



**BASIS** 

# NEWSLETTER

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## A MILESTONE EVENING FOR BANGLADESH DIGITAL EXPORTS

In a ceremony that blended national pride with strategic ambition, Bangladesh's information and communication technology (ICT) export community gathered on the evening of 27 January 2026 at the Grand Ballroom of the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel to celebrate the BASIS IT Exporters' Night 2026. Organized by the Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) in collaboration with the Business Promotion Council, the event brought together over five hundred leaders from across Bangladesh's ICT ecosystem – IT exporters, policymakers, diplomats, development partners, and financial institutions. The evening marked a landmark moment in the sector's history: the announcement that BASIS has now issued 10,000 IT exporters – a figure that encapsulates not just transactional growth but a profound deepening of the country's digital export ecosystem over 28 years. From a founding cohort of just 18 companies in 1998 to a membership of over 2,700 and an exporting community touching 104 countries, the story of BASIS and its members is one of sustained, deliberate, and nationally consequential ambition.

**2,700+**  
BASIS Member Companies

**104 Countries**  
Export Destinations (FY 2024–25)

**~500**  
Exporting Companies (FY 2024–25)

**~300**  
Regularly Active Exporters

**500K+**  
IT Professionals in Bangladesh

**\$1.4B+**  
IT Services Exported (Since 2018)

5<sup>th</sup> Edition

HOTLINE  **16488**





## Inaugural Meeting of BASIS Associate Committee Sets Stage for BASIS EC Election 2026-2028

December 01, 2025

BASIS Associate Committee convened for its inaugural meeting with a singular focus of clearing the path for a smooth and credible BASIS Executive Council Election 2026-2028. To that end, the Committee is prioritizing expedited constitutional amendments and dismantling procedural hurdles to ensure the process remains transparent and on schedule. Beyond election mechanics, the meeting focused heavily on the integrity of the voter list. Significant progress was reviewed regarding the membership audit, the approval of new applicants, and the resolution of long-standing suspension cases. Operationally, the committee received updates on the forensic audit, addressed lingering financial matters concerning STP-1 and BITM, and discussed recruitment-related issues. Looking ahead, the committee also greenlit several forward-looking initiatives, including revitalizing the student forum, operationalizing new standing committees, and clarifying international desk responsibilities, ensuring that while they manage the immediate election timeline, also continue to drive member value and good governance.

## BASIS Korea Desk Holds Inaugural Meeting to Boost ICT Collaboration

December 06, 2025

The inaugural meeting of BASIS Korea Desk was held at BASIS Auditorium, chaired by Mr. Edward Kim, and attended by members of BASIS Associate Committee along with 18 registered Desk members. The discussion focused on identifying practical mechanisms to support market entry, partnership development, and sustained bilateral engagement between Bangladeshi and Korean ICT companies. Mr. Kim presented a proposed activity roadmap for 2026, outlining key priorities and operational objectives. Members then deliberated on the Desk's role as an effective linkage platform connecting Bangladeshi IT firms with relevant Korean stakeholders.

Key areas of discussion also included the establishment of a dedicated Korean language center, collaboration with Korean IT associations, engagement with academic institutions for Korean language education and advanced technical skills development, and a comparative assessment of the core strengths of the Bangladeshi and Korean IT industries. To ensure continuity and implementation, a core committee was formed to oversee and advance the agreed initiatives.



The meeting concluded with a shared understanding of the Desk's mandate to systematically support engagement between Bangladeshi IT companies and the Korean market. Respected members of BASIS who are currently working in the Korean market, or who wish to explore opportunities, are invited to join the BASIS Korea Desk. Kindly email [tradefacilitation@basis.org.bd](mailto:tradefacilitation@basis.org.bd) to express your interest.

## BASIS-VIPS Workshop on Digital Accessibility for the Visually Impaired in Nation-Building

December 09, 2025

BASIS, in collaboration with the Visually Impaired People's Society (VIPS) and with support from CBM Global, hosted a national-level workshop on digital inclusion for the visually impaired at BASIS Auditorium. Participants attended from across the country to engage in discussions on expanding digital accessibility and inclusion. The chief guest, Mr. Abul Khair Mohammad Hafizullah Khan, Joint Secretary of the Local Government Division and BASIS administrator, opened the workshop by recognizing the contributions and potential of visually impaired individuals. He highlighted that building an inclusive Bangladesh is a collective responsibility and emphasized the need for continued development of IT capabilities among all citizens.



He noted that the exceptional skills and determination of visually impaired participants are an inspiration. He also underscored that inclusive development is essential for achieving Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth, and SDG 10 on reducing inequality. Mr. Md. Saidul Haque, former VIPS President and an Ekushey Padak awardee, stressed that creating an accessible digital environment is an urgent requirement, and that with proper guidance and opportunities, visually impaired individuals can make significant contributions to the national economy. VIPS President Advocate Md. Mosharraf Hossain Majumdar, also known as for being the first visually impaired lawyer to be enrolled as a Senior Advocate in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, added that inclusive digital access is foundational to national development and that initiatives by BASIS can play a key role in empowering the community. The session was facilitated by Ms. Bibi Kulsum Lipi, Executive, BASIS, also a visually impaired professional and a graduate with Honours and Masters from the Institute of Social Welfare and Research, Dhaka University. Furthermore, throughout the workshop, BASIS Associate Committee members guided and highlighted the importance of establishing digital accessibility at the policy level and creating inclusive workplaces to ensure equitable participation in the digital economy.

