

# **Bangladesh Computer Samity**

## **Annual Report 2005**

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## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2005

Date: December 13, 2005

Notified that the Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh Computer Samity for the year 2005 will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at XINXIAN Restaurant, House # 2 (New), Road # 9 (New), Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka – 1205. The AGM will be followed by dinner at the same venue.

### **The Agendas are:**

Agenda 1: To confirm the minutes of the last AGM held on December 29, 2004

Agenda 2: To receive and adopt the annual report of BCS for the year 2005

Agenda 3: To receive and pass the audited accounts of BCS for the year 2005

Agenda 4: To appoint auditors for the year 2006 and fix their remuneration

Agenda 5: Any other business with the permission of the chair

Agenda 6: To introduce newly elected office bearer of BCS for the term 2006-2007

Members are requested to kindly attend the meeting and dinner in time.

S. M. Iqbal

President

Bangladesh Computer Samity

# **Bangladesh Computer Samity**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2004**

**December 29, 2004**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2004 of Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) was held on December 29, 2004 at the Best Western La Vinci Hotel, 54 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka – 1215. The President of BCS Mr. S. M. Iqbal chaired the meeting.

The chair conducted the meeting in accordance with the agendas provided in the notice of the AGM. Several honorable members took part in the discussion. Agenda-wise detailed text of the minutes is provided hereunder.

### **Agenda 1 : To confirm the minutes of the last AGM held on December 30, 2003**

Upon the chair of the meeting sought consent, the audience agreed to consider the minutes of the last AGM published in the brochure was read out.

The chair then asked the audience whether the minutes were recorded properly, and whether there are any comments or corrections in it. There was no further comment and correction asked by any member present in the meeting. Mr. Zillur Rahim of Computer Today proposed and Mr. Abdullah H. Kafi of J. A. N. Associates seconded to adopt the minutes and thus passed.

**Decision: The minutes of the last AGM held on December 30, 2003 were confirmed unanimously.**

### **Agenda 2 : To receive and adopt the annual report of BCS for the year 2004**

The BCS Secretary General Mr. Md. Ali Ashfak through a PowerPoint presentation placed the Annual Report 2004 of BCS published in the brochure to the audience.

While presented the report by the Secretary General, at one point while the name of Mr. Abdullah H. Kafi was read out as the recipient of ASOCIO Award, the audience congratulated Mr. Kafi with big hands.

Upon finishing the presentation of annual report, the chair of the meeting opened the floor for comments and observation, if any, by the members present in the meeting.

Mr. Abdullah H. Kafi of J. A. N. Associates took the floor on to start his comments on the agenda thanking the Secretary General for his nice presentation. Mr. Kafi opined the report he found written elaborately & nicely depicting many activities that BCS accomplished during last one year. He thanked to the Executive Council for their voluntary jobs. He expressed his satisfaction to see 15% of BCS members (increased from 350 to 431) registered newly during this period. However, he expressed that it seemed there was a bit lack of addressing on few basic issues. In specific, he said referring to the VAT and Tax issues that the people outside EC are in a menacing condition regarding these, in any case. He said though there was much written in the report regarding these, however, BCS members expect more result oriented action on these issues, since these had become regular and national issues. He opined that it seemed these issues were by-passed or overlooked, whatever might be, to address and resolve the problems. He said members of BCS, being business oriented organizations, would face problem, if there is problem in their earnings which had been effected by Tax & VAT. He told that there were also anomalies

while BCS members are importing, that had not been specifically addressed, it seemed. Though there were few meetings on these issues where he was also present, however those were not enough to resolve the problem. He opined there could be more things to do in order to resolve and overcome these problems and situations. He expected comments from others on these issues.

On the event of full-fledge BCS Secretariat, Mr. Kafi told that each active international organization of WITSA and ASOCIO regions have their dynamic secretariat. He told that he was mostly happy to see that the EC appointed an efficient Chief Operating Officer (COO), mentioning the name of Biren Adhikary, for a dynamic BCS Secretariat. He opined that appointing the COO was not good enough for an expected dynamic secretariat and he suggested for adopting policy empowering the COO with freedom to render the responsibilities and duties entrusted on him. Mr. Kafi opined that the role of the EC should be more of advisory and ceremonial in most of the cases as this elected body provides volunteer services. He referred the early days' objectives of formation of BCS while the functions were performed by the members, however, in course of time the scenario has been changed, he said. Mr. Kafi cited example of other WITSA and ASOCIO members, specifically NASSCOM of India in this regard how their Secretariat is working empowering their Executive Director. He thanked to EC praising the policy of appointing full-time paid technical staff member to run BCS Secretariat. He opined that it would help better BCS performing its regular activities in order to fulfill the growing various types of demands and expectations of increasing number of members. He told that the elected (EC) body should play roles with set of visions. These would relieve the EC members from being obligated to their electors and also BCS members would also have less expectation to the EC.

In the event of international co-ordination, Mr. Kafi said that the job should be done more promptly and effectively. He said that it seemed there had been stopped focus on international area, though there is much attendance there. He suggested correspondence from country to country, country association to country association, through WITSA and ASOCIO with concrete policy to bring out result. In this connection, he expressed his interest of volunteering to strengthen the communication with the related international bodies WITSA and ASOCIO and their members using his personal contacts with them.

Referring BCS Computer Show 2004, Mr. Kafi opined that he would be against organizing such shows any more at the form it is being organized. He told that it was true, while started first in 1993, the show in which he was the Convener, there was necessity and demand to focus in the past of organizing such exhibition in our country. However, after a period of 11 years, there is no more necessity of organizing the same kind of event due to various changing situations. Rather, he opined that BCS should organize any specific area of technology-based exhibition / show at present, e.g. organizing a multi-media show. Further, he opined that the BCS Secretariat should do the job of organizing such shows / expo upon advice of the EC.

Mr. Kafi thanked to the chair for allowing him time to speech.

President Mr. S. M. Iqbal also thanked to Mr. Kafi for his comments and suggestions.

Then Mr. Mustafa Jabbar of Ananda Computers took the floor for his comments. Prior to making any comments on annual report, Mr. Jabbar mentioned constitutional bindings and told that the issues which he would raise would have to be resolved to proceed further. Firstly, he mentioned that the annual report and the audited report should be sent to the members along with the notice of the annual general meeting, which is a constitutional binding. He pointed out that the EC had started violating constitution since they (BCS members) received those reports on the meeting venue. He asked a clear statement from the chair on behalf of EC regarding

failure of sending those documents to the members according to constitution. He told that there had been criticism in each time even while he was in the EC, but the practice of BCS had to be changed, this could not be continued for endless period of time. There was no logic that report would not be posted along with the notice, he opined. He told violating constitution weakened the moral or legal basis of organizing AGM of the samity. He mentioned that BCS was performing huge jobs, but did not follow the constitution, that could not be. He told he had got a copy of BCS constitution in which few clauses of the latest amendment of the constitution through an extra ordinary general meeting during last EC were not included. He asked which copy of constitution BCS was following to organize the AGM, whether the earlier one or the amended one, and on what basis the unit committees in Sylhet and Khulna were formed. Mr. Jabbar said that EC had no basis to form unit committees based on the copy of constitution which he received from the BCS Secretariat. He said that no body was accountable personally as per constitution to the members, but as whole the EC. He opined that type of joint accountability had not been reflected in the minutes of EC meetings which depicted their activities. He wished to comment on annual report upon resolving these constitutional issues and requested the president of BCS for the latter's explanations on these.

BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal replied to queries and questions raised by both of Mr. Kafi and Mr. Jabbar.

