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FIRST SESSION OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY CONFERENCE 2017

CALL FOR ENDING THE DIGITAL DISPARITY

ASIA-PACIFIC INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY CONFERENCE 2017 CONCLUDES LAST WEEK WITH HIGH HOPES.

Countries in the Asia-Pacific region have made great strides towards implementation of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS) at Dhaka, Bangladesh this week which was co-organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Government of Bangladesh. Held at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel from 1 to 2 November 2017, the 2017 APIS conference brought together delegates from countries in the Asia-Pacific region with the common goal of encouraging and fostering easier, more affordable access to broadband internet. Topics like the role of Artificial Intelligence in streamlining international trade, the role of connectivity in providing assistance to people

affected by natural disasters and others were discussed at the two-day conference. The meeting was opened by Abul Maal A Muhith, Minister of Finance, and Zunaïd Ahmed Palak, State Minister of the ICT Division of the Government of Bangladesh. The inaugural session focused on implementation of the AP-IS Master Plan to enhance regional broadband connectivity for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, as articulated in the Regional Road Map for Implementing Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific. Meeting participants also successfully developed sub-regional implementation plans which are driven by member countries in collaboration with partners, using

the unique regional cooperation platform of ESCAP. Zunaïd Ahmed Palak in his concluding statements at the closing ceremony, drove home how the development of the information technology sector has contributed to economic and national growth, insisting that the IT sector has created more jobs whereas it was expected to reduce jobs. "There has been wave after wave of technological advance since the first Industrial Revolution and yet more people are working than ever before. Widespread unemployment due to technology has never materialised before. Certainly, automation has a big impact on labour market and some of the subsistent jobs are being destroyed.

I don't disagree about jobs vanishing but economic history tells us they will be replaced by new ones. The automobile may have wiped out blacksmiths, but it created new jobs in car manufacturing and highway construction," he said. The minister also stressed on the nature of jobs being changed as developing nations move to smarter methods for work with the assistance of technology. He said that human augmenting technology plays an important role in fostering growth, as evidenced by globally competitive firms like Amazon enjoying the cost-reducing benefits of employing robots while keeping their worker hiring rates constant.

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RUGGED MILITARY GRADE HDD BY APACER IN THE MARKET



Apacer recently introduced the AC630 USB 3.1 Gen 1 military grade shockproof portable hard drive. This 1 TB pen drive is enclosed in a protective special rubber structure that can withstand MIL-STD-810G 516.6 Procedure IV (transit drop test), which means it is resistant to falls of 1.22-meter height without losing data. Certified and has been deemed worthy of an IP55 rating for dustproof and waterproof features. Moreover, the USB 3.1 Gen 1 interface provides fast data transmission, making data backup a rapid process when you are on the go. Price: Tk. 5,500/-



WALTON TO LAUNCH DESKTOP PC & OTHER COMPUTER ACCESSORIES

Walton is set to launch a range of mainframe devices and accessories in local market, which would be assembled and manufactured locally. According to a press release issued by Walton recently at an initial stage, these devices and accessories will be assembled at its own plant of Walton Digi-Tech Industries Ltd. in Chandra of Gazipur. Eventually it plans to install a complete manufacturing plant here in Bangladesh, which will reduce the production cost and the local consumers would get them at affordable prices. The product laptop plans to assemble initially are desktop PC, monitor, keyboard, mouse, pendrive, micro SD cards, Wi-Fi routers etc.

TECH HAPPENING

DOZE INTERNET NOW AT MYMENSINGH

After Dhaka, Chittagong & Comilla Doze Internet is now in Mymensingh with its excellent internet services. On this note, Online Mymensingh and SSD-Tech signed a partnership agreement last month. Riyadh Mahbub, Head, Online

Mymensingh, Mahbulul Matin, Chairman, SSD-Tech, Hasan Mehdi, CEO, SSD-Tech, Mohiuddin Rasti Morshed, CEO, Mind Initiative and higher officials from both the organization were present on the occasion.

SAMSUNG BRINGS SCREEN REPLACEMENT OFFER FOR RANGE OF DEVICES

Samsung Bangladesh has recently announced a new offer, 'Never Mind' where with the purchase of the Samsung Galaxy J, Galaxy A, Galaxy C, Galaxy On and flagship Galaxy S and Galaxy Note, customers can avail one-time replacement of a broken screen within 12 months of purchase. The offer is valid on purchases from 28 October, 2017 to 31 December, 2017.

LIVE STREAMING APP RABBITHOLE LAUNCHES OFFICIALLY

"RabbitHole" has now launched its live streaming app officially in the capital of the country. According to a press release issued last week, RabbitHole acclaims themselves as the first YouTube Live Streaming media ever in Bangladesh. Before launching this app, the name

RabbitHole was introduced in 2015 as a YouTube channel which initiated the idea of live streaming of Bangladesh cricket on YouTube. In 2016, an Asia cup's match between Bangladesh and India had the highest concurrent viewer of 1.5 lacs Plus.

ROBI PARTNERS WITH METRONET TO PROVIDE CONNECTIVITY TO ITS CLOUD SERVICE CUSTOMERS

Robi has formed a partnership with MetroNet Bangladesh Limited, to provide connectivity to its Cloud service customers. Robi's Managing Director and CEO, Mahtab Uddin Ahmed and MetroNet's CEO, Syed Sadat Almas Kabir signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations at the Robi Corporate Office today. Under this agreement, MetroNet will be providing connectivity for Robi Cloud service customers either through a point-to-point connectivity or connectivity over reliable internet.

DUAL LENSES & the OMG factor

Two lenses is the IN thing for mobile photography. It's what you need to create perfect dreamy portraits & that cool 'Instagramy' bokeh?

Here's how it came about



2007
Very first: **Samsung B710** had 2.2 inch swivel display & two lenses for 3D imagery hoping it would be the future. Made for Korean market, featured antenna to receive TV broadcast.

2011
First smartphone: **HTC Evo 3D**. Two 5MP lenses for shooting 3D video at 720p.



Same year, LG and Sharp followed.

3D didn't catch on.



2014
HTC One M8, 4 and 2 MP sensors for depth perception & quick autofocus. Huawei joined with **Honor 6 Plus** featuring two 8MP units. Goal: quick autofocus and better bokeh.



2016
LG G5 in February with Huawei's P9 in April. **LG** offered separate wide angle lens. Low res sensor resulted in poor reviews. **Huawei**, with Leica, brought first proper dual camera innovation. Combining the two lenses doubled the light and image data. Result? Extra detail preservation and smoother bokeh control.



2017
Dual lenses are everywhere for flagships, cue **iPhone 7**. Trickle down effect brings industry first to mid-rangers: **Huawei Nova 2i** has dual lenses front and back. 16+2MP for the back, 13+2MP for the front.

Now: Bokeh for your selfies.



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TECHBITS
Netflix cuts ties with House of Cards actor Kevin Spacey



Over 15 Million watched the 'Stranger Things 2' premiere by its third day on Netflix



Twitter says it has 'implemented safeguards' to prevent Trump account deactivation



Amazon Fresh is shutting down in some neighborhoods



WhatsApp's hour-long outage on Friday was global in scale, likely caused by software bug