## BASIS Extends Support to DUCSU for Strengthening Student Employability

December 09, 2025

In a continued effort to bridge the gap between industry and academia, BASIS Associate Committee met with the DUCSU Executive Committee at BASIS Boardroom. The meeting reflected BASIS's commitment to supporting student communities by providing industry expertise, training infrastructure, and platform access through BITM and the BASIS Students' Forum. Discussions focused on how BASIS can support Dhaka University students in enhancing their practical skills and improving employability outcomes in tech companies. BASIS shared insights on industry trends, skill gaps, and potential collaboration areas where the association's resources could be leveraged for student development.







## BASIS Welcomes New Members with a Networking Session

December 09, 2025

BASIS welcomed its newly registered member companies with an orientation and networking session, bringing together CXO-level representatives from nearly 40 IT organizations. The session introduced participants to the full scope of BASIS's services and its role as the recognized platform and collective voice of Bangladesh's IT industry, bridging private enterprises with government policy, international markets, and strategic initiatives that shape the sector. The session was attended by BASIS Administrator Mr. Abul Khair Mohammad Hafizullah Khan, founding member and current Associate Committee member Mr. Mustafa Rafiqul Islam Duke, Flora Telecom Limited, and other Associate Committee members: Mr. Mushfiqur Rahman, Spectrum Software & Consulting (Pvt.) Ltd.,

Mr. Rowshan Kamal James, TECHSOL Technologies Bangladesh Limited, Mr. Muhammad Abdul Majid, Bangla Puzzle Limited, Mr. Md. Jewel, Lemmesay Ltd., and Mr. Ferdosh Alam, Atova Technology. The session was facilitated by Mr. Belal Ahmed, Synergy Interface Ltd. During the session, committee members reflected on BASIS's journey. What began in 1998 with just 18 chartered members has now grown into a network of more than 2,700 companies, including software developers, IT service providers, and technology startups. Over the years, BASIS has introduced various initiatives that have fundamentally shaped Bangladesh's IT ecosystem, including advocating for IT-friendly policies, participating in policy-making forums, establishing export frameworks, facilitating international market access

through trade delegations and events, promoting workforce training and certification, supporting innovation and startups, and creating structured networking platforms that enable companies to grow collectively. Beyond offering networking opportunities, BASIS provides its members with concrete tools to grow and compete. It influences government policy, supports business development through B2B facilitation and international trade delegations, advises companies on financial and tax incentives, and creates avenues for engagement in domain-specific standing committees and forums that promote sustainable growth in the IT sector. The session also emphasized the value of the industry's collective voice, while preparing member companies to expand strategically both within Bangladesh and in global markets.

## Meeting on BASIS Constitutional Amendments

December 11, 2025

An important meeting of the Constitution Amendment Committee was held at BASIS Board Room. The session focused on extensive discussions aimed at updating and modernizing the existing BASIS Constitution to align it with the latest Trade Organizations Act. The Committee reviewed the new proposals that have been incorporated and discussed necessary amendments and refinements to the previously prepared draft. A thorough analysis was conducted on the document's structure, article sequencing, and practical applicability. The importance of a review prior to finalizing the draft was emphasized. Particular attention was given to strengthening the constitution to facilitate more transparent, impartial, and orderly future BASIS elections. Members present at the meeting agreed that the updated constitution should serve as a fair, cohesive, and member-friendly document, providing a stronger foundation for BASIS's administrative operations and electoral processes. The meeting concluded with a decision to prepare the final version of the amended draft at the earliest opportunity and submit it to the relevant authorities for approval. Once approved, it will be published for members.



## BASIS Membership Audit Committee Holds Inaugural Meeting

December 13, 2025

The newly formed BASIS Membership Audit Committee convened its first meeting with a clear mandate to elevate the integrity and quality of membership management through rigorous audit processes. Presiding over the meeting was Chair Mr. Md. Rowshan Kamal James, and was joined by associate committee members Mr. Belal Ahmed, Mr. Muhammad Abdul Majid, Mr. Md. Jewel, and Mr. Ferdous Alam. The Committee's deliberations centered on defining the audit's scope, with particular attention to membership category verification and the potential appointment of an independent external auditor to ensure objectivity. Members conducted a critical examination of existing membership classification practices, policy adherence, and document verification procedures, identifying areas where transparency could be further strengthened. Beyond immediate audit planning, the meeting underscored a broader vision of using empirical findings from the audit to detect structural inconsistencies and lay the groundwork for a more resilient, transparent, and dependable framework.





December 16, 2025

### On Victory Day, BASIS paid tribute to the martyrs by placing floral wreaths at the National Memorial.



### BASIS Standing Committee on International Market Holds Inaugural Meeting

December 23, 2025

The newly formed BASIS Standing Committee on International Market convened its first meeting on under the chairmanship of Mr. Sheikh Shaer Hasan, to establish priorities for expanding the global footprint of Bangladeshi IT firms. Discussions centered on practical strategies for entering new markets, leveraging partnerships with national bodies to attract investment, and building linkages

with international IT organizations. The Committee agreed to work closely with EPB to align key international events with the 2026 calendar, securing support and facilitating member participation. Operational matters included a review of the Committee's Terms of Reference to enhance its framework, and plans for a two-day workshop on international market entry.



