

PM receives ASOCIO Special Recognition Award



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina **BSS, Dhaka**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been awarded the prestigious "ASOCIO Special Recognition Award-2010" for her "unique vision and tremendous efforts" to turn the country into a modern ICT-based digital Bangladesh.

Asian-Oceanian Computing Industry Organization (ASOCIO) President Looi Kien Leong handed over the award to Sheikh Hasina at the opening ceremony of BCS Digital Expo-2010 at Sheraton Hotel here this morning.

Later, the prime minister dedicated the award to the young generation of the country, who are playing an effective role in implementing the government's vision for building an ICT-based modern Bangladesh.

"It is a great honour for the people of Bangladesh and the award will further increase the country's image and help building an ICT- based modern Bangladesh," the prime minister said after receiving the award.

Among the countries of Asia Oceania, previously, former Malaysian prime minister Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad (1998), former prime minister of Thailand Thaksin Shinawatra (2002), former prime minister of Vietnam Phan Van Khai and former ICT minister of India Promod Mohajon were awarded the prestigious ASOCIO Award.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is the first head of the government in the South Asia who received the award.

The Asian-Oceanian Computing Industry Organisation (ASOCIO) was established in 1984 with an aim to promote trade between various ICT organisations of different countries in the region.

Since its inception, ASOCIO has been rigorously working for encouraging and fostering trade relationships between its member organisations.

It may be mentioned that judging the immense potential of the ICT sector in Bangladesh, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced her "Vision 2021" under which, she introduced a project titled, "Digital Bangladesh."