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International Symposium on Tech-cultural Exchange beyond Cyber Performance starts in Dhaka to build a tech-culture fusion platform in Asia

02 July 2018, Samson H. Chowdhury Centre, Dhaka Club-A two-day long International Symposium on Tech-cultural Exchange beyond Cyber Performance has started today in the Samson H. Chowdhury Centre of Dhaka Club. The title of the Symposium is **"Cultural Transformation in Digital Ecosystem".** Experts on Cyber Performance from France, Spain, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, India and Nepal attended the Symposium. Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN) organized the Symposium. Prof. Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh formally inaugurated the Symposium as the Chief Guest in an inaugural ceremony chaired by Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC. A K M Habibur Rahman, Chief Executive Officer, BdREN delivered the welcome speech.

The symposium is one of the activities under Asi@Connect Project titled "Training Programs to establish a tech-culture fusion platform for the beneficiary countries" undertaken by Next Inc. (South Korea), MYREN (Malaysia) and VinaREN (Vietnam).

About Asi@Connect
Asi@Connect marks the 4th phase of EU funding to the Trans-Eurasia Information Network (TEIN) programme which successfully established a regional research and education internet network from scratch in 2004 and progressively expanded its geographical footprint over the years. Asi@Connect receives €20 Million funding from the EU up to 2021 with additional financial contributions from the Asian partners. The Asi@Connect partners are the National Research & Education Network associations (NRENs) of Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, The Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, and Vietnam.

About Cyber Performance Project
The project awarded under Asi@Connect program. The project centers on 5 beneficiary countries (India, Malaysia, Vietnam, Bangladesh, and Pakistan) and 1 non-beneficiary country (South Korea). Experts in the field of cyber performance from the advanced nations such as Konic Theatre (i2cat, Barcelona, SP) and Academy of performing Arts (CESNET, Prague, CZ) are involved in implementing the project.

The ultimate goal of the project is to build up a sustainable basis of discussion and collaboration

with beneficiary and non-beneficiary countries involved in tech-culture fusion issues using the TEIN network.

About BdREN

Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN) is a high-speed data communication network established under Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) and designed to meet up specialized requirements of the academic and research communities. University Grants Commission of Bangladesh has been implementing this project with financing from the World Bank. Till today BdREN successfully connected 34 public universities and 5 private/international universities in the network.