### Meeting of BASIS Korea Desk Sub-Committee

December 23, 2025

BASIS Korea Desk Sub-Committee held a meeting at BASIS, chaired by Mr. Edward Kim, Chairman of BASIS Korean Desk to sharpen its focus on enhancing collaboration between Bangladesh and Korea. Key discussion points included role allocation, future planning, and the execution of targeted initiatives to make bilateral engagement more effective. The Committee also emphasized the need to grow its membership to expand the Desk's reach and facilitate more robust partnership opportunities.

The meeting brought together sub-committee members Maj. Dr. Md. Towfiqur Rahman (Retd.), Md. Russel Jahan Mehedi, Fahmidul Islam Shantonu, Mohammad Rokonjijaman Chowdhury, A.S.M. Solaiman, Mr. Ashraf Mamun, Hasan Mahmudul, and Mr. Sheikh Shaer Hassan, alongside BASIS Associate Committee representatives Mr. Mushfiqur Rahman and Mr. Md. Jewel. Ms. Sumitra Sarker, Trade Facilitation Executive and Secretariat-in-Charge of the BASIS Korea Desk, facilitated the session.



### BASIS Standing Committee on Member Service & Welfare Holds Inaugural Meeting

December 29, 2025

BASIS Standing Committee on Member Service & Welfare held its first meeting to chart a course for enhanced member support and service excellence. Chaired by Mr. Mohammad Moniruzzaman, the session opened with a strong reaffirmation of the Committee's commitment to building a more inclusive and supportive ecosystem for BASIS members.

He underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing member concerns and driving sustainable growth within the ICT sector. The meeting also reflected BASIS's dedication to understanding member needs and translating them into practical, impactful initiatives. Members emphasized that a member-centric approach would be central to fostering long-term growth and elevating satisfaction across the BASIS community.



### BASIS-BITM Pays Courtesy Call on NSDA Executive Chairman to Discuss IT Skills Development

January 05, 2026

A delegation from BASIS-BITM paid a courtesy call on Dr. Nazneen Kouser Chowdhury, Executive Chairman (Secretary) of the National Skills Development Authority (NSDA). The meeting was followed by discussions centered on strengthening collaboration in ICT skills development. During the meeting, both parties emphasized the need to design modern, industry-aligned curricula that keep pace with the rapidly evolving technologies in the ICT sector. A key point raised was the request to prioritize BASIS member companies in accessing NHRDF funds for IT-related skills development courses.

Dr. Nazneen Kouser Chowdhury responded by stating that one of NSDA's primary objectives is to build an effective bridge by creating a skilled workforce aligned with the demands of local and international labor markets. She underscored the importance of coordinated efforts among all relevant stakeholders in this regard and expressed optimism that BASIS would play a significant role in achieving these goals.





#### Fourth Meeting of BASIS Board Sub-Committee on Membership Held

January 01, 2026

The fourth meeting of the BASIS Board Sub-Committee on Membership was held on January 1, 2026, at the BASIS Board Room, with a focus on making the association's membership processes more transparent, efficient, and dynamic. The session was chaired by Sub-Committee In-Charge Mr. Md. Rowshan Kamal James, Managing Director of TECHSOL Technologies Bangladesh Limited. The meeting commenced with a minute of silence observed in honor of the late Begum Khaleda Zia, Former Prime Minister of Bangladesh, respecting her memory and praying for the salvation of her soul. Discussions centered on key aspects of the membership audit, including the potential engagement of an audit firm. The Committee conducted a detailed review of the existing membership classification process, adherence to applicable policies, document verification procedures, transparency mechanisms, and the overall scope of the audit. Emphasis was placed on identifying existing or potential inconsistencies.



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee on Member Service & Welfare

January 05, 2026

BASIS Standing Committee on Member Service & Welfare convened its second meeting building on the foundation laid in its inaugural session to advance member-centric initiatives.

The agenda included approval of the first meeting's minutes, followed by focused discussions on enhancing member services and welfare. The meeting brought together committee members and BASIS representatives to assess progress on previous decisions and outline further initiatives for enhancing member services & welfare.



#### BASIS Standing Committee on Digital Marketing Holds Inaugural Meeting

January 08, 2026

The first meeting of the BASIS Standing Committee on Digital Marketing was held, marking the beginning of the committee's journey toward advancing the critical sector. The session commenced with introductions of the members who joined both in-person and online, followed by engaging discussions on the committee's future roadmap. After a warm welcome to the esteemed members, participants shared valuable insights and suggestions on several key initiatives. Discussions included the potential reformation of the committee structure, with members expressing interest in becoming sub-committee members aligned with specific ToR. The final composition of the committee is expected to be finalized in the next meeting. The conversation also covered branding strategies and sustainability.

