Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities (GITC) 2021
Bangladesh

Background:

GICT is a capacity-building platform that helps youth with disabilities to overcome their limitations and challenges for a better future by providing them access to ICT and related experiences. Using this platform, a young person with disability can improve ability by leveraging information and social participation. GICT also helps in setting ICT agendas for participating countries in the areas of disabilities and boost international cooperation. Rehabilitation International (RI) of Korea hosts this platform.

Bangladesh first participation in GICT in 2015, when a CSO of Bangladesh called CSID approached Bangladesh Computer Council with the proposal of GITC and commitment to help Government in the process of formation of team and participation in GICT. In the very first appearance in 2015, Bangladesh won a medal in eLifeMap Challenge in physical disability category. In subsequent years, Bangladesh team won several others prize.

Selection of best contestant:

Through grooming / training of the selected contestants in the national IT competition, the best contestants were selected from each of the 4 categories of disability, namely visually impaired, physical, and hearing and speech impaired, Neuro Developmental Disorder (NDD). The four winners of the national competition will get the opportunity to compete at GITC. Actually host country was Myanmar for GITC 2021. But this year due to Covid 19, this competition will be held through online zoom platform from Korea. Total numbers of 21 constants are participating at GITC 2021 this year.

Participation of Bangladesh:

This year Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities (GITC) 2021 will be held through online zoom platform. Actually as a country of organizer was Myanmar but due to Covid situation, Rehabilitation International, Korea (RI Korea) is organizing this year GITC competition. There are two parts of this program.

1. **Preliminary Round:**
    Date: 1-17 June' 2021;
    Exam-1: e-Creative and e-Content, (group work) and
    Exam-2: **eTool_PPT**, **eTool_Excel** and **eLifeMap** (Individual work)

2. **Final Round:**
    Date: 20-21 October, 2021;
    Exam: **eTool_PPT**, **eTool_Excel** and **eLifeMap** (Individual work)

From Bangladesh 21 (Twenty one) winners of National IT Competition for Youth with Disabilities (NITC) 2020 will participate in this round from the following BCC regional offices.

Name of Regional office	No of Contestants
Dhaka	5
Barisal	3
Sylhet	2
Chattogram	3
Faridpur	3
Rangpur	1
Rajshshai	4
Total	21

According to the mentioned table, the contestants have been participating in the grooming session since last 12.07.2021 from each center maintaining social distances.