

GPIT received two awards at the Asia Pacific HRM Congress 2011

With the theme "Catch the Wave of New Ideas", the Asia Pacific HRM Congress 2011 took place recently in Bangalore, India on the 2nd of September, 2011. The Asia Pacific HRM Congress is an annual HR summit, which initiated in 2001 to award outstanding talents in the global business world. The whole idea is to recognize the best practices in HR to encourage companies to embrace HR in a more professional, global & standardized level. It also aims to highlight HR leaders under the same light.



GPIT has been awarded for its extensive program for developing its employees and for its contribution towards building the ecosystem of IT in Bangladesh. Syeda Yasmin Rahman, the Chief People Officer of GPIT, was also given an honorary award for her excellent leadership in human resource development area.

The other winners in the same award ceremony were Fidelity National Financial India, Intelnet Global Services and Mudra Communications Pvt. Ltd. ■

Bangladesh Loses Ground in Global Ranking of Information Technology Competitiveness

EIU study finds US and other leaders maintaining strength while developing economies gain momentum

27 September 2011 — Bangladesh is losing ground compared to other countries in information technology, the Business Software Alliance (BSA) reported today with its publication of 2011 edition of the Economist Intelligence Unit's IT Industry Competitiveness Index.

Updated for the fourth time since 2007, the Index benchmarks 66 countries on a series of indicators covering the critical foundation areas for IT innovation: overall business environment, IT infrastructure, human capital, research and development (R&D), legal environment, and public support for industry development.

The 2011 IT Industry Competitiveness Index is available for download on BSA's website at www.bsa.org/globalindex, along with interactive ranking tables, detailed country summaries, industry case studies, and video interviews with IT experts.

Topping the overall rankings for 2011 are the United States, Finland, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

Bangladesh slipped 1 spot, ranking 63rd in the worldwide rankings due to a poor showing on indicators of overall business environment.

This year's Index finds that countries traditionally strong in IT are maintaining their positions of leadership in part because "advantage begets advantage" — they have built up solid foundations for technology innovation through years of investment and they are continuing to reap the benefits. But the global field of competition is becoming more crowded as new challengers, especially in developing economies, raise their games to meet the standards the leaders have set.

"It is abundantly clear from this year's IT Industry Competitiveness Index that investing in the fundamentals of technology innovation will pay huge dividends over the long term," said BSA President and CEO Robert Holleyman. "It is also clear that no country holds a monopoly in information technology. There is a proven formula for success, and everyone is free to take advantage of it. Because of that, we are moving to a world with many centers of IT power."

"Bangladesh has slipped in this year's rankings because of its performance in the overall business environment," said Roger Samerville, BSA Senior Director - Policy, Asia-Pacific. "In the years ahead, policymakers in Bangladesh have an opportunity to improve in that area. We know from global experience it will be worth the effort."

The biggest movers in this year's Index compared to the previous edition in 2009 include Malaysia, which vaulted 11 spots in the overall rankings because of a surge in research and development activity, and India, which leapt 10 spots on the strength of its robust research and development and dynamic human capital environment. A number of other countries — including Singapore, Mexico, Austria, Germany and Poland — posted strong overall gains this year by showing new levels of strength across the board in all IT foundation areas.

"As the global economy starts to recover, it is more important than ever for governments to take a long-term view of IT industry development," Holleyman said. "Policymakers cannot not just look at this issue on an annual basis, or they risk being left behind. They must assess the next seven to nine years, and invest accordingly, in order to make substantive gains in IT competitiveness."

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ASUS G53SW Gaming Laptop



Every gamer knows that the latest games demands the best performance. That's why ASUS made sure that the Republic of Gamers (ROG) G53SW is jam-packed with one-of-a-kind innovation that will propel mobile gaming performance to unseen levels.

Now powered by the 2nd generation Intel Core i7-2630QM quad-core processor, experience top-of-the-line adaptable speed and responsiveness for the most demanding tasks. Featuring the NVIDIA GeForce GTX 460M graphics engine that comes with a massive 1.5GB of GDDR5 VRAM, the ROG G53SW leads in DirectX 11 gaming for advanced tessellation and faster graphics rendering. Plus, its 15.6-inch LED-backlit Full HD display delivers the latest in high-definition entertainment with brilliant 1080p playback. The ROG G53SW breaks from the heard of traditional gaming notebooks with built-in overclocking feature through the ASUS Power4Gear Hybrid utility—instantly giving you extreme power with a push of a button.

The ROG G53SW also boasts a 1 TB 7200 hard drive, 8GB DDR3 system memory, Super Multi DVD drive, high-speed wireless N, SuperSpeed USB 3.0 connectivity, Bluetooth 3.0, HDMI connectivity, 2.0 megapixel camera, and stereo speakers with EAX Advanced HD 5.0 sound. The laptop has a price-tag of T