#### BASIS-ASSET Project Launches to Strengthen ICT Skills Development in Bangladesh

January 08, 2026

BASIS-ASSET Project is set to commence its journey with the goal of developing skilled human resources in Bangladesh's IT sector. The project agreement has been finalized with the consent of Mr. Abul Khair Mohammad Hafizullah Khan, Joint Secretary, Local Government Division & Administrator, BASIS, whose decisive leadership steered the initiative through previous risks and ensured its successful launch. Following this, an orientation meeting was held with representatives from BASIS member companies registered as Skills Training Providers (STPs) interested in conducting training under the project. Discussions covered swift implementation, training quality, management frameworks, and sustainable execution strategies. Speakers present at the meeting also expressed optimism that the project will play a vital role in creating a skilled and employable workforce for Bangladesh's ICT industry.



#### Seminar on "Public Procurement Tender Submission Challenges" Held at BASIS

January 10, 2026

A seminar titled "Public Procurement Tender Submission Challenges" was held which brought together industry stakeholders to discuss critical issues affecting IT companies participating in public procurement. The session was conducted by Mr. S. M. Moin Uddin Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer (Secretary), Bangladesh Public Procurement Authority (BPPA), and Mr. Shah Yamin-ul Islam, Director (Deputy Secretary), BPPA. The seminar featured detailed presentations on the foundational elements of Bangladesh's public procurement system, including the Public Procurement Act, 2006 (PPA 2006), the latest version of the Public Procurement Rules (PPR 2025), and the operations of the e-GP (Electronic Government Procurement) platform. It was highlighted that since its phased introduction in 2011, the e-GP system now handles most government tender activities online—including tender publication, bid submission, evaluation, and work orders—making the procurement process more transparent and efficient.

Discussions brought to light several practical challenges faced by IT entrepreneurs and the IT industry. Key issues included rigid and inflexible tender conditions, high turnover and experience requirements, demands for references from multiple large government projects, and substantial bid security and performance guarantee amounts—all of which disproportionately excluded small and new IT companies from competing at the outset. The discussion also pointed out the structural mismatch between the traditional public procurement framework and modern IT services such as software development, SaaS, cloud computing, AI, and agile development methodologies. The BPPA CEO noted that while Bangladesh's public procurement system has evolved into a robust and digital structure, policy reforms, capacity building, and joint government-industry initiatives are necessary to ensure more effective alignment with the fast-changing and innovative nature of the IT sector. He advised that any inconsistencies, restrictive conditions, or complaints regarding public procurement tenders should be submitted in writing to the CEO of BPPA, or lodged through the platform [www.grs.gov.bd](http://www.grs.gov.bd). Additionally, BPPA expressed interest in providing trainers to organize training sessions for BASIS members on bid submission through the e-GP platform, as part of efforts to support the growth of the ICT industry. BASIS members were also requested to submit their questions, opinions, and proposals in writing to the BASIS Secretariat, which will be compiled and forwarded to the CEO of BPPA.





## Inaugural Meeting of BASIS Standing Committee on Local Market & e-Governance

January 10, 2026

The newly formed BASIS Standing Committee on Local Market & e-Governance held its first meeting to shape priorities for the local software market, Chaired by Mr. Md. Ismail of Sky Digital (BD) Limited. The meeting featured robust discussions on strengthening the local software ecosystem. Members focused on identifying market challenges, promoting local software adoption, and improving quality standards. There was strong consensus on the need to organize seminars and workshops to drive domain-specific engagement. On the policy front, the committee discussed establishing a dedicated Tax Desk at BASIS to assist members with NBR filings and formulating recommendations on Public Procurement Rules. Members were encouraged to submit consolidated PPR draft proposals. Upgrading the BASIS SaaS product database with better search functionality was also identified as a priority.

## B-TopSE Program Agile2 Face-to-Face Session Inaugurated

January 13, 2026

The B-TopSE Program Agile2 officially launched its Face-to-Face session at Nascent Gardenia in Dhaka, bringing together IT professionals eager to enhance their software engineering and Agile development skills. The program is a collaborative initiative by JICA, BCC, and BASIS. Chief Guest Mr. Md. Rowshan Kamal James of BASIS addressed the audience, highlighting the program's significance in advancing Bangladesh's ICT sector. He also paid tribute to the strong Japan-Bangladesh partnership and JICA's ongoing role in the country's technological progress. A distinguished JICA delegation, including Chief Advisor Mr. Shoji Akihiro and Project Coordinator Ms. Katsuki Naho, attended the ceremony. Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain of BITM welcomed guests and participants.



## Inaugural Meeting of BASIS Standing Committee on Startups

January 13, 2026

BASIS Standing Committee on Startups held its first meeting to discuss the future of Bangladesh's startup ecosystem. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Syed Saiful Islam of Global Technology Advancement. Discussions centered on three core areas: funding, capacity building, and policy advocacy. Members emphasized the need for value-added funding, angel investments, and tax incentives to support early-stage startups. Marketing and branding training were identified as critical for helping startups promote their products effectively. The committee also discussed forming investment panels to ensure transparency, strengthening collaboration between small and large software companies, and advocating for startup-friendly policies including tax holidays and intellectual property protection. Facilitating global market access and developing new promotional platforms were also highlighted as essential for building a competitive and sustainable startup ecosystem.