In the event of VAT and Tax issues, Mr. Iqbal informed the audience that these were pertinent since they (EC) started receiving bundles of letters from BCS members upon they took in the office in January 2004. The whole ICT industry people were pressurizing constantly the EC because there were huge figures demanding lacs of amount of Taka from the NBR offices. This was red alert to the industry. There were series and dozens of meetings to resolve the issues where the EC members and BCS members including Mr. Kafi and other were also present in many cases to discuss from time to time. In fact Tax issue did not rock the industry much that the issue of VAT problems did. The VAT problem had not been resolved fully till date, however it had been streamlined to a much extend, such as the time & again BIN locked problem of the members' was no more happening. The NBR officials assured that they would softly consider the outstanding VAT amount of BCS members upon discussion with them in various times. All sectors in the country were effected by VAT problem, not only the ICT sector, e.g. food industry, light engineering industry etc. The NBR was not found considerable to any industry, the President informed.

Regarding BCS Secretariat in compare to NASSCOM, Mr. Iqbal cited experience of his visit to the headquarters of NASSCOM where he found that the member companies there contributed a percent of their income to share the expenses of their secretariat, not like an annual subscription paid by BCS members. He said it could be unrealistic to compare a huge country with a small one. He opined, however, the guidelines provided by Mr. Kafi for enhancement of BCS Secretariat were obviously timely and foresighted. Mr. Iqbal agreed that BCS would proceed towards that direction which would bring overall development for the industry.

Regarding ASOCIO, Mr. Iqbal said that there might be limitation and a bit less bondage with the international associations due to absence of much experience persons in the present EC in this field, however there were one or two persons in the EC to communicate with ASOCIO and other organizations. Mr. Iqbal told, nevertheless, the achievement BCS would be certainly upheld. In this regard, he said that the EC sake guidance and assistance from the related persons from time to time. Particularly he mentioned that Mr. Kafi had very long experience with international organizations and he had been a very well known personality in the international arena. He applauded saying that ASOCIO had rightly selected Mr. Kafi for awarding him the ASOCIO Awards from Bangladesh. The chair congratulated Mr. Kafi and also invited all members

attended at the AGM for big hands to Mr. Kafi for his achievement. Mr. Iqbal thanked to Mr. Kafi for his willingness to assist BCS in order to coordinate and to work with international organizations.

Regarding issues of constitution and not sending of annual report and audited accounts report to members along with the noticed raised by Mr. Mustafa Jabbar, President Mr. Iqbal explained the situation in detailed. He assured the audience that the EC followed the latest version of BCS constitution. He told BCS unit committees are formed following the constitution. He informed that organizing BCS Computer Show 2004 just ahead of AGM involved huge tasks to do for which those reports could not be sent along with the notice. He confirmed that the copy of constitution which Mr. Jabbar received from BCS Secretariat was not the copy of updated one. However, certainly the updated version of constitution had been followed and the unit committees are formed based on the latest one, Mr. Iqbal told. He assured for an enquiry to be taken place to find out how the early version of constitution was provided from the Secretariat to Mr. Jabbar. The president apologized on behalf of EC to the body of the general members for all these unintentional mistakes. He assured to overcome these sorts of lapses in future and thanked to Mr. Jabbar for identifying the constitutional issues.

Mr. Kafi pointed out that every member had the constitutional right to receive a copy of the constitution. He proposed that EC would publish the latest version of BCS constitution and distribute among the members.

President of the meeting Mr. Iqbal termed the proposal made by Mr. Kafi a nice one and assured that the proposal would be materialized. He thanked to Mr. Kafi for the proposal.

Mr. Jabbar, drawing the attention of the President, thanked to the later for he agreed the mistake not to proceed according to the constitution. He assumed that the constitution amended at the last EGM was supposed to send to the DTO. He told the chair might know the point better and wanted to know to the chair whether the later was aware of the matter or not

President Mr. Iqbal replied he had not much idea whether constitution had to be sent to DTO or not.

Mr. Jabbar informed that the constitution was amended upon an SRO in 2001 to fulfill the few requirements and in addition, a clause having provision to form unit committees of BCS was included therein. He mentioned that it was the obligation of BCS to get the constitution authorized by the DTO. He proposed to do the job while the report of AGM 2004 would be sent there.

The chair commented to distribute the constitution upon it would get authorized by the DTO in that case.

In reply to the comment of the chair, Mr. Jabbar pointed out that the case was not alike since the constitution was implemented whenever it was passed by the EGM.

Mr. Abdul Towhid of IBCS-PRIMAX Software (BD) Ltd told that there was no necessity to get approval of the constitution by the DTO. Mr. Kafi also agreed with Mr. Towhid and he informed that it was necessity to inform the DTO about the latest amendment of constitution giving a copy to them. Mr. Towhid opined that it was our business what to do with our constitution. He suggested the chair for instructing BCS Secretariat destroying all copies of older version of the BCS constitution, but keeping only the latest amended one.

Taking the floor Mr. Sabur Khan of Daffodil Computers said that it was known to him whether there was any appreciation to the former BCS President Mr. Abdullah H. Kafi for he received the AOSCIO Award. He said that he was hearted to not seeing any appreciation even through a proper press release. He lamented saying that they could not enjoy such a big achievement that Mr. Kafi brought from other side of the ocean.

Referring the picture of the opening ceremony published in the show guide of BCS Computer Show 2004, Mr. Sabur Khan pointed out that no member of BCS EC was found there, which he termed as the show was not a BCS Show. In this regard, Mr. Khan mentioned that the Prime Minister asked where the BCS representatives while she was inaugurating the BCS Show 2002 upon she did not find anyone from BCS near to her. He said there were more pictures printed in the guide of show 2004 where the Honorable President and S&ICT Minister were present, but no one from BCS EC. He suggested being alert on this issue in future.

Talking to AGM, Mr. Habibullah N. Karim of Technoheaven Company firstly thanked to the BCS EC for providing four well printed documents in a nice shopping bag. He expressed his satisfaction telling that the printing quality was very good for each publication which he opined that it would impress while we would present this type of publication representing IT industry to anyone and it would increase the dignity of the industry. Remarkable he told that in each occasion of BCS Computer Shows in Dhaka, Khulna, and Sylhet that type of high quality publication was printed. He told above all the annual report and accounts were also provided as printed copies, which he pointed out could be the reason that the EC could not send those earlier. He opined, however, that it was better if those could be sent in unprinted form which Mr. Jabbar asked for. At this point of time, Mr. Sabur Khan supplemented Mr. Karim, suggesting that these documents could be sent online over email to BCS members. Upon praising Mr. Khan, Mr. Karim termed that was very good suggestion and we ought to start the practice as the main carriers & stakeholders of the IT industry. That's how the EC could meet the constitutional requirement, he said. He appreciated the inclusion of BCS activities published in the annual report which is also very good thing. This is important not only for the present board, since BCS is the trade body of all companies in the IT industry, Mr. Karim said, and this has become a record and helpful not only for the current board also for the upcoming boards, since BCS is a trade body of continuity. He suggested, despite organizing an annual general meeting or extra ordinary general meeting, there could be occasion based discussion meetings from time to time. He opined had it be been better if the major milestones of the samity could be included in each annual report which would enable the new comers how the predecessors struggled in achieving those goals to establish a stronghold BCS.

The Chair of the meeting thanked to Mr. Karim for his constructive suggestions and he agreed to include the major milestones in the annual report.

Mr. Sabur Khan suggested restarting the emailing system among the BCS Members appointing a moderator. The Chair assured to look into the matter.

In this point, Dr. Jelal Shafi of Ethernet Computer asked to introduce the staff members working in the BCS Secretariat, since the Chief Operating Officer is comparatively new in the office and is not known to all BCS Members, he told, it would be better for the Members whom should they ask for their different types of requirements and activities at the Secretariat. Dr. Shafi suggested that the staff members of the Secretariat should be briefed to act promptly against the queries and to meet the requirements timely.

