



Visitors at a stall of "Computer Fair-2002" that began on Thursday at BCS Computer City, Agargaon IDB Bhaban in the city. —OBSERVER

Computer exposition opens Govt patronisation of IT sector stressed

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Information Technology (IT) experts at a function on Thursday said that Bangladesh could be graduated to a developed country by 2010 from its existing status, if the country's huge unemployed youths were properly provided with IT based education.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the 11-day computer exposition titled 'City IT 2002' they stressed the need for direct patronisation from the government in IT sector and formulation and implementation of IT framework for further improvement of the sector.

BCS Computer City is organising the exposition at IDB Bhaban at Agargaon, aiming at promoting Information Communication Technology (ICT) in the country. The latest computer accessories will be displayed in the exhibition, organisers said.

President of American Chamber of Commerce Aftab ul Islam opened the 11-day exposition as the chief guest. The function was addressed, among others, by Executive Director of Samsung, South Asia JS Jong, acting president of Bangladesh Computer Samity SM Iqbal, president of BCS Computer City Ahmed Hasan and secretary general Azimuddin Ahmed.

A total of 175 stalls have been set up in the exhibition, that will remain open for visitors from 10 am to 8 pm every day. The entrance fee of the exhibition is Taka 10. However, the school going students will be allowed to enter the venue free of costs.

The IT experts underscored the need for deregulation in the telecom sector and implementation of intellectual property act.

Terming the BCS Computer City as the country's best computer shopping centre, they urged the people concerned to open such centre at different parts of the country.

According to the organisers almost 60 per cent of the total sale of computers and accessories are taking place in BCS Computer City. They said the amount of the country's total annual sale is Taka 5.5 to six crore.