## BASIS Students' Forum Meeting Charts Path for Stronger University Engagement

January 17, 2026

A coordination meeting of the BASIS Students' Forum, bringing together Associate Committee members and BITM was held to discuss the future of student engagement. The meeting focused on revamping university committees under the forum and planning a series of IT seminars, workshops, and training programs designed to equip students with industry-relevant skills, build strong bridges between academic institutions and the IT industry to create a pipeline of skilled, future-ready ICT professionals.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the BASIS Associate Committee Held

January 17, 2026

BASIS Associate Committee held its second meeting, which was chaired by BASIS Administrator Mr. Abul Khair Mohammad Hafizullah Khan. The session began with a solemn moment of silence in memory of the late Begum Khaleda Zia, former Prime Minister of Bangladesh. Discussions covered a wide range of organizational priorities.

The Committee reviewed the status of the BDBL Software Technology Park, progress on new membership approvals, and the financial roadmap for BITM. Updates were also shared on the membership audit, preparations for the IT Exporters Night, and digital celebrations of member achievements. Election preparedness and constitutional amendments were key governance topics, with the Committee reaffirming its focus on transparency and member-friendly initiatives.





## Inaugural Meeting of BASIS Standing Committee on Semiconductor & Frontier Technology (4IR)

January 19, 2026

BASIS Standing Committee on Semiconductor & Frontier Technology (4IR) held its first meeting to explore opportunities in these cutting-edge fields. Chaired by Major Dr. Md. Towfiqur Rahman (Retd.) and joined by Member In-Charge Mr. Belal Ahmed, the meeting began with introductions, allowing members to connect and share their areas of interest. The floor then opened for a productive exchange of ideas, with members offering valuable insights on potential initiatives. A significant portion of the discussion focused on the committee's Terms of Reference, with members working to establish a clear framework for future activities. With 12 active participants, the meeting reflected strong momentum behind BASIS's efforts to position Bangladesh at the forefront of semiconductor and 4IR technologies.



## BASIS Extends Best Wishes to Mr. Abul Kashem Md. Shirin on His Retirement

January 19, 2026

As Mr. Abul Kashem Md. Shirin, Managing Director of Dutch-Bangla Bank PLC (DBBL), prepares to retire, Mr. Mushfiqur Rahman from BASIS Associate Committee has paid a courtesy visit to honor his remarkable contributions to the nation's ICT sector. A visionary leader who recognized early on the power of technology in banking, Mr. Shirin championed ICT-driven transformation and forged strong partnerships between the financial and technology sectors. Under his guidance, DBBL became a steadfast supporter of the ICT industry—sponsoring BASIS Softexpo 2020 as Platinum partner and introducing the DBBL Virtual Card for BASIS members in 2015.



## BASIS Hosts Knowledge-Sharing Session on Tax & VAT Compliance for IT Entrepreneurs

January 20, 2026

A knowledge-sharing session titled "Staying Compliant in the IT Sector: Tax & VAT Guidelines for Entrepreneurs" was successfully held to enhance awareness among BASIS member companies regarding tax and VAT compliance requirements specific to the ICT sector. The session was conducted by NS Consulting & Associates (NSC), with Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman, FCA, and Ms. Nahid Sultana leading the discussions. They covered essential topics including VAT registration and invoicing, corporate tax filing, TDS/withholding tax applicability, available exemptions, and proper documentation practices in accordance with National Board of Revenue (NBR) guidelines.

The speakers also highlighted common compliance gaps observed among IT entrepreneurs and shared best practices for maintaining transparency and regulatory adherence. Following the presentation, an interactive Q&A segment allowed BASIS members to raise practical challenges related to VAT on software services, taxation of digital products, and compliance hurdles in government and private procurements.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Preparatory Meeting Held for BASIS Executive Council Election 2026-2028

January 20, 2026

The second preparatory meeting for the BASIS Executive Council Election 2026-2028 was held and chaired by Administrator Mr. Abul Khair Mohammad Hafizullah Khan, as the association continues its march toward an organized and transparent electoral process. The meeting brought together key stakeholders to review progress on election preparations, with detailed discussions on the proposed timeline, budget, and necessary administrative approvals. Members delved into the intricacies of the electoral process, including coordination between the Election Board and Election Appeal Board, nomination procedures, voter list preparation, and voting methods. Contingency planning for potential challenges was also high on the agenda. A significant presence from the Ministry of Commerce—including members of the Election Board and Election Appeal Board—underscored the importance of regulatory alignment in the election process. BASIS Associate Committee members and BASIS Secretariat officials rounded out the attendance. The meeting concluded with a collective commitment from all present to deliver a credible, participatory, and lawful election under the Administrator's guidance, with consensus on further strengthening the electoral framework for future.



## Introductory Meeting of BASIS Standing Committee on Digital Content Services & TVAS

January 20, 2026

The inaugural meeting of BASIS Standing Committee on Digital Content Services & TVAS was held at BASIS Boardroom, presided over by Mr. A.S.M. Rafiq Ullah, CEO of Content Matters Ltd. The session brought together key stakeholders from digital content services, OTT platforms, TVAS, gaming, and emerging creator-driven digital ecosystems. Members engaged in a detailed discussion on the evolution of the digital content and TVAS industry in Bangladesh, identifying critical policy gaps, regulatory and operational challenges, and emerging market opportunities. Key topics included the lack of explicit recognition of digital content services under the IT/ITES framework, inconsistent or unclear tax provisions, operational barriers such as double-consent requirements, outdated billing caps for digital streaming platforms, revenue-sharing imbalances, and limited national visibility for emerging sub-sectors such as the creator economy. Participants emphasized the need for structured industry representation, clearer regulatory guidelines, and initiatives to enhance visibility and branding for digital content and creator-driven sectors. The committee also discussed follow-up actions, including drafting recommendations for policymakers and holding regular open consultations with industry members and stakeholders to ensure that emerging sectors receive the consistent support it needed.





