



A CARNIVAL FOR SPORTS LOVERS

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The mornings of January 28 and 29 brought with them an excited buzzing and a crowd of enthusiastic young teenagers dressed in black, scurrying about getting food, banners and other things ready. Soon more young individuals in sports jerseys joined in carrying their weapons of choice – as in their preferred sports equipments, and this bunch of young people had never looked sprightlier. This was Winter Fiesta, hosted at APBN Field, Uttara.

Winter Fiesta, affectionately dubbed WiFi'17 by the organisers, hosted a variety of different sporting events: basketball, badminton, and football for both girls and boys. An assortment of young individuals in high school had all stepped up to showcase their talents, courtesy of Ember Bangladesh, who had previously hosted WriteFights

2016, and Youth Awakening, a writing competition and a session by various enlightening people respectively. With more than 300 participants and the event running for an entirety of two days, it was bound to be a success.

MadChef was present with their cart where players could enjoy a hearty meal after their matches. The weather was pleasant, carefully chosen by the organisers and the playing field was adequately readied. At the end of the gruelling but very entertaining two days, the winners in the fields of female basketball, male basketball, football, doubles badminton were awarded with trophies, medals and certificates.

The event also saw a brilliant display of sportsmanship and good behaviour. The players made friends, interacted and learned from one another. Everybody involved certainly walked away with memories that they would be cherishing for years to come, regardless of whether or not

they won an award. When asked about the event, Ember Bangladesh said that they were glad to have been able to pull off such an event and are lucky to have a set of extremely dedicated individuals who made the magic happen – not to mention super talented participants.

When the organisation was first founded, its objective was to prepare the youth for the challenges and hurdles they would face in real life through a variety of events, workshops and sessions to test, try and eventually awaken their true potential. They have already catered to many young teenagers in Bangladesh who feel that they are indeed suited for the opportunities that they are presented.

Ember hopes that they have paved the way for future star athletes and hopes to empower the youth of Bangladesh for many more days to come. Stay tuned for their next event, each one promised to be better and more innovative than the last.

INVENTION PREDICTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

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When you really boil it down, human beings are nothing but billions of tiny micro particles when compared to the infinite universe. We're random, simple, idiotically genius and brilliantly stupid all at the same time. From the discovery of fire to the modern smartphone, great inventions have come and gone, born out of accident, intention, and a whole lot of "in-betweens".

While what invention comes along in the future remains a mystery, a lot remains to be desired. Ours is a generation with individuals as morose as 50-something-year-olds, staring away at nothing in particular on their mobile devices, typing away messages in a chirpy digital tone with stone cold faces. We'll ponder on pressing world issues like, say, the absence of portable biodegradable toilets in the world; an ironic thought because such thoughts are often pursued in the confines of a toilet. But the purpose of this article isn't about the irony of such thoughts, but rather the portable biodegradable toilet we all yearn for when we're too old for diapers. On that note, the following inventions would aid us greatly too:

1. The Text Un-send Button: How many times have we let our emotions (or erm... desires) muddle our thoughts, and sent texts we wish we could take back?

Have you ever instantly regretted texting something? Text un-sends could save thousands of friendships and relationships worldwide.

2. Food Printer: I for one am tired of coming across recipe tutorials to the most scrumptious dishes on Facebook, videos

& chorizo jambalaya, and this printer could be powered by a treadmill which you have to run on. Good food and no obesity- it's a win-win!

3. Bluetooth Stickers: Ever struggle to find your favorite t-shirt/top in the middle of an avalanche of piled up clothes? How



that truly hurt when you look across the room and see last night's *daal*, chicken curry and *bhaat* patiently lying in wait for you to give up on life and consume it. Imagine connecting your laptop to a printer and producing your own chicken

about the TV remote that so often slips into the crevices of your sofa? Or just, what if you're visiting a carnival/parade with your friends and you get separated from the bunch? What if you could just smack a sticker on him/her/it/whatever

and use your phone to find what/who you're looking for? If you're aspiring to be a parent someday, you won't have to be afraid of losing your kid while you snapchat a pretty fountain anymore

4. Teleportation Device: Teleportation is indubitably the solution to a lot of the world's problems. Just imagine a world where roads aren't necessary, and millions of acres of land are available for agricultural, residential and leisure purposes. Overpopulation wouldn't be such a problem anymore, and you could zip on down to Paris for hot chocolate with your girlfriend who lives in Canada in the afternoon and comeback home to Bangladesh by 9 p.m. to watch your favorite football team finish 4th in the league again; wouldn't that be an amazing device to have in your ARSENAL? Plus, wouldn't it be cool to be able to pull off the crazy stunts like in the video game, Portal?

In a utopian world, all this technology would be commonplace and inexpensive, but the reality is likely to be much different. But hey, with the rate at which we're making technological breakthroughs in this century, alone, the future seems bright. This is to our future Utopia!

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