



Chief Adviser Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed talking to the Chairman of Intel Corporation Dr. Craig Barrett when the latter called on him on Tuesday.

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CA urges Intel to make Bangladesh partner to its diversified programme

Offering all out support from the government, Chief Adviser Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed has urged Intel Corporation to make Bangladesh a partner in its programmes particularly in IT sector availing the advantage of tremendous business opportunity in a huge market of 140 million people, reports UNB.

The Chief Adviser made the call when visiting Intel Chairman Dr Craig Barrett made a courtesy call on him at his office this Tuesday morning.

Dr Barrett said Intel is heavily interested in the development of ICT and education sectors and also in any other potential sectors in Bangladesh if the government has interest, suitable policy and support.

In response, the Chief Adviser assured of government support in every case and said Bangladesh is a small country but it is large in terms of its population with a huge market potential, according to the CA's Press Secretary Syed Fahim Munaim.

He said Bangladesh is keen for development and expansion of technology. The country has a large number of computer literate students and it is a good sign that young entrepreneurs are also coming forward now, which was absent 10-15 years back.

Dr Fakhruddin urged the Intel chief to set up something to make Bangladesh its partner connecting with rest of the world saying Bangladeshi young work force are "doable, trainable and want to take risk."

The Intel chairman said his company is ready to work aggressively with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of ICT in Bangladesh. Intel now mainly focuses

morrow."

The Chief Adviser said partnership with Intel would help Bangladesh in its forward march towards progress through alleviating poverty, generating employment and increasing economic growth. Partnership can be set up in terms of training, research and technology.

He said Bangladesh is ready to move ahead aggressively with IT. The government attached importance in WiMAX to expand the worldwide connectivity through broad band, which would help the country's socioeconomic progress as a chain reaction.

He sought Intel's support in WiMAX technology, a telecommunications technology aimed at providing wireless data over long distance in a variety of ways.

Dr Fakhruddin said the major objective of the present government is to establish good governance. The present government is pro-private sector and wants to alleviate poverty through involving the private sector.

The Intel chairman appreciated grameenphone operations and countrywide networks. Bangladesh could be an example in the world the way grameenphone has spread its network in villages, he said.