## Seminar on Strengthening Partnership Through “Korea-Bangladesh Cybersecurity”

January 28, 2026

“Korea-Bangladesh Cybersecurity Seminar” focusing on strengthening cyber resilience through global expertise for a secure digital future was held at the BASIS Auditorium. The seminar was initiated by the BASIS Korea Desk and underscored the urgent need to bridge gaps in cybersecurity infrastructure, address threats such as spyware and scams, raise awareness, and safeguard our digital borders. Experts highlighted that skilled cybersecurity professionals, sound policies, and a secure software supply chain are critical for business continuity and survival. The seminar began with opening remarks by Mr. Rashed Kamal, Member-in-charge of the BASIS Korea Desk, followed by a keynote on Bangladesh’s cybersecurity landscape by Mr. Syeed Zahid Hossain, Member of BASIS Associate Committee. Other Associate Committee members, Mr. Md. Rowshan Kamal James and Mr. Belal Ahmed, were also present. Mr. Edward Kim, Chairman of BASIS Korea Desk, delivered a keynote emphasizing the strategic importance of Korea-Bangladesh collaboration. He shared insights on technical partnerships, potential joint governance mechanisms with Korean cybersecurity industry support, and outlined initiatives to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the IT/ITES sector. The main seminar session featured cybersecurity experts from South Korea, including Mr. Kim Tae-il, CEO of Core Security Co., Ltd., and Mr. Cho Jeongde, Director of Cyber Education & Training Business Division, who shared real-world experiences, trends, root causes of



software supply chain attacks, and practical countermeasures like SBOM implementation, automated dependency scanning, secure CI/CD pipelines, vendor assessments, and incident response strategies. The speakers also highlighted the importance of bridging language barriers through technical courses to enable Bangladeshi software companies to access the Korean market. In line with this, Mr. Edward Kim announced plans to launch a Korean language certification training under BASIS Korea Desk, aimed at strengthening collaboration & preparing a pool of young Bangladeshi talent for opportunities in Korea. The seminar concluded with an interactive Q&A session.



## BASIS and City Bank PLC Sign MoU to Explore Amex Corporate Card for Members

January 28, 2026

In a step toward strengthening financial services for Bangladesh’s information technology sector, BASIS and City Bank PLC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the City Bank Head Office to explore the introduction of an exclusive American Express corporate card for BASIS member companies. The non-binding agreement reflects a shared intent to develop a corporate credit card solution tailored to the operational needs of software & IT/ITES businesses. The proposed card aims to enhance expense visibility, improve liquidity management, and streamline cash flow planning. Designed to support a wide range of corporate activities including travel, training, procurement, and online transactions. The card is expected to offer premium features aligned with the evolving demands of the sector.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee on Member Service & Welfare

January 29, 2026

BASIS Standing Committee on Member Service & Welfare held its third meeting to review ongoing work and plan upcoming initiatives for BASIS members. The meeting began with an update on previously approved decisions and a review of activities under the Sponsorship & Welfare Fund Working Group. Members also discussed possible collaboration opportunities with other industries. Several new initiatives were considered which include service improvements with defined timelines, the establishment of an Innovation Hub, and the introduction of a Buddy System to strengthen support.



## BASIS and City Bank PLC Sign MoU to Explore Amex Corporate Card for Members

January 29, 2026

BASIS-ASSET Project Contract Signing Ceremony with the selected Skills Training Providers (STPs) was held at FARS Hotel & Resorts, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka. The event was attended by Mr. Abul Khair Mohammad Hafizullah Khan, Joint Secretary, Local Government Division and Administrator, BASIS. Representatives from the 13 selected Skills Training Providers participated in the ceremony. The signing marks the formal engagement of the selected providers under the ASSET Project’s Enterprise-Based Training (EBT) component. The discussion highlighted coordination between BASIS and participating organizations to ensure effective implementation and quality-focused skills development aligned with industry needs. The Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project is implemented by the Directorate of Technical Education (DTE) under the Technical and Madrasah Education Division (TMED), Ministry of Education. The project aims to enhance employability by equipping youth, including women and disadvantaged groups, with market-relevant skills. In December 2025, BASIS partnered with the ASSET Project to deliver Enterprise-Based Training in the software and information services sector, targeting 8,256 trainees. The EBT model provides industry-led, hands-on training conducted at enterprise premises, aligned with market demand, and supported through NSDA certification and training subsidies financed by the ASSET Project with support from the World Bank.





## “Welcome To BASIS” Orientation Program Held for New BASIS Members

February 07, 2026

BASIS organized a “Welcome to BASIS” orientation program at the BASIS Auditorium for newly enrolled member companies, providing them with a comprehensive introduction to the association and its offerings. The program outlined BASIS’s objectives, organizational structure, core activities, and membership services. Participants were briefed on how BASIS supports member companies in business development, policy advocacy, skills development, industry-focused networking, and access to both domestic and international markets. The session also highlighted membership benefits, including opportunities to join seminars, workshops, and networking events; participation in standing committees; providing input in policy-making processes; and involvement in national and international trade delegations. BASIS Administrator Mr. Abul Khair Mohammad Hafizullah Khan welcomed the new members and emphasized the importance of active engagement, collaboration, and knowledge sharing. He encouraged members to take full advantage of the programs, services, and platforms offered by BASIS, underscoring that collective participation strengthens the organization and contributes to the sustainable growth of Bangladesh’s IT sector. Overall, the orientation provided a platform for new members to connect with peers, explore collaboration opportunities, and gain a clear understanding.



