

Remarks by
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Honorable State Minister for Information and Communications Technology
People's Republic of Bangladesh,
Excellencies
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamu Walaikum and good morning.

I welcome you all here today at the daylong seminar on “Digital public service for transforming citizens' lives and realizing Digital Bangladesh”, jointly organized by the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology and Access to Information- A2I project of Prime Minister's Office.

Excellencies,
Bangladesh takes pride in promoting the “Digital Bangladesh” concept under the leadership of our Honorable Prime Minister, Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina MP. Whereas the other countries in South Asia still trying to achieve sustainability in the technology sector, Bangladesh has become a role model by providing technological access from the grassroots to the highest level of society.

Distinguished Guests,
To implement the “Digital Bangladesh” concept, the government took the initiative of launching the “Access to Information- A2I” project with the collaboration of the United Nations' Development Program, just after the government came to power in 2008. The main vision of the project is to provide government facilities to rural doorsteps so that everyone can get the service at a convenient time with no hassle. Since then, A2I has been providing E-services such as UISC/UDC Blog (where people can get information), Computer Training, E-Insurance Policy, Community Clinic Service, National E-Service System, E-Book, Learning and Earning projects, and so on. The A2I team is working enormously to make the government's Digital Bangladesh dream successful.

Ladies and Gentlemen,
At this moment, A2I is working all around the country by setting up 4,547 Union Digital Centers, 407 Metropolitan Digital Centers, and 321 Digital Centers at the Municipality level, where around 4.5 million people across the countryside are getting digital services every month. We are promoting 9,094 entrepreneurs every year who are earning around 128 crore by providing services in Union Information and Service Centers.

Dear Friends,

Our greatest leader, the father of the nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman desired to make the country **Shonar Bangla**, which means the Golden Bengal. A land without poverty; hunger free and a prosperous country. Her daughter, our Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is working hard to make this dream successful. Today, Bangladesh is on its way to achieving its Sustainable Development Goal. Digital Bangladesh is no longer a dream but a reality. If the development runs in such a way, it's not so far that we can achieve the SDG before its estimated period. It's high time for us to contribute to the development process from our positions. Let's make the Bangladesh Digital.

Thank you all for joining us.

Joy Bangla

Joy Bangabandhu.