Accordingly, the Chair of the meeting introduced the staff members working of the Secretariat in the meeting. The Chair also reported that in addition to the permanent staff members, BCS

made temporary appointments on the basis of requirements and also to be cost effective from time to time for better running the activities.

In this point BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal told BCS had become a big organization with very good working reputation and this had been possible for the effort put by the predecessors of Samity and the result of which in fact the current EC was enjoying.

Mr. Mustafa Jabbar proposed to form advisory committee and standing committees which would help the EC for better expedite the activities of BCS.

The Chair of the meeting assured to discuss the issue in the EC meeting and proceed accordingly to form those committees. He also asked the audience for specific suggestions on this issue.

Mr. Sabur Khan pointed out the issue of resignation of BCS Vice President which was supplemented by Mr. A. Towhid of IBCS-PRIMAX Software (BD) Ltd asking the reason and time of his resignation, since the Members were unaware about the matter. Mr. Towhid also asked the reason of late hour decision to accept the resignation after a long time of its submission. Mr. Sabur Khan opined that the issue of resignation of the Vice President was not given proper importance by the EC to accept his resignation and it was unethical to keep vacant such an important position for long time.

The Chair of the meeting and BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal explained the issue and acceptance of resignation of the Vice President. He told upon receiving the information from BCS Secretariat regarding the resignation, he discussed the issue with other EC Members. Also he called Mr. Ahmed Hasan to discuss the issue of his resignation; however Mr. Hasan disagreed for any discussion on his resignation issue. Even though, it was expected that there could be change of mindset, but when no such symptom was observed, the issue was discussed in the EC and the resignation was accepted.

On this issue, Mr. Hemayet Uddin Miah of Business Automation Ltd expressed his desire to know the cause of resignation from Mr. Ahmed Hasan. Mr. Mia asked whether there is any time limit for acceptance of resignation in the BCS Constitution. He also suggested for better comfortable venue to organize the Annual General Meeting.

The Chair of the meeting told so far he understood there was no time limit in the constitution for acceptance of resignation; however, he requested Mr. Mustafa Jabbar for further clarification on the issue.

On clarification, Mr. Jabbar opined that constitutional bindings were not always the matter, the fact is that the Members elected a person in the EC and their votes were not honored by the person who resigned. Also BCS EC did not react promptly. He told this could be circulated among the Members for their information, because the EC had the responsibility to make it public and Members have the right to know from the EC. Mr. Jabbar opined this should be discussed openly, because involvement of Members could bring a better resolution regarding the issue.

In the meantime, Mr. Sabur Khan asked whether there was any relation problem on personal level that led the Vice President to resign.

The Chair assured that there was no personal relationship problem with the Vice President and other EC Members. He cited example of cordial discussion with Mr. Ahmed Hasan at the BCS Computer Show 2004 while the later visited the show. The Chair told they were expecting from

their heart that Mr. Hasan would come back to join the EC. He agreed that they were a bit hurried to decide on the resignation at the last moment before the AGM. He also assured to co-opt in the position of Vice President very soon.

Upon such discussion, Mr. Md. Sabur Khan proposed to accept the annual report for the year 2004 and Mr. A. Towhid seconded the proposal.

**Decision: The annual report 2004 was unanimously accepted.**

### **Agenda 3: To receive and pass the audited accounts of BCS for the year 2004**

Upon invitation by the Chair of the meeting, the Treasurer of BCS Mr. A. S. M. Abdul Fattah presented the audited accounts of the Samity for the FY Nov-2003 – Oct-2004. He categorically and head-wise read out the accounts statement printed in the annual report.

Engr. Md. Shamsul Haque Chowdhury of Automation Engineers pointed out the issue of long pending huge outstanding shown in the accounts. He opined that this issue should be resolved such that membership of the Members who have outstanding subscription to the Samity for more than one year would be cancelled. He also pointed out few other outstanding.

Placing information on the total amount of year-wise outstanding subscription, the Treasurer requested for suggestion from the audience regarding the defaulters.

Taking the floor, Mr. Mustafa Jabbar opined that on the issue of decision regarding the defaulters there needed no involvement of General Members, the EC is empowered constitutionally. He proposed EC in taking decision to cancel the membership of the Members who have outstanding more than Tk. 4,000.00 as yearly subscription. He also proposed to form sub-committees for resolving other outstanding. He suggested not showing these long-pending outstanding in the audited accounts report for the future.

Mr. Jabbar further wanted to know about BCS assets, in specific he asked regarding the stall structures whether those were sold and again bought. The Treasurer replied there was no such occurrence.

The Chair further asked clarification regarding the long-pending outstanding whether there would be any problem while the defaulters would be written-off from the statements. Mr. Jabbar replied there would be no problem. Mr. Hemayet Uddin Miah on this issue suggested forming a committee who would have information regarding the defaulters and submit a report to the EC, which would be more formal to decide on the issue. However, few Members present in the meeting pointed out that such committee was formed in the past, however there was no progress found. Mr. Jabbar told decision could be taken for cancellation of membership for defaulters of subscription for certain years; however there was no logic for keeping membership of companies who had no trace or no contact address at present. He further informed that according to present DTO rules companies willing to keep their membership valid must have their updated trade licenses and TIN numbers; otherwise their membership would be automatically cancelled.

Mr. Md. Sabur Khan opined that members having long-outstanding payment with the Samity should be cancelled their membership. He also told BCS should not allow a defaulters to take advantage of BCS membership, since this was a well reputed and recognized trade body carrying lots of value in various aspects.

Mr. Kazi Mabasher Hossain of Tech View suggested issuing membership certificates among the members having no outstanding with the Samity and the validity of the certificate could be fixed based on such status.

The Chair agreed with the suggestion.

Beyond the term of this AGM, Mr. Mustafa Jabbar wanted to know about the status of accounts of BCS Computer Show 2004 whether it was profitable or not.

The Treasurer replied that there were some pending payments; however the show would be profitable crossing an amount of around Tk. 20,00,000.00.

The Chair informed that BCS did not look from commercial point of view in organizing the show. It was remarkable that this year the rent of stalls was lower than the previous year and also the ticket cost was 50% than that of the previous year.

At the end of such fruitful discussion, Mr. A. H. M. Mahfuzul Arif of Computer Source Limited proposed to accept the annual report for the year 2004 and Mr. Mustafa Jabbar seconded the proposal.

**Decision: The audited accounts of BCS for the year 2004 were accepted unanimously.**

#### **Agenda 4: To appoint auditors for the year 2005 and fix their remuneration**

Placing quotations submitted by few audit firms, the Chair of the meeting invited proposal from the audience for appointment of auditors for the year 2005 and fix their remuneration.

Mr. Kamrul Islam of Mashnoons Limited pointed out that no audit firm could solicit to be auditors. It was important whether any member served any notice to appoint new auditors, otherwise the existing firm would continue the job with the same amount of remuneration as paid in the previous year.

Mr. Kamrul Islam of Mashnoons proposed to re-appoint M.I. Chowdhury & Co. as the auditor of BCS for the year 2005 and the proposal was seconded by Mr. Mustafa Jabbar of Ananda Computers.

**Decision: M.I. Chowdhury & Co. was re-appointed as auditor of BCS for the year 2005 at a remuneration of Tk. 15,000.00 (Taka fifteen thousand) only.**

#### **Agenda 5: Any other business with the permission of the chair**

Mr. Md. Tafazzal Hossain of Com Valley Ltd raised an issue that he recently faced problem while he was participating at the City IT Fair organized at the BCS Computer City. He opined that BCS Members should look into the interest of each other and he expected legitimate and equal treatment from the organizers of that fair, but he did not receive it. However, Mr. Hossain understood that BCS Computer City is not apart from BCS activities such that he expressed his grievance in this forum.