## Meeting with DIU’s Career Development Center (CDC) on Industry-Academia Partnership

February 15, 2026

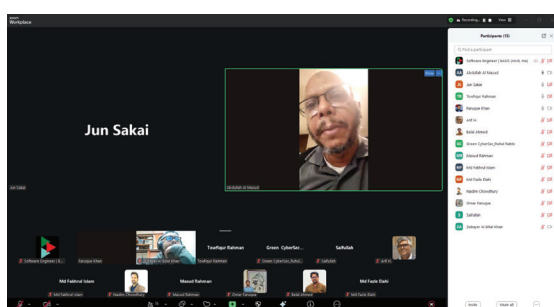
A collaborative meeting between BASIS and Daffodil International University (DIU) was held to explore potential areas of partnership with DIU’s Career Development Center (CDC). The meeting was chaired by Mr. Md. Rowshan Kamal James, HR Board Sub-Committee Member and Associate Committee Member of BASIS, with participation from Mr. Nadim Majid, Associate Committee Member of BASIS. Representatives from DIU included Professor Dr. Sheak Rashed Haider Noori, Head of the Department of CSE; Dr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, Director of CDC; Monwarul Islam Rebel, Business Development Lead, Daffodil Group; Mr. Sheikh Tonmoy, Assistant Director of CDC; and Mr. Hasanuzzaman, Administrative Officer of CDC. Discussions focused on strengthening industry-academia collaboration through structured talent pipeline initiatives, including internships, apprenticeships, joint skill development and certification programs, and curriculum advisory support. The participants emphasized aligning academic programs with industry requirements to enhance employability and contribute to the growth of our ICT sector.



## 6th Meeting of BASIS Board Sub-Committee on Membership

February 17, 2026

The sixth meeting of the Board Sub-Committee on Membership was held, underscoring the association’s ongoing commitment to modernizing and strengthening its membership management framework. The session focused on advancing a more transparent, technology-driven, and agile membership process aligned with the evolving needs of the industry. Moreover, a big portion of the discussion centered on the progress of the BASIS Membership Portal upgrade, including its structural enhancements and forward-looking development roadmap. The committee reviewed and approved new membership applications following due evaluation. Applications related to changes in membership name and category were also carefully examined and resolved. Members further assessed the latest updates on the auto-migration process, deliberating on existing technical challenges and identifying practical, solution-oriented measures. Matters concerning suspended members were reviewed, and necessary decisions were taken in accordance with established policies. The committee collectively emphasized that these reform initiatives will reinforce the efficiency, accuracy, and responsiveness.



## BASIS Hosts Webinar on Building Semiconductor Capability for AI and Power-Era

February 17, 2026

A high-level virtual webinar titled “Building Semiconductor Capability in Bangladesh: A Strategic Roadmap for Power & AI-Era Competitiveness” was organized by BASIS Standing Committee on Semiconductor & Frontier Technology (4IR), bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, technology experts, and academics to chart Bangladesh’s pathway into the global semiconductor landscape. The session was chaired by Major Dr. Md. Towfiqur Rahman (retd.), Chairman of the BASIS Standing Committee on Semiconductor & Frontier Technology (4IR). Deliberations centered on the shifting dynamics of the global semiconductor industry, particularly the rising need for advanced power electronics and AI-optimized hardware. Speakers highlighted the

strategic importance of developing domestic competencies in semiconductor design, packaging, and supporting power infrastructure. Special emphasis was placed on Silicon Carbide (SiC) semiconductors as a next-generation solution for high-efficiency power applications, as well as the potential of OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test) as a pragmatic and scalable entry point for Bangladesh to integrate into the global semiconductor value chain. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Junichiro Sakai, Founder of INNOSIC, who shared international perspectives, practical roadmaps, and firsthand industry experience. Drawing from global best practices, he emphasized how Bangladesh can leverage its manufacturing base, skilled human capital, and expanding technology ecosystem to gradually establish a sustainable and competitive semiconductor sector.



## Introductory Meeting of BASIS Standing Committee on Digital Security & IPR

February 07, 2026



The first meeting of BASIS Standing Committee on Digital Security & IPR was held, marking the formal commencement of the committee's strategic mandate. The meeting opened with member introductions, followed by a focused and forward-looking discussion on developing the Committee's Terms of Reference (ToR). Participants exchanged views on establishing a structured listing of digital security service providers under BASIS and emphasized the importance of ensuring industry inclusion within the Common Criteria evaluation protocol signed by the ICT Ministry. Protecting and strengthening BASIS members' business participation in government and university sectors was also identified as a strategic priority. Looking ahead, the committee outlined an initial action plan that includes forming a dedicated sub-committee and initiating engagement with cybersecurity professionals to address sectoral challenges. Members reiterated their commitment to reinforcing BASIS's role within the national digital security ecosystem and positioning it as a proactive industry voice in matters of security and IP rights.



