragedies inflicted on the citizens of Bangladesh by terrorists, the world cannot abandon one of the poorest countries in the world. Now more than ever Bangladesh needs international support and friendship.

International companies should still come to Bangladesh to do business, but they must do business in a fair way, in an ethical way that helps the country. Unlike the garment industry that is manually intensive and mostly women with little or no education, the outsourcing sector attracts well-educated people and pays much higher wages comparable with competing ICT/BPO nations like India and the Philippines.

The ICT/ BPO industry in Bangladesh is relatively new in comparison to other business sectors and the Bangladesh government is very well aware of what BPO- ICT has done for The Philippines, lifting it from abject poverty to be the second fastest growing economy in Asia after China with a growth rate of 6.8%.

The Bangladeshi workforce is traditionally renowned for their quick learning abilities. The workforce, especially, has historically strong abilities in mathematical and logical analysis processes. Bangladeshi students regularly appear as winners in a number of programming and mathematical competitions globally. 'STEM' is the new global outsourcing buzzword. It stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The Bangladeshi workforce has higher competencies in English compared to countries like China and Vietnam; however, the language proficiency is to some extent skewed towards professionals with better schooling. I am sure that there are many other things to consider including business grade English skills, and cross cultural training to improve 'soft skills' that need to be addressed very quickly so that Bangladesh can move forward while its window of opportunity is open.

If the government can play its part by making access to the Internet free or very low cost they will be rewarded by creating an environment that will create income for many of their citizens which in turn will create a trickle down multiplier effect for their economy.

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JADOO: Going digital for entertainment!

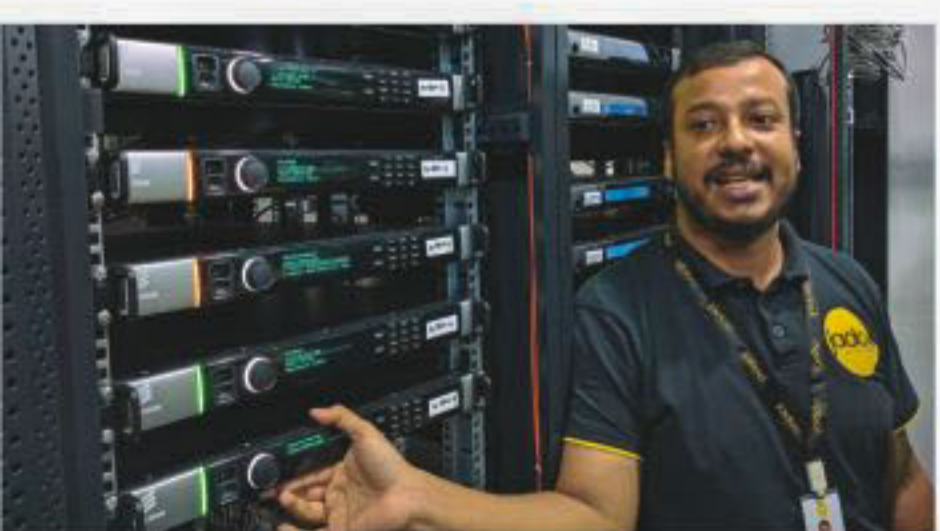
To engage and entertain TV viewing folks digitally, Jadoo Digital started their journey. From being an internet service provider, this conglomerate has now stepped in the business of entertaining people right to their bedroom - with digital cable services. Jadoo with their set top boxes, are now providing



services in more than 200 channels to residents and offices of Gulshan, Uttara, Khilkhet, Mirpur DOHS, Paltan etc. And they plan to rollout their fibre optic network slowly and steady across the capital by the end of this year.

Recently we were invited to visit their operational headquarters which also houses their state of the art Data Centre. According to Jadoo, this is one of the most well equipped Data Centres in Bangladesh which is reflection of their commitment of delivering cutting edge digital entertainment.

Ishraq Dhaly, head of marketing Jadoo,



while showing us around, said that Jadoo wants to change the customers' experience of entertainment. We want subscribers get access to high quality content at an affordable rate. We also want to make sure the cable operators are included in our service eco-system so that our services are delivered properly to the door step of each and every subscriber.