In reply, the Chair of the meeting suggested putting the grievance of Mr. Hossain in written which would be better to discuss the issue with the relevant organizers of the fair.

Engr. Mohammed Mahboob of Borland Computers proposed for arranging indoor games in the BCS Secretariat.

Praising the proposal, the Chair of the meeting assured for such arrangement.

The Chair thanked all attended the AGM and for their lively and fruitful discussion. He invited all to the dinner.

Having no other agenda to discuss, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-  
S. M. Iqbal  
President

## List of Attendees at the Annual General Meeting 2004 held on December 29, 2004

MID	Name of the Firm	Rep
182	ACCESS TELECOM (BD) LTD.	M. SALAHUDDIN CHOWDHURY
167	ADVANCED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (ACT)	ENGR. CHOWDHURY MD. ASLAM
363	ALIEN COMPUTERS	MD. MOIN CHOWDHURY
8	ANANDA COMPUTERS	MUSTAFA JABBAR
305	ANGEL COMPUTERS LTD.	SK MASHUK RAHMAN
168	AUTODESK LTD.	MD. AKTERUZZAMAN
17	AUTOMATION ENGINEERS	ENGR. MD. SHAMSUL HAQUE CHOWDHURY
386	BEST COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES	HAFIZ AKBER AHMED
183	BIT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LTD.	NAZRUL ISLAM
135	BORLAND COMPUTERS	ENGR. MOHAMMED MAHBOOB
138	BUSINESS AUTOMATION LTD.	HEMAYET UDDIN MIAH
339	BUSINESS POWER	MD. ZAKIR HOSSAIN
106	BUSINESSLAND LIMITED	MD. HAMIDULLAH KHAN
341	CB NET	ABDUR RAHIM KHAN
354	CD VISION	MAHMUDUR RAHMAN KHAN
76	CDS IT LIMITED	ENGR. MD. ATIQUUL AHSAN
346	CELLVISION SYSTEMS	ANWAR ZAHID
5	CIPROCO COMPUTERS LTD.	SHAFQUAT HAIDER
142	COM VALLEY LTD.	MD. TAFAZZAL HOSSAIN
178	COMPUTER ARCHIVES	MD. AMIR HOSSAIN
64	COMPUTER CHANNEL	MD. SHAMSUJJOHA (SHONTU)
293	COMPUTER CITY	MOHAMMED MONIRUL ISLAM (MONI)
407	COMPUTER SOLUTIONS INC.	MOHAMMAD ABU HASAN
55	COMPUTER SOURCE LTD.	A. H. M. MAHFUZUL ARIF
38	COMPUTER TODAY	ZILLUR RAHIM
256	COMPUTERS VIEW	BIPLOBE MAKSUD
187	CSL SOFTWARE RESOURCES LTD.	RAFIQUL ISLAM ROWLY
379	DATA EDGE LIMITED.	NOOR A ALAM CHOWDHURY
350	DATABIZ INC.	RASHED KAMAL
121	DHAKA BUSINESS MACHINES LTD.	MD. SAIFUL ISLAM
171	DHRUBO LIMITED	MD. MOHIBUL ISLAM
409	DIGITAL e-SOLUTIONS LIMITED.	SHEKH MAHABUBUR RAHMAN
20	DOLPHIN COMPUTERS LTD.	KHORSHED ALAM KHAN
194	ENGINEERS' COUNCIL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LTD.	ENGR. SYED BAHARUDDIN
401	EPSILON SYSTEMS & SOLUTION LTD.	MD. SHAHID-UL-MUNIR
147	ETHERNET COMPUTER	DR. ZELAL SHAFI
349	FAREAST SYNDICATE	MD. MASUD IQBAL
52	GLOBAL BRAND PVT. LTD.	A.S.M. ABDUL FATTAH
53	HITECH PROFESSIONALS	MOJIBUR RAHMAN SAWPON
23	IBCS-PRIMAX SOFTWARE (BD) LIMITED.	S. KABIR AHMED
100	INDEX IT LIMITED	MOHAMMAD AJEEZUR RAHMAN
40	INFINITY TECHNOLOGY INT'L LTD.	A.S.M. ASHRAF UDDIN
25	INFO BANGLA	GOLAM KIBRIA JABBAR
347	INFOREV LIMITED	MUJTABA SATTAR
69	INFORMATION SERVICES NETWORK LTD.	S. M. IQBAL
170	INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER CONNECTIONS (ICC)	AFZAL HOSSAIN
58	INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER VISION LTD. (ICV)	A.T.SHAFIQUE UDDIN AHMED

411	INTERNATIONAL OFFICE MACHINES LTD.	MRINAL KANTI SAHA
352	INTRASOFT	MD. ASHRAFUZZAMAN
4	J. A. N. ASSOCIATES	ABDULLALH H. KAFI
404	J. A. N. ASSOCIATES LTD.	ABDULLAH H. KAFI
373	LANKA CORPORATION	SUNIL BARAN SAHA
421	MA ENTERPRISE	MD.MOHSIN KHAN
123	MAC SYSTEM SOLUTIONS LTD.	MD. TANVEER HUSSAIN
370	MAP COMPUTER	ASADUZZAMAN KHAN
91	MASHNOONS LIMITED	KAMRUL ISLAM
300	MICRO PLUS	MOHAMMED ALI HOSSAIN
253	MICRODILL COMPUTERS	MD. AYUB KHAN
71	MICROWAY SYSTEMS	M. SHAHIDUZZAMAN
391	MODERN COMPUTER SYSTEMS	MD. NAIM
365	MS PRODUCTS	MOHAMMAD SHAHRIAR CHOWDHURY
266	NELCOSOFT BANGLADESH LTD.	NAZRUL ISLAM
315	NETSTAR PRIVATE LTD.	A.S.M.ABDUL FATTAH
242	ORIENT COMPUTERS	MD. JABEDUR RAHMAN SHAHEEN
261	PAS COMPUTER	MD. SAJJADUR RAHMAN
158	PC NET	MD. NURUL ALAM
320	PHULHAR & COMPANY	ZIAUR RAHMAN
128	RAMS TECHNOLOGY	MD. ROKNOOR RAHMAN
217	RISHIT COMPUTERS	AZIMUDDIN AHAMED
60	RM SYSTEMS LTD.	ALI ASHFAK
255	SCHOLASTIC NETPRENEURS	ASHEQ UL ISLAM
248	SOFTRIGHT COMPUTERS & ENGINEERING SERVICES	ENGR. SHEIKH TAHSIN AHMAD
359	SPEED TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING LTD.	MOSHARAF HOSSAIN SUMON
110	SUN COMPUTER LTD.	REZAUR RAHMAN
41	SUPERIOR ELECTRONICS PVT. LTD.	MD. NAZMUL HAQUE
161	SURBORNA BIJOY LTD.	AKTHERUZZAMAN
311	SYS COMPUTERS	TASMINA BEGUM
162	SYS INTERNATIONAL	AKTHER HOSSAIN KHAN
415	TAIWAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED.	MD. SHAHID-UL-MUNIR.
275	TECH VIEW	KAZI MABASHER HOSSAIN
96	TECHNO ENTERPRISE	ASIF REZA KHAN
418	TECHNOBD	SHAH IMRAUL KAEESH
11	TECHNOHAVEN COMPANY LIMITED	MIRZA ALIM AHAMED
210	THE DHAKA OFFICE MACHINES	M.SHAFIQUR RAHMAN
364	THE SOLUTIONS	MAINUL AHSAN
163	TRACER ELECTROCOM	ABUL KALAM AZAD
252	TRITECH COMPUTERS & ENGINEERS	MOHD. NASIR UDDIN
98	UNIVERSAL TRADERS LTD.	ABUL BASHAR MOHAMMAD

# **Annual Report 2005**

## **Bangladesh Computer Samity**

Distinguished Members and my colleagues in the Executive Council of BCS,

Assalamu Alaikum,

I would like to take the privilege to cordially welcome you at the Annual General Meeting 2005 of Bangladesh Computer Samity. It is a great opportunity for me on behalf the Executive Council of BCS to place the Annual Report for the year 2005.