## BASIS Pays Tribute at Central Shaheed Minar on International Mother Language Day

February 21, 2026

On the occasion of International Mother Language Day, BASIS honored the language heroes and martyrs by laying a floral wreath at the Central Shaheed Minar. The tribute was attended by members of the BASIS Associate Committee.



## BASIS Associate Committee Extends Floral Greetings to ICT Minister Fakir Mahbub Anam

February 23, 2026

On Monday, 23 February 2026, members of BASIS Associate Committee paid a courtesy visit to Honorable Minister Fakir Mahbub Anam, MP, in his Baridhara residence, presenting floral greetings. The meeting featured a constructive discussion on the ongoing progress of Bangladesh's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector, strategies to boost innovation and export potential, policy support for startups and emerging technology ventures, development of skilled human resources, expansion of investment in research and development (R&D), and strengthening the global positioning.



## BASIS Presents Floral Greetings to Commerce Minister and State Minister

February 24, 2026

A delegation of BASIS, led by Mr. Abul Khair Mohammad Hafizullah Khan, Joint Secretary, Local Government Division and Administrator of BASIS, paid a courtesy visit to Honorable Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktedir, MP, and Honorable State Minister Md. Shariful Alam, MP, at the Bangladesh Secretariat, presenting floral greetings on behalf of the association. The discussion focused on the overall development of Bangladesh's ICT sector, expansion of digital infrastructure, strengthening public-private partnerships in innovation and research, empowering young entrepreneurs, and enhancing the competitiveness of the country's ICT industry in the global market.





## BASIS Celebrates 28 Years of Digital Export Leadership By Honoring Its Top IT Exporters'

January 27, 2026



*"BASIS began with a dream and a commitment to position Bangladesh's IT sector strongly in the global market. Today, we proudly say that this dream has become a reality."*

Mustafa Rafiqul Islam DUKE  
Founding Member, BASIS

### PANEL DISCUSSION: IT EXPORTS FOR ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

A centerpiece of the evening was a substantive panel discussion titled 'Shared Growth Across Borders: Bangladesh IT on the Global Stage,' moderated by Mushfiqur Rahman and Rashed Kamal of BASIS Associate Committee. The panel examined the prospects and challenges of IT exports in accelerating Bangladesh's economic diversification — a topic that has grown increasingly urgent as the country navigates its graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status. Julian Andrin Weber, Founder and Managing Director of SELISE Bangladesh Ltd., noted that his company has operated in Bangladesh since 2007 and highlighted that with appropriate policy support, the company's workforce could scale from 450 to over 1,000 employees. His message was clear: policy certainty translates directly into hiring decisions and investor confidence.



*"With adequate policy support, we can double our workforce in Bangladesh. The talent is here — we just need the right enabling environment."*

Julian Andrin Weber, Founder & MD, SELISE Bangladesh Ltd.

**Mr. Ferdous Mahmud Shaon**, MD of Cefalo Bangladesh Ltd., shared Cefalo's ambitious plans to double its workforce within six months, signaling strong demand for Bangladeshi engineering talent in European markets where the company has carved a niche in custom software development and quality engineering.

**Ms. Morikawa Yuko**, Senior Representative of JICA Bangladesh, described JICA's deep partnership in developing Bangladesh's ICT roadmap and highlighted a particularly compelling statistic: approximately 250 Bangladeshi engineers are currently working successfully in Japan, one of Bangladesh's top export destinations.

She noted that JICA views Bangladesh as a strategic talent partner and sees significant room for growth in this bilateral digital relationship.

**Mr. Raisul Kabir**, Founder and CEO of Brain Station 23 PLC, offered a candid perspective on the disruptive impact of artificial intelligence on the software services model. He explained that his organization is adapting by operating through smaller, agile business units and emphasized that AI is not merely a threat to traditional outsourcing but a powerful new opportunity if Bangladeshi companies invest in building AI capabilities now. 'AI is creating new opportunities,' he stated, 'but only for those who prepare.'

*"AI is reshaping the entire landscape. Brain Station 23 is reorganizing into smaller, specialized units to stay nimble. This is not a disruption — it is an opportunity we must seize."*

Raisul Kabir  
Founder & CEO, Brain Station 23 PLC





## Harmony and Prayers Light Up BASIS Iftar 2026

March 11, 2026

The BASIS Iftar program 2026, chaired by Mr. Abul Khair Mohammad Hafizullah Khan, Joint Secretary, Local Government Division and Administrator, BASIS, brought together nearly 1,000 members for a joyful and blessed evening. The feature picture also captures Mr. Ariful Haque Chowdhury, MP, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, Mr. Md. Mozibor Rahman, Joint Secretary, Information and Communication Technology Division, Mr. Amirul Islam Khan, MP, Parliament Member, Sirajganj-5, Mr. Md. Monjurul Islam, MP, Parliament Member, Dinajpur-1, Mr. Mustafa Rafiqul Islam DUKE, Member, Associate Committee, BASIS, and convener Mr. A H M Rokmunur Zaman Rony, Member, Associate Committee, BASIS, reflecting the spirit of unity, gratitude, and celebration during this holy month. Warm greetings, heartfelt conversations, and shared prayers made the evening truly memorable.



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