TECH HAPPENING

Oppo steps up the selfie game with F1s

Chinese smartphone giant OPPO, stepped up the selfie revolution by announcing the launch of the upgraded 'Selfie Expert' -OPPO F1s last Wednesday at an event held in Dhaka. As an advanced version of the Selfie Expert F1, the F1s is taking selfies a step further with a 16MP front camera, a sophisticated beautification feature and a faster 0.22s fingerprint reader. The F1s also sports a 5.5-inch screen, an Octa-core processor, backed with 3 GB RAM, 32 GB ROM, and 3075mAh whole day use battery, assuring a perfect selfie experience at an affordable price of BDT 23,900. The launch was done in the presence of Mr. Navy Yi -, Managing Director of OPPO Bangladesh Communication Equipment Co. Ltd, Mr. Shihab Ahmad - Chief Strategy Officer of Banglalink and Renowned Photographer - Jubaer Shuvo.



DBBL and eGeneration signed agreement for Cyber Security solutions

Dutch Bangla Bank Limited signed an agreement with eGeneration Ltd, a technology consulting company, to provide information security solutions. In the presence of Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman of DBBL and Mr. Shameem Ahsan, Chairman of eGeneration, Mr. Emdadul Haque Khan, First Vice President, IT Operation Division of DBBL and Mr. Monowar Hossain Khan, Chief Business Development Officer of eGeneration Ltd. have signed the agreement on

behalf of their respective organizations. K. Shamshi Tabrez, Managing Director, Abul Kashem Md. Shirin, Deputy Managing Director, Md. Sayedul Hasan, Deputy Managing Director, Khan Tariqul Islam, Chief Financial Officer of DBBL and Mr. Prabeer Sarkar, CEO of Officextracts (Distributor of Kaspersky), Mr. Emran Abdullah, Head of Operations of eGeneration Ltd. was also present during the signing ceremony.

Huawei brings two smartphones with BLink bundle offer

Huawei and Banglalink, in their continuous effort to bring affordable mobile telephony among the mass, has launched two Smartphones Huawei Y3II and Y5II with internet and voice bundle offer recently. Customer can buy Huawei Y3 II with 4.5 IPS inches display by spending BDT 6,190. Along with the Banglalink's 18GB internet data with 750 min talk-time(BL to BL and other operator). Validity of per bonus is 30 days. Price of Huawei Y5 II is BDT 8,990. Along with the Banglalink's 24GB internet data with 1500 min talk time (BL to BL and other operator).

Edtech startup 'Esho Shikhi' to get investment from BD Venture

BD Venture Limited, a venture capital company has signed investment agreement with Esho Shikhi Limited recently at the office premise of BD Venture Limited. Esho Shikhi Limited is an Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) enterprise featuring an education online portal (www.eshoshikhi.com). This is a one stop tutoring platform where students can study online (through Video Tutorials, Online Exams). They can interact and share experiences among themselves. Students can buy and share study materials online, get educational information. Students appearing for Admission examination for higher studies and job from remote areas can be immensely benefitted. Mr. Shawkat Hossain, Managing Director and other Board members of BD Venture Limited was present in the occasion. On behalf of Esho Shikhi Limited, Mr. Sohail Ahmed Chairman, Mr. S M Tanveer Managing Director, Mr. Hamidul Islam and Mr. Mobarok Hossain were present.

JUST IN

ASUS Zenfone Max hits Bangladeshi market

ASUS has introduced in their new addition, the ASUS Zenfone Max (ZC550KL) to Bangladesh. The phone packs a 5000mAh battery that can provide enough power backup to even the heaviest of users. The phone comes with a 5.5 inch IPS HD display with a resolution of 1280x720 pixels along with a Qualcomm MSM8916 Quad-Core processor. The



phone has 2GB RAM, 32GB ROM, 13 megapixel camera with laser auto focus and flash with features such as geo-tagging, touch focus and HDR capabilities with the ability to shoot full HD videos. The phone also has a 5 megapixel front camera for selfies and video calls. PRICE: TK. 16,290/- with one year warranty.

TECH BITS Average Internet Speed in USA 50 MBPS



Apple announces long-awaited bug bounty program



NASA's Curiosity rover gets an adorable mobile game



Netflix's first original VR content is a creepy trip inside Stranger Things



Facebook's new anti-clickbait algorithm buries bogus headlines