In the meanwhile, I hope that you have received a printed copy of the report-book that contains Notice of the Annual General Meeting 2005, Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2004 held on December 29, 2004, Audited Accounts etc for the year 2005 of the Samity. These surely acquaint you with the activities and performances of the Executive Council for the year 2005. However, in order to maintain formalities, I would like to make a presentation of the same.

Being the year 2005 is the second part of the term for this outgoing Executive Council, we have tried our level best to furnish and consolidate few utmost and important activities for the Samity and its members. We agree there could be more functionality to initiate and furnish, however, due to the prevailing stagnant situation of ICT industry in the country for last few years as a whole made few obstacles on this way. Despite, with cooperation and support from the member community and other stakeholders at home and in the international arena, we attained quite a good number of success stories.

This report provides sequential description of flow of BCS activities during the last one year deserviting the fact sheet that the overall progress and achievement of the Samity is healthy in this year too.

### **BCS membership status**

The number of BCS members was 431 at the general meeting held in December, 2004, which has increased to 498 till date. There are all kinds of ICT companies who belong to BCS. This stronghold position among the ICT community inside the country has eventually ensured BCS representing Bangladesh in world & regional ICT forums like WITSA and ASOCIO.

### **Strengthening BCS Secretariat**

BCS Secretariat has been strengthened further in order to provide prompt and better services to its member community and also to furnish related functionalities of the Samity efficiently and timely. In this regard, two new staff members in the positions of Accounts Officer and IT Officer have been appointed. Other temporary appointments are made from time to time on requirement basis to furnish various events.

### **ASOCIO Summit 2004 Colombo: BCS Former President was awarded with ASOCIO Honor**

A BCS delegate under the leadership of its President Mr. S. M. Iqbal participated at ASOCIO ICT Summit held at Sri Lankan capital city of Colombo during 30 November - 05 December 2004. Other members of the team were BCS former President Mr. Abdullah H Kafi, BCS EC Member Mr. A. T. Shafique Uddin Ahmed and BCS Member Mr. Mujtaba Sattar Anonto. The occasion was memorable for us due to Mr. Kafi was honored at the Summit with the ASOCIO

Award along with other eight ICT personalities from seven countries of Asian-Oceanian region in accordance with its celebration of 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mr. Kafi received the honor from the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. This achievement of former BCS President delighted us all due to it was also recognition of the activities carried out by Bangladesh Computer Samity since its inception. With this prestigious award to Mr. Kafi, BCS and the ICT sector of Bangladesh came into the spotlight in ASOCIO. In the Summit, Mr. Mujtaba Sattar Anonto presented a keynote paper on Telecom Convergence applications which was applauded by the international ICT personalities present there.

### **BCS Computer Show 2004**

Keeping up a long tradition of continuous successfulness during more than a decade, BCS Computer Show 2004 was rightly poised to one step ahead. It created history in various respects. For example, for the first time there was a successful partnership between the public sector and the private sector in organizing an ICT fair.

BCS Computer Show 2004 took place during 12-17 December 2004 at Bhasani Novo Theatre, the unique architectural wonder in Bangladesh. It is worth mentioning here that BCS Computer Show was the first ICT fair held at this venue.

For the first time, there was a separate web site for BCS Computer Show ([www.bcscomputershow.com](http://www.bcscomputershow.com)). This website helped the enthusiasts to get all the necessary information about the show at any time anywhere.

The theme of BCS Computer Show 2004 was "Marching to ICT Excellence". This theme was selected because over the years BCS remained as the most influential source of creating awareness about computer technology among the common mass. Now the time has come to start our march to ICT excellence.

BCS Computer Show 2004 was inaugurated by Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed, the Honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Around 100 companies participated in this show. The sponsors were Asus, Intel, Lexmark and Phillips, while the official ISP was SKYbd. BCS organized 5 seminars at its own initiative. There were six more sessions for technology demonstration, product service presentation and sharing knowledge & ideas.

Hundreds of visitors enjoyed the opportunity of browsing Internet free of charge and many of them used Internet for the first time in their life. Multimedia competition was another novelty of BCS Computer Show 2004. This competition was arranged to encourage the young generation about multimedia and animation. We were keen to promote multimedia and animation because we believed that it had immense potential for Bangladesh. Perhaps, the most popular event of BCS Computer Show 2004 was the gaming contest. This contest attracted hundreds of youths and the organizers of the competition had to pass a very challenging time to arrange the event successfully.

In BCS Computer Show 2004, every effort was taken to ensure good support to the media. Two consultants were hired to give media support. A media booth was set up to help the journalists about information regarding various aspects of the show.

### **BCS Computer Show 2004, Khulna**

Bangladesh Computer Samity in collaboration of its newly formed Khulna branch unit organized BCS Computer Show in the Divisional City of Khulna at Jalil Tower from 23 to 28

December 2004. Organized for the first time in this Division, the show was sponsored by Philips and Lexmark while the official ISP was Information Services Network (ISN). BCS President Mr. S M Iqbal, Secretary General Mr. Ali Ashfak, Joint Secretary General Mr. Md. Faizullah Khan, EC Members Mr. Ajeez Rahman & Mr. A. T. Shafique Uddin Ahmed along with local representative of the Sponsors went to Khulna and helped the newly formed BCS Khulna unit to organize the show. A good number of companies participated in the show which was inaugurated by BCS President S. M. Iqbal. Few ICT companies from Dhaka also participated there. Mr. Ajeez Rahman had the honor to be the Coordinator of the BCS Computer Show 2004, Khulna. A huge crowd turned out for the show and they were excited to witness the first ever ICT show in Khulna. This once again depicted that Bangladesh Computer Samity had been trying to spread country-wide use of computer technology. The successful completion of the show in Khulna helped us gaining a new momentum. It would be worthwhile to point out that BCS similarly organized BCS Computer Show 2004, Sylhet successfully in April 2004.

### **Annual General Meeting 2004**

Annual General meeting of Bangladesh Computer Samity was held on 29 December 2004 at an hotel in Dhaka. BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal presided over the meeting. Many members attended the AGM. The minutes of the last AGM held on December 30, 2003 was confirmed and the Annual Report 2004 was accepted in the meeting. Mr. Md. Ali Ashfak, Secretary General of BCS made a beautiful digital presentation of BCS activities during the year 2004. Quite a good number of BCS Members took part in the lively discussion and put their valuable suggestions in order to formulate future strategy for the Samity. The audited account report was passed for 2004 and new auditors were appointed for the year 2005.

### **Workshop on Digital Security, Authentication and Copyright Protection (11 January 2005)**

The Executive Council of BCS is always keen in arranging quality seminars and workshops such that ICT communities of the country can be benefited out of advanced training. On this way, a day long workshop on Digital Security, Authentication and Copyright Protection was held at the BCS Conference Hall of its Secretariat on 11 January 2005. It was the first workshop held in Bangladesh on this topic. Mr. S. M. Iqbal, President of BCS inaugurated the workshop, while BCS Executive Council Members were present in the occasion. Dr. John Choi Ph.D, CEO & President of MarkAny Inc of South Korea conducted the workshop in which twenty five attendants of different companies participated who were mainly responsible for system security management and assurance. Professor Jeongbae Lee Ph.D from the Department of Information and Computer Science, Sunmoon University, South Korea accompanied Dr. Choi and conducted an important session. Dr. Choi is one of the leading experts in this field and he has experience of conducting more than 40 workshops and seminars in various parts of the world. Digital world is no longer a science fiction but an everyday reality. Internet is rapidly spreading in Bangladesh and the notions of digital security and authentication have become important. It is a matter of time before the government allows electronic transaction of money through Internet. Thus, this workshop was a very relevant one for the audience.

