



Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) Profile

The 402-member strong Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS), the premier ICT association in Bangladesh.

Established in 1987 with 11 founding members, BCS represents the ICT sector, including distributors, dealers, resellers of computer and allied products, locally assembled computer vendors, software developers and exporters, Internet service providers, ICT-based educational institutions and training houses and other ICT-enabled services providers.

BCS safeguards the interest of ICT entrepreneurs, promotes and diversifies effective use of ICT, renders expert business advice on ICT to the concerned authorities, negotiates with various authorities and parties on ICT and related issues, organizes mammoth ICT expositions, seminars, workshops, and conferences, arranges training programs for ICT professionals, entrepreneurs and users, publishes brochures and catalogues, supplements the Government's effort in the development of ICT and represents ICT community of Bangladesh in local, regional and global forums.

BCS contributes to the country's ICT policy making and takes part in the implementation of national ICT action plans, along with public entities. It also provides support and cooperation to NGOs in ICT related development and services.

BCS joined ASOCIO in 1996 as an Associate Member and became a full Member in 2001. As part of the association, BCS has been playing a vital role in expanding the regional ICT market. BCS and ASOCIO organized a Multilateral Trade Visit Program in Bangladesh for the first time in 2001. This has now become an annual feature on the ASOCIO agenda. BCS successfully hosted the ASOCIO Officers' Meeting 2004 in Dhaka recently.

Besides ASOCIO, BCS is also an active member of World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA).

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