## **BCS Computer Show 2005, Chittagong**

BCS Computer Show 2005, Chittagong took place at VIP Tower from 27 February to 6 March 2005. This show was jointly organized by Bangladesh Computer Samity and Chittagong ICT Forum. Intel, HP, Samsung and ASUS sponsored the largest-ever ICT show in the port city. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin inaugurated the show. ICT enthusiasts from the port city enjoyed it. Gaming competition was extremely popular among the students. Since entrance was free for the school children, many children visited the show. There were a number of seminars and raffle draw was arranged everyday to ensure more visitors.

## **Workshop on Marketing Techniques for Increasing Profitability related to ICT Sector in Bangladesh**

One of the major obstacles of our ICT sector is lack of marketing skills among the local ICT companies. BCS is always keen to find a good solution to this problem. A workshop on Marketing Techniques for Increasing Profitability related to ICT Sector in Bangladesh was held at BCS Conference Hall on Sunday, March 06, 2005. The seminar was jointly organized by Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) and Scholastic Netpreneurs - a skill based vocational training institute which is also a member company of BCS. Mr. S. M. Iqbal, President of BCS inaugurated the workshop. The workshop was presented by Mr. Munir Hassan Khan, Faculty at the University of Phoenix, USA, as the resource person. Mr. Khan is an expert Consultant on Small Business Development Center, Certified Trainer- SME Tool Kits by SEDF. Participating at the workshop, 30 representatives of 27 companies could be benefited from the expert presentation made by a non-residence Bangladeshi.

## **BCS Liaison on VAT, Tax and Budget Issues**

The Executive Council of BCS has maintained a continuous liaison with the National Board of Revenue and Custom Offices for negotiating various issues on VAT and Taxes.

BCS arranged a meeting on national budget on 14 March 2005. Many members of BCS took part in this meeting. They discussed openly about the existing problems in ICT sector and came up with a set of recommendations that would not only help the ICT business community but also the overall ICT sector in the country. The recommendations were put forward to FBCCI as they negotiate with the government about budget matters on behalf of the private sector.

Upon holding several meetings and regular contacts with the NBR and custom Officials, two of critical pending issues, namely payment of VAT by the BCS members for the years before FY 2003-2004 and the ambiguity on HS codes for few networking equipments were fixed and removed. These helped tarnishing the harassment to the effected BCS member companies.

BCS has also initiated to remove the problem of re-imported goods by the BCS member companies who have to fully depend on suppliers and manufacturers in abroad to ensure warranty support for their imported goods while those are found faulty.

## **Bangladesh showcasing at Telecom Arabia 2005**

The Ministry of Science and Information & Communication Technology (MOSICT), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, initiated, arranged and supported showcasing Bangladesh at the exhibition of Telecom Arabiya 2005. The exhibition was held on the occasion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian IT Ministers Summit in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, during March

21-23, 2005. Three leading ICT associations of the country, namely Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS), Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) and Internet Service Providers Association of Bangladesh (ISPAB) co-operated and supported the Ministry in order to participation of Bangladeshi ICT companies in the event.

In order to smooth participation at the event, a co-ordination meeting was held on 15 March 2005 with the Honorable MOSICT Minister in the Chair at BCS Secretariat. A Press Conference was also organized in this regard at the National Press Club, Dhaka on 18 March 2005 in which the Minister along with ICT leaders of three leading Associations met the press.

A high level ICT team led by the Honorable Science & ICT Minister Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan participated at the event. Among others BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal, BASIS Vice President Mr. T. I. M. Nurul Kabir and ISPAB Joint General Secretary Mr. Sumon Ahmed Sabbir accompanied the Minister.

There were three ICT companies that took part from Bangladesh in Telecom Arabia. They were ATI Limited, BDCOM Online Limited and Information Services Network Ltd.

BCS Chief Operating Officer was officially appointed as the Coordinator to manage the event such that the BCS Secretariat coordinated and managed the participation of Bangladeshi companies at the event successfully.

### **BCS Reunion 2005**

Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) organized BCS Reunion 2005 on 12 April 2005 at 5:30 at the Winter Garden of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan, MP, Honorable Minister for Science and Information & Communication Technology (MOSICT), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, was present on the occasion as the Chief Guest. BCS, BASIS and ISPAB leaders, BCS Members and Exhibitors, Sponsors, Official ISP, representatives of service providing companies and winners of different competitions organized at BCS Computer Show 2004 attended the function. A large number of ICT journalists also attended. BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal presided over the function. Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, Mr. Abdullah H. Kafi, and BASIS President Mr. Sarwar Alam spoke on the occasion.

All Exhibitors, Sponsors, Official ISP, the best Pavilions and winners and participants at different competitions like programming contest, multimedia contest and gaming contest organized during the occasion of BCS Computer Show 2004 were awarded at the Reunion. The Chief Guest of the occasion Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan distributed the prizes. Besides, Mr. Abdullah H. Kafi and Dr. Moazzem Hussain were presented with momento of honor for their achievements in the international arena. BCS Vice President Mr. Md. Moinul Islam gave vote of thanks to the guests.

### **General Discussion Meeting on Increasing Number of Members in the Executive Council and related Issues**

A general discussion meeting on increasing the number of members in the Executive council of BCS was held on 25 June 2005 at BCS Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by President of BCS Mr. S. M. Iqbal.

BCS Joint Secretary General Mr. Md. Faizullah Khan and EC Members Mr. Ajeez Rahman and Mr. A. T. Shafique Uddin Ahmed assisted Mr. Iqbal in this regard. There were quite a good number of BCS Members present in the meeting and many of them took part in the discussion. The members discussed about the pros and cons of increasing the members in the Executive Council. The discussants suggested the EC to form a Sub-committee in this regard.

### **IBPC ICT Awareness Program**

In order to create awareness among the business community about the benefits of using computer technology in business activities, ICT Business Promotion Council (IBPC) under the Ministry of Commerce had taken an initiative to arrange ICT awareness program in the major cities of the country. The first awareness program was held at Sylhet from 28 to 30 June 2005. Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS), BASIS and Internet Service Providers Association of Bangladesh (ISPAB) assisted IBPC to organize the event successfully. BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal was appointed as the Convener of program such that BCS Secretariat was designated as the coordinating office for the same.

The main attraction of this event was display of different software development houses. The program in Sylhet was inaugurated by Mr. Farid Ahmed Mejbah, President of Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry. BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal presided over the opening ceremony. Many professionals, entrepreneurs and students attended the program. A number of companies from Dhaka and Sylhet displayed their products and services in the three days long program. Sylhet Unit of Bangladesh Computer Samity provided all kinds of support in arranging the awareness program. This event was welcomed by the people in Sylhet.

The second episode of IBPC ICT Awareness Program took place in Chittagong at Hotel Agrabad on 27 and 28 July 2005. Representatives from more than 100 business organizations of Chittagong took part in this awareness program. ICT companies from Dhaka displayed their products and services to the visitors. Mr. Abdullah Al Noman, Honorable Minister for Fisheries and Livestock concluded the 2-day session as the Chief Guest. The Minister thanked everyone for creating awareness about ICT among the business community in Chittagong. He stressed the importance of integrating ICT in business activities and assured of every support to the ICT community. BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal assured the ICT business leaders of Chittagong for all out support on behalf of BCS. He also viewed that the goal of the program was successful. Chittagong ICT Forum provided support in organizing the event. This event came just after few months of the successful Computer Show in Chittagong earlier this year. Chittagong is often called the commercial capital of Bangladesh.

## **BCS Leaders joined ASOCIO Multilateral Trade Visit**

In ahead of participation at the ASOCIO Multilateral Trade Visit and Bangkok ICT EXPO 2005, a press conference was arranged on 30 July 2005 at BCS Secretariat. BCS President Mr. S M Iqbal and Secretary General Mr. Md. Ali Ashfak talked to the journalists about the various aspects of the participation of Bangladesh at these two parallel events.

BCS leaders attended the ASOCIO Multilateral Trade Visit that took place from 3 to 5 August 2005 in Bangkok. Worthwhile to point out that the ASOCIO represents more than 20,000 ICT companies in the Asia-Oceania region, while Bangladesh Computer Samity represents Bangladesh in this largest regional ICT forum. In order to increase the co-operations among the member economies and to be benefited from the technology and experiences of each other, ASOCIO Multilateral Trade Visit started in 2001. It is matter of pride that BCS hosted this first ASOCIO Multilateral Trade Visit successfully in Dhaka.

ICT leaders from Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam participated in ASOCIO Multilateral Trade Visit 2005 in Bangkok. The foreign representatives visited Software Industry Promotional Agency (Thailand), Software Park of Thailand and Thai Board of Investment. ASOCIO honored Mr. S. M. Iqbal, President of BCS this time. This honor is also recognition of the growing ICT sector of Bangladesh in addition to the recognition of the efforts of Mr. S. M. Iqbal to take BCS closer to the Asian arena.

The Association of Thai Computing Industry (ATCI) hosted a farewell party in honor of the Multi Lateral Trade visit participants. The Bangladesh delegation members attended the party. The ATCI office bearers, Thai ICT Secretary Ms. K Somata, ASOCIO Past President Mr. Manoo Ordeedolchest and ASOCIO Present President Mr. Wilson Tan expressed their gratitude to Mr. & Mrs. Iqbal for attending the party. They also lauded role of BCS in development of bondage among ASOCIO member economics.

## **Bangladeshi ICT Companies Participated in Bangkok ICT EXPO 2005**

BCS President led a 30-member team of seven ICT companies from Bangladesh to participate at Bangkok International ICT EXPO 2005 on 3-7 August 2005. BCS received a complementary pavilion and Bangladeshi companies displayed their products and services. The participating companies from Bangladesh were ATI Limited, CSL Software Resources Limited, dEVnET Limited, DNS Satcomm, Millennium Information Solution Limited, REVE Systems and Upload Yourself Systems. The products and services that these companies showcased include ERP Solutions, HRM, Accounting, Web Portal, e-commerce, Banking, Hospital management, Travel Agent Management, SMS Service Monitoring, Tele Billing, Graphics Animation and different types of customized software.

Until last year, our participation in international ICT EXPOs has been limited to mainly being an observer and we were all the time in the sideline. Participation of Bangladeshi companies under the management of BCS at Bangkok ICT EXPO 2004 and 2005 has changed this trend creating a new era for ICT sector in Bangladesh. In fact, Bangladeshi companies had a tremendous success in Bangkok ICT EXPO 2005 following its previous year success. Two Bangladeshi ICT companies signed deals with Thai companies. Thus, the Bangladeshi ICT companies are using the platform of Bangkok ICT EXPO very successfully. The news of Bangladeshi companies signing deal with Thai companies got a lot of coverage in Thai media and prestigious newspapers like Bangkok Post published this news with importance. Large number of visitors and business leaders from different countries of the world visited the Bangladeshi pavilion in the EXPO. The Thai Prime Minister Mr. Thaksin Shinawatra visited the Bangladeshi pavilion with

great interest. BCS Secretariat provided all the necessary logistic supports to the Bangladeshi team on the way of a successful event in Bangkok.

The most positive outcome of the visit was the signing of agreement between Millennium Information Solution of Bangladesh and Mustang Technologies of Thailand. Under the scheme Mustang Technologies will market 'Ababil' Islami Banking Software developed by Millennium. In addition Mustang Technologies will also transfer some of their software development jobs to Millennium of Bangladesh. BCS President welcomed the understanding and conveyed his satisfaction to joining parties and applauded the role of ASOCIO & ATCI (Association of Thai Computing Industry) in this regard.

### **Partnership with the Media**

Since its birth, BCS has always a good partnership with the media in our joint effort to develop the ICT sector in our country. This trend continued in 2005 too. BCS always updated the journalists about the developments of ICT. On the other hand the journalists continued the tradition of providing good coverage to BCS and the overall ICT. One good example in this regard is the massive coverage given by the media before and during BCS Computer Shows all the while. Whenever any ICT leader comes to visit Bangladesh, they get surprised and satisfied about the interest of our journalists for ICT. This year BCS held a number of press conferences and informed the journalists about its activities. Moreover, in BCS Computer Show 2005, the charge of stall for ICT magazines was fixed at a nominal 5000.00 taka only. We hope that this tradition of partnership between the media and BCS will become stronger in the coming days.

### **Visits of BCS President in Abroad**

BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal visited Tokyo, Japan as an entourage of the honorable Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia. He explored the ways and means to bring cutting edge of technology to Bangladesh. In an effort to do it he had several of meetings with Dr. Gerhard Fasol of Eurotechnology in Tokyo. He was also present at a meeting between Dr. Fasol with Mr. Mahmudur Rahman, Executive Chairman of Board of Investment and Honorable Advisor for Energy & Mineral Resources. Mr. Iqbal also attended a meeting at Tokyo Kaikan, the leading business association of Japan.

In Tokyo, BCS President also made a courtesy call on with Ms. Hiroko Yamada, Managing Director of Association of Overseas Training Scholarship (AOTS) & General Manager of Yokohama Kensu Centre.

BCS President led a 30 member team to Thailand in order to participate in the Bangkok International ICT Expo 2005 and Multi Lateral Trade visit of Asia Oceanian Computing Industry Organization (ASOCIO). Mr. Iqbal and BCS members attended the seminars and meetings at the Bangkok ICT Park as well as attended the exposition at the IMPACT exhibition centre at Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok.

### **AOTS - BAED Training Program in Japan for ICT Sector Entrepreneurs at the Initiative of BCS**

Twenty eight Participants from ICT sector of Bangladesh participated at a 2-week training program in Japan on ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR BANGLADESH [BAED] with special focus on Business Development in the ICT Sector. The training program

for the Entrepreneurs of Bangladesh in the ICT sector was organized for the first time at the request of Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) by the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS), Japan with financial subsidy from the Japanese Government. The 2-week program took place on August 31 - September 13, 2005 at the world standard AOTS Yokohama Kenshu Center (YKC) at the outskirts of Tokyo. Candidates for the program were from the top Management/Decision Makers such as Chairman /Managing Director/ Proprietor/ CEO/ Director/General Manager of ICT Companies in Bangladesh and who were responsible to open up and run new businesses in the ICT sector. This was a ground breaking initiative from BCS in the sense that it would help the ICT companies to go for world class standard by implementing the programs their top management had learnt from this training program.

### **BCS Computer Show 2005**

BCS Computer Show 2005 was the largest ever ICT showcase in the history of Bangladesh. This time, there was a totally covered and most secured show area of around 100,000 sft at the Exhibition Center of Bashundhara City Complex situated at the heart of Dhaka city.

The show website ([www.bcscomputershow.com](http://www.bcscomputershow.com)) regularly updated whenever it sake enhancement instantly. All the newspapers and magazines had been publishing features and reports about BCS Computer Show 2005 from the day the fair was announced formally.

Mr. A. S. M. Abdul Fattah, Treasurer of BCS, was entrusted with the responsibility of the Convener of BCS Computer Show 2005. There were several subcommittees to ensure smooth and successful arrangement of the show. The Convener along with all the members of the subcommittees worked day and night before and during the show.

There was a huge response about BCS Computer Show 2005. After the date and venue was flashed and scores of people sought information from BCS Secretariat through telephone calls, e-mails, fax messages and visits.

Staff Members of the Secretariat worked every day until midnight and they worked even on weekends. Ad hoc basis appointments were made for strengthening the workforce for the show.

ASUSTeK Computer Inc and LG Electronics Inc jointly sponsored BCS Computer Show 2005.

BCS leaders met the ICT journalists on 28 August 2005 to share ideas and exchange views in order to organize BCS Computer Show 2005. BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal announced the schedule of the fair and stated that the nation should be appraised of the local works and innovations. Mr. Abdul Fattah, Convener of the fair, also spoke on the occasion providing various aspects of information to the journalists. Quite a good number of journalists put on fruitful suggestions such as country-wide spreading BCS Computer Show, association of academia with the show, participation of foreign exhibitors and visitors etc.

Further, a press conference was held on 20 September 2005 at the National Press Club. BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal, Vice President Mr. Md. Moinul Islam, Secretary General Mr. Ali Ashfak, Joint Secretary General Mr. Md. Faizullah Khan and Show Convener Mr. A. S. M. Abdul Fattah met the journalists and other media people there to make final pre-overview on the show.

The show kicked off on 22<sup>nd</sup> September with a flying start. Mr. Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Honorable Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives, Government

of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, inaugurated the show as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan, Honorable Minister for MOSICT, Mr. Md. Aminul Hoque, Honorable Minister for Posts & Telecommunication and Mr. Mahmudur Rahman, Honorable Advisor for Energy & Mineral Resources and Executive Chairman, Board of Investment were present as the Special Guests on the occasion.

The exhibition floor was designed and stall structures were installed in such a way that this year both the exhibitors and visitors enjoyed the show having enough breathing spaces. A block was designated exclusively as the pavilion zone for displaying the brand products where restriction was imposed for selling goods. Two other blocks were installed with stalls having mixed-blend of exhibitors from categories of software, hardware, training centers, ISP, multimedia, networking, academia and IT magazines. Altogether 106 companies participated to exhibit at 13 pavilions and 136 stalls.

Apart from traditional show and display by the exhibitors, BCS Computer Show 2005 had special significances for inclusion of few new events and advanced technology. In particular this year BCS honored its founder-members with momento at the inaugural ceremony, also BCS showcased for the first time "Evolution of Computing" at a pavilion and WiFi data communication tools & technologies were displayed with hands-on free access to the net for the visitors. In addition, arrangement of cyber café having first time fiber optic bandwidth connectivity enabled the visitors with audio and video streaming over the net, of course free of cost too. Gaming competition was there as usual bringing thrills to the teenagers.

Organizing 10 seminars during the show attracted intellects of all ages to share their ideas and latest information on the ICT. Leading ICT personalities including the MOSICT minister presented and took part at the sessions.

Logistic and media support were excellent this year. BCS control booth at the show premise was equipped with all sorts of tools and resources required in this regard. In fact there a mini BCS Secretariat was setup during the show period. On the other hand, having employed a professional team, the full fledged exclusive information center at the premise equipped with dedicated PCs, printers, broadband internet connectivity and telephones provided excellent support to the media of all kinds.

Optimum advertisements were made in the print and electronic media which helped to attract the crowd to the show. As a result, despite misty weather at prime time on two days out of -6-day event, around 60 thousand visitors stepped into the show.

The show organizing committee announced prizes for the best three exhibitors at pavilion zone in the categories of marketing approach, product display and pavilion decoration. Also declaration was made for the journalists who covered the show the most and best in different categories such as best report writing, best photography, best feature writing and publishing special supplements on the show.

The organizers well managed the show, while the exhibitors felt comfort and the visitors enjoyed it.

### **Get together for post-review of BCS Computer Show 2005**

A post event get together and review of BCS Computer Show 2005 was organized on 09 October 2005 at a local restaurant in the city. Members of the show organizing committee that includes EC Members and Sub-committee Members attended the occasion. BCS President Mr. S.

M. Iqbal made introductory and concluding speech, while all other EC Members and few Sub-committee Members took part to opine and share their experience in organizing the show. They expressed satisfaction in organizing a successful event without any mishap or incident. The show Convener Mr. A. S. M. Abdul Fattah expressed gratitude to his colleagues in the EC, members of the organizing committee and staff members at BCS Secretariat for their relentless endeavor in order to make the event a great success. The review meeting was followed by an Iftar Party and Dinner.

### **Iftar Party and Crest Awarding Ceremony**

BCS organized Iftar Party and Crest Awarding Ceremony on 27 October 2005 at a restaurant in the city. Honorable Minister for Science and ICT Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan was present as the Chief Guest on the occasion. The minister distributed crests among general exhibitors, best exhibitors in three categories and sponsors of the BCS Computer Show 2005. Journalists who covered the most and best on the show were also awarded in four categories. Around 300 invitees attended the function.

### **Bangladesh ICT Directory**

BCS has undertaken a project of publishing the Bangladesh ICT Directory which will include basic information of all types of ICT companies in the country. The data collection part of the project is over, now the processes of indexing, composing and printing are underway. Thus it will be published very soon.

### **Membership Certificate and Identity Card**

Preparing BCS Membership certificates and identity cards are under process. These will be issued soon to the eligible BCS Members.

### **BCS Participation at Infocom 2005, Kolkata**

A 2-member team led by BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal participated at Infocom 2005 held in Kolkata, India during 07 – 11 December 2005. BCS represented the ICT industry of Bangladesh in this eastern Indian mega ICT expo. During the event, BCS team members met Mr. Manabendra Mukherjee, Minister-in-Charge, Department of Information Technology and Environment, Government of West Bengal and Dr. G. D. Dasgupta, Principal Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Government of West Bengal.

The organizers of Infocom have proposed BCS to be their logistic partner in Bangladesh for the year 2006.

### **BCS Election 2005**

The election of the Executive Council for the term 2006 – 2007 of Bangladesh Computer Samity took place on 15 December 2005. A 3-Member Election Board and a 3-Member Appeal Board were formed to carry out the job. The boards are:

#### **Election Board:**

<b>Name and Official Position</b>	<b>Position in Election Board</b>
<b>Mr. Swadesh Ranjan Saha</b> Managing Director Satcom Computers Limited	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan</b> Managing Director Computer Valley Ltd.	<b>Member</b>
<b>Mr. Azhar H. Chowdhury</b> Director Grameen Cyber Net Ltd.	<b>Member</b>

**Appeal Board:**

<b>Name and Official Position</b>	<b>Position in Appeal Board</b>
<b>Mr. A. Towhid</b> Chairman IBCS-PRIMAX Software (BD) Limited	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Mr. Shaikh Abdul Aziz</b> Managing Director Leads Corporation Limited	<b>Member</b>
<b>Engr. Md. Shamsul Haque Chowdhury</b> Proprietor Automation Engineers	<b>Member</b>

Accordingly, the boards processed and furnished their responsibilities to hold the election as per scheduled they announced. The boards met themselves in several meetings. Also a joint meeting was organized along with candidates on 29 November 2005 for sharing views and briefing on rules and regulations on the election. The meeting was presided over by the Chairman of Election Board Mr. Swadesh Ranjan Saha, Chairman, while the Appeal Board Mr. A. Towhid, Election Board Member Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan, BCS President Mr. S. M. Iqbal and all 13 candidates attended.

Altogether 268 members were finally listed as the voters. Seventeen nominations were submitted all of which found valid. Four nominations were withdrawn and thus thirteen candidates run in the election.

A candidate introduction program was organized on 10 December 2005 at BCS Secretariat in this regard.

Election will take place on 15 December 2005. The counting of votes will be held and the result will be announced on the same day.

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